

FATHER'S FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE WORLD ON SATURDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1987

***“TODAY WHEN YOU HEAR HIS VOICE
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS”***

THE LUST OF THE WORLD:

From 1987, everything has been changed. Do not think the Father will continue to speak unendingly. That sort of thing is past. The one thing I want to tell you this morning is the serious sickness, a canker worm in our society. It affected Adam and Eve. God does not tempt any person because no person can tempt God. But you are tempted to fall by the lust of this world. God did not tempt Adam and Eve but the lust of the world did.

SEEKING FOR SELF GLORY:

Do not regard Brotherhood as some one going to look at a cinema or as toying with dolls. You continue to ask the Father to speak so that this or that thing will happen. Recall that in the past I used to walk round the hall shaking hands, sprinkling water on your foreheads, danced round, talked and preached the word of God for hours. All those actions have ended in 1986 because they are not what I came to do in this world. You want to see the Father dance but none of you wants to practise His teachings. This is the cause of your tribulations. It is said, “Today when you hear His voice harden not your hearts”. When God told Adam to eat of all the fruits of the trees in the Garden of Eden except one, they complied with the instructions and no harm came to them. What caused them to eat of that tree? It was the lust and carnal desires of this life. They were seeking for their own glory. For this reason they disobeyed God and complied with the instructions of satan and that was the source of tribulation in the entire world.

PEACE FOR YOUR SOULS:

Moses was instructed to strike at the rock once, but he hit it twice. For that disobedience he only saw the promised land but could not enter into it. So your salvation and redemption hang on your obeying the voice of God. When you are told not to do a particular thing you are to refrain from such a thing, comply with what you are commanded to do. When you comply with these two situations, you will see peace in your souls. I have brought peace, love, humility and other virtues of God to mankind. That was what God has laid in store for you because He has seen your weakness. This is the time of salvation and redemption. All the sufferings besetting men and angels arise from disobedience and recalcitrance. When God commanded the angels to worship our Lord Jesus Christ, they retorted they would not bow to the Holy Child Jesus. They disobeyed the voice of God. Up to this day the world is suffering the effect of this disobedience. When we are told that we are clean, not all of us are clean. Our Lord was referring to Lucifer. All these examples quoted are true indications for the people of this generation. Whatever you are told, and whatever has been given you, you are to comply to the instructions. If God had not seen your weakness and the lowly position of the world and felt sorry for you, He would not have made His visitation on earth. The Holy Spirit is not interested in money, beauty or position in life, He has only come to save and strengthen

everyone, straighten the path of God and salvage man from ruin. If you had listened attentively to God's instructions, you would not continue in your disobedience.

NO POWER TO FACE YOUR ENEMIES:

After quoting certain portions to show what befell those who disobeyed God, you will rearrange your thinking. Once you disobey God's words, you have no life or power to face your enemies. You have no money, peace, you are disgraced, tempted, thrown into a sick bed; you are wretched and finally die, reincarnated, and suffer because you have disobeyed God. It is disobedience that has kept man in his lowly position.

THE WORD OF GOD IS EVERYTHING TO EVERY MAN:

The voice of God is peace and power. His word is joy, wealth, eternal life, it is the glory of God, the word of God is everything to every man and whoever obeys, has eternal life. Whether you are standing in one place or lying down, whatever posture you find yourself, once you obey the word of God, everything is completed. You have no other thing to do than to obey the voice of God. What caused Adam and Eve, the children of Israel, the entire world from generation to generation to suffer untold tribulations is disobedience to the divine word of God.

PAY TITHE TO GOD:

Malachi 3:1—11

“Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, when ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgement, and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it...”

Have you heard that? Can you realise the punishment besetting the governments of the world and individuals for cheating God? It says you are cursed with a curse because you have deceived God. Have you not cheated God? You have been told that faith without work is dead. The Holy Spirit has come to teach us the way of salvation and redemption and not to bestow to us money in basins and other

mundane things. When you say I have forsaken all and followed you, what then is in food and money and clothes? The important thing is to come and be shown the way of salvation and when you reach this stage, you have reached the finality. Realise that many of you do not pay tithe to God, but instead you demand that others should pay tithe to you. You swindle and cheat. These are the causes of your problems. The first instruction you receive today is that you pay tithe, that is one-tenth of whatever is your income, may be your salary, your farm produce, etc. These observances must continue for ever and ever, having no beginning or ending. Every person must pay tithe, you do not need an angel to urge you to do so. The memorandum of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has already stated this. Do not carry tithe money into the river or leave it at the road junction. It is paid directly to God. You said you have seen God face to face, then pay tithe to God to confirm your belief.

