

Let those who have ears to hear let them hear, May God bless his Holy word. A--Men!

THANK-YOU HOLY FATHER!

FOOD DOES NOT COMMEND MAN TO GOD

1st Lesson: I Corinthians 6:13

2nd Lesson: Matthew 4:4

Golden Text: I Corinthians 8:8

Brethren that is the theme of our revelation this night. From these lessons you can observe your nakedness and the nudity of all the inhabitants of the world. Right now, all your thoughts, your preoccupation, your plans and contemplations are on what you will eat and drink and also put on.

If you scan through the world in all cities and urban centres even in the rural areas, you will find in all the Streets, bars, eating houses, restaurants, hotels and whimpies in which people of all stations in life go to eat and drink. The people of the world spend millions of naira to build hotels and guest houses but church buildings are ramshackled huts.

FOOD DOES NOT COMMEND MAN TO GOD

Brethren, both you and the world are to be pitied, because you place high premium on things which are abominable in the sight of God and look down on things which are highly esteemed before God. No person should be quarrelsome because of food. You should not be mute with another person because of food, because food is nothing to any person. Food can give you neither health, nor peace, nor life. Food has no value in your body spiritually. Indeed, I am now telling you from High heaven that there is no useful purpose served by food you always struggle for. Why do you begrudge your brother because he has not given you food? Why do you lament that you have not eaten food since morning?

Have you not heard what is read to you that food does not commend us to God. If we do not eat, we are not worse off before God. Whether we eat or we do not eat, it does not serve us any useful purpose. What God requires is peace, and that we should be righteous, and that we should remain in perpetual joy. It is therefore, utter foolishness for people to scramble for food and quarrel because of food. It is equally foolish for any person to preoccupy his mind in what he will eat and drink. It is surprising to hear somebody confesses that he is still eating fish. So you still eat fish? Another person complain that he no more eats meat except fish, and I look at him with piteous eyes. You are eating many types of food including foo foo, yam, porridge, garri, beans and many other things but you argue that you are refraining from eating fish gradually. If you still eat eggs and drink milk, of what importance are these to your body? The word 'meat' as given by the Scriptures summarises all what should be itemized as food.

EXCESSIVE FEEDING LEADS YOU TO

LIVING FROM HAND TO MOUTH

It was written, that they will never hunger nor thirst. Now that you continue to eat egg and fish and drink milk what is your position likely to be? It means that for all your struggle, you are living from hand to mouth. You are only working for your belly. How much salary or wage do some of you, who are given to surfeit and gluttony, earn in a month to be able to buy the type of food you require and still make both ends meet? A great many people lodge in hotels and guest houses, they go to their offices from the hotel and go back there. But, you, man of God can you not now realise that food is made for the belly, and belly for food but God will destroy both them.

DO NOT QUARREL BECAUSE OF FOOD

Your regular attendance here cannot bear you any good fruits in as long as you do not understand that food is not profitable to you. It is bamboozling to observe that the communion we celebrate in this kingdom, some full-fledged men or women scramble for bread, biscuits, bananas, groundnuts, some collect these in their bags to their houses. It

is equally a vexed situation to find somebody keeping mute with his brother, because according to him, he had gone to the brother's house and his brother did not give him food. But you know that the food, you so much scramble for when you eat it, you pass it out as faeces, when you drink, you pass it out as urine, and therefore no useful purpose is derived from the food you eat and the drink you take.

DO NOT SCRAMBLE FOR FOOD

It is the word of God that gives life, health, peace and eternal life. It is only our Lord Jesus Christ who understands that food is nothing to man. As I have already told you, I do not use dead turtle but life turtle to consult my oracle, because He who comes from heaven is the greatest. He who comes from the earth speaks about the earth, what he sees and what he hears, and He who comes from heaven speaks about the heaven, what he sees and what he hears. And always his testimony is the truth, and all those who trust in his testimony attest to the fact that, it is nothing but the truth. It is not expedient to scramble for food, nor to lament for lack of food.

It was food which made Adam unable to serve God. If you reflect your minds back, from that time till now, you will observe that what hinders people from worshipping God is food. St. Paul, the Apostle had warned the Philippians to emulate his own example instead of burying their minds in food. Because many are the enemies of our Lord Jesus Christ, and whosoever loves food more than anything else is an enemy of the Christ.

WHOEVER LOVES FOOD HIS FOOD IS HIS BELLY

And Paul says "Whose and is destruction and whose God is their belly." Most of you present here this night, your belly is your god. If you stay without food you will be so fastidious that you will change the contour of your face and will refuse to exchange greeting with whosoever greets you. But you forget that food is made for the belly and the belly for food but God will destroy both it and them.

You will agree with me that you can stay for a period of one month without eating food and you still live without any trouble. Sometimes you

argue that any person who stays without food for sometime will die but you know that some body can live without food for sometime and he will not die. I am imparting this gospel to you that you may divest your mind completely from, and empty it of food because neither food nor drink can wrought any food thing to you. A man can enslave himself to whatsoever he loves. This explains why those who love food quarrel, fight and are at variance one with another, and kill and cause all amount of confusion.

IT IS GOOD NEITHER TO EAT MEAT

NOR TO DRINK WINE

Show me the wisdom behind the action of somebody going to steal bread, or garri, or biscuit or groundnuts or fowls? We ought to be those who hear the words of God and practise them. It is good neither to eat meat nor to drink wine nor to do anything whereby you fall or your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. Any action you think, when you take, will separate you from God and will divest you from your service to God, you must do everything to refrain your self from such an act. It is a pathetic situation that upon all the instructions given you, when the holy communion is being served, you defile the instructions and scramble, struggle and fight for food. Brethren, I do not intend to overload you, the first lesson will now be read.

1st Lesson: I Corinthians 6:13

"Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body."

IN-BORN WISDOM

Brethren, have you heard that? I am not imparting this lesson that you may practise it but I am delivering it to you as a veritable truth and a living testament. I do not read it from any book. I do not know it from a dream and no person taught it to me. If you give me food I will not thank you for that because I do not appreciate any carnal thing you give to me. Since my visitation, I have not been interested in food neither do I find appreciable about food.

FOOD IS AN ENEMY OF GOD

The only thing I require is the Word of God. If I give you food, or clothes, or money, I have not given you anything and you return empty handed. If I give you the gospel of God, you should put it into practice. But the inhabitants of the world do not interest themselves in the word of God but they seek after the food which will perish. That was why Our Lord Jesus Christ, advised the people: "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's." The inhabitants of the world love food and drinks. But I have to emphasize that these twin brothers - food and drinks - are enemies to the word of God because our Lord Jesus Christ, is the word of God. He is the word.

Whosoever loves food must certainly be an enemy of the word of God and can neither listen to the word of God nor assimilate the word of God nor practise the word of God, and the word of God cannot be rooted in his heart. This explains why Our Lord Jesus Christ made that statement that "It was written man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." The people of the world live on food and meat, but the children of God live on the Word of God. As children of God, we should live on the Word of God, because the word of God is the bread which comes down from heaven and any person who eats of it shall not die.

DO NOT LABOUR FOR FOOD WHICH PERISHES

When the people saw Our Lord Jesus Christ and ask him: Rabbi, when did you come? And Our Lord Jesus Christ said to them Verily, verily I say unto you, You seek me not because you saw the miracles but because you did eat of the loaves and were filled. And he advised: Labour not for the meat which perishes, but for the meat which endures unto eternal life which the Son of Man shall give unto you for him had God the Father sealed.

This meat symbolically refers to the word of God. You should, therefore listen to, and assimilate and also practise the word of God. When you eat ordinary food, you will soon go to stool and pass it out as faeces and urine and you will be hungry again but when you hear the

word of God and believe in it you will not hunger anymore, you will not have any urge in it you will not hunger anymore, you will not have any urge for fornication, you will not struggle and scramble for food. and you will not lust after the carnal things of the world.

MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE

BUT BY THE WORD OF GOD

If you were to come here for the purpose of hearing the word of God, a great many of you would not have any more problems. I tell you repeatedly, from high heavens, that none of the food you eat is anything to any person. It was written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ told the people that their fathers ate manna in the desert and died, but "I am the bread which came down from heaven and whosoever eats of this bread will never die." Let us hope on the word of God, let us love the word of God and let us trust in the word of God because it is life, and power, and the wisdom of truth. These and all other virtues of God derive from the word of God.

To be carnally minded is death. Go to the market and see how people fight and kill themselves because of food. Why so many people spend sleepless nights is that they think on what they will eat, what their children will eat and put on and this explains also the reason that people leave their houses very early in the morning to certain places, is that they go to look for what to eat and drink and put on. Now about ninety-nine percent of the population of the world enslave themselves to their belly. Instead of allowing the word of God to pass by you, please allow food to pass by you.

OUR DUTY IS TO LOVE THE WORD OF GOD

From this night, we all should love the word of God and practise it also. For food is something which does nothing either to your body or your soul. Do not place food in high esteem and do not regard food as something which, if you do not eat you will not live and that you can only live when you eat. It is the word of God that gives to any person eternal life and it is what can give you the real satisfaction in life. And so brethren,

I do not wish to take you further than this, the second lesson will now be read.

2nd 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."

Why did our Lord Jesus Christ make that statement? He said it after he had completed a period of forty days and forty nights fasting during which he neither ate nor drank. But when he was hungry, the tempter went and tempted him saying, "If you are really the Son of God command that these stones be turned into bread." That was why he answered and said it was written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

THE WORD OF GOD IS EVERYTHING TO EVERY MAN

The word of God gives life, it gives power, it increases faith, it can change and reform a person, the word of God bestows to man eternal life, it opens your eyes, it bestows unto you the peace you need in life. You no longer remember that it is the food you eat, the beverages you drink and the clothes you wear which give life. If you eat now within a few hours you pass it out and so you are empty again, it, therefore, stands to reason that food in itself does not do any good to man.

But the words of God received are indelibly documented in your heart and you carry them along with you wherever you go to and they dwell with you forever. The word of God protects and guards you in this life and in another life. It is before you and behind you. It is the armour of war to all children of God. We should, therefore, bury our hearts in the word of God. By right, this hall should be filled to its capacity by day and by night, but I do not know of any other thing that you should spend your time doing in this life apart from coming here to listen to the words of Gods, and put them into practice.

THE WORD OF GOD IS THE TREE OF LIFE

If God had not expelled Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden, man

would have remained in the garden to listen to and assimilate the word of God and he would have had no form of problems. The word of God is the Tree of life which appears in Genesis 3 and Revelation 22. It is said the tree yields its fruits every month and produces twelve manner of fruits.

What is the symbolism of the twelve manner of fruits? They symbolise the twelve powers of man. The word of God gives you wisdom, and power, and opens your eyes, and gives you faith, and life, and patience, it elevates you so that you become more elevated than any other thing, gives you the ability to do anything, prompts you to show the expression of love. These attributes are what we refer to as the twelve powers of man. If you had no ability to do anything when you came in newly, the word of God gives you the ability, and urge, and zeal to hear and practise the word of God. It is the word that opens your eyes to see the glory of God. Visions and prophecies emanate from the word of God. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. The visions and the wonderful work wrought here arise from the impact created by the words reached. You will also notice the vibration issuing from the words. It moves people caught up with the spirit and others move in a confused manner, that is the impact of the word of God.

THE GOSPEL CAME NOT IN WORD ONLY

BUT ALSO IN POWER

You can observe that you now move boldly and courageously even in the darkest night without fear, and trample over any diabolical thing, even if somebody drowns you in water, you come out alive, if you are cast into fire you will not be burnt.

Many people outside this fold usually ask what Leader Obu gives to you. Nothing else is given to you apart from the word. If any person inquires to know what I give you, tell him that I give you the word of God. The word of God changes you and gives that inner satisfaction to you, and will deter you from wearing certain things, putting on bangles, earrings, necklaces, finger rings and costly apparel, will discourage you from attending the worldly ball-room dance. You will notice what is happening in the whole world, people's eyes are now opened and who has caused

this? It is the word of God.

FOOD FOR BELLY AND BELLY FOR FOOD

AND WILL I DESTROY THEM

Do you know what is shaking the government, the churches and the other institutions and communities and all facets of the society? You never can understand and know the invisible phenomenon which is shaking the mountains and hills, and water and desert places, and the sun, the moon and the stars. It is the stone which the builders reject which has become the head of the corner. We have a spiritual chorus which says that the word of God is life, it is wealth, it is power and it is everything to every man. Do not toy with the word of God, you can toy with food but not with the word of God.

Your body was not made for food but for the word of God. Your body is the temple of the Most high God. If the word of God does not dwell in you, it is impossible that you can have life. When it dwells richly in you, then you have life. We have the right to boast and sing praises to the word of God. The songs you sing are the words of God. The prayers you offer are the words of God. The words you preach are the words of God to such an extent that somebody inquires from your mother why you now talk like a parrot, whether she has been administered with something. It is the word of God, once it is started it does it will.

SEEK AFTER THE WORD

If you have no patience, it gives you, it also gives you the attribute of humility as well as eternal life. From now on steer clear from all carnal things. Take them including food as a mere formality, but do not place any premium on food that unless you eat it you will neither live nor have good health but regard it as a mere necessity. What you are going to return with tonight is that food does not commend you to God, and anything that does not commend you to God should be excluded from the scheme of things. What we should seek after is the word of God. It is our life, it is our peace, food is therefore nothing to you. Do not worry yourself again that you are still eating meat and fish and egg, now that none of these things bring you closer to God, what will they do for you.

Brethren, I do not wish to take you further than this, the golden text will now be read. Food is your belly and food is your god and food leads you to resist the will of God. From this night, food has been reduced from its exalted position into oblivion.

Golden Text: I Corinthians 8: 8

"But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse."

Do you realise that you are nearer to God when you are fasting? When you do not eat food, that is the time you draw near to God. Every Brotherhood member, even if you are just coming into Brotherhood, should understand the fact that it is food that separated man from God. An arch enemy of God is food.

IF YOU EAT, YOU ARE NOT BETTER,

IF YOU DO NOT EAT YOU ARE NOT WORSE OFF

Since the institution of the three days fasting three times a year, can you see how healthy you are? You are becoming younger than your ages, because it is at these periods that you are brought nearest to God. Even though some of you after the three days fasting you will eat food capable of feeding one person for more than a hundred days. That has been your problem of fasting. That situation tantamount to somebody borrowing from Peter to pay to Paul and the indebtedness has not been removed. It is indicative of the fact that you are dogs leaking back your vomits? Since you know that food does not make you better off when you eat or worse off when you do not eat. Why do you stick your neck to food?

You are now introduced into the laboratory, being the commencement of your journey that food does not commend you to God. All the multiferous sicknesses result from food, headache, stomach disturbances, constipation, scanty stool are the resultant effect of food. You seem like a pig which has been washed but it goes back to the mud.

OUR MEAT IS TO PREACH THE WORD OF GOD

I cannot instruct you not to eat neither can I instruct you to eat but the gospel of this night should guide your reason to rationalize and determine

your next course of action. Because one stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise. Remember when the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ invited the Master to eat with them, and he told them "I have meat to eat that you know not of." The disciples started contemplating whether somebody had brought food to him. But our Lord Jesus perceiving the thoughts of their hearts told them "My meat is to do the word of Him who sent me and to finish his work." Brethren your food is to be loving and truthful, and merciful and patient, to do the will of our Father and to finish his work. Our food is to hear and practise the word of God and the resulting effect will be that we shall not be sick, we shall have no problems, we shall neither hunger nor taste, and shall not die. If you hear the word of God without practising it, it is comparable to somebody preparing delicious dishes and displays them on the table but the food is not eaten.

