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EVERLASTING GOSPEL

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THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD

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**BRETHREN**, that is the revelation of our lesson read out to you. If you look closely at the golden text, you would agree with me that the whole world is to be pitied. This is the time of fulfilment of Bible prophecies, and the King alone knows the secrets of His Kingdom. The King knows all that is happening and what will happen that is why you are told not to be troubled in mind. The King knows what had passed and the future, what is in front and behind are all known to Him.

How foolish then for someone to seek help from God or to report matters to Him as if he was not aware of them. So, never be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Sufficient for each day is its own evil. A word is sufficient to the wise. Why then are you anxious and disturbed in mind in what you see daily in your lives?

Any Word that proceeds out from God does not return to Him without results, it must certainly do that in which God is delighted. Before the Father makes a pronouncement, He is very sure that those words will have success in that for which He purposed. You are the ones who doubt and do not exercise faith in His Words.

For instance, many of you invite your relations to come to Brotherhood, that they will become rich and progress materially, but you fail to tell them the truth about Brotherhood. The Truth is what you are hearing now in this gospel. Recasting our minds to men of old, there has not been a single man of God that did not pass through this narrow way.

FAITHFUL EXAMPLES OF MEN OF INTEGRITY

The children of God do not fear death, sickness, poverty, hatred, persecution, ridiculing, sword, imprisonment or anything at all. Why? Because their Father is always with them. Since the world do not know the Father and the Son, they are left in ignorance. This statement is now revealing to all children of God what they will experience in their lives. The children of God must also learn from what happened to those Prophets and men of God in times past.

Jeremiah was imprisoned because of speaking the truth, as a son of God. Daniel was thrown into lion's den, because of being a prophet of God. Shedrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into fiery furnace, because of being children of God. John the baptist was imprisoned and later beheaded for speaking the truth as a man of God. Yes, our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ was killed for being God and Son of God. Time will fail if we want to mention those disciples of Christ that were ridiculed, persecuted and killed. Men like Peter, John and James. Why were they so killed? Because these people confessed Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who was killed but God ressurected Him from the dead.

### Why the Persecution and Killing?

The answer is very simple, because they do not know the Father or the Son. All those in this ignorant condition blaspheme and ridicule God. That is why you who have come to know the Father and the Son must be in sympathy with these ignorant men. Pray for them, do not get offended at their imbecility; because Christ said, '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.' If the Father does not reveal the Son to you or the Son also the Father, how will you know? You will just be empty.

The children of God alone speak about God. They know God. However, among the learned and worldly wise men, the rich ones, the mere mentioning of God and His Christ is a thorn in their flesh. Christ knew such people, that was why he spoke about them that such ones worship God with their lips but their hearts are far removed from God. In another place Christ said, not all those calling me Lord, Lord, will enter into the Kingdom of my Father, but only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven. This shows you that God is aware of all that is happening now on earth and will happen in future. It is nothing extraordinary great or surprise pack, if you see a Pastor or religious dignitary persecuting, hating and ridiculing the children of God. It is on record that those who plotted against Jesus were not sorcerers but as it is stated: 'then gathered the chief priests and Pharisees a council, and said, what do we? For this man doeth many miracles, if we let him alone, all men will believe in him. One of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.' These was a council of men who claimed to have worshipped God from their youth plotting to have Jesus killed.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was killed, the disciples did not relent their efforts in publicizing the name of the Lord. Here again, it was not the juju men that rose against them, but as it is explicitly reported, we are told in these plain words: 'And when they had brought them, they set them before the council, and the high priest asked them, did we not straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? Yes, that Name, brought the trouble to the disciples. These men were beaten, ridiculed, and some were killed. The so called high priests' council did not know the Father and the Son. Otherwise why would they have persecuted the disciples because of preaching on the basis of that name. They stopped them and commanded them not to teach about the Lord Jesus Christ.

If Peter and others had preached on the basis of witches or wizards or demons, they would not have been persecuted or killed. For even up till now people say that there are many gods with different names that makes it difficult to know the Father and the Son. In many Countries of the world, they have different gods, the god of thunder, the god of stone, the god of fire, the god of moon, the god of sun the god of gold, silver, wood and even animals are worshipped as gods. These so-called civilised countries of the world know about all forms of juju and demons gods and worship them, but they fail to know the Father and the Son.