REVERENCE THAT NAME

It is wrong for you to stand here calling upon the name of the Holy Father several times. This is blasphemous. I have advised you not to toy with that name. I have taught you the pattern of prayer wanted here. i.e “let thanks and praises be given to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, let thanks and praises be given to God in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, now and for evermore, Amen. After this usual beginning then you can go on with your prayers. Whatever is your request, you must pass through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God.

What is the need of shouting on that name. When were you given the authority to toy with that name, to call it as you like? It is a hideous sin you have committed, when I have told you not to tell people that I am God but you stand before me and shout “Our O. O. O. you are the real God”. Your only duty is implicit obedience to the laws of God. The name of our Lord Jesus Christ was glorified by God and any person who does things according to His injunctions will be glorified too. Whatever you require from God if you do not pass through our Lord Jesus Christ, it is impossible to receive it. Why the church denominations fail because they stand anywhere and shout Jesus Jesus and fail to realise that He has been elevated to the position of King of kings and Lord of lords. If you have a friend and two of you were unemployed, playing together and during elections to government positions, he was elected a governor, will you continue to play with him in the presence of his subjects?

Whatever is your heart's desire, pass through our Lord Jesus Christ and you will get it. Begin your prayers with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ means you have taken a vow. Whatever you say should be the truth and edifying to God. It is therefore an eternal covenant God made with our Lord that no other name in heaven and on earth is higher than that of our Lord and so whatever you request through prayer is solved, and you will continue to remain in that position of glory. That name has been exalted and remains so for ever. Do not deceive yourself by pasting the picture of our Lord all over your house or writing His name on your forehead. You are required to practise His teachings and abide by His instructions and you are sure of enjoying this glory for ever. You have been taught everything to enable you reach the wisdom of truth. Go to the bookshop and buy the booklets and practise the contents.

LOVE IS THE FINALITY:

John 13:34—35:

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another.”

If you fail to love one another you will end up deceiving yourself. Bless those who curse you and forgive countless times those who offend you. Therefore the salvation of mankind is believing in Him and those who believe in Him must not fail to love all. All what we are required to do is to be generous, celebrate feasts, give to charity, give freely and cheerfully.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE HIGHEST PRINCIPLE:

When the Apostles and Disciples were ordered not to preach the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Peter on behalf of the Apostles asked the chief priests, Pharisees and Scribes whether it was right to obey the voice of God or that of man. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of Man, Son of God and God Himself. The Father, the Spirit and the Word are one.

Read 1 John 5:7—8:

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

Who is that word? He is the Father, the same person is the Holy Spirit and the same person is the Son. That is why He will come with a new name, the name of my new church, the name of my New Jerusalem. My new name is emphasised. If you write our Lord Jesus Christ or call Him our Lord Jesus Christ, then He is not the one.

THE NEW NAME IS SECURITY:

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 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.”

Everything must be new, no mixture. What is that new church, new Jerusalem? It is Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Wherever you go you have freedom of entry. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the new Kingdom of God. Have you not seen the three words — Sole Spiritual Head, OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU? I do not know whether it is the name of a new God but it is a new name, OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU is a new name. Everything is by experimentation — wherever you write this name, you will see what will happen. The three are one and inseparable. Wherever you come across the Father, you will also see the Sole Spiritual Head and Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. That name alone is security; inscribe it on your buildings, books or any property and nothing can tamper with them. The Father is capable of giving it another interpretation, allow it to remain as a new name. Whatever you are directed to do, do it up to the point shown you by the Father and any day He lifts the banner, you have to obey Him as school children. I have not

forbidden you from singing from the Church Hymnary. What happens in your own case is you have rejected the water yam and you also drive away the goat. A man of God does not murmur, steal, initiate into local cults and indulge in all sorts of things which are evil. Calling upon the name of any person does not matter but obeying is what is important. The song by a brother which says "Follow your Leader step by step" is what you have to do. You do not have to run before you can walk. When I see that you are following me closely then I can go further.