LOOK FOR HEAVENLY THING

Realise why I commission every person to baptize, listen to, and preach the word of God because the word of God is our food. Every person must listen to the words of God, every person must assimilate, believe and practise the word of God as well as preach to others, because it is our food. From now on all the inhabitants of the world should fill their hearts with the words of God, they should hear, assimilate, practise and impart the words of God to others. Instead of somebody giving you food, let him give you the word of God, testimony, and also sing for you. It is said we should look for heavenly things and not earthly things. The heavenly things are the words of God. You can be so troubled in mind and somebody preaches the word of God to you and at once your rest of mind is restored. You can be sick in bed for one week only songs will revitalize you. Do you not know that the work done throughout the whole world is done by the word of God?

WILL YOU ALSO GO AWAY

A great many people can testify to the fact that if they stay for one week without coming to 34 Ambo Street or 26 Mbukpa Road, they have no peace. You will notice some brothers and sisters from Lagos and London have registered here, and they make it a point of duty to report

here at week-ends because when you receive the words you have life and move about boldly. Why did all the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ desert him except the twelve? Then he turned and asked them, "Will you also go away?" Then Simon Peter answered him "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life." Right now it is the word of God all over the world through the TV programme entitled Brotherhood pulpit, through the Herald of the New Kingdom and through the various publications. The word of God reigns supreme. The word of God reigns supreme in all Universities, in Churches, in Governments and in all facets of the Society. If you prepare food for 1,000,000 people, they will eat and go away and forget about the food but now millions of souls have been saved through the words of God they hear through the TV, and so they are bestowed with grace, and life and peace and the blessings of God.

So brethren I do not intend to be tedious unto you. One stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise. Those who have ears, let them hear. May God bless his holy words. Amen.

SERMON DELIVERED BY THE HOLY FATHER, LEADER O. O. OBU

1st Bible Lesson: Romans 11:5. "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace".

2nd Bible Lesson: Romans 6:15. "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Golden Text: 2 Peter 2:20. "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."

"YE ARE CHOSEN BY GRACE NOT WORKS"

This morning, I am going to reveal to you that you are not saved because of your righteousness. Some of you claim that you are in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for the period of ten years now, but how much gospel have you been able to practise? The commonest sin of

anger which you are asked to refrain from, who has done it? Now, Christ says that we should forgive one another and should never impute sin upon one another, who has done so? The instruction that you should not covert your neighbour's property, who is able to put it into practice?

All of us congregation here are looking for the highest position in the church to occupy, whether it is position of an Apostle or a Pastor.

The only criterion for our salvation is to practise the words of God that we have despised and rejected. the Word of God says that we are not saved by our works but by Grace. If God did not save us by Grace, as the Israelites perished, we would perish likewise. It is said that on the side of election, we are elected because of the sake of our Patriachs.

Since God made a promise to Abraham that He will save him and his children by grace, the promise is fulfilled today on the seeds of Abraham. God does not call one into his Kingdom because of His righteousness or goodness, neither does He call us to himself because we have refrained from any manner of sin. He does not call us because we have faith in Him or love Him. From the foundation of the world to this present age God has call us to Himself out of grace, not because of our righteousness.

I have revealed all these mysteries to you so that you would be able to realise that the thought of God is not the same as the imagination of man. I want also to prove to you that the love of God to man is supreme and cannot be expressed in words. It is a mistaken belief or an error for one to say, "I am not going to serve God again." What type of service does God requires from a sinful man? It is also out of ignorance for human beings to believe that God cannot come down on earth Himself to do His works, that He always sends His representatives on earth to do His work. Then I ask, whom will God send?

THINGS HAPPEN ACCORDING TO GOD'S DIVINE PLAN:

Did our Lord Jesus Christ not reveal God to the entire world? He said: "I cannot do anything on my own will, as I hear I pursue, I do not come to do my will but the will of Him that sent me." He said that He would go to Jerusalem and there he would be beaten, humiliated and finally He would be killed and on the third day God would raise Him up. As it is the believe

of the entire world that God will never come down on earth, then I ask you: "who made our Lord Jesus Christ to rise from the death."? Who sent our Lord Jesus Christ on earth? It was God Himself. When Christ came, who did all the miracles and wonders through Christ? It was the same God. Christ said: "Father, if it is your will, let this cup pass away from me, but let it be according to your will but not mine." If the Father had loved that the cup should pass away from Him, then it would have passed away. As it was, the will of God was that the cup should not pass away from Christ, He had no power Himself to take away that cup.

This proves conclusively that God is responsible for whatever happens in the entire universe, but He does not make noise since He is a silent Guest. God is not pompous, boastful and arrogant as human beings are. If you examine the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, you will discover that God does not require or demand service from sinful men. God does everything for his creatures. When God renders His services to humanity, it does not depend on our righteousness or what we desire. He does all His things out of grace.

God never imputes sin upon human beings. Although god does not impute sin upon man, man does not use that privilege to work out his salvation. This also proves that till this present generation, man does not know the will of God. Christ alone knew the will of God since He was the first begotten and saw the Father face to face.

Joseph and Mary did nothing to God that necessitated God to allow Christ to pass through them into the earthly plane. All the works God did in the past generations. He did not look on human beings, but rendered all His services to man out of grace. Whenever all our hopes are in God and we are desperate and in despair, god will never fail to redeem us even at a time we murmur and blaspheme His name.

Do you remember what Nathaniel told Philip? Philip told Nathaniel that he had seen the one that was written about. Nathaniel replied him saying, "can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip replied: "come and see." Nathaniel never made any error because no good thing had ever come from Nazareth and Moses never wrote or said anything concerning Nazareth.

Nazareth was a place with people of peculiar characteristics, who never feared nor believed in God. There was nothing of interest in the city. Christ sprang out of Nazareth. This happened to reveal the grace of God for his people. He does not require any type of service from them, but he wants human beings to honour Him, fear Him, adore Him and love Him. that is all He requires from human beings.

God does not prevent human beings to farm, trade, or undertake any type of business or occupation, but He warns us never to indulge in any manner of sin. He does not prevent us from eating, dressing nicely, or living a comfortable life, but He wants all human beings to give Him exclusive honour and glory. All our pride, boasting and testimonies should be on God alone.

God saves us through grace so that we might not boast. If God were to save human beings because of any act of righteousness, then grace would be of no avail. If somebody gives you a lift in his car to your destination, and at the same time you compensate him with money, it means that you have paid for the services he has given to you, therefore, that service is not free. There is no grace in it. On the other hand, if the man who gave you the lift does not receive any form of compensation from you it is out of grace.

God does his things in a mysterious way. When we did not know Him and were deep in vices, when we never even ask Him to elect us into His Kingdom, He saved and redeemed us.

RECOUNT YOUR BLESSINGS AND TESTIFY TO GOD'S GRACE:

Brethren, if we were to recount all the blessings of God one after the other, our testimonies will be full and we will not have any cause to murmur or blaspheme the name of God. Some of us are from poor parentage. Some of us, our parents died during our infancy and we passed through all the ordeals of life, but God protected us and led us to the present position which we find ourselves. What type of luck is as great as this?

Brethren, we are not grateful to God for all the blessings He has

bestowed on us and all the storm of life God has led us through safely. From the time we were in the womb, fever sickness attacked our mothers, they were subjected to sufferings, poverty, hatred, torture and other forms of tribulations but now God has led us through all these ordeals of life safely. Up to the present time, if we were to realise the blessings of God in us, then we would sing His praises all the days of our lives.

CHILDREN OF POOR PARENTAGE USUALLY SERVE GOD:

Brethren, a child born with a silver spoon in his/her mouth is not a servant of God. God does not love that child. Why? Because that child has no testimony to glorify God with. He will always boast of his parent's wealth. As for a child born in a poor family, whose parents have all died and left him alone, he goes this way and that, he is persecuted and neglected, that is the real son of God. Such a child is likely to serve God all the days of his life.

All the real sons of God sent into this earthly plane by God always come from poor families. They passed through great tribulation, poverty, hunger and persecution. If a child born to rich parents happens by chance to serve God when they grow up, the parents of such children would denounce them and send them away from their families.

