NOT ALL ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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Ist Lesson: John 3:6

2nd Lesson: 1st John 3:8

Golden Text: Revelation 9:20-21

BRETHREN, sit down quietly and you will know why the Holy Father says you must not resist an evil doer. Our Lord Jesus Christ instructed that when somebody slaps you on the right cheek, give him the left one also to slap. The same God says that if somebody wants you to go one kilometre with him, go two kilometres with him. He again says if someone wants to take your inner garment give him the outer one too. It is all like the adage which goes as "As you use your right hand to flog your child you also use your left hand to draw him near you so that he does not feel comfortless." You are all aware that the Almighty God instructed Adam and Eve to eat all the fruits in the Garden of Eden excepting only that which was in the middle

of the garden. It is only the king who knows the secret of his kingdom. Adam and Eve ate the fruit in the centre of the garden and fell short of the glory of God. Let us ponder over this matter because I believe that the Father has given you the spirit to reason with me so that you can live in peace with one another. It is unfortunate that man has no control over himself. Man did not create himself. Nobody in the whole world would like to fornicate. No one would like to commit adultery and no one would like to steal. God created all things. He created all human beings on this earth, the animals in the bush, the fishes in water, the birds in the air and indeed, everything including the moon, the stars and the sun.

In the beginning man, animnals, the fishes, the birds and all other creations of God lived together in unity, love and thus in brotherhood. If you examine the whole thing carefully and critically, you will realize that man has not erred and I tell you God has not erred either. Everyone has to listen very well. God said "Eat of all the fruits in the garden excepting the one in the centre." If He instructed that they should eat all the fruits in the garden there would have been no problem but since that injunction was there, they failed. He told Adam and Eve that any day they ate of that fruit in the centre of the garden they would die. When they ate of the fruit, God Himself cursed them. He then asked Adam: "Why have you done this?"

Adam replied that Eve, the woman made him do that. God then asked the woman why she did that and she also said it was the serpent that made her do that. That is why I want us to ponder over this, whether we were right and whether there is a way of correcting the error we made. Remember the adulterer that was brought to our Lord Jesus Christ. Their intention was to test our Lord. It was a Jewish law that a woman adulterer should be stoned to death. Since this was their law and that woman had committed adultery they wanted to use that to test our Lord Jesus Christ. They brought the woman to Him and asked what He (Christ) thought should be done to her. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not talk. Instead, He bent down, wrote on the ground the names of those who took the woman to Him, the sins they had committed and the dates they committed those sins against their names. He then told them that if there was any among them that had not committed any form of sin should stone her first. As they all looked at their names and their sins against their names on the ground the only option they had was to leave the woman there and go back. They all ran away leaving the woman alone with our Lord. Our Lord Jesus Christ then told the woman to go but He instructed her not to sin anymore. It is only our Lord Jesus Christ who knows everything and He alone teaches but man has refused to take to His teachings. This is why mankind has problems.

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not come to judge anybody. He came to save and rescue man from destruction. The condition was that He, our Lord Jesus Christ should shed His precious blood and if that was done, God would forget about our sins, and would not remember our iniquities anymore. Since we did not create ourselves we find ourselves in this position. If a condition like this is given that man should be completely free from sin before he enters the kingdom of God, then who on this earth will enter? In man, there is the element of God's spirit and that of the flesh. There are therefore two sets of people — those born of the spirit and those of the flesh. If God requires and insists on perfection, we will not be here because God Himself recognises that it was in sin that our mothers conceived us. If you are in a group of five and you are told that if any of you commits sin he should be killed, what do you think will happen if one of you commits sin? You must be reminded that your number will reduce to four. You will lose that one.

