

# **CHAPTER I**

## **EVERLASTING GOSPEL DELIVERED BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD LEADER OLUBA OLUBA OBU THE GATE TO PROSPERITY**

### **FIRST LESSON: MATHEW 4:4**

But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

### **SECOND LESSON: JOHN 10:9**

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

### **GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 4:34:**

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

### **THE WORK OF GLORY:**

The word of God is like a sledge hammer that when it falls to the ground, it breaks mighty rocks and when it rises up, it accomplishes the will of God. There is no word that ever proceeds out of the mouth of God that will not be fulfilled. The problem faced by many is traced to non-adherence to the words of God. Whoever believes in the words of God and practises His words cannot be disappointed. Such a person has also got the truth. It is written:

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate lay and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his

leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1 -3)

Whenever you come across a person who is overtaken by problems, you should know that such a person is not doing the will of God. It is the most lucrative of all occupations. It is the type of occupation in which man should have craved for if not for his persistent quest for material gains. Your mind is frosted with the thoughts of what to eat, wear, drive and a lot of others. It is in attempt to get these things that you take to prostitution, stealing, fornication, adultery etc. Once you are in the process of getting these things you are already right inside the ocean of problems which may not be easy to come out. Many would erroneously ask, how much am I paid in the service? Whoever wants some money paid to him before he does the work of God should lament for himself because, such a person is mentally deranged. On the other hand, whoever complains of what to eat while working for God is a liar, he is not really doing the work of God.

You should bear in mind that, the work of God is not meant for everybody. Unless you are a child of promise, filled with the Holy Sprit, you cannot do it. That is what has eluded the entire christendom. Have you ever read about any person who works for God and goes without tremendous blessing? Christ did not engage in any form of lucrative affairs likewise His disciples. In spite of that, they lacked nothing. Have you ever heard them going begging?

What I am yet to proclaim is a challenge to the entire world. Anybody who is prepared to do the work of God and has refrained from all vices, should go into the field without the slightest fear of poverty. For sure, he will never taste of hunger nor encounter any difficulty in this life. If you have decided within you to do the work of God, do not carry with you any money, only go into the vineyard and start working

then wait and see if you will not be flourished with His glory. If you doubt, put this gospel to a test. Surrender yourself to God and be prepared to perform His work truthfully.

### **AN ILLUSTRATION:**

I have given you a story about a man who had two sons. The said man called on his first son and asked him if he will join him to worship the god he was worshipping, that there was money in abundance. The first son accepted. I only want to summarize this story to you, for I want you to have a glimpse of the life of a Godly person. He called on the second son and repeated the same question. However, the young man rejected the offer. He told his father that he was only prepared to worship the true God in heaven, who created everything on earth and in heaven. To back up his decision, he left his place of abode and proceeded to another city without carrying with him anything apart from a bag and a copy of the Bible inside it. The father told him to wait and collect some money to sustain him, but he refused, saying that, he did not want any money from him. People warned him of his statement to his father, but he did not pay attention to them. All he did was to take his empty bag out of the house to an undisclosed destination. On his journey, he started his ministry to every person who came to him. At home, his father died and his throne was bestowed on the first son. Later the first son died but the second son was still flourishing with a lot of wealth, and people in his place of ministry. Owing to the fact that, the father who died was very rich, the first son was also rich, and so, by the time he died, the wealth was still there. To manage the wealth effectively, the second son was invited to come home and take up his father's wealth, but he refused. Furthermore, he told the people that, his father claimed to be God and the elder brother also towed his line of thought. He assured them that through Christ, he had got more than what they considered as wealth. He further affirmed that he did not want their wealth at all.

During this time, there was a serious famine followed by high mortality rate in their village. The villager tried all their best to bring this second son back to the village, but to no avail. At last, they decided to go and visit him at his base to ask what he wanted them to do, in order to get his attention. In his reaction, he told them to surrender themselves and the entire community to God. They all readily complied to this. He sent numerous vehicles full of people to his village to evangelise the whole community by destroying their village - gods and these people did as instructed. When the destruction of the gods was completed, he went to his village and built a very mighty church there. All the villagers accepted baptism and were all baptised. Things became normal with them.

Brethren, you should realise that, God is the paramount of all things. Once you forsake the things of the world, you will never regret in life. But many of you are blinded with the things of the world that you pay-lip services to the work of God. Whoever introduces deceit into God's work will never go scot-free. But anyone who is upright and has forsaken the things of this world, working diligently for God, is bound to see the glory of God manifesting in him. Such a person shall never return with shame nor with hunger. Once you have decided to carry out the work of God, do not look for any assistance from any body in terms of salary or allowance. Instead, go to God with straight forward and plain mind. Then wait and see if you will not be blessed with your heart desires. Take the life of our Lord Jesus Christ for instance, His earthly father and mother were not wealthy at all. In short, the entire family was poor in the view of the world, yet they lacked nothing to eat, wear or where to shelter themselves. Have you ever read that, they were in lack of anything? I think you should take a lesson from this. Take also an instance in the life of John the

Baptist, both the father and mother were aged. The question is, have you ever read of John the baptist complaining of hunger? Paul who was converted to Christianity on his way to Damascus, after then, he never went to his home again. At all times, he kept on preaching the words of God. Have you ever read that Paul was in lack of anything for abandoning his house for evangelism?

You must have also read of the answer . He gave to the person who tempted Him. The tempter on meeting Jesus said, if you are a true son of God, change this stone to bread. You are very much aware of the reply Jesus gave to him. You should try your best to put this gospel to test so as to realise the importance of serving God with plain and straight forward mind.

It is only those who serve God cunningly that lack what to eat, but whoever serves God whole heartedly cannot lack at all. For ever and ever, the children of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star will never lack anything. Read the first lesson once again:

#### **FIRST LESSON: Matthew 4:4**

But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

#### **THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

It surprises me to hear some of our brethren seeking for employment so as to earn a living. Do you think that such a thing is important now that the Holy Spirit has come by Himself?

#### **YOU HAVE GOT EVERYTHING:**

Do you not know that, now that you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you stand no chance to lament or even seek for employment opportunities? You are already endowed with wealth. Heaven and Earth and all the things

therein belong to God. Therefore, if you have God, you have got everything. You that complain of lack of one thing or the other should by now realise that you can never be disappointed in the vineyard. Whoever charges money as a result of the work of God performed should pray fervently for himself. Such a person is not a child of God. A hireling is not a good shepherd. This is the reason behind the suffering of some people. Do the work of God with truth and clear mind. If you do this, you will surely see the good things of this world coming to you without much effort.

Once you comply to this instruction, you are bound to testify of the mighty works of God and things will also have to change in your life. I feel so pathetic about the whole situation.

The field is ripe and therefore, it behoved all of us to practise the word of God and to render services to God. You should count yourself the most lucky person to be called into this kingdom. Instead, you keep complaining of lack of food, clothings, shelter, etc. This therefore means that, you have not entered into the vineyard and have not done the work of God.

A child is now born in the open market as such, you cannot order the mother to cover her nakedness. In other words, everything has been brought to light. you will from now on witness what is going to happen in spite of the fact that the blacks are poor and wretched. If the clergy men in the Western world are provided with much wealth and are very wealthy regardless of the fact that, they are not doing the real work of God, how much more the real children of God? If you are sent there to teach them the recondite wisdom, do you think that the difference will be very clear? On reaching there, you will be given all the things you may desire. But the fact is that, if you take it you have fallen. Women of assorted types will be coming to you. Car, and all luxuries of this life will be given to you but if you dare allow

**your mind to be fixed in these things, you will be misled. If you are enticed with these things, you will not be able to perform this work.**

**Brethren, have you seen that? Take for instance, christ's Servant Emah Who has just returned from Ghana via Cote De' Voire (Ivory Coast). someone in Ghana surrendered to him, a story building free of charge to be used to carry out the work of God plus other things given to him. Why then must you complain of anything Whereas, once you take up the work of God. things will be flourishing with you. The work of Go dis highly philanthropic. It is for this reason that after being healed, a poor man would turn round to ask you for food and clothings. If you give him these things, do not expect him to thank you, instead, expect him to request for shelter. If you disobey him, you have failed because he can die off after being healed. This is the Cross you have been hearing about and you are to encounter or go through it.**

**Take a look at James Elleobe for instance, both his house and car are here in Calabar but he resides in USA because there is no money in this part of the world. He evangelises these living in London and in Jamaica. There, he is sponsored free by the people there. In this part of world, you are giving the heart to serve God but in that part of the globe, the reverse is the case, because there is much money and luxury. Before James Ellerte was baptised into this kingdom, he was a drunk and gambler. I ordered him to forsake all those things and he complied. For that reason, he has seen the glory of God manifesting in his life. He is not in lack of anything because re now works in the vineyard of God.**

**A Brother by name Amadi, requested for James Ellerbe to come over to London to preach the word of God. He promised to sponsor the trip and about N 60,000.00 was charged for the trip. On reaching London, Amadi, remitted**

the exact amount to James Elleobe to sponsor the trip to London. But you in

Nigeria keep deceiving yourselves. You continue to snuff, smoke, drink and indulge in vices, I do not want deceitful preachers, for once you snuff, the spirit is bound to desert you. Once you indulge in fornication, you are spiritually empty. In such a situation, if you embark on evangelical ministry, you cannot achieve anything. I do not want such worker in the vineyard.