What do you think was the reason why our Lord Jesus Christ was not born in the house of Herod and became his first son? Why did he choose to be son to Joseph, a poor carpenter and Mary a very small girl? No man on earth can understand why Christ was born of a poor parentage. If you happened to be born in the house of a president, Governor, Millionaires, Chiefs and Queens, then you come to enjoy all the necessities of life freely without suffering, all your boasting, respect, honour will be attributed to all these people.

Conversely, if a man happened to marry a woman who was trained overseas and she come back with many degrees, the husband would have no boasting because these type of women would ask the husband what actually they have done for them. They would say that after all, they came to your house with their wealth and qualifications.

Brethren, if one is born into the world and the parents all died at his infancy, he would labour and suffer day and night to earn a living. God would take him over and care for him and make him to become famous and rich as the sons of millionaires and presidents. Such a child has a cause to thank and glorify God all the days of his life.

It is better for someone to become an orphan and suffer great tribulation at infancy than for a person to suffer great tribulation at the end of his life.

Many of us regard suffering at infancy as a great misfortune. When you remembered how you suffered and no one assisted you in any way, then you become insubordinate, disobedient to your superior, then you are not wise in your behaviour. Brethren, although someone is an orphan and has nobody to assist him, but yet he succeeds in all his endeavours. On the other hand, the other fellow has extended family relations, maybe, the husband is a lawyer, minister, doctor, millionaire, president, and yet the children become a menace to the society, but look at somebody from a poor family without any help occupying position of honour. Is that not sufficient for you to boast in God and practise the act of righteousness and all the good virtues? Can't you fear and serve God all the days of your life?

You would realise that all the people that God sent to this world for the extension of his glory on earth, are people who suffered great tribulation. They say that they suffer too much because God does not love them. They complain that they are orphans or that when they marry, their husbands are never good with them. Upon all these tribulations, have you not seen how God blesses you and cares for you? Have you not seen how God loves you and saves you? What have you done to God?

Have you not realised that a person trained and cared for by the parents while at school must enslave himself to the parents. Such a child has no liberty of his own. When he wants to go to the church of his own choice, the parents will say, "do not go there." He must obey or else they will not educate him. Such a child will never know God.

Brethren, that is why God never serve when we believe in Him but

rather he serves and redeems us while we were unbelievers. He does this so that man might not have any boasting before God that he did this or that, that is why God serves or calls him into his kingdom.

The thought of God differs from that of men. It is the wish of man to be born with a silver spoon in his mouth but as for tribulation, suffering, persecution and other adverse condition of life, man does not like to subject himself to such conditions. God does not want his legitimate children to suffer.

If you examine the Holy Scripture carefully, you will discover that from the foundation of the world, there is nobody that God calls to his ministry that has any boastings of himself. He always calls all his elects when they were deep in vices. He does all these things so that we will not preach and glorify ourselves, rather that we should preach, praise and glorify Him who has redeemed us from sins to Himself when we never believed in Him. Moreover, when we see those deep in vices, we will go and redeem them as we were saved while in sin.

What happened when Christ and his disciples went to a place where people made offerings to God and the wealthy men of this world gave much donations while the widow gave the widow's mite. Christ recommended that the widow gave the greatest. Why? The widow gave all her wealth while the wealthy men and women gave only the surpluses of what they had with them.

Brethren, that is why the scriptures say that this thing does not depend on somebody who looks for it, nor runs a race, but on God that has mercy. He saves us out of grace.

All humanity should learn a lesson from the call of God's children by grace. When we remember the grace of God on us, and that we were thieves, murderers, native doctors, fornicators, harlots, liars and deep in vices, but then God removed us from these vices and made us to practise his godly virtues. So, when we come across our fellow brethren who are in sins, we should go to them in love and humility to convert them to God.

If God goes to a man who refrains from all sins; a man who fasts and maintains celibacy; a man who surrenders himself completely to the

services of God; the public also recognise him for his devotion to God, people would not recognise god, but would attribute his call by God to the fact that he is holy and righteousness. Such a person will have no boasting and will always tell others to go and fast and denounce their wealth like himself. If God calls lawyers, medical doctors and doctors of philosophy, scientists, presidents, queens millionaires and commissioners, these personalities will boast in theirs big positions in life and will always glorify and want others to give glory and honour to them. By so doing, nobody will hear of God again.

This is what caused great confusion during the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. When the big churches argued among themselves that if the Messiah actually come, he would be born in their big Cathedrals. All the big Cathedrals made all necessary preparations against the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ in the earthly plane. God saves us by grace and our election into the Kingdom of God is by grace not by appointment or vote. He does all His things without demanding thanks from His creatures.

1ST BIBLE LESSON: ROMAN 11:5.

“Even so then at this present time also of there is a remnant according to the election of grace.”

BROTHERHOOD CHILDREN DO MIGHTY WORKS THAN CHRIST:

The people of this generation wonder how God uses members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to perform mighty works greater than what Christ Himself did. They said: “look at Brotherhood of yesterday.” What really baffles them in the fact that Brotherhood welcomes all types of sinners. According to their reasoning, they claim that if God were to be in Brotherhood, how could native doctors, harlots and people who were formerly adept in sin come to Brotherhood. “Does it mean that God is in Brotherhood?” the other fellow will say: “God is not there.”

Brethren, if we were to be honest and devoted christians, we should give glory and honour to God for while we were unbelievers, yet He calls us to Himself. What sort of honour or glory is greater than for God to manifest Himself to us? Have you realised why God gave the command-

ment that we should love one another as He had loved us, because while we were unworthy, deep in sin, He called and saved us. Why then do you say that you are not gifted in preaching. What other sermon do you need. Are you not the word of God yourself? You who was a thief, fornicator, all people know that you come from a wicked family, but today, they see you with your white apparel, and when you say, "LET" the dead resurrections, they blind receives his sight, the lame walks, mighty things happen. That is the word of God you have to spread to people.

THE CHILDREN OF BROTHERHOOD ARE SAVED BY GRACE:

Do you think you are worthy to wear the white apparel and move about freely? Are you not aware of the sort of people that are qualified to put on this white robe? Some people spent so many years in the Seminaries; they do not marry; they study very hard - day and night and obtained their Doctor of Divinity. some of them spent fourteen years in the Seminary before they are finally ordained a Priest and given the white soutane to wear. But now, you, who is deeply buried in vices; who never receive any training of any sort, puts on the same white robe, therefore, your fellow brethren who were trained are not happy with you. That was why when the people approached Saint Paul for a testimonial, he told them: "You are my testimonials." That is not written with hands, but it is written in your hearts.

You all have a lot of testimonies not read from a book. Look at yourself, formerly you were a notorious harlot and all knew you by your profession some of you were great native doctors and confusionists of the first order, but today, God has transformed you from your former state of vices and you are now serving God devotedly that is wonderful testimony by itself. Let us consider when we were fornicators, drunkards, murderers, those who consulted juju priest and worship marmalades, but later on, God removed us from sin into His glorious Kingdom and gives us this Kingdom. Is it right for us to turn back to our former vices?

I want each one of you when you go home, to think seriously over this issue. You were a woeful sinner but God calls you out of grace into His glorious Kingdom where milk and honey flow. He promised to save us by

grace and remove us from sin unto righteousness. Until he elected and appointed you, you were not informed. God brought us into His own bosom. Brethren, let us consider seriously whether it is expedient for us to remain in the bosom of God and continue in our former vices?

Brethren, we have a lot of lessons to learn from the life of Saul. When he was on one of his official duties to persecute the church of God, on his way, the call of Christ was extended to him and when he went in the midst of the disciples of Christ, they ran away. They all knew him as the greatest persecutor of the church of Christ and they did not know his mission, even in Jerusalem, all the other disciples were afraid of him. His way of life and how he humbled himself and demonstrated all Godly virtues to convinced them. Daily he told them how he persecuted the church but because of his present actions, he converted willing souls to Christ. He did not preach anything than how he persecuted the church of Christ. He said he never knew he was the son of God but for God's love and mercy, Christ called him. This made him to believe that Christ came for the sinners whom he was the chief of sinners.