CATEGORIES OF TEACHERS AND MASTERS

From the beginning I had warned you should not tell people that I am Jesus or Christ or God. If you have faith, hold to it tenaciously and go forward to practise what you feel is right. When I was an infant, I requested that I should be called a teacher or master. I have not asked you to call me a teacher or master but just telling you what transpired at that time. There are categories of teachers and masters in different fields. You do not know who is in your midst; do not know His war implements and His mission on earth and His tools of operations. Do you think your prayers or righteousness will save you. Nothing in fact, in the whole world can save you. If all of you here were to act according to His words and do those things that He instructs you to do, all this time, no person would have perished. When you ask the Father to change you, give you money, wealth and the rest, what do you think He uses in bestowing upon you these things? He does this through spoken words. Whatever you have been in the past, whether a thief, a murderer of widower, once you determine within you to change and comply with the instructions of God and stop vices, your problems are over.

THE FATHER ONLY CHANGES HUMAN BEINGS:

Pastor Opara William admitted that his weakness was fornication and when the Father pronounced that, that had been taken away, His words as usual, fulfilled. The Pastor did not testify about money or wife or children or position but thanked God for taking away that vice because freedom from it has given him and his family peace. Many others here who have refrained from fornication, telling of lies, medication and whoremongering also have cause to thank God for the peace they now find in their lives. Many people here do as they like, especially some of the ordained ones, who are polygamous take delight in sending their former wives away and taking new ones. It is said if you love someone you will hearken to his voice. Loving someone implies your obeying his orders. Do not obey the flesh, nor indulge in different vices. Do not come here to call me wonderful names when you keep on disobeying my orders. Any person who loves God hearkens to His instructions. Those who do not see me physically keep my instructions and believe in me more than you sitting before me here.

THEY HAVE SEEN SOMETHING IN BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR:

Do you know the repercussion of disobeying the Father? If the Father enjoins you not to say a certain thing, and you say it, do you know what punishment will come to you? And do you know what benefits you derive from obeying the Father's orders? Those who comply with the Father's teachings have seen Brotherhood of the Cross and Star far off and those who fail to do the Father's biddings, have seen nothing in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. It is the Father's wish that those of you who

have been sufficiently taught should go away and give place to new people. What do you struggle for here? What positions are here? There is no glory for you. The glory of God you get is for you to comply with His instructions. What do you understand righteousness to mean?

LIVING BY THE WORDS OF GOD:

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.’”

Do you live by the words from the mouth of God? How can someone live by the words of God? This is by complying with God’s instructions not to steal or bear malice. Some people who only hear the Father’s voice through the radio and television network try to refrain from vices while you who come here and listen to the Father stand here to quarrel and fight, fornicate and steal. What do you think of yourselves? The Father is paying heavy sums of money to the NTA for the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Pulpit Programmes but they are worthwhile because through them the Father is speedily changing evil-doers to righteous beings.

GOD HIMSELF IS THIS TEACHER:

The Father is happy to continue to settle the heavy bills because lots of people, especially those who do not attend here, abandon whatever they have to do to listen to the Father’s teachings. Through the Brotherhood Pulpit many things have been done like the explanation on why we knock our heads. Wherever you go you stand up to shout that O. O. O. is real God, is it what I have sent you to do? Since the introduction of the Brotherhood Pulpit, have you seen any person talking to you. When some of you read the booklet “I am not God but Olumba Olumba Obu” you become so exasperated about it. Do not always constitute barriers, but allow people to follow God. Do not come here as someone going to the cinema, be serious with the lessons taught here. One sister who had wanted to attain an earthly university had to change her mind. This is the highest university, the new Kingdom of God. Prophet Isaiah saw the Mount of Jehovah, the Church of Jacob, raised above all other mountains. God stood and taught people and for that reason, many people went there to learn from Him.

Hebrews 12:25—27

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only but also heaven. And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.”

The Holy Oil is not medicinal but the blood of the Son of Man and once you use it your problems are over. I have never asked you to put it in soups, use for enemas or drink it as a drink. Car owners even hang bottles of holy oil as a sort of protection in front of their cars. Some use it on their wounds. Many people argue that if the Father stops giving it, they will withdraw from Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and go back to concoctions. This means that you do not believe in God. From now you should rearrange your thinking.

Read Acts 2:22—23:

“Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and fore knowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hannels have crucified and slain.”