You must know that it is only God who is perfect. Man has nothing to be commended on. That is why any time you point an accusing finger at a person the rest of the four fingers face you. As a result of this our Lord Jesus Christ came and offered Himself as a sacrifice. This is because there was and there has never been any righteous man on this earth. You may say and resolve that

you will never go to any juju priest but what will you do when you become sick and the holy oil, fasting and prayer do not solve the problem. Know that if by birth you come from people who consult oracles and that you are of sin, in a situation like this you will see no error in going to the juju priest to have concoctions prepared for you. That is why the text says "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." The child that comes from the earth will commit all sins. Whether the sins have some repercussions, he does not care but just has to commit them. You may live with somebody who is very idolatory. He may have his own shrine in your house. If you tell him to stop worshipping the idol because God says "Thou shalt have no other God before me," he will never agree to throw them away, because he is born of the flesh and is therefore a worldly child. You have heard that the Israelites were killed because they were idolatory, they committed fornication and adultery, they stole and committed other sins. But did those that survived take to correction? Those that remained did not stop committing these same sins.

During the Nigerian civil war, all sins stopped abruptly. There was no preparation of charms and concoctions, no fornication, no drinking, no parties and even the worldly churches stopped functioning. But immediately after the war they started every evil thing again. Those who had cases

in court which could not be heard because of the war went back to them, idolators went back to their shrines, prostitutes went back to their brothels and even the false prophets of the various religious sects started off again. During the war all of these sets of people were only looking for the Almighty God. This is because all those that are born of the flesh are flesh and those which are born of the Spirit are Spirit. He who comes from heaven does not dubble himself in the preparation of concoctions. Our Lord Jesus Christ came to shed His precious blood for us so He did not look at anything or anybody. This is because he who comes from heaven is of the spirit. If we have realized that there are two sets of people — those from heaven and those from the earth, then those from heaven should have pity for those from the earth because they are not responsible for their actions and in fact they don't neccessarily like doing those evil things. Instead of shunning them, pray for them and don't impute sins on them. The child from heaven is never happy when he sees somebody in trouble. He doesn't rejoice over another person's sickness. If he does not love any of his neighbours, he is not in peace because that is how he was created. Do not forget that what you see as bad may be good to another person. The child from the earth is never happy if he does not steal, fornicate, commit adultery or murder somebody. He cannot be

happy if he hears that somebody loves another parson? He would not like to hear anything good of day person. He is never happy if you are wealthy. They are only happy when you are in trouble. Let sthat which is born of the flesh is which is born of the Spirit is spirit. He kno or he from hea on you Brethren, have you heard that editing all the world basses dors single good thing. This is not They are born like that. You find prominent positions of the World these children of the world. I useless to tell them to stop embezi They will just not listed to you. Our Lord Jesus Christ came, he and over raised the dead but the chi world terned against him. Calaphas said not know anything and that it was better single person to die than for all of them to die. use they were all people of the wo Steading, Formication, adultery, preparation concection and all other forms of sinfulness me nodring to the children of God. Instead t to then and that explains why they go mens them. But to the children o arrebad . He carnot be

these constitute food, they are what make life whole to them and they have become their god. They just cannot stay without them. You see, these actions of the children of the world have resulted in much strife but if you tell them to stop, what then should they do? The whole thing is simple. The children of God have their own articles of trade in the market while the children of the world also have theirs in the same market. If you say that the children of the world must not trade in their articles because they are not good, what do you expect them to eat? That is their nature. They have to do wrong things always because the mother that gave birth to the (false) prophet of this world gave birth to the prophet of God too. Today if you kill one person, they laugh at you that you are not strong unless you kill six or ten. It is their nature, They were born with it.

Look at Cain (the child of the flesh) and Abel (the child of the spirit). What brought the problem between them? It was because Abel gave the problem of his cows to God while Cain gave the problem of his crops to Him. That is why if you give anything good to another person, the child of the world becomes angry. Their aim is to desirey. When they succeed in destroying highlight or anybody aney become very happy. They take delight in doing only evil things. That is why cain slaughtered his brother Abel.

Look at the number of churches in this world. They all prepare concoctions, they steal and fornicate. They do all attrocious things and when they see you raising a dead they will step on it and destroy it. It is only our Lord Jesus Christ that came and is still here to save us. If you think of any other person you are wasting your time. The children of God are not happy when they see somebody committing sin. They do not count sins for others. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ shed His blood to redeem us unto Himself. We must forgive one another because we are all sinners. He, our Lord, has advised us that we should pray for those who hate us. God does not discriminate. When He causes rain to fall it is for all. If you tell anybody to stop drinking and come to Brotherhood so that you give him job, he will tell you to take your job. Brotherhood is very unpalatable to them because it tells them to stop taking their neighbours to court, to stop stealing, fornicating, committing adultery and killing. If Brotherhood comes out to proclaim that you can marry as many wives as you can and that you can fornicate and commit adultery, this big hall will always be filled up to its brim. But since Brotherhood forbids all these things, your numerical strength is rather small. Brotherhood is live and let live. Even if you go to the hospital or to a sorcerer or a herbalist to be cured of your sickness, they are not those that heal you but God. Brotherhood does not discriminate

but aims at saving all. Sometimes you go to people and tell them to come to Brotherhood and wear your white soutane but you should know that not all people will wear the white soutane. If you were to come here with coats, trousers, permed hair and the rest, they would have followed you. Know that if you tell them to stop going to court, eating meat, fornicating, committing adultery and get baptised before coming you will not see anybody here.

At this age we know God, we know the Holy Spirit, we know the Son and we know all the children of God. That is why wherever you are, you are advised not to be a problem or a stumbling block to any other person. You become annoyed with somebody and sometimes think that you are fighting with an evil-doer. No, that is not so. The children of God are not happy when the truth is twisted or something goes wrong. But you have been informed that when somebody slaps you on the right cheek, you should give him the left one also to slap. This is what has confused all of you. You will soon know that the world is never happy when they see you do any good thing. I do not want to be tedious with you, let our second text be read.

2nd Lesson: 1st John 3:8

"He that committeth sin is of the devil for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

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You remember Portipher's wife. She was a child of the flesh. She loved Joseph very much and would want to septess this only in fornication. She wanted Joseph to have a carnal deal with her. She called him to sleep and have intercourse with her. The love of the anid of the flesh is to give you drinks so the sealth become drunk, urinate and pass excreta in the love he can show you. To expect the is deep love to you, he will show you a give the priest he consults at Ikot Ekpene, Lagos, had not any other place in this world. We are told today that our Lord Jesus Christ came to obther the works of satan so that we can show the love to one another. The child of the flesh is born one sinful acts. He takes delight

in preparing charms, he puts hair, snail shells, and other things in a container and hangs it on his room or at the door post of his house. If you tell him that you have no regard for these things, that you don't worship such things you become a trouble shooter to him. The two of you can never be one and united. Instead you will remain enemies forever. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ converted lots of them because He would not mind what sins they committed. He would only preach and pray until they were reformed unto Himself. It is for this reason that you are told just to clear the bush for it is not you who will burn it but it is the Father that will put in fire and burn it. If God does not change a person, nobody can do it because that is not anybody's work but His alone.

In those days, snuff, alcoholic drinks, palm wine and even cigarettes were given to those who loved them. People were hailing Brotherhood then and Brotherhood was very hot. But what is it now? I have told you what matters is that you must show true love devoid of all evil things, show meekness, peace, humility, patience and all the good attributes of true children of God. You know that habit not resisted soon becomes necessity and you further know how extremely difficult it is to break a habit. If you say he should not snuff again he cannot be with you for he will go for it. You all bear me witness that I have never invited anyone to come

and dance Brotherhood with me. I have again never asked why you are here. All I know was that God was at work antil the Almighty Father manifested His glory. If God were to look at all that people have been doing, who would remain? The Lord says you should neither steal nor kill but you say that you have stolen but have not killed. I stand in the high heavens to tell you that if you steal you have killed and if you kill you have stolen.

When there was no law there was no breaker of any law but laws were brought during the time of Moses and from that time problems multiplied. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not come with any law. He only said we should love one another so my friend, continue with whatever you are doing and at the appointed time He will take all from you. If you show love and thus forgive and forget what your neighbour has done to you, you are on the right path. You must know that darkness and light can never go together. Where there is love you must swallow hatred and allow the love to reign. You know that if Brotherhood were to place conditions nobody would enter. Some fishermen who were neck-deep in the preparation of concoctions came here. They were not told to stop preparing concoctions. Instead, they were told that if they continue to practise Brotherhood and remain fully in their concoctions will become very strong

When they heard that their juju would be exceedingly strengthened, they trooped in, in very large numbers but before they realized themselves, their concoctions had all spoilt. All those with drinks, those that paint their mouths, perm their hair and do other sorts of things let them come in here. Even if they like let them bring their boyfriends and girl-friends, there are enough seats for all of them.

You all know that nobody has ever given this type of teaching except our Lord Jesus Christ and that is why He always ended his teaching by saying — let those who have ears hear. Who are those that have the ears to hear? They are only those who have the Spirit. A portion of the bible says if the days are not shortened no one will be saved. But for the sake of the elects the days will be shortened. God does not help your family, or your community or any group of persons because they do good but He helps them just because of the chosen ones. God does not segregate because nobody exists in spirit except Him. It is you who complain that somebody has stolen this or that but are you yourself not the king of robbers?

Matthew was a tax-collector and you know how wicked these people are but when he heard of our Lord Jesus Christ, he abandoned all things and followed him. What about Saul later Paul? He was a lawyer and a Pharisee. He led teams to persecute the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ but when the Christ called him, he followed diligently and

never turned back. That is why you should not give any condition or injunction. If somebody wants to bring her boyfriend to kiss each other here, let them come and allow them to do their own thing. If somebody wants to drink here, do not wrong. Just let him come in. It is only God that change him and He will do it within a twinkle of an eye at His own appointed time. It is just like the worldly wisdom that the people of the world exhibit. They think that if you charge armed robbers to court, judge them and shoot them to death it will scare others and there will be no more of them. But you have seen that when they kill one today you hear of ten tomorrow and when they kill ten, one hundred others emerge from nowhere, this continues until those who judge and kill them, kill themselves. Yes, a woman would not want to be a preacher. She said she should be allowed only to assist because she would not be able to stop all other things.

You see now that the Father does not discriminate, but you excommunicate people from your churches, why do you do that? The presidents, the governors, the commissioners, the ministers, the millionaires, the learned professor and even the churches — all indulge in the preparation of concoctions. What then do you think will be the effect if you tell them to stop? Everybody and every community takes delight in the preparation of

concoctions because they are purely helpless, so don't worry. At the appointed time God will do His will. Let us hear the golden text.

Golden Text: Revelations 9:20-21

"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands that they should not worship devils and idols of gold, and silver and brass and stone and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Neither repented they of their murders nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication nor of their thefts."

Brethren, what knowledge or benefit do you derive from people who lead you to such acts? Those who have the sign of the beast on their foreheads are beaten, tortured and slaughtered, yet those remaining do not stop committing the evils that their brothers committed. The children of Israel were in Egypt as slaves, they saw their gods and yet were not saved. Yet, when they were on their way back and their leader Moses was called by God they ordered Aaron to make another god to lead them. They made a god out of their trinkets, rings and ear-rings. They sacrificed to this golden bull which they called god and worshipped it.

When Moses came back and saw what his people had done he, out of anger smashed the stone one which the laws were written. I wouldn't smash it. When you go to a community and preach our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, they will not accept it. If you make something and tell them it has power to solve their problems they will accept before they realise that it does not work. If you put your hair, a stone and water in a bottle and hang it in a farm, people who see it will fear but if you put a bible there and bless the place, they will collect the bible, spoil it and do anything they like and nothing will happen to them. Know that a porter has the option of making one pot beautiful and another ugly. It is the same thing with the children of the flesh. When it is time to sacrifice to idols they jubilate but when it is time to worship God they become sad. I am telling you this so that you may realise where you are — whether you are a child of the flesh or that of the spirit. Because you can't do anything, you search for juju and spend much money on it but to put one kobo here to promote God's work, you cannot. That is too hard for you because you are of the flesh. That is the case of those of the world. The devil is very happy with such people. The presidents, the government leaders, the rich, the learned are all interested in worshipping idols and what can you do to change them? That is why I say you should not be hard and fast. Instead, love all your neighbours because you cannot do anything about the children of the world. Now you have realized the work of the children of the flesh. They attributed all that our Lord Jesus Christ did to Beelzebub. They said He used the powers of the greatest devil to heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead.

Has history not repeated itself now? John the Baptist came, he did not eat anything, yet, they said he possessed demon. They would not understand how somebody could live without food and drinks. When our Lord Jesus Christ came, He ate, drank and moved with sinners in His bid to change them. Again they called our Lord beelzebub and continued in their own pattern of lives. From today, since you have known that these people do not do these things out of their own volition you do not need to bother yourselves about them. If you tell them that God exists they will not quarrell with you. They agree but they will tell you that God helps those who help themselves. Tell them to abandon their gods and charms and they will tell you that you are a wizard or a witch and that you want them to do away with their mighty powers that protect and save them.

Look at your pastors, prophets, bishops archbishops and popes. There is no secret society they have not joined, there is no juju they have not touched, tell them to stop and their answer to you will be "Where you are there is something they have

nidden from you. You have not known what is there." They offer you rings, amulets and talisman. If you believe in it, it will surely work for you. This is just because of your faith in them. Our Lord Jesus Christ said, he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. He further said these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Have these signs not followed you? Haven't you seen them with your eyes? Yes, you have seen them but has this stopped you from going to hospitals and believing in concoctions? There is nothing one can do about that because that is your nature. The children of the world cannot do without this. Even you cannot go on ministry work without holy oil because you believe in such things. That is a plain truth. Even after hearing all this you still go to the necromancers and are charged. There is nothing we can do because all I know is that there are two sets of people. Those who are clean let them continue to be clean and those who are dirty let them continue to be dirty. I have already said that everybody is welcome into Brotherhood because the Father does not give conditions. The only injunction is love one another. There is no

need to tell anybody to remove his shoes before he enters the bethel. You must know that there are people who are descendants of John the Baptist. They are born vegetarians. There are some people also who call themselves vegetarians but continue in sin. If you quarrel, fight, fornicate, commit adultery, steal and commit other vices what type of vegetarian are you? You may not have any charm but no woman or man passes your eyes without your fornicating with her or him. You put an injunction and say that because somebody has not put his soutane on he cannot sit in particular pews. If you have just come back from a hotel to say this to that brother because you are in an immaculate white who and what do you think you are? If you come from the house of a drunkard and you don't drink with him. he will say that you do not resemble him and hatred begins from then on. If you are not earthly and therefore do not practise evil things they quarrel with you. If you are of God and you refrain from all evil practices you can then boast as a child of the Holy Spirit. Know that only the king knows the secret of His Kingdom.

Even here in Brotherhood the honour you accord the Holy oil, you have not given such to the Leader and the fear that the worldly people express in the Holy oil, they do not have that kind of fear for the Leader. Many of you use the Holy oil to scare

your neighbours. You put it on a bottle and hang it on your doorposts to scare people off. When we say that, in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God, you just don't believe it. Even after you have come for prayer you still think that there must be 'special' prayer. Don't be annoyed with anyone because it is the planet he comes from that causes everything. That is why I have never been annoyed with any of such people. You must be reminded that there is no injunction in Brotherhood. If somebody comes with shoes, any type of dressing or even masquerade let him in because he is not responsible for his actions. It is because of the planet he comes from. You are told not to steal, fornicate, commit adultery, backbite, or murder. All these instructions emanate from the instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ which says we should love one another as he has loved us. If everybody has love there will be no problem again.

The Father does not want to be tedious with you. He says one stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. Let those who have ears hear and may God bless His holy words, Amen.

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