Have you seen the reason that God calls us who are baseless and deep in sin? He uses us to reveal His own love, mercy and all His Godly virtues. Your own responsibility and mine is to tell the world that we were sinners, persecutors of God's followers, but today, Christ has called us to himself. Which proves that He died for sinners. Therefore, since you were sinners now called by grace, you have to humble yourselves and surrender yourselves completely to His services. The scriptures say that, seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness and other things shall be added unto you. Have you gone out to preach what God had done for you and by so doing will convert fornicators, liars, native doctors, womanisers, occultists and all those deep in vices that you were once the chief of such sinners but you were saved by grace? As at now, the spiritual gifts that God has given to you freely, you use them to charge money. Such visioners and removers will preach that they were once very powerful; then they will urge all those who go to them to become repentant so that they might be as powerful as themselves.

When you go out for open air service, you will boastfully declare that

Brotherhood members are the real children of God, others are the sons of satan. Is that the way to give glory to God? Is that what you were called to come and preach? God saved you from sins to give him glory. When you come across your brethren in the world that drink wine you will despise them and count them among the worldly people. Were you not called when you were yet a drunkard?

Some of your friends who previously accompanied you to make concoctions, charms and consulted soothsayers are still in the world indulging in all these vices. God has not called them or manifest Himself to them. Why then do you say that they all will perish because they are in sin? Do you forget that you were in that same shoe before?

Do you remember when that lawyer called our Lord Jesus Christ: "Good Master, what shall I do in order to have eternal life?" Christ in his reply told him: why do you call me "good, none is good accept God alone."

People who have not attained the wisdom of truth will say that Jesus is a sinner. He is not. He gave glory to God because He did not do anything to God to merit the position of being the first begotten of God and also the Sole Spiritual Head, and the Leader of all the Angels. Did he sit for an examination or run a race? It was out of the grace of God. Whoever says that he is not a sinner is a liar and there is no truth in him. Anybody who attributes his or her call into the kingdom of God to fasting, constant prayers, or that he comes from a christian family or home and that his father was a Reverend, such a fellow or fellows are liars and they never gave glory to God.

2ND BIBLE LESSON: ROMAN 6:15

"What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace, God forbid."

Brethren, shall we continue in sin since we were saved by grace? The scripture says: "God forbid." How can one still go back to sin. We neither knew God nor believed in Him. We never heard of His name or see him; we never practised any goodness, not even to pray for it. We never go to the church but God calls us from sin into his glorious kingdom. Therefore,

shall we remain in the kingdom of God and continue in our former vices? The scripture says: "God forbid."

Brethren, anybody God calls out from the wicked world of sin out of grace, but he comes into the kingdom of God and continue to steal, fornicate and turn back to his former vices, what do you think about such a fellow?

Paul said: "I count only one thing, forget about what had passed, but stretch forth to what is in front of me, but I do not count that I have held that thing firmly." Even though you are unable to practise all the ordinances of God, but you must abandon all your former vices. All your former conceptions, charms, talismans, drinks and so forth, you have to abandon them.

Even though you are not endowed of any of the spiritual gifts of vision, singing, reading, or charms, prophecy or healing, engage yourself in preaching as a witness to testify of the righteousness of God, His kindness, love and all His mercies on you. How Christ redeemed us woeful sinners who have never honoured Him.

Supposing you do not have money to pay your monthly tithe, free-will-offering and charity, or money to buy your white robe; no money to go on missionary journeys or to give alms to the poor. All these things are immaterial. Do not sin again. All that you have vomitted, do not go back to swallow them again.

Brethren, when you are an applicant or jobless, you have no money to pay tithe. What sin have you committed? You have no money to celebrate feast, what sin have you committed? Therefore, never ask God to give you for your inability to pay tithe, go on missionary journeys or give alms to the poor. When you have no money, you have not committed any sin. When you have acquired the wealth of this world, you give them to the Lord. What of when you do not give them your heart? As from the time God calls you, never you swallow what you have vomitted. The scripture says: "shall we continue in sin that grace might abound?" The scripture says again "God forbid." Brethren, go back to the scripture and how can we entertain ourselves again in sin?

WE ARE DEBTORS TO GO TO PREACH HIS GOODNESS AND LOVE:

Brethren, a great many of you attribute your call into the kingdom of God to different infirmities. It is none of those reasons. The Father calls you into his kingdom in order to use you for the extension of His glory on earth. Brethren, if there is any one of you that God reveals this kingdom to, and the position he is in this kingdom, he would have rejoiced and abstained from all types of evil. We are debtors to God to preach His love, righteousness, how we are redeemed and freed from death out of grace. Do you not know that you are a slave to whatsoever thing your surrender yourself to, whether it is righteousness that leads to eternal life, or sin that leads to death. If it were of money, none of us would be worthy to enter into this New Kingdom. And if entrance into the Kingdom of God were to be measured in terms of faith, there is nobody in Brotherhood who would gain admission into this New Kingdom. If admission were opened to those who sought for the kingdom, none of us looked for it because we never know that God existed. God calls us into His kingdom in order to reveal His boundless love on human beings on earth. It is His mercy on us sinners that Christ died on our behalf, that is why He came to collect all sinners into his New Kingdom.

Pride, arrogance, pomposity, discrimination, imputing sin upon one another, judging others and thinking that we are better than others, are sins. Shall we go back to those vices again? Is it not sufficient for us to declare to people openly that we are woeful sinners that there is no righteousness in us? For this reason, we should always go to our brethren who are also in sin to convert them to Christ. We should love them and be charitable to them.

For one to go to school from elementary one until he becomes a graduate before he is considered for the position of Pastorship in his church, is the practise in many denominations. But look at you here in Brotherhood, you never went to school, but you are a senior Pastor. What do you think will be the opinion of the worldly Pastors who are graduates about you? Some people in other denominations will dedicate their whole lives for the services of God. They will go to the extent of offering bribe in

order to be trained abroad in a seminary. But look at you, a civil servant, now a pastor without any training. That type of grace, have you testified to the people of the world? That is why the graduate pastors will always say that they do not want such pastors that are not trained in the universities or seminaries. But God Almighty has ordained you His Pastor. The world ~~said~~ you are not worthy, but God says that you are worthy.

When a graduate Pastor prays for the sick, they would not recover from their sickness, but when the Pastor who does not go to the university or seminary but is ordained by God prays, demons submit, the dead rise, the blinds receive their sight and the lames walk.

The graduate pastor, bishop, reverend will go to the none-graduate pastors, but who are ordained of God, for prayers because of their afflictions, sicknesses, tribulation and anguish. A despised Pastor, ordained of God, will pray for them and all their problems and difficulties will be solved to the glorification of God's name. He would thank God and testified to the entire world that you have no power for the Father is doing His own work.

Therefore, brethren if you turn back to the former sins which you have committed, a mortal sin, there will be no forgiveness again. All those who are sanctified, justified and brought into the Kingdom of God, but they go back to the sins denounced. Such people have crucified our Lord Jesus Christ a second time. That is the difficulty that results in poverty, death, tribulation and anguish to many children of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

You will hear some people boasting that they had been in Brotherhood when it started with the Leader but what is their position in Brotherhood now. Some of them will claim tht they had come to Brotherhood and were baptised and ordained Pastor, prophet or an apostle, but now they cannot come to Brotherhood because their problems are so much. The reason is that he remained in Brotherhood and practised all acts of unrighteousness. God does not call us into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to continue to with our former vices.

While in the world, you glorify in all vices, but right from the day God calls you, you have to live opposite life. That is to say, you must.

denounce all your former vices completely.

If you cannot give God honour and glory, why not thank Him for His election that does not depend on your righteousness. Look around the world, you will see devoted Christians who maintain Holiness. They do not marry nor entangle themselves with the mundane things of this world. They preach the word of God day and night and refrain almost from all manners of sin. They almost go half naked, yet God does not call them so that they might not boast. Conversely, you who say that there is no God, He calls you and reveals His love, that He is righteous God; and that He loves sinners more than the righteous ones.

When the Pharisees asked Him, He told them that He did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Therefore, we are called while in sin to come and repent.