How much do you think the Nigerians spent to invite a German to preach to them in the Northern part of the country? The action has confirmed what is written in the first Bible lesson of this gospel. The Christian Association of Nigeria spent multi millions of naira to invite the said German. The field is over ripe and for that, everybody is now seeking for the word of God. Formally, the whites did not seek the real gospel of God but right now, they have witnessed the real teachings of Christ. You find that some of the Western countries send relief materials to some African countries. But in spite of that, those of you in this fold are still in your deeds.

Your attention is so focussed on what to eat and clothe yourself with. You have been requested to either forsake the things of this world and cling to God or you forsake God and run after the things of this world.

It is said that, one who goes to the battle field must prepare himself for the battle. He must be tactical in military approach. If you go to London for evangelical ministry but you turn round to trade and engage in your private business there, the people will not regard you as a serious minded man of God. Besides, you will not be allowed to officiate or preach to them. So, when you complain of lack of what to eat, it is because you refused to work whole-heartedly in the vineyard. Instead, you have been going about deceiving people in the name of serving God.



When Christ saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion because of the plight of the people who were unguided and without a leader just like a sheep without a shepherd. This prompted Him to say to His disciples:

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

(Matthew 9: 37 - 38).

### **THE HARVEST IS OVER-RIPE:**

By then, the harvest was not as plentiful as it is, because the world was not yet fully over taken by the Holy Spirit. Now the whole world is in your hands; you are to preach the word of God to all the people of the world. When you come in here, (Headquarters) you keep on discussing people instead of memorising what is preached to you. Presently, there is no other thing used to effect any work on earth apart from the word of God. You keep on enquiring from someone else of what the Father has said. Now that you have been informed of the truth, how will you be able to disseminate it to other people?. This war is not of the flesh and blood but that of God, for the real word of God has arrived. You should keep to the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

The situation now is that, the children of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are likened to Jonah. This is because Jonah refused to go to Nineveh where he was sent to and intended to run to Tarshish. So, the ship he boarded nearly ran aground and he disembarked from the ship to save the lives of others. Whoever comes into Brotherhood for the sake of gaining employment should be prayed for. But any person who has been ordained into this kingdom needs not seek for any job again. If he does, the establishment or company that absorbs him will be shut. If he decides to open his own private business, he will not operate successfully because he is yet to answer his call. Right from the day he engages in such a

business, he will be making losses inspite of the fact that the business is lucrative to others.

Have you heard of a sister in Lagos who was a business woman? One day she dreamt as her property was packed into a plane to somewhere. Right from that day, the business started to crumble. Now, she is in American doing the work of God. You all are the workers of God, but it is doubt and agitation that are preventing you. But if you were to do this work as it pleases the Father, you would have been flourished with wealth. Everything you need in the world is abundant here in the kingdom. Whenever the word of god is preached to you, you should endeavour to put it into practice at once and you will see the result immediately. Read the second lesson once again.

### **SECOND LESSON: JOHN 10 : 9:**

I am the door : by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

### **THE KEY TO WEALTH:**

Brethren, have you taken note of the text? Take a clue from Christs Witness Ime Akpakpan. He has now gained tremendous experience in the kingdom. He is spiritually alert at all times. Whenever he is preaching at any occasion, the place will be filled to capacity by people. Now invitations have been sent to him, to come to different places abroad, to preach. At Cameroun, he has been given a house. If he gets to Cameroun today, he will not encounter any difficulty because the people there are prepared and ready to take good care of him. This is because, he has forsaken the things of this world and has decided to follow God. But for others who are crafty they can not see the glory of the Father because the Father knows them all.

This is not the time for the children of God to go begging people for money in order to live. Once you have decided to

save God and has forsaken the things of this world, His divine glory will manifest in you. Not only this, you will also be blessed with your heart desires. Even though you were dismissed or retrenched from your former place of work, once you abide by the instruction of the Holy Spirit, you will be very surprised to see the officials of the place coming to beg you to resume normal duties.

### **TESTIMONY:**

There was a sister in this kingdom whose name I will not disclose here. She kept on receiving salaries for so many years without being employed. So brethren, have you seen the significance of serving God to the fullest and with clear mind? This word of God is life. All those who are lucky and are called by God, endowed with the Holy Spirit, and got anointed but stay dormant in their homes have indeed harmed themselves. They have not only harmed the entire world but have also disgraced God.

Such an attitude is likened to the worldly spirit that needs money more than life. Here in this kingdom, you are instructed to enter into the vineyard so that you can salvage numerous souls. But for food, clothings, etc you need not worry about for all things will flourish your way. You should recall what those samaritan women said to Jesus as He continued on His ministry ? They were indeed convinced that His teachings were truth and requested Him to spend two nights with them. He was served with food and other things. They saw and accepted Him to be Christ.

He is the beginning and the end of everything. A lot of us do not know God because, if we were to know Him we would have forsaken all things of this world and surrender ourselves completely to Him. It is by serving God whole heartedly that we will be surprised to see His glory manifesting in us our families and the world at large.

Now, take a look at Brotherhood of the cross and star in Nigeria. Our cathedrals are all over the place. The members of the kingdom too are very many. Here in Calabar, where can you find a glory as great as the one found in Brotherhood of the cross and star? Is this not the word of God. Initially, this part of Calabar was forest (Mbukpa Area) but now, the word of God has drawn people and civilization into the whole place. All these things are but the mainfestation of the word of God.

But you continue to sit on the defence instead of taking up the challenge. Have you not seen my level of concentration in the work of God? Have you ever seen me embarking on some other things apart from the work of the Father? But in your own case, you will return from one work to take up another just for the sake of making your money. It is for this reason that you keep on encountering problems and difficulties of various kinds. Once you dip your hands into deceitfulness, the spirit will escape from you, for the Father knows those who worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

Countries of the world keep on encountering problems because they do fail to implement the will of God. They do not serve God and for that reason, they are plagued with much problems. If they were to listen to the voice of God and serve Him, they would not have experienced any problem at all. Take south Africa for instance where Brotherhood of the cross and Star has been introduced, there are a lot of changes going on there. These changes have occured because they have all accepted Brotherhood of the cross and star. This word of God has brought about peace, love and good health to the entire world. Whatever is effected on earth is done by the word of God. Nobody, irrespective of his status or position can be compared to one who works to up lift the glory of God. This is because, it is the greatest work on earth and the most pleasant to God. It is also the work that saves people. This word of God must be diseminated to all people in all parts of the world. But you cannot do this successfully unless you go out. Instead of doing the required

work, you keep on discussing people. When you are asked have you returned from church you would answer in the affirmative. Are you deceiving anybody apart from yourself? For instance one of our brothers was taken to Kenya by the father and there he raised the dead. For this singular act the Kenyans have been writing to Him to come back.

I want him and others to go back there to continue the good work. The vine yard is over-ripe but the labourers are few. Whenever you are called, know that it is God that is calling you and not my very self. My work is to commission you to go into all the nooks and crannies of the world preaching this kingdom to the people. Your food, cars, children, life etc. all depend on your effort in evangelism. It is said:

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

(Romans 13:13)

Right now, has he not sent you to go and preach the gospel? All the members of Brotherhood of the cross and star have been instructed to go to all the nooks and crannies of the world and preach the gospel to all and sundry. But you deliberately refuse. The God that dwells in the body also presents in all persons.

Once you carry out this work, all the pronouncement made by you will come to manifestation. Also the father's pronouncements will manifest. If you go to America now and make a pronouncement, the inhabitants there will all keep to your words without any objection. Once you are serious in this work, God will be using you to perform marvellous and great wonders in many parts of the world. You should put this to test and see if the Father will not reward you greatly.

Go into His vineyard and do the work, then wait for His tremendous blessing. I am the way, as such anybody who passes through me, will not lack anything. As far as you perform the work faithfully and truly, you cannot be disappointed at all. This crusade ministry was formally unable to stand on its feet, but now that the members have accepted to do the work of God faithfully, they have been blessed abundantly. Eventhough you are indebted to anybody, once you accept to do the work of the Father, the debt is bound to become liquidated. People of the world are now suffering because of low per capital income, but the children of God do not have such a problem.

Nobody can advise God on what to do, Therefore, whenever he directs you to do anything, do not hesitate because he knows what is good and bad for you. When God has instructed you to do his work and you comply accordingly you cannot experience any problem in life. Your family too will not encounter problems. This is so because he knows our desires. What is required of you is just to enter into His vineyard and make sure you are faithful and truthful. This is exactly what the Father needs.

You are free to conduct service anywhere. I have also commissioned you to go and conduct bible classes. Such duties should be done daily and continuously, for I want all of you to immitate me. Go into the markets, hospitals prison yards and from house to house preaching the word of God. Do not be tired but make it with all amount of interest and steadfastness.

let the golden text be read:

## **GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 4 : 34**

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

### **OUR MEAT IS UNTIRING EVANGELISM :**

If you are employed in any establishment in the world. your target is to be in the good books of that establishment. Your promotion and welfare will be determined through your punctuality and dedication to your official duty.

Therefore, as the children of God your names have been enlisted in the register (Vineyard of God) and if you do not go to the vineyard and perform this work how then would you be paid? Or promoted? If you fail to carry out your assigned duty how then would you be rewarded?