Moses said God will raise up a prophet and those who do not obey Him will be killed. Anybody who fails to keep the prophet's instructions, will be judged by the words he had spoken on the last day. The whole world had failed by calling upon that name but refusing to abide by His instructions. Those who fail to keep these orders because they have not heard from the horse's mouth will have light punishment but those who are lucky to receive the supernatural teachings and still fail to comply shall receive double punishment. From today if you believe fervently that there is no witchery, poverty, or sin, it will happen to you as your faith is.

HEAR HIS VOICE:

The theme of this address is, when you hear His voice do not harden your heart. Whatever instructions are given you, comply yourself with them and you will realise the manifestation of the glory of God. You are beset with problems because you do things the Father does not desire you to do. The bread referred to by our Lord Jesus Christ, (that is eating and living by the bread from heaven) is for you to hear the word of God. Preaching the word only will not save but practising it can save you. I have told you how a child should live with his parents, how the various categories of people should behave in order to gain entry into this kingdom of God. My advice is, whatever word of God is given you, do not toy with it. What I tell you is the veritable truth, do not argue with it.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR LIKENED TO THE AFRICAN OIL BEAN TREE:

The African oil bean tree encloses its seeds in a very hard shell — pod so that when the shell explodes, the seeds scatter far away from the tree. A bush rat with its young ones which lived far away from this tree was feeding well on the seeds whenever the pod exploded. It then decided to live close to the tree to avail itself of more seeds. Unfortunately this was not so because the seeds scattered far away and there was nothing to feed itself and the young ones with, so they started dying of hunger. At the end the rat left the base of the tree to its former abode. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is likened to that rat. You will be tempted to ask what people are doing here. When you come to 34 Ambo here and cannot find the awe and fear of God you will be tempted to ask what people are doing here. The Bible says, **blessed** is the person who does not see but believes. This makes for the decentralisation of Pentecostal Centres where everything is done in the same way for all the members to copy.

THE HOMEWORK THIS YEAR:

Everyone is to preach the word of God from house to house, village to village, town to town, country to country, city to city, church denominations, governmental offices, mountain side, everywhere. What you have been doing in the past in the name of ministry work is not accepted this year. When you hire a big bus and pack yourselves to a place and while there you dance and eat your feast and return home

or 30 to 40 taking off at the airport and arriving London and then to Mill Hill Bethel where they remained to quarrel and fight. This is not wanted anymore. You have now gone to know the cities in Europe, and done your shopping and come back here. From now, we are going to start work in its correct perspective. Apart from holding Bibles, there are lots of publications in the bookshop that preaches against immorality, buy them and read and refrain from vices. Brotherhood is oneness and what the Holy Spirit aims at is to make the whole world one. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is a catalogue, as soon as you give someone our pamphlet, he should be able to know what Brotherhood is. Whatever you want to preach, do not deviate from what is nominated in the pamphlets.

PREACHING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE:

We have to accommodate ourselves, do not bear malice because all of us are brethren. When you are preaching to people, tell them to show an expression of love, remain in peace with everyone. When you go to other church denominations, tell the members to repent, refrain from vices, that all churches are one, that our Lord Jesus Christ has come to unite everyone in the world. Tell them to love one another, that the Holy Spirit has come to reign. If they accept, it is alright, if not, shake off the dust from your feet. This was what our Lord Jesus Christ used to do with the Apostles.

Read Luke 10:1—7

When our Lord said to Peter 'Feed my lambs', to whom was He referring? I have not asked you to go and build houses or use your money to take care of your people. The constitution of BCS says we should preach from house to house. If someone operates a healing home, do not condemn him, allow him to go on as long as he preaches the word of God.

Read Luke 4:17—21

You have heard what the word of God says. Those who are exploited, oppressed, go and preach the word of God to them. Here there is neither male nor female, the Holy Spirit operates completely.

PREACHING WHILE YOU WORK:

Acts 20:20—21

There is nothing greater than preaching the word of God. Going to West African countries, England, Europe, is alright but first preach to those here because even around you are fornicators, rogues and other evil doers. Not more than four persons should undergo an overseas tour. This should consist of a preacher, a visioner, a healer and a dreamer. The Father does not want a situation where a group of seven is lazying about and engaging on sight seeing. Do you see the whites come here in tens or do you still want the blacks to be regarded as fools? As long as you do not preach the gospel and do not live exemplary lives, you have achieved nothing. Our war is not against man or woman but we are fighting against sin, that people should be merciful and kind. You are not told to marry, trade or work in government offices. In your offices, you can preach the word of God. You have to do both because the word of God is your mouth, you can use your hands to work while you talk. Those who argue that they do not want to work or go to school but want to preach only, do they know who took BCS to England, India, or America? Were they not undergraduates? The moment we practise the word of God which is the way, life and

the truth, our problems will be wiped away. In several places new converts need those who had already received the teachings to direct them.

FOLLOW GOD WITH A PENITENT HEART:

If you do not get married, it is not BCS that has caused you this, it is because you are not Brotherhood. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star discourages unfaithfulness to your husband, preparation of concoctions. Therefore it is not Brother Obu who enjoins you not to tell lies or do other vices. It is God who has told you to refrain from evil because our God is good.

'NO LAZINESS' IS A STANDING ORDER IN BCS:

You are aware of the situation in the country and in other parts of the world. There is more unemployment everywhere. It is therefore incumbent upon everyone to engage in one trade or the other. BCS prevents you from being lazy. It does not prevent you from getting married. Whether you are a minor or an adult, do work that you may earn your living. I have already told you that if you do not first cut the undergrowth you cannot successfully burn the bush. In the same token, as much as you are a fornicator, you cannot do any successful business. Many of you have suffered by doing so, and some people have also been duped. Some of you here do business with rogues, fakes and people who do not believe in God. If you and your partner practise the truth, you will see progress in whatever you do. The promise of God to His people is that He will increase their yield. Do not complain about the meanness of any job. Whatever kind of job that will bring you a source of income, do it, keep aside your strings of certificates. Remember that the Father has advised that you should use your hands and that God's time is the best. God who sees you in that lowly position will later exalt you. This is a standing order that any person, child, adult and even the sick should not be lazy, be occupied, use your hands to earn your living.

II Thessalonians 3:6—15:

Whoever refuses to work admonish him as a brother. We have been given various pieces of land. We will survey, develop and cultivate them. But ensure that your business partner is not a rogue. Many who put on white are wolves in sheep's clothings. God does not forsake His children, whoever obeys His instructions, what he does, God blesses.

THE FATHER PROVIDES THE INCREASE:

I had told you how the cattle of Abraham and Lot used to feed on the same piece of land. Abraham and Lot had slaves who served them and daily were at loggerheads. So Abraham divided the field into two and called on Lot to choose one side. Lot chose the side that was very green leaving the other side that was bare to Abraham. Not very long, surprisingly Lot noticed that Abraham's side was becoming greener. BCS has come to show light to the people of the world and this is how to attract the world. Provide both spiritual food (the word of God) and carnal food to the flock.

FATHER'S DIRECTIVES:

A Finance Department is being created to assess and approve expenditure of fellowships before the actual spending. Every money received or spent must be properly accounted for. From our memorandum, we are enjoined not to keep

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star money in our individual houses. If the chairman or secretary or treasurer refuses to hand in money belonging to the fellowship or tender the documents, he should be immediately removed from office. If this involves the executive of the fellowship, it should be dissolved and a new one appointed. Dishonest persons should not be appointed into offices.

The Father had ordered the Treasurer to debit the fellowships that overdrew over ₦90,000 (ninety thousand naira) from the Treasury. Some fellowships' account show red in the Treasury. Fellowships that refuse to deposit their proceeds with the Treasury should be reported to the Spiritual Council of Churches.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR VEHICLES:

Many people have no reverence for God. They use BCS cars for their private businesses. People will be appointed from different fellowships throughout the world into the Finance Department and they will look after BCS property.

THE ORDER TO PAY TEN PERCENT PROCEEDS OF ONE TENTH:

Earning to the Spiritual Council of Churches by the fellowships and associations still stands.

MEMBERSHIP OF SPIRITUAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

Hitherto the Father had appointed the chairmen and secretaries of the various fellowships to form the executive of the Spiritual Council of Churches. Since these people do not attend the meetings, it means they are not worthy; the Father has not given them the ability, and so they have to be changed. From now on the Spiritual Council of Churches executive members do not necessarily have to be chairmen and secretaries of fellowships. The Father will appoint persons who are interested in the Father's work.

Thank you Father.