All your companions in the world you were making concoction together, fornicating and became drunk together, when they see you as a changed person, they wonder whether such a person can preach the words of God. As long as they observed that you no longer indulge in your former vices, they will give glory to God.

You who have refrained from fornication, concoction, charms, falsehood and other vices, but later on you turn back to your former native doctor for charm and your former girl-friend for fornication and adultery, when you tell them that you have seen the kingdom of God, they will regard you as an insane fellow.

GOLDEN TEXT: 2 PETER 2:20

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning "

Brethren, have you realised why the scripture says: "Shall we continue in sin that grace abound then?" The answer is God forbids.

All those whom God has sanctified and elected them into this New Kingdom but they remain here to fornicate, quarrel, and commit all vices,

have you not heard your last position will be worst than the beginning.

Since it is said that Brotherhood is not under the law but grace, you remain in Brotherhood and inflict corporal punishment on your brethren, you steal, fornicate and indulge in all vices. You will profess that in Brotherhood you behave as you like, do you not realise that your last position will be worst than the beginning? Brethren, that is why you have been told that if you were to examine yourself God will not judge you. When He judges you, He chastises you so that He will not judge you with the people of the world.

All the vices in the world are not in Brotherhood - pomposity, pride, quarrel, fornication, division, discrimination and envy. Whether you are ten years old in Brotherhood and I am two years old or one day old, it does not matter in Brotherhood. Some of you will claim that you are Apostles, others will say that they are Pastors, Prophets, Deaconesses, Students and Christ-Servants. That does not exist here. Some of you will claim that upon all the services that you have rendered in Brotherhood, what have you done? Were you not called when you were a thief, fornicator or when you were deep in sins? Why then do you admonish others to refrain from sin like you? Were you called when you refrained from sin or were you called while you were deep in sin? When God sends you on an errand to a native doctor, why do you fail to go and deliver the message of God but you claim that they are native doctors, therefore, they do not like the word of God. Did you like the word of God when you were called.

Some ordained ones will admonish others to refrain from sin so that the Leader will ordain them. They will say: "Look at my own girdle here." And I ask whether you were girdled when you refrained from sin?

Some of you will lament and ask why you do not see vision, then some visioners will tell you to abstain completely from sin so that God will open your eyes and endow you with the gift of vision. Then I ask the visioner, have you refrained from any manner of sin? Brethren, upon the number of years you have been in Brotherhood and up to this present moment, how many sins have you forsaken?

DO NOT RECKON SIN ON OTHERS:

Why do you not go out and preach the righteousness of God that even though you are a woeful sinner, that God does not count sins upon you. Christ said: "Love others as I have loved you." Since Christ loves you and does not impute sins upon you, go and do likewise to your brethren. If you go back to count sin for others, your last stage will be worse than the beginning.

We have cause to rejoice and testify to the glory of God for He does all things for us freely. He is the preacher; he sees vision for His children and so we must not exchange money with the free spirited gifts. We have to love all persons and live peacefully with all men.

It is most surprising to hear some brethren confess that they are filled with fits of anger, lamentation and other vices, which is indicative of the fact that they have turned back to the things they have vomitted. As a result, their last position becomes worse than the former.

Now, you write a long letter of request and petition to God asking for money, children and all the mundane things; when He called you into His kingdom, did you send any application?

All those who write a lot of books and magazines, some called themselves "Watch Tower" have they been able to locate Him. Brethren, we should be conscious of this fact that we who had been redeemed from the bondage of sin and brought into this New Kingdom, if we go back again to those sins, our last stage will become worse than the former. Realise that we were miserable sinners but God called us out of grace, therefore, we should use the opportunity accorded us by God to practise righteousness so that our last position might not be worse than the beginning.

DO NOT GO BACK TO THE WORLD:

Our Lord Jesus Christ accompanied Joseph in carpentry work but right from the time the Father called Him, He forsook all those things and followed Him. Peter and Andrew, his brothers were fishermen but when they were called, they forsook the canoe, net, fish and all things to follow Christ. They never went back to their former occupation again. St. Mathew

and Levi all of them were tax collectors, when they were called, they abandoned all their jobs and followed Christ. They never went back to it throughout their live time.

In Brotherhood of the Cross and Star the reverse is the case. Somebody who had no wife before his call into this new Kingdom will struggle to look for wives or money. A person who was not troublesome in the world, immediately, he was called into this new Kingdom, he will become very troublesome because here, you behave as you like. That is why the scripture asks us whether we should continue in sin, since we are not under the law, the answer is "God forbids."

Brethren, anybody who was in sin and God calls him into this new kingdom, then he goes back to the former sins, his last position will become worse than the beginning. that is why the scripture emphatically says that the first shall be the last and the last becomes the first. It is asked whether the children of Israel stumbled and fell, the scripture said that it was because of their offences that salvation came upon the gentiles.

When Judas, Iscariot committed suicide, it remained eleven Apostles. They decided to cast lot into the eleven to fill up the vacant position of Judas Iscariot. If Judas did not sin and commit suicide, he would not have created an opportunity for another person to hold his office. The Apostles casted Lot and another person was placed in his position.

The last position of Judas Iscariot became worse than the beginnging because he was called out of grace into the discipleship, but he remained there to practise all acts of unrighteousness, therefore his last position became worst.

Brethren, I will not be very tedious with you, let those who has ear to hear let them hear. May God bless His Holy Words - Amen.

1992 DECEMBER PENTECOSTAL FAREWELL ADDRESS

DELIVERED

BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD, LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA
OBU.

1993, THE YEAR FOR STEADFASTNESS.

The inhabitants of the earth have all accepted Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. From now onward, there will be free entry into any part of the world; grant of visas has ceased to be a problem. Your problem is faithlessness, and blindness as it is said, is the worst sickness.

Read Matthew 10: 8 - 10:

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

I have said very many times that, no member of Brotherhood should charge a fee for any service he or she renders in this kingdom. Many of you would have prospered greatly by now but for your disobedience and selfishness. It is even your duty to cater for the well-being of your visitors and all those around you. Whether you are a Leader's representative, a visioner, a preacher or ordained one, it is your duty to pray for the sick, free; give visions free and render every service free. That is what I teach you daily.

It is your duty to provide for the poor and the needy. Of all the Leader's Representatives that I have, pastor Nwakana is second to none. You do not have to charge anybody any fee so that you may prosper. You stand to be more abundantly blessed if you work for God free. You are serving God and not man and it is His responsibility to reward you accordingly. Henceforth, all those who serve the Father diligently will be rewarded accordingly and those who do not, will equally be rewarded according to their works. Whoever obtains money for any service God

renders through him, disgraces himself and has thus put his work to condemnation. Any person who has not the fear of God in him cannot be a diligent servant.

There are many people who spend sleepless nights thinking of how to contribute towards the progress of Brotherhood whereas, there are others who go about destroying what has already been built. However, all is well with those that believe and serve the Father diligently. Such people do not lack wonderful testimonies to give. I have told you everything that you need be told, none is new in your ears and none is old. It is said that the name of Jesus is sweet in the ears of those that believe in Him. This is the year of joy; the year of diligent service to God. It is the year all of you have to gird your loins so that your position may not be taken from you.

No person understands this kingdom or the going-on in it. God alone knows everything. He is the God of all. You should note that the only thing expected of you to do in this kingdom is to love one another; to be obedient and to live an orderly life. The thoughts and activities of the world are not admitted in this kingdom. There is no chance here for arrogance and disobedience.

Let it be known to you that all things have been made anew; your former ways of doing things and all the unwholesome behaviour terminated in 1992.

This new year, 1993, calls for a new life. Do not emulate any man but always listen to the spirit of God. Always listen to and abide by the teachings that you receive here. Do not live according to the promptings of the flesh. Moreover, do not be forced or coerced before you can move to do anything. All of us must be bound in one love, one faith and one understanding. Do not apply the ideas or experiences of others in doing anything in this kingdom. You have to do only the things the Father has charged us all to do. If you have been discussing and playing or making noise at the expense of the words of God, such attitude should cease this year. You have to listen to God at all times and do exactly what He instructs you to do and refrain from the ones He instructs you otherwise.