If you have a company or any other business ventures and you also engage yourself in evangelical ministry, God will surely promote your business. If you had a sick person in the house, and you decide to go on evangelical ministry, on your return you will meet the sick person healthy and hearty. The same thing applies to problems like court cases, poverty, barrenness etc. There is no problem that the Father cannot solve.

Our food (Meat) is to do the work of the Father to the fullest. To achieve this, we have to disseminate the good news and glory of this kingdom (Brotherhood of the Cross and star) to the people in all parts of the world. As soon as we do that, our food, wealth, clothings etc are ready. There is no disappointment in Jesus. The Crusaders had declared 1992 their own year. This proves to all and sundry that, the year 1992 is a great and wonderful year. Once you enter the farm fully, you will also see the Father fully in all your engagement and affairs. That is to say the year will be full of activities for you. The crusaders will be so occupied in the work of evangelism this year than any other year in the past.

Do not take anything as a priority apart from the work of God because it is the paramount. It should be placed first and foremost in whatever you want to do. Eventhough you are a student or a trader such engagements are mere apart-time work.

You main duty is the work of God. By doing this, you will see the glory of God manifesting in your matrimonial home. Every other business you embark on will be successful and lucrative. If you fail to behold the glory of God, search yourself carefully. It is said that, if a tree does not fall on the ground, the axe will never rest. Crusaders and all the children of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are very much loved by God. We should all rise up and do the work so as to be rewarded abundantly. The glory that is preserved for you is very great and mighty. Right now, people are hungry and thirsty of the word of God. It is the word of God that is lacking. Right from the time the disciples (apostles) of Christ became completely eliminated, the work of God emporarily took a different dimension.

So, let us rise now and do the work of God. Let us preach the word of God to the people of the world to restore peace, joy, wealth, and good health.

You are not the one to work but the Father. You are merely requested to go and bear witnesses about His work and glory. Do not give any excuse of not being a visioner, preacher, healer, pastor, etc for everything is done by Him. He will only be using you to perform His mighty works. I want all of you to go and preach the gospel of God to the people of the world so that, you may see His glory manifesting in you.

Previously, people used to consult soothsayers and necromencers to carry out some investigations, but now there is no such thing anymore. All investigations are now carried out by Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Those that need promotions in their different offices, come to



**Brotherhood** for such need. The gift given to Brotherhood of ~~the~~ **the cross and star** is very great. Both politicians, business men, students, the sick, those in need of peace all flock into Brotherhood and are provided with their heart desires. This confirms the wordings of one of our spiritual choruses that asks: who is that person that has never benefited from Olumba? You must be truthful in your deeds. You were given freely, you need also to give back to some else freely. Do not charge, for the labourers deserve rewards. He knows your problems and knows how and when to solve them for you.

Once you do this work without charging people a kobo, and with truthful mind, things will be sent to you through the angels. Do not care to request anything from Him, for He knows your hearts desires.

So brethren our food is to do the work of God, once we do this, we will be filled. Let those that have ears hear, May the Father bless His Holy words for us. Amen.

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## **CHAPTER 2**

### **EVERLASTING GOSPEL DELIVERED BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU: THE ROLES OF CRUSADERS IN THE DISTRUBUTION OF WEALTH**

#### **FIRSTLESSON: 11 CORINTHIANS 8: 9**

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

#### **SECOND LESSON: MATTHEW 19: 21**

Jesus said unto him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou has, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven, and come and follow me.

#### **GOLDEN TEXT: ACTS 4 : 32 - 34**

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own.: but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; And great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of land or house sold them, and brought the prices of the thing that were sold.

## **THE NEED FOR A COMMON PURSE**

Some member of crusade would want to be paid some form of gratification before or after every successful evangelical work. Some other would want to be treasurers but they forget the scripture that, whatever belongs to one person is owned by everyone.

The Apostles of old had a common purse and shared whatever an individual had. This is what is lacking among you. I appreciate the fact that many members of this fellowship do not commit fornication, adultery; do not tell lies and do not commit murder.

To be a worthy ambassador of God, you should sell all that you have and bring the proceeds to the common purse. To pray over a sick person to get well is one thing and to attend to his material needs during the recovery period is yet another thing. Your duty is to pray for the person and at the same time, provide him with food and clothing. To pray for person and wish him peace when the person is hungry does not mean anything.

Our lord Jesus Christ, the Commander of crusaders' ministry, said that, He became impoverished so that we might be rich. We should emulate His gesture for mankind. Christ is the Leader of Crusaders' fellowship as well as its foundation. He forsook every material wealth to save mankind. Before the Father called you into this fellowship, you did not own a house, but today, you can boast of a house of your own. Prior to your call into this kingdom, you were bed-ridden by sickness, but now He has given you good health. Before now, you were poor, but today, the Father has given you riches. You are advised to forgo all your wealth, sell them and bring proceeds to a common purse for the common use of all.

In discharging your duties, you should not charge for your service. And do not expect any gratification for any services you render to people. If it is inevitable that you

receive material rewards for your service as a crusader, it is imperative that you bring same to the common purse. The father has endowed us with the abilities to earn our living without resorting to dubious living. Our brother, Paul the Apostle had set the pace for us when he said that, we have to fend for ourselves legitimately to earn a living so that, we might not become a burden to another person. This explains the reason why it is said that, an idle person should not be given food.

You claim to be doing God's work; you wear this as a mask to get money from people for your selfish ends. You only know that the work of God rewarding when you get material things. Your inspiration is from the fact that you are always at the receiving end. Your aim of doing anything is to derive benefit. To work only for your material benefit in the pretext of rendering Service God is unwholesome. If Jesus Christ was to be interested in His welfare, then mankind would have not been saved. It is advisable to use your wealth to propagate the ideals of God in order to bring glory to Him.

If you have been given say, ten thousand naira by someone else to help you carry out the work of God, what stops you from making use of this money to further the work of the Father? Instead of utilizing the money for the purpose which it was meant for, you misappropriate it by diverting it to your pocket. If God has given you a motor car, what stops you from using this car for the service of God? And if God gives you a piece of land, why can't you use this land to the services of God? If you are endowed with the Holy Spirit, you will know that there is nothing which you can call yours. The truth of this nature will only be revealed to you when you are bestowed with the Holy Spirit. Your attempt to do the work of God seems to come to a stand still because your aim in doing the work of God is to amass wealth for yourself.

Everything given to you by God, is so for you to use same for the services of God. There is no possession which is yours perse. Everything belongs to God, because you came into the world with nothing, and will depart from this world with nothing. As such, there is nothing that belong to you. Do not stock pile your wealth for personal use. There are a reasonable number of prominent people rening from thousanaire to millionaire, but none of these people is prepared to use their wealth to enhance the service of God. This is so because, these set of people do not love God and that is why they smile at those who cry. The reason for this is that, these people do not hav e the Holy spirit in them. If you have forsaken all your riches for the sake of this kingdom, the answer which Christ gave to peter in Matthew 19 : 27 - 29 is applicable to you.

Everything has been handed over to our Lord Jesus Christ and reciprocally, Jesus first forsook everything and handed them over to God. Which is in accordance with the word of God that, it is more blessed to give then to receive. Our Lord Jesus forsook everything and handed over everything to Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostles of old had a common purse having sold all their assets and brought the proceeds for common use gave impetus to the work of God and it actually brought about the enhancement of Christianity. With this situation, it was difficult to know who the poor or the rich was among the Apostle. Without having a common purse it means you have not started.

## **USE EVERYTHING AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO SERVE GOD:**

By selling all you have and bring the proceeds to propagate the work of God is analogous to keeping your treasury in heaven as the scripture says in Matthew 6 : 19 - 20. And anyone who believes in the word of God would want a common purse, see Acts 52 : 44. Incidentally, some Brotherhood members do something to negate this ideal.

Faith is one of the greatest attributes. If someone claims that he has faith but does not believe that God is the controller of everything as well as the owner and creator of these things, it means that, such a person does not have faith. Whoever believes in God cannot have problem, because whenever one has faith in the Father, He will supply your needs. And in return, He would want you to use these things to enhance His work. And by so doing, you do not loose anything. Whatever material thing you request from God, you are expected to use such for God's service, if you are granted. Some people request a lot of things from God and even pledge that if God grants their request, they would use them to render service to God. But after being given all these things, they find it difficult to fulfil their promise. And they would forget that God is the owner of these wealth. Whatever God gives you, it is necessary that you use them to serve Him without any hesitation.

God does not have any place to store His wealth other than to give them to man. God takes accurate inventory of the wealth He bestows on man and monitors how these wealth are being used. To those He blessed lavishly, He in turn, demands lavishly from them. Man is bound to have problems if he does not use what God gives him to serve Him. The alternative to this is , if you cannot use

Gods' imputs to work for Him, He has to take them away from you. Abraham was given only a son and he decided to use the only son to offer as a sacrificial lamb to God. And once you have such wonderful faith, then, you will not have problems. And the member who has such faith in this kingdom would have the Father's blessings. The call to use your wealth for god service is for your own good.

God gives you contracts so that you should use the proceeds thereof to propagate God's ideals. And it is only when you use the proceeds thereof to uplift the work of God and His glory that you can be blessed by God

God is the Father of mankind and the Father of all things found on earth. As such, nothing on earth belongs to any person. Everythings on earth takes it sources from God. God is the one who keeps and controls every thing. And so, no one should call any person father as the scripture in Matthew 23 : 9 states.

Abraham was given a child because he used his resources for the service of God.

To demonstrate that God is the owner of everything, He requested Abraham to use the only son to make sacrifice for Him. Abraham knowingfullywell that God is the owner of all, he did not waste time in adhering to god's instruction. He knew quite well that if he disobeyed God, He could decide to take away the only son. Some people claim that they have done something for God. Such people are not sound in their reasoning because man cannot lay claims on anything on earth. If God has given you something to keep for Him, and after a while, He comes to request these things, instead of you to give back these things, you behave as if you are the owner of them. Anyone who lays claims on anything on earth is a foolish person. To say the least about such a person, he does not have faith in God. Whatever happens is for the Lord. Anyone who dies, dies for the Lord and for one to live, he also

lives for the Lord.

See Romans 14 : 8.

If money in your possession is stolen, it therefore means that, the thief has stolen the Father's money and not yours. The moment you come to this understanding, It means you have the Holy spirit in you.

The children of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are in the Primary stage of knowing this veritable truth, because, it's only those who have the Holy spirit that have this knowledge that God owns everything. The life you live is owned by the father, as such, man is nothing but God's instrument. Only a negligible Number of members know this fact. For it is said that, you should store your treasure in heaven, for those stored on earth are at a loss. For instance, Brother Etop who is building a Pentecostal Centre at Biakpan has his wealth in heaven and his name remains for eternity for this reason. If he was to build his own personal house, it would not have meant anything.

### **HAVE YOUR STORE IN HEAVEN:**

The white brethren who have accepted this faith are aware of the importance of giving their wealth to God. As such some of them surrender all their possessions to God. Some of them make their will and have Brotherhood as the sole beneficiary.

Some of them do not have need for anything, having known this truth, and they give all their lives to God. The blacks are not like that. Your parents laboured to acquire wealth and you grow up to continue. This shows that the wealth of your father was stored in a wrong place, that was the reason why you could not come to inherit it.

But if your parents were to build these things in the name of the church, nobody would have been able to seize them.



If you say that you know God and yet claim ownership of children, wives, money, etc you are requested to put yourself in prayers because you have not yet started the journey and you do not have the knowledge of God. If Brotherhood of the Cross and Star was to be man-made, it would have been closed down by now, due to the way people revile and persecute it, in a bid to bring it to disruption. Everybody who comes into this kingdom wants to obtain money. God gives us money but we misuse it and spend it on unwholesome and frivolous things, just only to please the flesh. When the time comes, God will ask you to give an account of all the things He gave to you.

What is oneness? During the time of Jesus Christ, all the disciples did everything in common. They kept all their money in one purse. There was no cheating in the course of disbursement. If we were to be one, we would have had a common purse where all our money is kept. This would help us to take care of members' burials, child's blessing, upkeep of children etc. The money from the purse can also be used for the building of schools, pentecostal centres, bethels etc. If there is love, this is not difficult to do. God knows your responsibilities and He will give you enough fund to cater for these responsibilities. What you should remember is that, anything at your disposal is not yours. You should use same to the glory of God.

Your children do not belong to you. Use them for God's glory. Hannah used her only child (Samuel) to pay tithe to the Father. And the Father repaid her by giving her additional five children. If you want to know God's benevolence, you are advised to forsake all your belongings to God.

Let our first lesson be read:

## **FIRST LESSON: II CORINTHIANS 8 : 9**

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

### **GOD OF EQUALITY:**

God desires truthful people to serve Him. Read Matthew 24 : 45 - 51 to know the rewards of a faithful servant of God. The Father is God of equality. Everyone has an equal right to anything, provided there is honesty.

He has said in Hebrew 13 : 5 :

'Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such thing as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee'.

You should be honest to God so that when He blesses you with good things, you should use them for His work, And by so doing, you will uplift His glory.

For you to plan without recourse to God, you are bound to have many problems which will impoverish you. When the money finishes, your problems which requires money will disappear too. By this time, if you have an illness that would have required a fat sum of money to cure it, it is only the spoken word that will cure this illness, for God knows fully well that, you have no money. In short, when you have money, you would have problems which you will use that money to solve. And when there is no money, your problem would not demand money for solution.

Have you seen how sensible God is?

By the time you are blessed with money, a lot of people will come your way (house) with different problems and demand. And this is so because God knows too well that, you are in money and then He decides to send people to come to

you for help. When you use the money to help people, you are uplifting God's glory.

God knows the amount of money He gives to you and knows the problems He gives you for that money.

The money He gives you is enough to solve your problems at any material time.

The money God gives you is for specific purposes. And if you do not use this money for the purposes it was meant for, you are in trouble with God.

### **SHARE YOUR WEALTH AMONG YOUR BRETHREN:**

Always "listen to your spirit". It is the spirit that does everything. If you had an accumulation of money, people would come to you for help and once the money is finished, nobody approaches you for anything. This is because, the spirit knows that the money in your possession has finished thus, there is no need for people to approach you for help. At this point, the spirit will direct others to help you. In other words, there will be a reciprocation of the kind gestures which you had for others. This explains the fact that God is the master planner as such, if you move according to His divine plans, you will not encounter any problem. Therefore, whoever worries him or herself about what he or she will eat, wear, drink etc, does not believe in Him and has no faith in Him, for it is said in John 8 : 32;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

On this note therefore, a wealthy or well-to-do person should not be stingy, because if his money finished, those that he helped during his good days would also help him. This then means that, we should always give, so that the work of God may progress speedily. But if you do not give the money in your possession to other people, the money will be seized from you and be given to other persons.

The whites for instance, have a green card which is equivalent to wealth but here in Africa, there is no such thing, This explains the reason why people suffer in Africa until they die. Neither the government, organisation nor individual is willing to help, instead, they are prepared to cheat others. These people are against the advice of God, and are bound to be questioned by God, because, they do not give instead, they keep receiving. If any Brotherhood member indulges in such deed, he is not a true Brotherhood.

I want you to emulate me. You are a witness that I spend a lot of money daily. I decided to do this because I know that everything, including money belongs to the Father. whatever you are blessed with, use it to the services of God else, you will be judged. I want you to believe strongly that no one owns anything on earth. Everything belongs to the Father and we all are His instruments of work. Always use what God has blessed you with, to render services unto Him so that He may be glorified. Having done this, you too will be glorified by the Father.

Until the world ends, Brotherhood members shall never lack food; because, what the Father owns belongs to Brotherhood and so, Brotherhood and the Father are using a common purse. This explains the reason why you are advised not to misuse the gifts which you are blessed with. Do not use your money to encourage fornication, adultery and other sinful acts. It should be used the way it will please the Father. If you use your wealth in the way that pleases the Father, He will be encouraged to give you more things in abundance.

Brotherhood of the Cross and star is progressing daily. She has very many things for people, both members and non-members. Many people will come here in search of work. The government will come here for help and the world will

come to this kingdom for help. Since the Father is at the helm of every affair, we should all hope in Him. In this wise, you are advised to work genuinely for your livelihood so that you may not have any problem.

The reasons why Nigerian churches are poor is that, they do not bring all their contributions to the churches' common purse. But in America and other western countries, the story is different. People do make their wills to the church, some bring their assets to the church etc,

This is the reason why Churches in the western world are very rich. And the people there, do not encounter any problem.

It is very disheartening to realise that members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star can dupe others. Is that what Brotherhood teaches ? This only concludes that, the more you are at receiving end., the poorer and poorer you are likely to become.

In 1928, the Jehovah's witness was about to be proscribed because their doctrines were suspected to be false. As such, they were not needed to be heard about but owing to God's grace, one of their members was prosecuted, and this member, while in the court, quoted a lot of Bible portions and this made the chief judge to resign from his profession, and decided to finance the church in their daily activities because he was very rich (Millionaire). Through his finances, the church is very rich today in America. They publish and sell a lot of books. But their member are the Vendors and they use the commission from the sale of these books to earn a living.

Another instance is the case of the Apostolic faith church. It was brought up by one girl . There were some

girls who got a revelation from the Holy spirit in the former Apostolic church. When they relayed this revelation to the congregation of the Apostolic church, they did not accept it. Because of the fact that these girls were filled with the Holy Spirit, they did not want to stay at where people would not accept the revelation of the Holy Spirit. So these girls left the Apostolic church and started a gathering (church) in an open field. There, they started doing some works of God - preaching, praying and healing. Then one day, a man with his wife was brought to the place. And the man, on seeing the activities of the Holy Spirit, was happy and started to help in his own way.

During this time, one of the girls who started this church had a rich uncle who made her the only beneficiary of his will. And so, when the person died, she used the wealth of the dead uncle and brought up the Apostolic faith. This explains the fact that all the money got by the whites are not from heaven. They are rich through their contributory effort but surprisingly, some members of this kingdom envy those who are rich, steal their properties and even try to kill them. Is that a Brotherhood spirit?