### What Is the Cause of World's Unrest and turmoil?

It is because people do not want to know the Father and the Son and are not interested at all about His ways, that is the reason we are faced with world's unrest and turmoil. If a person is sick today and he consults a doctor, if the doctor cannot heal him, and he finally get healed through prayers, should that person report back to that doctor and tell him how he was healed through prayers, that doctor will be greatly offended and will not want to attend to such a person any other time. Why? Because he does not know the Father and the Son.

People say that Brotherhood is hated. But I say No. People hate the Father and His Son whom they have not known. That was Christ said, 'you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.' From the day you come to know the Father and the Son, your problems are over, and you will be free. That is why all the children of God are not disturbed about what happens to them daily. For it is very clear to them that heaven and earth and the fullness thereof belong to the Father, and what belongs to the Father, is only one God and one Christ. When you believe in God, you must be prepare to pass through tribulation and persecution and hatred for his name sake in order to enter into glory. Therefore when you are confronted with these things you will know that it is not because of your sins but it is foreordained purpose of God.

Christ said this generation will by no means pass away until these things are fulfilled. He added: 'As to that day and hour knoweth no man not even the angels in heaven neither the Son except the Father alone.' This is where the whole world is left in surprised state and perplexity. And when you say that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, they refer you to Joseph the carpenter and Mary, they wonder the possibility of Jesus Christ being the Son of God, when they knew about Joseph and Mary very well.

The three wise men knew and believed in Christ as the Son of God. When you are faced with greater problems know that it is the glory of God that wants to get revealed. People today spend their money and time and get initiated into demonic societies but fail to know the Father and the Son. These people need your concern, pray for them. Ask God to forgive them and open their eyes so that they may know Him.

### Christ was Hated Despite Good Works

Despite the good works of Jesus Christ, he was hated. Christ raised the dead, made the

lame to walk, cleansed the leper, gave sight to the blind. He healed a man who was sick for 38 years on a sabbath day. They rose against him that he was not from God. He healed another blind man who was so from his youth on another sabbath day, the people said that he was of satan, a sabbath day breaker. Imagine the number of the sick ones and those dying, and now here is a man doing the healing free, yet you do not want to know him! There you have it brethren, I used the statement of Jesus in saying whatever come your way daily for the sake of his Name, be not troubled in mind, because now the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit is here on earth to reveal all things to mankind.

Do not be downhearted when you are faced with hatred and ridiculing. Learn from what happened to Saul. Take to heart. Saul thought that he was persecuting the disciples not knowing that he was persecuting the Lord Jesus Christ. He did not know the Father and the Son. The first confession he made when he was converted was that he did all those things in ignorance. Some of you had the same mental attitude of Paul and had similar call. However you know fully well that you can not plunder the belongings of a strong man if you do not first of all tighten his hands and feet. May we have the first Bible lesson read.

#### First Bible Lesson: Matthew 6 : 34

“So never be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Sufficient for each day is its own evil.”

Brethren have you heard that? Whatever you see in this life had been predestined, be satisfied in any position you find yourself. Take this instruction from the Father to heart and take courage.

When Saul received authority from the high priest to go to Damascus and persecute the disciples of Christ, little did Saul know what would befall him on the road that day. And when Ananias was commissioned to go and meet Saul he was also afraid for he thought Saul was coming to kill him. Ananias retorted: ‘Lord I have heard from many about this man, how many injurious things he did to your holy ones in Jerusalem.’ Ananias’s mind was disturbed about Saul.

Did you not hear that Saul became blind for two days. He had not any eye trouble - sufficient for each day is the evil thereof.

It is written that if anyone builds on the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, each one’s work will become manifest, for the day will show it up, because it will be revealed by means of fire and the fire itself will prove what sort of work each one’s is. The Holy Spirit is fire.

If your interest and hope is on money, children, wife, education, health and because of this you become stubborn to the Father, the Father will gather these things off your way in no time. When this happens to you, do not be surprised, it is the finger of God. When it was not

God's due time to deliver the Israelites from Egypt, he allowed them to suffer. But when it was time, He set his fire in the land of Egypt. He knows all things. He is Master planner. To those who resist God with the material things of this world, relations and status in life, do not be surprised if the table turns against you anytime. It is the handwork of the Father. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

If what happened in Egypt was not the finger of God, how could Moses refuse to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh? At the initial stage of this event, Moses became a murderer. One day Moses met an Egyptian striking a certain Hebrew of his brothers, he struck the Egyptian down and hid him in the sand. The following day he came and met two Hebrew men struggling with each other and he intervened, at this one of them said to Moses, Are you intending to kill me just as you killed the Egyptian? Moses now got afraid and ran away from Egypt. That was how God took Moses out from Egypt to prepare him for the deliverance of the nation of Israel.