The paramount thing in this kingdom is having faith in God and

believing in Him. This is not the time to ask the Father to speak about the word, or pray for you or lay His hand on your head. It is your duty to do these things and to believe in Him. Once you believe in Him, there is no feat you cannot perform. That is the reason why it is said, it fulfills onto everyone according to his faith.

There is love, peace, patience, mercy, joy, prosperity and righteousness in this kingdom. In fact, everything is in abundance in this kingdom. Do not consider that, because no cane, corporal or manual punishment is adopted here, you can do whatever you feel like doing and or watch others work while you are idle. Have you not read in the scripture that no one should eat another's food for nothing and that no one should feed the lazy? All must, therefore, be up and doing. All hands must be on deck towards the well-being of all. You were not called in here for nothing. This is the reason why you have to watch and emulate only me and endeavour to behave the way I do. I am only setting a pattern or model for every member of this kingdom to emulate.

As members of this kingdom, you have no gospel of your own to preach but that preached by the Father. You do not have to do anything according to your whims and caprices but according to God's directives. No one has the right to do what the Father has not approved of. The reason is because, you know neither what is good nor bad and have no virtue in you at all. The Father alone knows and does the truth. He alone has all the virtues.

He has said,

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believed in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. (John 14:1-3)

No one knows the way or the truth. It is the duty of the Father to lead you and instruct you rightly. The paramount instruction is for you to love one another even as He has loved you. That is the key in this kingdom.

Right from now, the Father has flung the doors of freedom open freedom to go on 'outings' (processions), and to publicise Brotherhood in all the media. Propagate Brotherhood and disseminate this good news to all parts of the world. The Father's gospels are printed and stored in the Everlasting Gospel Centre for everyone. It is your duty to pick them up and read and give to others to read. But unfortunately, many are not in the habit of reading these gospels because, according to them, they were present when the Father preached them. Those of you who claim to be have been present when the Father delivered the sermons, can you recall what the Father said in each sermon? these gospels are written in black and white and will be translated into various languages for all to understand.

This is the everlasting gospel which will form the code of conduct for all in this kingdom. You were called in here as God's ambassadors. It is said that, by the words of your mouth, you shall be justified or condemned do not come in here to be served.

God is not blind, not deaf and not without reasoning. He knows and understands each and every person in the world and record of your daily life is kept in a file. The righteous ones are known so also are the lazy and unrighteous ones. These records shall be used on the day of reckoning. We are all instruments of God, to be used at any time in all parts of the world. As ambassadors of God, His discipleship depends on your exemplary character. The way you behave, the way you talk, the way you do things will either attract people to or scare them away from God.

Nothing is done in this kingdom by force or coercion. It is God's will to change us all, no matter how unworthy we may be. It is the Father's intention that we should repent and be saved. You stand to gain nothing from daily confession of sin. Whatever designation you are known and called in this kingdom, whether a Christ's student or servant, Bishop, pastor or Apostle, etc., your salvation is not derivable from there. What is important is to love one another, obey and respect one another, and live peaceably with one another.

1993, A YEAR FOR DILIGENT SERVICE:

Do not come here with the aim of being fed, clothed, housed or being catered for, only to go back into the world thereafter. Your mission here should be to serve God diligently in any way that you can, that this kingdom may shine. It is not your duty to fold your arms, expecting God to provide everything for you. Everything that you do is recorded in your file so that you may be rewarded accordingly. Many of you collect from God and spend in the world and come back to collect more, when you have exhausted the old stock. You behave like the prodigal son, taking and consuming everything but not ready to contribute anything.

We know that a greater percentage of the populace in this kingdom are poor, illiterate, sick, blind and disabled. That notwithstanding, the people who will really serve God are on their way to this place. This kingdom does not belong to Nigerians nor is it for Africans alone. It belongs to all the inhabitants of the world. Therefore, no person has any right in this kingdom more than another and no person can be expelled from it, for another. There is division of labour in this kingdom. While some will pray and heal, others who have graduated from the Christ's Universal Spiritual School of Practical Christianity to go out and teach and practise righteousness. All servants of God in this vineyard must obey every command. If you are sent to a 'station', you could also be withdrawn from there any time. You do not have to go where you are not sent or do what you are not assigned.

Obedience is the first order in this kingdom. This is not a place people behave the way they are pleased. I have the right to expell any recalcitrant member but would not do so because, it is not the best option. You have to tolerate one another, and do not allow evil communication to proceed out of your mouth. People are of different levels in faith, belief, love, understanding, etc. That is the reason why prayer houses, healing homes, Bible classes and the rest of the classifications are kept in place according to people's levels.

Do not seek to praise or glorify yourself but God. It is only by keeping God's injunctions that the whole world will be in peace. You are unable to restore peace and order in the 'station' you are posted to because, you do not practise the Father's exemplary life. Many of the preachers posted

to 'stations' only go there to cause problems because they fail to do exactly what the Father charges them to do.

Do not strive to resemble me or emulate only the way I dance, walk, talk or dress, endeavour to practise my injunctions and refrain from sins. Do not try to emulate me in any way because you do not comprehend my actions, you do not understand what and how I talk, how and why I dress in any way or why I walk the way I do. Do not endeavour to study my movement or itinerary. Only listen to the teachings which I give to you and practise them the way I do.

* No angel or man can resemble the Father because you cannot emulate what you do not know or understand. The fact that I move my body and swing my hands do not mean that I am dancing. The fact that I move my lips does not mean that I am talking. And the fact that I move my legs does not necessarily mean that I am walking. This is the reason why you do not have to copy my actions.

There is no one position that is greater than the other. The greatest of all is love. You have to practise love, oneness and humility. Whoever nurses a feeling of resembling the Father has failed and has committed a woeful sin worthy of death. I organized everything in their correct and orderly perspective for all of you to follow since 1988. The way I bless you and give out money, who amongst you would be able to do that in your various 'station'? How then would you be like the Father? Is it possible for you to have the love I have for all creation? I compromise with even the animals and accord due regard to all, even to the ants.

Many continue to doubt how possible it is for the whole world to love one another and be in peace. This is very simple. I have been telling you that I am not the one responsible for all the works carried out here. I have no knowledge at all. It is the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit who are responsible for everything. If you observe Him and His work through carnal eyes, you will never understand anything at all. You have been instructed to clear the bush and leave the thrash for God to burn.

This kingdom is not a prayer house, a healing home, a fellowship ground nor a worldly institutions but the kingdom of God in which you are

aborigenes. As a result of your ignorance, many of you will remain in this kingdom as thieves and strangers. All the same, God will change us within a twinkling of an eye.

The reason why I have decentralised pentecostal centres is to bring this light and truth closer to the members who are not able to come to Calabar. These centres are meant to depict exactly the practise as is obtainable here in the Headquarters (34 Ambo Street). Our duty is to teach this truth to others who have not yet gained this knowledge. Whichever Bethel of Brotherhood that one attends for services, there should be no deviation in terms of doctrine and the tenets of Brotherhood. Everybody is enjoined to pay his or her tithe, no matter your position and nature of work. The payment of tithe is mandatory for all. Whoever sees himself as a member of this kingdom knows that whatever belongs to him also belongs to his Father. There is nobody or group of persons that has exclusive right over any property because everything belongs to God. Therefore, if you steal any kobo or property in this kingdom, you have swallowed a bait. What God has not authorized you to do, do not try to do it. Whoever does so has soiled his own records. Nothing belongs to Olumba Olumba Obu but everything belongs to God.

Everything in the world has beginning and end but this kingdom has neither beginning nor an end because it is the kingdom of God. If you build a house and gather people there and call it a house of God, it therefore means that God is permanently stationed in such a place of assembly. If you call it a prayer house, it means that God cannot be found there but only reserve for prayers. But if you call it the kingdom of God, it means that it is God's place of abode, His temple. This is the reason why it is said that the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of Jehovah God and His Christ.