In this kingdom, those who are in charge of the healing homes are working for their selfish ends. They bill people and use such proceeds for themselves instead of using them for the service of God. Very many people have ignored the fact that there is nobody who has not benefitted from the love and grace of God. This is the reason why people accuse members of this kingdom of being initiated into Brotherhood for the sake of wealth. And for this reason, members of this kingdom are abundantly blessed. Though the world may lack food, the people in Brotherhood shall not lack anything. All things that God has given to you should be used in rendering

service unto Him. In addition to t his, you have to abstain from all mananers of sinfulness, for it is said that faith without work is dead.

People erroneously say that, God does not wantmoney.If truly God does not want money,why then should He give money to his children? If He gives you money,then He is the one that has the money, for you and the Father are one. Therefore, you have to be charitable to all the poor and needy people you come by. In the South East London bethel, as testified by Christ's servant Solomon Ette, members have opened what is called "Olumba's charity fund" and from here, the needy, orphans and widows are taken care of. This proves that whoever saves his money in the bank has no love for Father for he has used the Father's money only for his selfish purpose. This confirms the scripture in mark. 10 : 25

By putting the money in the bank, you have disrupted God's plan thereby making people (the needy, poor, orphan) to die of hunger. This act therefore qualifies those who indulge in it to be punished. They have invariably robbed God of his money. The word can only see Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as the wealthiest organisation if only people will agree to pull their resources together for the services of God. But if you do not posses the gift of the Holy Spirit, you can never carry out this. Take for instance, the Ika Ika street, (Opposite the Brotherhood beautiful gate) tared by pastor Etup, the five story building built by Pastor Okpara and all other things done in this kingdom by people to uplift the glory of the Holy Spirit. These works are good example worthy of emu lation. Instead of doing this however, people come here to dupe others, steal money from the tithe boxes and give fake cheques during fund raising ceremonies.

Inspite of this however, I am not totally disappointed. In America, a sister donate the sum of Four hundred and fifty thousand dollars ( \$ 450,000) for a cathedral to be built. Other members have tried to do one thing or the other. The Isiafor-Asaba road was constructed by Brotherhood. That is the reason why everybody is convinced that, Brotherhood of the Cross and star is a God-Sent organisation. Like others (as exemplified by the disciples of Christ)

You are requested to sell all your belongings and use them for the services of God. Do not disobey this other else, you will have yourself to blame. Stop recounting your looses since you came into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Desist from saying that God requires the heart, for your heart is not worth using by God. An aphorism has it that, "When the soup is delicious, it means that much money has been spent for it" Read the second lesson again.

### **SECOND LESSON:MATTHEW 19: 21**

Jesus said unto him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou has, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come and follow me.

### **GLORIFY GOD WITH YOUR WEALTH:**

Some people claim to have surrendered themselves to God. What do they think their bodies could be used for? When you surrender yourself to God, if you want to travel to a place like Aba from Lagos, how do you think you will get there? And so, whoever provides the money for that journey is regarded as the one who has done the greatest Work. Therefore, Whoever wants to be holy and perfect should use his wealth in the services of God this is how God is glorified.

A reasonable person cannot cheat God. If you refuse to use your wealth judiciously, you have cheated on God.



Some people profess to be member of this kingdom yet they build a hut and call it a bethel. Some wealthy brethren who live in mansion estates and story building only rejoice in setting a minute part of such building as bethels, forgetting that God blessed them so that they may glorify Him with these things, Have they glorified God by so doing. Whoever comes here (34 Ambo) will know that the practice is different. The guest house is provided for everybody free of charge. Whoever stays there can always eat free. Why not emulate this?

The crusader' fellowship currently has only one vehicle but there are some members of that fellowship who have as many as twenty (20) vehicles but they cannot donate even one yet they brag that the Father's work is going on smoothly. How smooth? A lot of people in this fold are very rich and wealthy, but they do not want to use this wealth at our disposal; to render service to God. To be Brotherhood members. That is the reason why I always tell you that, we are saved by grace and not because of our respective works. There is nobody in the kingdom who has sold what he has for services of God.

Some people come here (34 Ambo) and plead with the Father to help to complete their house and He (the Father) will not fail to do this, but after completing the house, you cannot glorify Him through that house. Instead, you keep counting the number of years you have been in Brotherhood, working actively for God. And if I may ask, how active is the work that you have done?

You have heard of the presidential bethel in port Harcourt, built by the Father through Apostle Okilo. There are Millionaires there, but nobody thought of erecting a bethel for the Father; instead they kept saying that the Father only wants the hearts. As the spiritual chorus says, "Who is he that Olumba has not done something for" who can stand up proclaim that, he has not seen the glory of the Father?

During the time of Sorrows, tribulations frustration, problems etc. ~~the~~ Father always saves you out freely; after which,

He blesses you with all material things. Why then do you use these things in His service? it is said, no matter what you do, no matter how righteous you may be, if you do not abide by the instruction from God, you cannot be perfect.

God who is the doer of all these carnal things is also the creator of man. And the carnal things make life comfortable. In Trinidad and Tobago, one of the devoted member bought a house for thousand of dollars for the services of God while others only claim that the Work of God is progressing. The question are, how effective and progressing is it? How much have you contributed towards this? or is it by ceasing the money contributed by others for your selfish purposes? What really makes the work of God effective? is the work of God progressing when you trickishly extort money from people? I wonder!

Some people make a great Mistake when they take part of the money sent to the Holy Father. Such money perhaps, was sent in connection with their problem (that their problem may be taken away) : and when you take a part of the money, what do you think you have done to yourself? Surprisingly, these are the people who would claim that the Father's Work is effective. One can pray, see vision, heal people etc. but if he wants to be perfect, he is advised to abide by the scripture as stated in matthew 19 : 21 In this kingdom, there are people who claim to be full time workers but when they are posted to a certain place To do the work of God, they would want all their children to be cared for financially. He would also want to be transported to the place and to be catered for, at the place. Should any of these be done to a person who claims to be working for God? Whoever demand for any of these is not a true child of God. In fact, a real full time worker or missionary should not think of what to eat,

wear or where to live. He should be a fellow who can help others conveniently. If he cannot help others, why then is he a missionary? Let the golden text be read.

### **GOLDEN TEXT: ACTS 4 : 32 - 34**

And the Multitude of them that believed were of one soul: Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the lord Jesus; And great grace was upon them all Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of land or house

sold

them, and brought the price of the thing that were sold.

### **USE YOUR WEALTH JUDICIOUSLY:**

Sequel to the above excerpt, it is clear that the disciples did not sell their properties so as to use the proceeds in campaigning for an electoral post but today, people are selling their valuable properties just for chairmanship elections. But since you came to Brotherhood of the cross and Star, what have you done to glorify the name of the Father? Have you sold a common thing like a chair and use the proceed for the service of God? You are a witness to the fact that the Father is taking a great care of you and above all, He gives you a super spiritual protection. What have you done to reciprocate His love and at least, please Him? Instead of helping to uplift the services of the Father, you go about bragging that the Father's work is progressing. Is this how best you can please God?

Some people claim to have been denied by their parents because of Brotherhood' Other claim to be denied by

their spouses because of being enlisted into Brotherhood of the Cross and star. And a lot others claim to be frustrated; Yet no one is bold enough to say that he or she has been healed, fed, clothed and protected in Brotherhood of the cross and star. And now that you have claimed to be a missionary in the fold, have you sold any of your possessions for the services of God. Have you practised oneness and equality?

The Christ's Students have tried to practise oneness but no one encourages them.

All we are required to do, is to sell all our properties and use the proceeds to help the poor. If you are in possession of any money, you are expected to give part of it to the poor.

If you have a vehicle, drive it with the poor, for none of the things you have is entirely yours. They were given to you by God. and this God in turn, wants you to use them for His services. All the spiritual powers given to you are from God. and He wants you to use these powers for His services. If you keep away any of these things from others, you will be questioned on the judgement day. to give full account of how you used the things which you were blessed with. This is because, for depriving another from enjoying God's benevolence on you, you have debarred him from glorifying God.

What do you think is the work of a man of God when he would have the boldness to donate fifty naira (N50.00) as a chief launcher during fund raising ceremony? If the self acclaimed man of God donate this meagre amount while another (an Invitee) donates (5,000.00) do you think this man can attend such ceremonies again if he is invited. If at all He attends, he would only donate a meagre amount because, he **knows** are fun of donating meagre amounts. Let it be known that one is helped when he is determined to help himself.

What do you think is houses built by different bretheem Which of these is yours? All you are interested in, is the feast. Have you ever foot/the bill for preparing feasts here? Do not forget that the feast prepared daily here are sponsored by people like you. I am assuring you that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has not yet started, for when the time comes, this place will be dominated by the righteous only. The only work that will be done will be to help the poor, the needy and the orphans, because our duty is to give so that glory of God may be revealed.

So brethren, the work of God does not consist of being baptised into Brotherhood, neither is it a matter of attending the morning prayer daily. The paramount thing is for one to abide by the scripture used in this sermon. Every service rendered here is free of charge and I want you to realise that this is the greatest of all works done in this Kingdom. It is an agreement signed between individuals and God. Such is not done for any man but God and invariably he is doing it to himself. All that you had spent will be given back to you in hundred folds and moreso, you will be given eternal life.

Stop receiving from people at all time, for it is detrimental.

