

**TEXT: MATTHEW 24:1-END**

The activities of this kingdom are not performed according to the dictates of the flesh. For instance, all the gospels preached in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star come directly from God. The problem is that, people mix material things with that of the divine kingdom. The teachings of the world and their laws are things of the flesh and they are negative in nature. If you like pray and fast for a year, if you do not practice the word of God, you are wasting your time. *Read verses 1 and 2 of the above text.*

*"And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, see ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."*

Now where are all the magnificent cathedrals and revered traditions and customs that existed in those days? Has all the deceitful traditions like inheriting the position of your father as a co-founder of a church, participating in communion, or tolling for funeral not expose man's folly. Men are so engrossed with frivolous things that they even forget about the kingdom of God and this is the bane of the world. Those that visited Christ went for their selfish ends. The churches that were founded earlier were purely for selfish purposes. All the magnificent edifices erected were used to teach worldly things in the name of God. But, we take solace in the fact that most of these teachings are fading away. And this confirms what the scripture says in *John 10:8 "all that ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them."*

Christ came to destroy evil things, all the practices that our forefathers indulged in, such as, undertaking pilgrimage to Jerusalem, believing in the laws of Moses and others were in vain. If the practices of men were good, why did our Lord Jesus Christ come?

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of man. He shed His spotless blood for the redemption of mankind. And now, He is the only being who rules the world. He is the son of God, the son of man and God Himself. He is also made of flesh, spirit and soul but has a dual nature. His components comprises of water, which stands for the son of God; blood, which is the son of man, and spirit which signifies the Godhead. If you go by the teachings of Moses, Abraham and Melchizedek, you will be destroyed because, they were not endowed with the attributes of God as it is the case with Christ.

**SHUN OBNOXIOUS TRADITION:**

Brethren, I want you to realize that from the time of Moses till date all the practices in churches have not brought any meaningful progress to mankind. This is so because the exponents of these old teachings were not well versed with the scripture. Churches and the people of the world, for instance, are still practicing the old traditions of the new yam festival, the coronation of chiefs and chief priests, sprinkling of water on the forehead as a form of baptism, pouring of libation, among other things. It was our Lord Jesus Christ who came to teach mankind the only way to God and salvation. Yet, the world conspired and killed Him because they could not comprehend the message of salvation. He brought to mankind.

In the world, there still exist discrimination, unhealthy rivalry, hatred, religious intolerance among churches and church leaders. Jesus the Christ came to exemplify the truth. As such, you have to refrain from carnal things. When you go to some of the churches today, the attitude of the people will easily expose them as those who lack the knowledge of the existence of God. This is because they are not directed by the Holy Spirit. They still indulge in unwholesome practices, fornication, gossiping, drinking of alcohol, among other evils. These people are ignorant of their ignoble acts. Right now, if any of their orthodox religious leaders is invited into our midst, he will find it difficult to understand our doctrine which is alien to other churches. To you who have seen the light, shine it to give direction to others. ***Read Ephesians 4:11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."***

***Read also colossians 2:11 "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ."***

Brethren, the crave for material things is the greatest problem in the world today. The love for traditions and culture manifested when King James withdrew his membership from the Roman Catholic church, and established the church of England.

This same tradition is seen as the bedrock of the different churches founded in the world today. The numerous practices by the world and the church denominations are not in accordance with the laws of God.

The rites of passage, the wedding ceremony, suspension, excommunication and imposition of fines on erring members are not the tenets of God. They do these things in order to satisfy their selfish purposes. This is where Brotherhood differs greatly from these churches because, BCS is directed by the Holy Spirit. In some denominations, their practices are total negation of Christ's teachings. These churches pour libation, some look for elementary spirits for protection but Brotherhood is solely concerned with the words of God.

#### **THE PESTILENCE'S IN THE WORLD:**

Some church-goers attend church services with talisman on their necks, some get intoxicated with alcohol while others consult necromancers before they go to church. They persistently talk of holy communion, when in the actual sense, they do not know the meaning. It is only in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star that the real communion is given. And that is why you should rest assured that you are saved.