Now God has come down to dwell with you that is why you are having more problems, death sickness, death, affliction. Why is the world in fear of famine, oppression, war, it is because they fail to know the Father and the Son. All these things must surely be fulfilled in this generation. When you are faced with these conditions, rather than becoming lukewarm, give thanks to God and rejoice. The Father has promised, saying, yet once more I will set in commotion the earth and heaven, all things to be shaken, see that you do not turn away from him.

Did you not hear of the battle of Armageddon? You were admonished to be watchful that you are not caught naked. Read Revelation chapters 2, 3, and Hebrews chapter 12 and see that you do not peg off in the face of these tribulations. Do not allow poverty, money, hatred, sickness, death, persecution, disgrace, ridicule or anything make you weak or take you away from the living God, the Father, his hand is greater than all, in the world.

Do not ask God for anything. He requires no counsel he knows all your problems and he is fully aware of what is happening day by day and what will happen in years to come. If you suffer with him, you also rule with him.

What will you do if you were there at Jerusalem when the great Shepherd was arrested? If he was troubled in mind, but for this gospel, he would have escaped for his life and that would have been a failure on his part to glory.

If God wants you and you are so loved by your community, God will cause your people to hate you and even drive you away from that vicinity, only to be used by God who wanted you. Or say, you have a beautiful wife that you cannot stay without her and because of her you are unable to serve God, one day you will come to find that this wife has left your house. When this happen, do not commit suicide, it is God's will on you.

To this end Paul said, that I might not feel overly exalted there was given me a thorn in the flesh, an angel of satan to keep slapping me, that I might not be overly exalted. What was

this angel of satan that was slapping Paul? It was the hernia that he was suffering from. But for this sickness Paul would have been overly exalted. To many of you if not the tribulations and sufferings you experience in the ministry, you would have become mad because of the abundant revelations of God's glory that you have seen in this kingdom. If Paul was not made blind on the way to Damascus, how would he have known Christ and have salvation? Despite this weakness reserved in Paul, he was used by God in a marvellous way. Even the apron from him was used in healing, yet he could not heal himself of the hernia that he was suffering. Of course brethren, it is much better to get into the Kingdom with one eye than with two eyes into hell. Or was it not reasonable that Christ should suffer and to enter into his glory? Job said, I only heard about you, but now I have seen you face to face. When was it that Job saw God face to face? Do you want to hear about him or to see Him face to face? Many would want to see Him face to face.

Alright, He is here. When Job's children were all healthy, when his flock was multiplying and with much wealth, Job only heard about God. But when all the children died, all his flock gone, his wife deserts him, with no more good health personally - this is when Job saw God face to face. When did Stephen behold the heaven opened up and saw the Son of Man standing at God's right hand? When he was standing trial for his life which led to his being stoned to death. Immediately Stephen made this statement, the high priests cried out at the top of their voice and put their hands over their ears and rushed upon him with one accord, threw him outside and stoned him.

When persecution, hatred, sickness, affliction, oppression, deprivations, adverse conditions come your way, this is when you actually see God face to face. This is when God meets you. You must pass through these conditions into glory

May we have the second Bible lesson read.

**Second Bible lesson: Matthew 24 : 9**

“Then people will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you and you will be objects of hatred by all the nations on account of my name.”

Brethren have you heard the words of God. These words are from the mouth of God. You will be persecuted, hated and killed for my name's sake. You will be rejected by the family, dismissed from your work, ridicule, because of his name. Because of the name of Christ, you will be hated, killed, why ask the reason of your being persecuted?

If you are now hated, it is the fulfilment of God's Word. It is a thing of joy if you are hated and persecuted for God's name, rejoice for you are saved. Christ made a statement: 'I have come in the name of my Father and you receive me not another person will come in his own name and you will receive him. Today if you put juju under and put God on it the world will admire you and rejoice with you. If you preach, 'God help and you help yourself' people

will appreciate your preaching. But if you sincerely call on God alone, you must be hated and despised.

### Rejoice In Persecutions and in Tribulations.

We should rejoice in tribulations and persecutions. The record shows that when the apostles were flogged and ordered to stop speaking upon the basis of Jesus' name, they went their way from before the Sanhedrin rejoicing because they had been counted worthy to be dishonoured in behalf of his name. You should rejoice because of seeing the fulfilment of God's Word. When you were in drinking matches, idolatries, fornicating, loose conduct, lusts, the world was fond of you. But because you do not continue running with them in this course they are puzzled and hate you, even seek to kill you. Yes, you have denied all things, and put on Christ.