To you Always pay tithe else, you will regret. God is so good to the extent that Hegivesyou vehicles, house, wealth etc, when you will be called to give the account of all these and to narrate all that you have done to God. What will you say, when you have not done anything? you will certainly be subjected to eternal penury. This therefore mean that, your wealth stored on earth were a loss. But any person who serves God , Store<sup>s</sup> his treasure in heaven, and will be given a position to rule over others; and other thing will be given unto him in hundred folds. He will also be given an eternal life.

It is said that, you should love your God with all your life, heart and soul; what do you think is meant by this

statement? It connotes forsaking oneself unto God as well as his belongings. The fact is that, if you are not directed by the spirit to share whatever you are blessed with, to others, you will no more be blessed by God. But whoever shares his blessings with others will even be blessed with more of such things. It is said that a word is enough for the wise. May God bless His Holy words. Amen.

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God is the God of equality and we are expected to regard one another as ourselves and teach others to do the same. Our problems emanate from the fact that we do not use our talents for the betterment of all but, we only use them for our personal effects

Start now to practise this gospel and you will find peace, joy, mercy, and freedom, in and around you. The work of God entails being charitable to all men. So, it is expedient that each person tries his or her hands in this regards.

A stroke of the cane is enough for the wise. May God bless His Holy words. Amen.

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# **CHAPTER 4**

## **EVERLASTING GOSPEL DELIVERED BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU:**

### **THE BANNER OF MISSIONARY**

#### **FIRST LESSON: REVELATION 3:12**

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

#### **SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 7: 14 - 15**

And I said unto him, sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

#### **GOLDEN TEXT: REVELATION 19:8-9**

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.



## **THE MISSIONARIES ARE HEIRS:**

By now, it should dawn on you the reason why I repeatedly say that only full time workers are required as missionaries in this kingdom. There will be a vacuum in the trend of events if there are not missionaries. Missionaries are those who serve God daily and those who sing His praises. They are the cream of members who propagate the Father's teachings. And above all, they are the ones who would inherit this kingdom. The missionaries are expected to stay in the throne of God day and night. They are to serve God all the time of their lives. They cannot allow the songs of praises to cease in God's throne. Melodious songs, dances, prayers, testimonies, preachments, must continue in God's temple. These are the exclusive provinces of the missionaries. There is no group of people to do this work other than the missionaries. And if this work is not done due to lack of full time workers (missionaries), what will be an index to show the existence of this kingdom of God on earth?

The missionary work is necessary as a physical sign to the existence of this kingdom. If there is no indication to prove the existence of the kingdom of God, then it means the kingdom is yet to come. How would you be a missionary if you are a liar, fornication, gossip, railer, robber, murderer, adulterer, idolater, extortioner, dupe and a trouble monger? If it were an easy thing to be a true missionary, the world would have become a member by now. To be a missionary does not mean using voluminous bible or to wear designer's soutane made from the finest and most costly linen. And it does not mean leaving your house for a hide-out where you comfortably stay to steal, fight, quarrel, fornicate and live all sorts of abominable life.

The first lesson states clearly that him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he

shall go no more out. What are the things which you are expected to overcome? Of course, these are temptation, suffering, death, sins. These are things which readily stand on your way to serve God but if you hold fast to your faith and then with hope and love, you will overcome these odds. Missionaries are those who are ready to refrain from all manner of sins and look forward to seeing the kingdom of God manifesting physically. The first lesson has clearly pointed out God's intentions for the person who overcomes the world: I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God and I will write upon him my new name.

Of course, all things have been made new because old things have passed away. Except one refrains completely from all manners of sins, he has no share in this kingdom. How can you be made a pillar in the temple of God when you are still wallowing in sinful acts? At times when I tell you that Brotherhood has not started, you doubt and begin to ask questions based on the number of countries of the world which Brotherhood Bethels are sited.

### **DIFFERENT WORSHIPPERS:**

The people you find here are coming with various prayer requests and demands like a typical market setting. Some are coming for want of children, others for money, wives, husband, position, healing and protection. Nobody is coming to worship God. As soon as the bell goes up, they will all disperse and desert the hall provided their material needs are met. Some people would be timing themselves while listening to the sermons. And as soon as the time they have in mind to remain in the hall is up, they will all go their ways and attend to other businesses in the world.

## **LIVE ABOVE BOARD:**

So many people who put on the white soutanes do not know what the white stands for. And as such, do not know the value of it. A lot of people do not know the significance of temptations which came their ways each day. When you are admonished not to retaliate, fight, keep malice, among other things, you feel unless you mete these unwholesome acts on your enemy before you can be at peace with yourself. You must know that a man of God must live an exemplary life. You have to allow the will of God to prevail. I want you to note that the white garment we put on signifies righteousness which is an index of the children of God.

Missionaries should be without blemish. And only this can make them worthy of the kingdom of God. If you cannot endure, forgive and be ready to pass through the seamy side of life, you cannot be a missionary. If you do not go out to propagate the Father's gospels of deliverance to the entire world, you can not be a true missionary and except you abide by the tenets and injunctions of God you cannot be given rulership over many things. He that overcomes will be made a pillar in the temple of God. And of you cannot overcome, it means you will not be made a pillar in the kingdom of God. And in addition, you are not a true missionary.

David of old had the intentions to build a house to the Lord but God did not approve of it because he had committed murder. You may be a talented chorister, but so long as you are a fornicator, murderer, robber, railer, extortioner among others, God cannot call you to be his true missionary because a missionary is an ambassador. You can be beautiful or handsome and well possess/with all the necessary qualities of a leader, but in as much as you remain a sinner, you cannot be made a missionary.

It is in view of this that certain weeks are set aside for the briefing of all missionaries and full time workers. The true missionaries are those to dwell in the temple of God forever. And part-time workers are those who visit God when they have problems or are in lack of one thing or the other. They do not come to God when they are better off. This is no case with full-time workers who live in the temple of God always. These people give themselves totally to the service of God.

### **THE TRUE MISSIONARIES:**

I do not say that the missionary should not take on a particular trade like farming, sewing, Carpentry or to be gainfully employed as a civil servant etc. But I am emphasizing on the need for people to engage in full time service in the temple of God. I want you to know that the missionaries are those who will bring salvation to the world. This is so because they will be dispatched to all the countries for evangelism. And at the completion of the assignment, they report back to the Father. They would act as errand men for the Father. To be a pillar in the temple of God is what you should work for.

This accounts for the reason why Our Lord Jesus said that, where the carcass is, there will be vultures (Matthew 24:28) Where the word of God is said, the children of God are bound to gather there. This implies that where the temple of God situates, the missionaries dwell there. This is where they serve the Father. They do not serve themselves like the people of the world are doing today. Their ultimate goal will be to join force and work towards this growth of the kingdom of God and the glory of its manifestations. I have been telling you that our course of seeing to the manifestation of the kingdom of God and that of propagating its teachings is best likened to enlistment into the Army. You have to be screened and seen to be qualified before you are recruited. Whosoever wants to be enlisted into this force

should not wallow in sins and entangles himself with crave for material things. And whosoever does not fight this course delightly will not be crowned.

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHITE LINEN

The doors of the kingdom of God are now thrown open to as many as are willing to come in and serve God on a full-time basis. The field is almost overripe but what is lacking now are full time workers, true missionaries to come and work for God daily. To be a missionary does not stop at wearing a flowing gown, claiming to be a virgin. The question is, is there any trace of righteousness in you? Do you tell lies, hate, gossip, begrudge and seek for your own glory? These are the possible things that could cause you to fall short of the crown.

The second lesson has made it clear that, these are they which came out of great tribulations, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. He shall take care of them and they will be free from all lack. See Revelation 7: 14-17. The golden text also disclosed to us that the white linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he saith unto me, write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true Sayings of God:

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God. (Revelation 19:8-9)

## **YOUR BENEFITS AS A MISSIONARY:**

In this generation and as well as the one to come, this is the luckiest, because of the invitation to them to the marriage feast of the lamb. Those invited will be in the temple with the lamb for ever. And they shall not thirst nor be hungry. The sun shall not light on them and as such, they will not experience heat. They shall be fed by the lamb that is in their midst. He will lead them to the fountains of water and their tears shall be wiped away. Tell me, brethren, where else could be as enjoyable as this? Some member kept married so that they may be assisted by their partners. And some procreate so that their children should cater for them, while others make friends so that they may be helped in times of need. In spite of all these, when you are entangled in problems, who helps you out? If you sit back to think about the situation in the world, right from the time of Adam till date, it has been an all suffering affairs. Man has not known peace and happiness. No one could rightly claim that he is well fed. And his tears have been wiped. There is no one who is actually protected from danger, death and gnashing of teeth. None is ready to fight for the cause of man's freedom, peace, comfort and salvation.

## **THE PROMISE:**

But at the full time of God, he has come and promise those that will respond to this divine invitation to the marriage supper of His protection, deliverance, peace and maximum satisfaction. Above all, you have been promised a crown. And the new name of God will be inscribed on you and you will be made a pillar in the temple of God. This promise is for all the children of God "in" the world over. And for as many as those who are ready to heed this clarion to the divine call. So, you are warned to choose the narrow path. See Matthew 7:13-14.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and "the" broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

The teachings one receives from Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are to prepare you for entry into this kingdom. It is the only thing that will aid you to share in the rewards of this promise. If you practise these teachings you will have eternal life, And they are enough to qualify you to abide in His temple and be a true missionary.