***Read Matthew 24:3-4 "And as he sat upon mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be: and what shall be the sign of the coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, take heed that no man deceive you."***

From this excerpt, you can now understand what had happened, what is happening and what will happen in the future. The events of the past, the present and future are revealed here. All that is written in this excerpt is fulfilled. The recent happenings in USSR now Commonwealth of Independent States (C.I.S.) Iraq, America, among other nations underscore this fact. There are

wars and rumours of war in the world. Many people claim falsely that they know Christ. Even amongst Brotherhood members, many people have risen up to proclaim themselves variously as Christ, prophets and Christ's Servants. They claim to have the powers of healing. Many false prophets have risen and many are deceived. *It has been written that nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and there shall be pestilence's; earthquakes and famine in the world. People shall betray one another, and iniquities shall abound. The love of many shall wax cold but he who endures to the end shall be saved. For the sign of the end, there shall be rumours of wars.*

The first world war could be regarded as the beginning of the manifestation of the prophecy. There were holocaust and pogrom the world over. People were killed with impunity and nations were scattered. The recent events in the world only take the worldly people by surprise. But we know that, it is the fulfillment of the Father's words about the end of time. This is a period of change-over; a time to make all things new. This is because the world had derailed from the path of rectitude.

In 1914, the whole world was involved in a war as a result of the squabble and misunderstanding between the German and British empires. In 1917, Russia placed a ban on all forms of religious activities in its territory. Again in 1917, in a small town of Fatima (in Portugal) the Holy Father appeared to three children (Jacintha and the rest) revealing His existence amongst the blacks. A testimony from one school principal in Bakana revealed that Calabar is a very powerful spiritual seat and that is why there is peace. The wordings of the song "*Canaan, Canaan, Calabar, I'll be there tomorrow*" confirms the stability and peaceful atmosphere in the city. This gospel underscores the assertion that, *heaven and earth shall pass away but God's word will never pass away*. If you are privileged to witness the signs of the end of time, what stops you from being righteous? Why should you not refrain from evil practices? The world is not a place for comfort.

The name, *Olumba Olumba Obu* disturbs people of the world such that, they are easily provoked at the mere mention of this name. This confirms what is written in the scripture that, you will be persecuted for the sake of God's name. Almost all the church denominations are preaching against Brotherhood because they do not have anything to teach. The teachings of some church denominations reveals that many false prophets have risen up. To you who have been opportune to received this salvation, you should hold fast to your God, and praise Him for His goodness.

There is a popular saying that '*what a man can do, a woman can do better.*' Pastor Dappa was among the first set of pastors sent to Bakana in Rivers State on evangelism. He never did his assignment. Later on, a sister was sent there, but surprisingly she erected a mighty cathedral and converted the chief of the village.

Rivers State could be said to be a Brotherhood strong hold because many of its prominent sons and daughters are members. When some of the gubernatorial aspirants from the state visited me, I told them that whoever I will appoint to be a governor must be a God fearing person. The same measure was applicable to the aspirants in Cross River and Akwa Ibom States. This is the period for honesty. It is only people of transparent honesty that will rule the masses. I gave the

presidential and governorship seats to Alhaji Shehu Shagari and Dr. Isong respectively in 1979 but the abused their offices.

I always advise the chiefs who come to me with problems to get baptized into the fold and celebrate feast. One chief testified here that, his assistant could not join Brotherhood of the Cross and Star because he belongs to another church, Chrubin and Seraphin). Despite pressure from the chief, the man remained adamant. It was not long, a dispute erupted in the village which resulted in violence and the death of the man. The question is, did his wife and church save him? Seek God first in your life. I advise everybody to recognize God as the giver and ruler of everything. Once you do this, I reassure you that you cannot be harmed.

In spite of the troubles made by the world to bring down Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, the organization is waxing strong. To believe in money, government, and party politics does not save you. The only thing that can save you is to have faith in the Lord. If you are persecuted because of God's work, you should be satisfied with what the scripture says in *John 16*.

My peace and blessings abide with you Amen!

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