Remember that Christ said, if the world hates you, remember that they hated me before you. If you were part of the world, the world would be found of what is its own. Now because you are no part of the world but I have chosen you out of the world, on this account the world hates you. Bear in mind the word I said to you, a slave is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they have observed my word, they will observe yours also. But they will do all these things against you on account of my name, because they do not know him that sent me.

Be clothed with the above statement of Christ. To any person who wants to serve God, show him this portion. Since Christ suffered in the flesh, you too arm yourselves with the same mental disposition, because the person that has suffered in the flesh has desisted from sins, to the end that he may live the remainder of his time in the flesh, no more for the desires of men, but for God's will.

He did not say God will hate you or kill you, rather he said you will be objects of hatred by all the nations. You are killed today by anger and strife, because Christ said any one who is angry with his brother is a manslayer. You are hated today by words of mouth, for Christ said any one that says woe to his brother will be accountable to the Supreme Court.

Is the world not wrathful with you today? Do they not hate you, abuse you and use all sorts of unspeakable words against you for his name's sake? They are accountable to the court of justice. They have been found guilty. It should not surprise you to see churches of christendom persecuting and hating the children of God. They do not know the Father and the Son.

Why should you be surprised at the attack of these church dignitaries on the children of God? Do you not see them with a box of snuff, a stick of cigarete, a glass of beer and in the pubs. Take a look at them very well, you will see them with charms and in the hospitals or in the homes of juju priests making consultations. It should not surprise you if they hate you and persecute you.



This is a transitional period, a time in which all that were written from Genesis to Revelation must come to fulfilment. Hold fast your position endure under trial so that no one may take away your crown. You have every reason to stand firm to see the fulfilment of the Scriptures now.

1. That those who persecute you do not know the Father and the Son.
2. Their action fulfils the Scriptures.
3. Christ said the Shepherd will be struck and the sheep will scatter.

This is the judgment. All those who do not believe in God and who do not know him will be destroyed. All those who know him and believe in Him will be crowned with eternal life. Henceforth do not wonder why a juju priest should say that Brotherhood is the true church of God but a Bishop says that it is beelzebub, and that he can not come to Brotherhood until he dies. Such ones are just fulfilling the Scriptures.

Judas Iscariot was used to fulfill the prophecy, that Christ will be betrayed and sold for thirty pieces of silver. Judas Iscariot did not receive more than the prophesied thirty pieces of silver. When he did return the pieces of silver to them, the people quoted the portion of that prophecy he was fulfilling what was spoken through Jeremiah 'And they took the thirty silver pieces, the price upon the man that was priced, the one on whom some of the sons of Israel set a price.'

Christ did not mention anybody's name, but simply said you will be objects of hatred by all the nations. Today the nations stand out to hate you, and you are come out to be hated by them. Let us read the golden text so that you will be better informed of the whole matter so that you may know why you should leap for joy for being hated.

#### **Golden Text: John 16 : 3**

"But they will do these things because they have not come to know either the Father or the Son."

This gospel has answered all the questions for you. It summarizes everything. It was prophesied that the Shepherd will be struck and the sheep scatter. It is the Father that cause the wound and the one that heals. The Father knows all about what you are facing today. It is clear to you that they that do these things to you do not know the Father and the Son.

Doubt no more. It is the fulfilment of God's Word. Rejoice for having a share. All those who love God are to rejoice now, but those who do not know him must weep and wail. They do not hate you but the Father and the Son.

Should they know the Father and the Son, they would have loved you. Those who love you are loving the Father and the Son. Yes some of these men claim to know God but they

**deny** God by their actions. Today the world have received their sentence, do not be disturbed, **for you are hated** for his name's sake.

**disgraced** him. They hated, ridiculed, jeered at him and **a blasphemy!** They mocked him, yet he opened not his mouth, rather, he prayed, Father **give them** for they know not what they do. That same petition is what you must make today **for them.** You need not use force on them, do not revenge, nor harbour animosity against any-  
**one,** rather commit them to the Father. Remember that they are ignorant of the Father and the **Son.**

There is nothing greater than for one to know the Father and the Son. This gift surpasses **all gifts.** Christ said he who loves me will observe my commandments, and my Father will **love him** and I will reveal myself to him. Let us pray so that the Father may reveal Himself to **these ignorant nations.**

If the Father does not reveal himself to anyone, such one will not know him. Remember **that Christ said,** a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me because I am **dwelling in you.** Yes in his second presence he has nothing to do with sins. People today fast to **see God.** Of course if the world were to know the Father and the Son who would have hated you? And how would the Scriptures be fulfilled? Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

That was why Christ told Pilate, you would not have done me anything, if the power has **not been given you from above.** Likewise, no one would have hated, persecuted you if the **Father had not permitted them to have his Words fulfilled.** This also reveals the glory of **Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.** You must get to Cross before the Crown is given you because **no cross no crown.**

Jesus Christ is the same today and tomorrow and forever. All that happened to men of **old,** those integrity keepers, must happen to you now. Those to come in 20 years, 200 years **and a thousand years to come** must pass this road.

Christ said anyone who is ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of him before my Father. It **is shame,** disgrace, mocking, ridicule, persecution, hatred that has kept many back from coming **to Brotherhood.** Well; they have to remain because of shameful only to perish. Some of **them have been** so warned and written regulations entered into that they should not come to **Brotherhood.** Although these people know and have faith in Brotherhood, but because of **these laid down principles,** they are afraid. Such ones will ask you to come and give them pra-  
**yers secretly.**

However, brethren, what shall it benefit a man if he gains the whole world and give his **life a ransom.** All that you see from day to day reveals the glory of God and these are in ful-  
**filment of God's Word** for our time.

Those who have ears to hear, let them hear. May God bless His Holy Words. A-m e n!

THANK YOU FATHER.

**MESSAGE TO THE WORLD BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD LEADER O. O. OBU**

When Jesus Christ began His Ministry on earth, His message was very simple and direct. He told people to repent and believe the gospel, so that they might enter God's Kingdom.

The New World, a generation is going, and a generation is coming, but the earth is standing even to time indefinite. It is not the earth, but the changing of things, the present wicked system of things that will come to an end.

A great time of trouble is now upon the earth, in which satan's empire will be completely overthrown. In this great time of trouble, God will shake all nations, and remove all things not built upon truth and righteousness; The Bible mention it as the time of restitution of things which God has spoken through the mouth of all His Holy Prophets, since the world began. (Acts 3 : 19–21)

It is a clear evidence that the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has hitherto been preached verbally and theoretically, but the practical side of it, that should go pari passu, with the theory has been lost sight of. Hence the Father opened a School, Christ Universal Spiritual School of Practical Christianity whose aim is to Love one another, spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all parts of the world. Romans 13 : 8 and Luke 5 : 32.

This school is opened to all the Bible Students who deem gospel necessary for salvation and could give oneself, time and means for the services of God and to help humanity. Graduates are sent out on practical teaching to all countries to exemplify the importance of practical life of Christianity.

God as a loving Father, has revealed services of Love to humanity as the best He requires from His people throughout the world. He never encourages discrimination. A new commandment I give to you, Love one another as I have loved you. John 13 : 34–35, Matt. 12 : 25–26, and Romans 15 : 1–7.

In my own point of view, I observe that most of the troubles in the world today are caused by the Christians. Infact, if all who claimed to be Christians were really so in the strictest sense of the word, immorality, injustice, cruelty, discrimination, persecution, intolerance, wickedness, war and all other forms of vices would have been eradicated among human races.

One of the saddest tendencies of today's world is the struggle for success. Even in the spiritual realms, there is even greater danger, some wish to be the greatest preacher, or finest singer, or the best known member of the church. So often, Christians find that in their hearts they are not genuinely happy to see God moving well in other peoples lives, business or in other denominations. They think that only their particular church, or businesses should progress.

## EVERLASTING GOSPEL

Christians should not fight among themselves about who is the greatest. This has caused a great deal of trouble in the church. Anybody who spends his time in fighting and causing division should repent forthwith and turn his back from such practices; any trouble you cause in the church is bound to cause unrest and trouble in your Family. Luke 9 : 46—49.

If some one has slandered you, or misjudged you or wronged you, do treat him as your Master first in the same way as Jesus Christ would have done with you; for he never counts faults on you. If you do not bear these things in a loving and forgiving spirit, being a member of a Church or Christian Ministry in the world cannot make you right.

Keep out of foolish arguments with those who boast of their "Knowledge and thus prove their lack of it" Show respect for everyone, Love Christians everywhere, Fear God and Honour the Government. (1st Peter 2 : 17.)