In the kingdom of God, there are no cigarette, drinks, meat, and all those things you take delight in doing which do not give glory to God. And there is no wife, husband etc. We are only concerned with jubilation. This kingdom has no need for fornication adultery, quarrelling, blasphemy, anger, fight,. No wife, husband, children, male, female etc. It is started in the scripture: See James 5:13.

### **THE SONG OF GLORY:**

Wherever there is songs, there of joy. Those who are true missionaries are those who surrender themselves to the service of God. And it is for such people that the joy of God is meant for. In the absence of the full time missionaries how can the world be in peace? These are the only set of people to carry the good tidings of great joy and blessings to the world. You may have heard how John had wanted to bow down before an angel but, was prevented by the angel because both angels and men are fellow ministers of God.

The angel further told John not to worship any other thing apart from God. You may have also read from the Bible that, angels were ministers of God, but now it is the missionaries who are ministers of God all over the world. The missionaries will be sent on errand by God to deliver messages to people and countries all over the world. But the pathetic situation is that, if there are no missionaries how

will God send His divine messages across to the people of the world.

This is the time of God's glory. Therefore, all should be spiritually alert. The Holy Spirit has come to rule over heaven and earth. Every other kingdom is merely existing in its past glory; none is really in existence. The reason why God seems to be in lack of true missionaries is because none is quite ready to surrender himself to God. The true workers of God are coming. The 34 Ambo Pentecostal Premises will not accommodate the one hundred and forty four thousand (144, 000) virgins who are coming to work for God. When they are all gathered, they will be serving the Lord of host both day and night.

They will be involved in different occupations; some will work as tailors, cabinet makers, choristers and many other trades. All their files are before me and I will assign them as they come in. Some will be assigned to Israel, Arabic countries, China, London, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, India and other nations. As they get to such places, they report back to the headquarters. It is in such a situation that the whole world will be in peace.

From the beginning, it had been so and the Holy Spirit has come to re-establish the accepted order. John the Baptist was sent to the earth as a forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the termination of His (John) assignment, Christ arrived and then sent his prophets who came and fulfilled various assignments. These were true fulltime missionaries. They all came from the same family of God, and this explains the reason why John blessed Christ and Christ in turn blessed him. Neither John nor Christ knew each other in the flesh. They knew each other spiritually. As you have been told, if you come across somebody who practises righteousness, you should without being told



realise that he is God's begotten. If you come across somebody who is humble, loving, merciful and truthful, such is a child of God. If you see a person who blesses those who curse or, despise him and also prays for the good of his enemies, such is God's begotten.

Our texts have revealed the children of God and those of the world. The children of God have no association whatsoever with the world, because they have crucified the flesh and its affection. If you find anybody who seeks for women or men, children, money and other material things, such a person is worldly. On the other hand, anybody who does not seek for any of the worldly things, is a child of God. That is the reason why God said:

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go on more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. (Revelation 3:12).

Therefore, let all of you be very steadfast. If you do not overcome the lust and pleasure of the flesh you will not be made a pillar in the temple of God. You have no share in this kingdom at all. Moreover, you cannot be a true missionary with such desires. God had already warned the whole world that, He will shake this world. Therefore, hold fast to your crown, else, it will be taken away from you. This is the long expected kingdom of God which generations upon generations were anxiously waiting for. All angels, men, prophets, Apostles had long toiled and waited patiently for this same kingdom. Therefore, do not toy anymore with it. Many a person would say, "I had once been in Brotherhood, but I backslided."

Do you know that once you backslide, you are dead? Even if you are still alive you are merely existing because you had long departed your flesh from that very moment you backslided. Let us be upright, right from now in order to gain everlasting life.

Take note of all pronouncements made by the Holy Father for a time is coming in which you will not be permitted to come into this headquarters if you are sinful. Those who will inherit this kingdom are the full time workers who are truthful and upright. They will minister to God day and night till eternity.

It will be under such condition that you will recall all that I had been telling you to refrain from sins. If you do not refrain from sins it will be too late for you. The reason why our Lord Jesus Christ departed this world was because of the lack of true followers. It was on this note that He rightly said, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has no where to lay his head. (Matthew 8:20). This also explains what he said to Pilate: see John 18:36. Our Lord Jesus Christ further said:

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (John 14:3).

You should by now realise the implication of what Christ said, that His kingdom was not of this world, otherwise His disciplines would come and fight gallantly. Now the kingdom of this world have become the kingdom of our God and His Christs and he will reign for ever. If you observe critically what is going on in the world, you would realise that the entire world has been subdued. Indeed everything is subjected under God's control. Brotherhood,

the kingdom of God now reigns Supreme. There is no governor, president or angel that can pose any threat to this kingdom. As the children of the new kingdom, you are very free to work majestically to wherever you like. Therefore, if you do not seize this opportunity to fight and overcome your lust for the world where else will you be?

Right now the door is wide open but at a specific time it will be shut. So you should seize this golden opportunity to save your soul. There is a reason behind God's open invitation to people. He is waiting for His children all over the world to come and take over the glory that was originally preserved for them. The Father has repeatedly said that the field he cultivated is now over-ripe therefore, you labourers who have been well chosen should go into the vineyard and start harvesting. You should take up the challenge and allow your light to shine for all to see.

Right now everybody is seeking for his own kingdom, have you been able to acquire one? It is said, if you cannot beat them, then join them, therefore, since you cannot acquire your own kingdom, what about God's? do you intend to lose both? It is our duty to cultivate with Him, in order to be glorified with Him.

You claim to be a king but in a meeting of all the kings, you personally carry your own chair while others have their aids by their sides carrying their seats to the venue. Would you still regard yourself as befitting that title? A worthy king is expected to sit in his throne to issue orders to his subjects which are promptly carried out.

In a situation of war He remains in His throne to direct his people to fight his enemies and report back to him the progress made in the battle field. How can a king go to war, when his subjects are there? This is exactly the pathetic

situation that has befallen God now. At the same time, this is what has hindered the manifestation of His glory. None is ready to surrender himself to God.

This gospel is a great news of joy to mankind because it exposes our march to paradise. Once again we are marching ahead to the paradise lost, the garden of eden, where lies, fornication and all; vices are not permitted. It is a place where we will not be beaten by rain nor suffer from the scourge of sun. We shall not hunger nor die anymore. this is the garden where the children of God dwell and God communicates directly with them at will. Right from the time Adam and Eve derailed from the path of glory, they were bundled out of the garden. That marked the beginning of man's suffering on earth. From then man started to toil for what to eat, drink and wear and remained without peace. However, the situation has once again been redressed, the lost garden has now been restored. This assurance is enveloped in our second lesson which says:

**REVELATION 7:14 - 15:**

And I said unto him, sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of  
great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

**THIS IS OUR CHANCE:**

Therefore, this is our chance to move into this well nurtured garden of Eden. The only condition we have been placed is contained in this text below: (Revelation 3 : 12).

You should recall the encounter of Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Samaritan woman. Christ had asked her for some water to drink but, in her reply the woman being surprised for a Jew to stop that low rather reminded Christ of His superior race over the Samaritan. Besides, Christ had no pitcher for her to scoop the water for Him. In His reply Christ reminded her of the personality before her.

By the time the conversation was deep enough, the woman realised that after all, she was before God. So she went to call her people to witness the expected Messiah see John 4 : 7 - 29. Today, His promise to us is that:

Him that over cometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. (Revelation 3 : 12).

What then is expected of us, after hearing such a great promise. No matter your exalted position in the world you will continue to hear of peace without experiencing it unless you take up the challenge. God has never spoken in vain.

The promise is that if we overcome, we shall surely dwell with Him in peace for ever and ever. Is it not yet time that you should abandoned your water pot like the Samaritan woman and seek for this, kingdom in order to save your soul? If you do this you will be made a pillar in the house of the Lord. And you will dwell with Him forever. History has now repeated itself. the shocking thing is that in spite of my persistent call to you, your your mind is rather fixed in getting elected into exalted political position. You wish to be enrolled into the army to enable you kill your fellow humans. Your interest is in smuggling to enable you acquire much money.

You also want to marry in order to have children. All these cannot lead you to anywhere, they are merely ephemeral. Today, you have been told what to do. Read the following texts: (Revelation 3 : 12) and (Revelation 7 : 15 - 17). Would you not like to dwell in such a place of eternal peace and joy. If you do not want such a place, I personally want it. Who is he that is not fed up with this atrocious world? It is in the light of this that this kingdom is known and addressed as Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. If only you can endure to the end, even when you are cursed, beaten, persecuted, and vilified against, your assurance should be in the promised kingdom which we are in right now. You should always memorise this portion of the scripture. See Revelation 3:12. No matter the confrontation to me, I will endure to the end, for the sake of this kingdom.

Take note of the statement, "I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name" (Revelation 3:12). This is a proof that, he who is righteous would inherit the kingdom of God forever. But those who are not righteous but were enlisted into the kingdom shall be ejected out. Take for instance, the happenings in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star now. It is not uncommon to hear people saying that, they were formerly members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star but later left. Whenever you hear anyone making such claims, you should then know that, he left the kingdom due to the fact that he was unrighteous. A righteous member in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star can never go out of this kingdom till eternity. In this case, sister Mong is a good example. The said sister came into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star since 1957. And she is still present in the kingdom. So brethren always bear in mind that, the righteous ones

called into the kingdom of God, cannot go out or be ejected. And these also are those who are bound to be saved.

Read the first lesson again.

### **FIRST LESSON REVELATION 3:12**

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

### **THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL BE GLORIFIED:**

The above except informs the reason why the Samaritan woman abandoned her pot and declared to Jesus the Christ, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw". (John 4:15). Through our brother, Paul, it is said at 2 Corinthians 4:17:

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Therefore if we are the children of God, we are entitled to the share of of glory meant for the children of God.

Christ was a child of God and He passed through a lot of tribulations. As such, He was glorified. Therefore if we need to be glorified, we have to emulate Him in all aspects of life. In fact this is in confirmation to the song which members of Ebeto choir sing, which has it that, "everybody who suffers with Him, shall also to be exalted and glorified along side with Him"

1John 2:15 - 17 has it that no one should love the world nor the things in it else, he does not love the Father for such are not needed by the Father.

Any Brotherhood member who cannot endure long patience, but seeks for redress in the court to avoid being called a coward has failed woefully because the Father has taught us not to sue people. Any Brotherhood member who agrees to follow people to the house of a soothsayer for a certain investigation, simply because he is falsely accused has failed. Because the Father has enjoined us not to consult soothsayers for no reason. Any Brotherhood of the Cross and Star member who because of being deprived or duped of certain things, decides to abandon the work of God, and goes to the native doctor so as to harm the dupe, has failed and has his crown seized from him. This is because, consulting the native doctors is contrary to the teachings of the Father in this kingdom.

Any Brotherhood of the Cross and Star member who is no longer regarded in his family as the first born because of his membership in this kingdom and because of that, he causes trouble in the family has failed woefully and has equally rendered his crown useless. This is because, the Father has never taught us to be trouble mongers or shooters. Any Brotherhood of the Cross and Star member who, because of the kingship, of this world derails from the ways of God has failed. This is because, the Father has never taught us to seek for the kingship of this world.

Most members of this kingdom have been deceived and convinced by people to fight for the kingship of this world. These people have forgotten that when our Lord Jesus Christ was about to be coronated as a king, He fled. Any Brotherhood of the Cross and Star member who is praised because of his ability to preach, and as a result of this, he is



given a dainty girl as a partner for the work well done and he accepts such a woman for the said purpose has failed woefully. This is because, the Father has taught us to purge immorality. As a matter of fact, it is the enticing nature of this world that deprives us of the glory of God. Therefore it is imperative that, we shun the world and the fullness in it.

There is a local adage which has it that, "if I reject water yam, I should not also stop the goat from consuming it". Sequel to this adage, we need to "hate" the world as well as the things in it. Because by so doing, you have conquered the world and will be saved. But if you do not hate the world and the fullness therein, it then depicts that, you have been conquered by the world. And for being conquered by the world, you are condemned.

There is no happening in the entire world which God does not know its beginning and end. Nothing takes God unawares, because He is the originator of all happenings. The hitches you encounter serve as a medium through which ones faithfulness in God, could be ascertained . God knows the reason(s) why you are reviled, falsely accused, rewarded with bad instead good etc. Therefore any one who is urged to derail from the path of rectitude as a result of these things has his glory and crown seized.

The Father always enjoins us not to be trouble mongers but most people instead of abiding by this injunction, take trouble making as a hobby, even when they are in the hall and when the gospel is still in progress. And while these trouble mongers are performing this vice, God would be there watching them without complaint. And if any one who is not self controlled, goes there to mediate, such a person has failed and has his crown and glory seized. It was for this reason that our Lord Jesus Christ asked, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is devil?" (John 6:70). The Father knew the behaviours of the twelve disciples whom our

Lord Jesus Christ chose but He allowed them to work with Him, and Christ was not worried by the Father. This is a proof to the fact that God is the best examiner. When Peter, James and John realised that Judas Iscariot was using some money from their treasury to erect a building for a harlot, they disclosed it to the Master. Christ was not however brothered, because He did not have any interest for money. As a result of this, He was able to conquer everything.

For one to inherit the kingdom of God is not a small task. Therefore we all need to follow after it with all amount of steadfastness. After the realisation of the fact that Judas Iscariot was the one to betray Him, if our Lord Jesus Christ had ejected him out of the group, He (Christ) would have failed. God knows about every hitch that comes our way. Therefore we should be very mindful of ourselves to avoid being misled. When you are reviled and falsely accused, He (God) is there watching. And if you dare bother about these things, you have failed, and have rendered your crown and glory useless. But if you do not bother, you have conquered, and you will be glorified accordingly.

There is a saying which has it that, one is a slave to what or who he loves. Therefore if we love the kingdom of God, we would be "slaves" in it and will be rewarded accordingly. In the same vein, anyone who loves the world, would be a slave to the world. And his end is bound to be predition and condemnation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was called into the world that He may be persecuted, only to be glorified at the end. And it is incumbent on us to emulate Him so that we may also be glorified at the end. On the other hand, if a man sees tribulation as a result of his evil deeds, it does not please God and such a person deserves no reward.

## **TRIBULATION GIVES WAY TO GLORY:**

Anyone who believes and trusts in God has no cause to fear, regret nor panic. When Pilate for instance, gave Jesus the Christ two escorts (soldiers) to lead and protect Him out of Jerusalem so that He may escape death, The said escorts did not even move with Him for up to a mile when Jesus Christ disappeared from their midst. He had to wait for the trial and subsequent death. He however, was glorified in the end.

In the same vein, to confirm that, one who trusts and believes in God, has no cause to regret, lament nor panic, you should recall what happened when a band of soldiers went to arrest Him as recorded in John 18:3 - 6:

Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, whom seek ye?

They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went back ward, and fell to the ground. (John 18:3 - 6)

Jesus the Christ had every ability to have used His power to destroy the soldiers but He did not. Because if He did that, He would not have conquered and could not have been glorified.

Moreover, if Christ were to bother when He was falsely accused and prosecuted, He would not have

conquered. But since He endured every temptation with patience He conquered and eventually wore the crown of glory.

We have been made to understand that wealth does not admit one into the kingdom of God, rather, it is faith. Therefore anyone who has faith and is willing to endure forever is bound to inherit the kingdom of God and would be made the pillar in the temple of God. After knowing all these, what could prompt man to deny God? So brethren, stop being bothered and disturbed when you are reviled and accused falsely because these are temporal trials which will give way to glory.

It is a great surprise to notice that people fight in this kingdom at the slightest provocation, in spite of the fact that, the Father has enjoined us not to fight. But I am assuring you that, God is aware of all the troubles that exist in this kingdom and those responsible for them. It is a way of differentiating those who really believe in God. In fact, any misconception found here, is a test to know those who really believe in God.

At the appointed time, all of them will vanish from our midst.

Stop claiming that God is not aware of one's sickness and problems. Sure, you could still recall the story, I imparted to you about one woman. The woman went to a church for salvation, but unfortunately, it was while she was therein

the church, that more problems occurred to her. But with this woman's faith in God, she did not derail. And at the end of it all, she succeeded in being made a queen. So brethren that is what long patience could fetch one. And, whoever endures anything with faith will certainly be blessed.

James 1 : 12 states:-

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

So brethren, bear it in mind that no trial or temptation is greater than you, because the Father knows the reason(s) for all the trials that come your way, so always hold fast to Christ, for you would not be disappointed. We have been advised in 1 Peter 4 : 1:

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath ceased from sin;

You may recall that it was as result of Job's faith in God that he conquered. Therefore we all should emulate Job. It is man's enslavement by the things of this world that has rendered heaven empty, even though heaven's gate is wide open to all. However, if you were to "hate" the world and the things therein, you would have been crowned and made a pillar in the kingdom of God.

The problems that we encounter daily are from God. These things serve as a medium through which God uses to know the conqueror. So stop bothering yourself whenever you see these things coming your way, for by being bothered, you have denied God.

How would one acquire patience, and mercy, in order to conquer, if he cannot endure with long suffering? Anyone who is unable to endure as failed, and has his crown ceased from him.

The teaching which I impart to you in this sermon constitutes the cross which you have to carry so that you would be crowned.

Therefore anyone who wishes to be crowned must make sure she abides by these teachings. Let the second lesson be read.

### **SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 7:14-15**

And I said unto him sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of

great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth in the throne shall dwell among them.

We are told that, the people in question here are those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Sequel to this statement, what would make you pure apart from tribulations, false accusations, and being hated by the people of the world? These things listed above, are truly the things that can wash you clean and pure, because if you are able to endure the short coming. You have conquered and will thus be crowned, As such you will be made a pillar in the temple of God. Everybody desires to follow after God, and at the same time, follow after the world, but can one servant has two masters? You cannot love God and at the same time, love the world. Anyone who loves God, loves not the world and the fullness in it. In the same vein,

anyone who loves the world, loves not God and His injunctions' Read the golden text again.

**GOLDEN TEXT: REVELATION 19: 8 - 9**

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.

Whoever triumphs in temptations and tribulations is he that will be arrayed in fine linen. this fine linen connotes the glory and crown promised by God. Therefore, it is expedient that every member of this kingdom should work towards the realization of this promise. This indeed is the banner of the missionaries. A word is enough for the wise. May God bless His Holy word. Amen.

Colleen's wife



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