God abides in you at all times, that is the reason why He is able to see you any moment you commit sin. If you call your church any other name than the kingdom of God, you would be compared to a magnificent house which is unoccupied. This explains the reason why man do not even believe in the existence of God because they have not found Him in them.

You are the kingdom of God wherein He abides. This explains the reason why you are enjoined to refrain from eating meat and fish, snuffing, drinking, fornication and the rest of the vices, so that the temple of God which you are, may be fit for His habitation.

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the kingdom of God, that is the reason why humility, patience, mercy, truth, joy, benevolence and other virtues are found here. These are the virtues you are expected to extend to your fellow brother. The name, Brotherhood which you answer did not come to you as a matter of vision or dream, nor did it come by accident. Why then do you hate your brethren and discriminate against them? Why do you cheat one another? It means you are ignorant of the fact that you are all one and children of the same Father. It is your place to be your brother's keeper.

WHO ARE THE BROTHERHOOD?

Everything created by God is Brotherhood but only man has gone steps further to be Brotherhood of the Cross Star. Lizards and the rest of the animals are only Brotherhood but not of the Cross and Star; some people are only Brotherhood whereas others are of the Cross and Star, Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. We have to be patient and endure a great deal so that we may pass through Cross and Star. The meaning of star is rulership, governance of the universe. Whoever carries the cross is the one who graduates into glory and can be given any part of the world to govern. Therefore, whoever regards the Leader as a Nigerian or traces His root to Biakpan in Cross River State is blind and deaf. The Father is a Universal God, that is the reason why He has brought freedom to the women and children in the orthodox denominations and other circular places.

With the Father, there is neither black nor white man nor woman, young nor old, etc. All are one. A black has the right to be the president of America and vice versa. But it is the behaviour of the blacks that stands against them. Brotherhood members have a lot to do. They have to preach the gospel all over the world. There is a popular belief that the whites know God and are accredited as the world's best and greatest ministers. I am putting to you that no white man knows God. This is the

reason why we have to go out to preach and pray for the world. Even if you are called a vampire or any other derogatory names, do not retort but go ahead to love and preach to them.

The power of the Holy Spirit is not concentrated in 34 Ambo alone or in the Bethels. It is all over the place and with everybody. Brotherhood is a place of salvation for all. Every where is open now to Brotherhood to move into the world. This is the last gospel every person has to practise. Whoever rejects his gospel has rejected his life. In this kingdom no one has the audacity to commit fornication, to marry more than one wife or husband. Even if you had married more than one wife before coming into this kingdom, you will still be regarded as a polygamist. In this kingdom, there are many mansions and people are kept where they belong.

Any city that is without a prophet is perished. Preach this truth to all nations and people and let this light shine upon them. In Biskpan right now, all the indigenes have been enjoined to get baptized into Brotherhood and be fully integrated into the kingdom of God. Whether you are a Bishop or you occupy any other position in any church, you have to be baptized into Brotherhood. This is the order of the day, if all the villages and Towns refrain from idolatery and wickedness, will you, as a stranger there, be able to indulge in such things?

There are many who are vegetarians in the world today but are not yet Brotherhood members. Whereas many of you who are defying appeals to refrain from eating flesh. Those who continue to eat meat and fish know neither this kingdom nor the Father. Such persons have no place in this kingdom. If as a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star you continue to eat flesh, you cannot enjoy warm reception in any Bethel.

Righteousness does not connote loving one another only. After loving one another, you have to refrain from evil and then God will change you into His own image.

Do you know that there is nothing in the world that is pure? That is the reason why the world is used to purify all things. Any food that you eat without first dedicating it to God, is impure and poisonous. Any water

that you drink without first praying over it, is poisonous. The only pure and holy thing in the world is the word and that is the reason why you have to invoke it into every food that you eat and everything that you do. There are many things I would have loved to teach you but you are not ready for them.

Many couples in this kingdom have refused to bless their marriages despite the fact that the ceremony is done at no expense. Many members who call themselves pastors, Apostles among others, marry every day and are never satisfied with one woman. This is not acceptable in this kingdom. So long as you refuse to refrain from polygamy and other sinful act, you cannot be used where the true children of God are required to work. An evil man cannot be used to change another sinner.

Read Revelation 22: 11-15:

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and many enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

A SINLESS KINGDOM:

The evil ones have no share in this kingdom. I cannot give any evil person any responsible post. In this kingdom no one is punished as a result of his sins. However, I have the right to excommunicate you from this kingdom. But if I eject you from here, there is no where else that you will be accepted, not even in the hades. When I look at you, how stubborn and disobedient you are, I feel for you. You stand to benefit a great deal if you are humble, merciful, longsuffering, and patient, Everything is in this kingdom. All you have to do is to comply with my injunctions.

Wherever you go to, it is your duty to obey whoever is kept in authority. The person in the position of authority too have to respect his subjects. Here in this kingdom, it is the King of kings, the Queen Mother, Pastor Offu and a few others that are given important offices to man. Every member has to obey and respect them, having in mind that they represent the Father who kept them there.

The last Saturday of every pentecostal assembly is normally set aside as farewell day so that people of all works of life and from various destinations should come and hear from the horse's mouth.

This I do for your own good. There is no gospel I have not preached to you. But you are so hard-hearted that you refuse to change. Do not come here to struggle for a position or to choose a 'station' for yourself. Anybody who rejects a 'station' assigned to him should go home and rest and any 'station' that rejects a full-time worker should be allowed to operate on its own, without another worker.

But let it be known that no Bethel has the right to reject any worker because the worker is not sent to work for man but God. All the Cathedrals should be staffed with God-fearing and intelligent preachers and workers of God. Do not also put a square peg in a round hole. Study the 'stations' and know who to post to a particular bethel. This advice is for those who are directly in charge of posting.

34, AMBO IS A RESOURCE CENTRE:

Whoever wants to be a preacher has to come here and learn before he can go out and work. 34, Ambo is the Headquarters and the resource Centre. There is nothing anybody who has not come in here can do. No station should employ a preacher by its authority because a blind man cannot lead a another blind man. The same applies to Father's representatives. Only those who are familiar with the tenets in this kingdom and come before Father regularly are the only people qualified to represent the Father. In many areas, a group of persons gang up and nominate a candidate who had lobbied them to represent the Father. This is impersonation.

Love the Christ's students and Christ's servants as workers of God for they are sent by the Father. If you receive them and treat them well, it is the Father that you receive. Any regard you give to them is indirectly given to the Father. These people are sent to teach you and give you to the things that you do not have. No one was ordained for his selfish end or for his city or family. The ordained ones are God's representatives in the entire world. Therefore, no family can claim ownership of any ordained one or workers in this vineyard. All workers are for the Father and for the Universe. Nothing is localized or ethnicized in this kingdom.

PROLIFERATION OF BETHELS IS DETRIMENTAL:

Brotherhood is big enough to own its healing home, prayer houses and other places, for the benefit of all. But what I find obtainable here is private proprietorship of healing homes and prayer houses.

The Bethels functioning as healing homes and prayers houses do not admit any other person outside their family, to function in any capacity. The various names you give to your Bethels other than Brotherhood; the crusading groups other than the world wide Christ's Crusaders named by the Father among other non-Brotherhood practices should stop forthwith. There must be order and control in everything that is done in this kingdom. The building of Bethels all over the place is not the best in this kingdom. The owners of these healing homes use it to make money and to dent the image of Brotherhood.

So many people in this kingdom will go empty-handed because they do not obey or act in conformity with the practices of this kingdom. Brotherhood is love and oneness. The things that are done in some of the healing homes are horrible and unprintable. Any Bethel, therefore, that does not operate with the rules and regulations of this kingdom is not Brotherhood. We should all rise in concert towards the efficient running of the Everlasting Gospel Centre and the Central Language Centre. All the gospels have to be translated into the different languages. The paltry sums that you contribute cannot finance even the least project in this kingdom. Offices have to be created, teachers to teach the new language are employed and other facilities provided. So every member of this

kingdom should see these projects as important and work towards their realisation.

May my peace and blessing abide with the entire world. Amen!

Thank You Father.

Father's Farewell Address: