

## CHAPTER SEVEN

The greatest problem mankind has today is that they despise the scriptures. They despise prophesyings and that is why they have problems; that is why they suffer and die. It is said that a nation or a people without a prophet is doomed. How many are prepared to believe true prophecies as contained in the scriptures?

### 1 Thessalonians 5:20—21

*“Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.”*

A lot of people will tell you that times are changing or have changed and that religion and everything else should change with the times.

I do not count myself to have knowledge but one thing I do know is that God (The word) never changes. He is true, faithful and constant. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

It is left to the world to believe what they must. As for the scriptures, I tell you that the prophecy about the coming on earth of the Holy Spirit, The Comforter who is to lead, teach, judge and rule the world, has come to pass. He is here on earth and is doing his work. He is changing everything and shaking heaven and earth. So do not look at the skies anymore; do not wait any longer; do not be deceived and confused any longer. Leader Olum-Olumba Obu, the long expected Comforter is already on earth in human form and the Scriptures have long since fulfilled.

## DESPISE NOT THE SCRIPTURES

### GOSPEL DELIVERED BY LEADER O.O. OBU SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD OF BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR

1st Lesson: Matthew 1:23  
2nd Lesson: 11 Peter 1:19  
Golden Text: Revelation 12:1—2

Brethren, that is the revelation of our lesson this morning: You are witnesses to the fact that from Genesis to the Revelation of John the Divine, there is no portion of the Scripture which was written from human understanding, inspiration or reason or through visions and dreams, but it was the Holy Spirit which inspired all the writings in the Scriptures, if you believe in the writings of the Scriptures it will be well with you.

## **The Circumstances today are the manifestation of the scriptures**

That is why Christ told the two disciples on their way to Emmaus "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken, ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his Father's glory? Our golden text today is meant to draw our minds back to all that is recorded in Genesis and through out all the Scriptures, look steadfastly unto these because all that was written will all come to pass. There is nothing that happens today which takes us unawares, they are all written in the Scriptures. All that is happening today, including our sitting here in white garments was prophesied long ago. Before anything happens, it has already been stated and revealed in the Scriptures, it is only left for us to believe. Believe all the words of prophecy and that sooner or later, they will all come to pass.

## **The Efficacy of the Scriptures**

The down fall of the entire world is that people do not believe that the writing in the Bible are the voice of God spoken through his prophets. No one takes it for anything important, and that has been their downfall. What you believe in is withcraft, juju, ghost, mermaid, preparations of concoctions, and apparitions; but where have you found these things mentioned in the Scriptures? You believe in what does not exist, but what you find written in the book for God, which comes from the mouth of God, you do not believe. You have been told that such and such things will happen; all that is happening now have already been prophesied but you do not believe and you do not look steadfastly unto all that is written in the book of God. All what is nominated from the first verse of the first chapter of Genesis, to the last verse of the twenty-second chapter of the Revelation of John, must all be fulfilled.

## **Abide by the word of God.**

If you do not look steadfastly unto all the words which proceeded from the mouth of God until they come to pass, it means that you are an abominable person. He has said that heaven and earth shall pass away but no word of God will pass away until they are all fulfilled. Brethren, you can now see your problems; that is why you are advised to look steadfastly unto all that is written in the Scriptures. When you are told not to drink wine, this statement is not new, it has been said before but the problem is that you do not abide by it. You were also told not to put on sack-cloth neither should you keep mourning houses whether for your father or for your mother, nor weep nor lament because you have been separated unto God. That has been the eternal ordinance.

God said "I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yield-

ing seed, to you it shall be for meat; This has been written long ago, and today we have people who are vegetarians. It means that they are going back to the Garden of Eden. It is not a new thing because it has been pronounced that every green herb shall be your meat. Brethren, can you not realise the situation? That was why when Christ said "I and my Father are One", they took up stones to stone him. He asked them, many good works have I shown you from the Father, for which of these do you want to stone me? And they said; for a good work do we not stone you, but that being a man call yourself the Son of God, thus making yourself equal with God. And he said to them, is it not written in your law I say, ye are gods, and children of the Most-high?" If he called them gods to whom the word of God came, do you say of him whom the Father hath sanctified and sent forth into the world that I am blaspheming because I call myself the Son of God?

### **God is Human**

If you read the book of Psalms, chapter 82 verse 6 you will see it written that "ye are gods," those who say that man is not God do not steadfastly look unto the book of God because they would have discovered what is written in that portion.

You are all children of the Most High; there is nothing to cancel this fact. What is the purpose of keeping a Bible in the house when you do not believe in it? That has been your problem you do not believe in him. If you were to believe in the Scriptures, you would no longer say that man is not God. It has already been written that you are the children of God and you are gods. It is sacrosanct. No amount of disputing or weeping will alter this fact. If you like to kill yourself go ahead, the fact remains that you are the children of God.

It is said that there is nothing hidden which shall not be revealed, and there is nothing covered which shall not be uncovered. Even though the inhabitants of the world and the Jews confess that God has no Son and that man is not God, this does not stop a human being from being God and the Son of God. What is the case today? Prophet Jeremiah prophesied that a virgin will conceive in her womb and give birth to a baby boy and he shall be called Immanuel. Who believed that this prophesy would come to pass? That a virgin girl shall conceive and give birth to a boy who shall be called Emmanuel meaning God with us?

### **All scriptures are the manifestations of the Christ as God.**

Generations and generations passed but those who believed in this word of prophesy looked steadfastly unto it knowing that sooner or later it would come to pass. All that happened to Our Lord Jesus Christ was

prophesied by all the prophets – Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Job, David – but people did not believe neither did they take it for the truth. Do you not know that all that is written and spoken from the book of Genesis to Revelation of John all concerned our Lord Jesus Christ? They were all written about the man King you are still doubting! Whether you believe or not his words are true and have manifested themselves openly. There is nothing you can do against this.

Christ has said that every plant which was not planted by His Father who is in heaven would be uprooted. Why do you continue to doubt? When his disciples told him that the Pharisees were angry over that statement, he told them to leave them alone because they are blind guides, and when a blind man leads a blind man they both shall fall into the pit. And he re-emphasised that whatever has not been planted by His Father would be uprooted. Since the inhabitants of the world started waging war against God have they succeeded?

If you look at the book of Genesis you will discover that after God had created everything in heaven and earth, he said, let us make man in our image and likeness. And he created them male and female. And he said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

He then asked Adam to give names to everything created. All the names of things you are calling today were given by Adam, including Eve, but you continue to argue that man is not God and that you will never honour man. Where did Eve come from? Was she not taken from the ribs of Adam? And God said to them, 'Every herb bearing seed, and every tree in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. That was all. when did God direct that you should go and worship a tree, or rock, or water? When did God say that you should kill an animal, or fish, or bird for meat? When did God say that you were to be ruled by ghosts or angels or by any other created things under this sun?

### **A Woman is an incubator**

He has placed man to rule over everything; but you argue that you cannot worship man, that you do not recognise man. You argue that you are looking for the real God and I want to see what he looks like. If you do not know man, I want to tell you how you will know the real God. Let me tell you that Eve came out of Adam. Every one you see in the world came from the man not the woman. The woman is like an incubator, God passes through the man into woman before she can have a child, if a woman remains alone in this room for twenty years without a man going to her, she cannot become pregnant. And so man is responsible for procreation.

It is the language which has deceived you. It is true that a woman has no soul, that soul is “a person” and there is no woman who has “a person” inside her. All children proceed from the man but the woman is empty. That is why it is said that a woman has no soul, no child emanates from her. All the children come from the man and you argue that you cannot fear him, what then is man? Is he not God? If you are not afraid of man, I am. Man is God, Man is Spirit, Man is everything. God himself is man. Our Lord Jesus Christ is man. If you do not recognise man whom will you recognise? Go to the hades if you will not find your ghosts.

### **God and man are Inseparable**

Man is inseparable from God. You are in God, and God lives in you. There is nothing which separates you from God. You are His son and you are a god. You are God’s building and the city which He has built. No matter how you deny this fact, it remains true.

It was said that a virgin shall be with a child it is not said an idol or spirit. Nor does it imply that there was no spirit: But that a virgin shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us. Can you not realise Him to be God? Will you argue again that he was not God? It is said that god is with us. In what way is it to be explained that you may know that he is a man? Where will your argument lead you to?

Since he instructed man to go and multiply and replenish the earth, have you not noticed the explosive population of the world from those two persons? Even if you want to stop someone from bearing children has that helped to reduce the population of the world? When you legalise abortion, does that help to check the increase in population? It is from that one man whom you claim is not God that the population has increased to this point. Can you pray that people should not be born into the world again? Try and see if it will help! If you read the history of every village or city or nation you notice that it always started with two persons. If a man and a woman decide to live in the forest today before long a very big city will be established through the two. And do you still argue that man is not God? Is it not clear to you that man is God? Let our first lesson be read. Listen attentively Thomasses and skeptics who doubt.

### **1st Lesson: Matthew 1:23**

*“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*

Have you heard that? This is what was prophesied through the prophet Jeremiah. All those who believed that word of prophesy were very watchful from generation to generation, knowing that it will surely come to

pass. Has it not been fulfilled today? How long did it take that prophecy to fulfill? Is it twenty years, or a hundred or a thousand years?

## **The Mysterious God**

He is long suffering and patient and he does not wish any person to know his ways. If all hopes are not lost, he will not come. Even if I tell it to you, you will not understand him. That is why he is called the mysterious God. If you are looking sternly at him, he will turn another way and you will be at a loss. Did God tell you that he will come from the sky like a bird? Is it not what is read to you: that a virgin shall be with a child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us? Did God not tell this to them? Did they believe?

## **John the Baptist Reincarnated as Elijah**

Why then did they not believe in him? It is also the question you should ask yourself. It has been clearly stated that a virgin shall bring forth a son who shall be called Emmanuel, meaning God with us. The reason they did not believe is that it was written that Elijah shall come before the Messiah. Since Elijah was translated into heaven and it was also written that Elijah shall come before the Messiah, they all keep photographs of Elijah so that they could confirm when he would shout from the sky that he was coming. They were waiting for such an incident before they could accept any child who is born as the Emmanuel. This explains why until this day they are still waiting for Elijah. Can you realise how the ways of God delude man? Malachi 4:5 has stated "I will send Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Did Elijah not come before the Messiah? Did they know him? Was John the baptist not Elijah?

People do not believe in re-incarnation. That has been the problem of all of you. You say that when somebody dies he is gone, forever. But have you not seen the revelation here? Who was John the Baptist? Was he not Elijah? But you keep on arguing that there is no re-incarnation. If they did not believe in reincarnation why did they expect Elijah to come as was prophesied that Elijah shall come before the Messiah? Can you not notice the contradiction there? Go and buy yourself a Bible and believe all what is contained in it. If it has not yet come to pass, wait for it, for it will surely come to pass. There is no statement of Our Lord Jesus Christ which shall not come to pass in this generation.

## **The Scriptures are true**

Before Moses was born, it was already spoken through the prophets concerning his coming. It is recorded in the Bible. Before Moses's depar-

ture, it was also prophesied that God shall raise up a prophet to you like unto him, him shall you hear in all that he says. And it shall come to pass that whoever shall not listen to the voice of that prophet shall be cut off from among the people. It is all written in the Bible but you argue that you do not believe in man.

Brethren, have you realized that? A virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son. Did she not bring forth a son? If God does not wish to reveal something to you, he will not reveal to you. This does not imply that what has not been revealed is not in existence. If he chooses to reveal it unto you thank him because it is your luck. Upon all the mighty works done by Our Lord Jesus Christ people did not believe him because they argued that they knew his father and his mother, but when the Christ comes no one would know where he comes from.

Where there are five peoples there would be division, two, against three or four against one; Some asked whether when the Christ comes whether he will do greater works than what they saw? Others asked are you also his disciples? A quarrel ensued. There is nothing that can save me or you or the entire world, except we believe all the writings in the Bible. Do not doubt anything. All that you find written therein, watch out steadfastly because that is our salvation. Apart from that you will perish if you were destined to perish. Why did the angel not name him Emmanuel as was prophesied but he said that he should be called Jesus? He was not named Emmanuel (God with us) or Messiah but he was called "Jesus". And "Jesus" is a common name among the Jews. But no one has ever answered it from his own tribe. God changed the thinking expectations of all the people and caused His own will to supersede act.

### The Sacrosanctity of the Prophecies

But he had another name which they did not know. If at his birth, it was decided that he should be called the Christ, they would have killed Him immediately. God is very wise. As he was called "Jesus" the three wise men went and asked for the King of the Jews who was just born and Herod was mad with anger. Was another King born to rival him? The theme of today's gospel is "Believe all what are written in the Book of God as were prophesied. The first lesson says that a virgin shall be with child. And shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel. Which being interpreted is, God with us. Did it not come to pass? It did, and so hold fast to that. The golden text says that a woman clothed with the sun, and being with child cried, Travailing in birth; And pained to be delivered. This is quite another one. Has it not come to pass or will it not come to pass? He has brought in another thing. Those of you waiting for Christ from the sky will never believe when the child that is prophesied is born. Is it not the same thing like the case of old? Let our second lesson be read.

## 2nd Lesson: 11 Peter 1:19

*“We have also a more sure word of prophesy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”*

Have you heard that? First, God created everything and said let us create man in our own image and likeness. And so he created Adam and Eve and told them to rule over everything. Was he not a man? Would you say that he was a beast or a spirit? Did he first create man before saying let us make man or did he prophesy before the creation of man? He first prophesied saying “let us make man in our own image and likeness” before creating man. If he first created the heavens and the earth, the sun the moon, the stars and the seas; if he first created everything before He said let us make man in our own image and likeness, and then created the man, you should then believe that every word spoken by God will surely come to pass. Believe that all what were prophesied will all come to pass without any one being unfulfilled.

### Prophecy Fulfilled

Experience is the best teacher. If you believe that, we are always celebrating the fulfilment of that prophecy that a virgin shall bring forth a child and he shall be called Emmanuel; and that Mary actually did give birth to “Jesus”, you should then believe truly that all that were prophesied by the prophets will all come to pass. It was stated that Elijah shall come before the Messiah and that Elijah was translated into heaven before it was prophesied that a virgin shall give birth to a child who shall be called Jesus. This prophecy was fulfilled in the same way as it was said that Jesus who was taken up into heaven will so come in like manner as you see him go into heaven. Can you not notice that the prophecy about a woman who would bring forth a male child who would rule the world with a rod of iron, will also be fulfilled? No matter which other way you argue it, even if somebody comes from the sky, I will not believe. I am looking unto the prophecy of this child born of a woman.

As Malachi had stated, Elijah did come before the Messiah, John the Baptist was older than Christ by six months. And so that word of prophecy was fulfilled. Why do you not believe all that is written in the scripture? No matter what you do to me, I will continue to believe the writings in the scriptures because they shall all come to pass. We are all Thomases, but I have witnessed this one that Elijah came before the Messiah and straightened his way. He turned the hearts of the Fathers unto children. John the Baptist was Elijah incarnate, and he was born by Elizabeth. And Mary gave birth to God. And so all that are left unfulfilled will definitely be fulfilled.



Christ Himself did say that whosoever believes in Him will never taste of death. It was also prophesied that the Christ abides forever; and so he does not die.

### **Elijah Translated**

It was also prophesied that Elijah would not die, but when he was persecuted, he lost all hope in life. Since it was prophesied that he would not die nothing happened to him. He was translated into heaven exactly as the word of prophecy had stated. Our Lord Jesus Christ also said that he would go to Jerusalem; and there he would be arrested and tortured and would finally be killed. But on the third day God would resurrect him, Did these predictions not come true? Did God not resurrect him on the third day? Since then have you heard again of his sickness or death? He is here. The young man is here doing His works. He is everywhere.

### **Christ will never die**

Those who argue that the Lord Jesus had died should pray for themselves and repent. When did he die? he rose up on the third day and seized the keys of death and hell and destroyed them. Can you not realise that the young man is today doing his work. He is here and will abide until eternity. The Bible has attested that he abides forever and ever. But in your own case you argue that He has died and you are gazing at the sky for his coming again. He is here on earth, in the sky, inside water and everywhere. Where did he go? You will tell me. It was said that the shepherd shall be struck and the sheep shall be scattered. That was what was prophesied and when Our Lord Jesus Christ told this to His disciples, they stamped their feet that they were going to die with Him. Peter said that even if every one left Him, he would never leave Him. They all said the same. But when he was arrested, was any one of them left? They all ran away.

### **Why Gaze at the sky?**

Why then do you not look steadfastly unto the word of God? Which of them has ever failed to come to pass? It is said that his soul shall not see corruption and that none of his bones shall be broken. Were his bones broken? Did his soul see corruption? No, because these were all written. Why do you not believe in the words of prophecy. I sincerely believe in them. You will discover that all that are nominated from the book of Genesis down to Revelation will all come to pass one by one. It is also written that the stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner and it is marvellous in our eyes. The Christ for whom the disciples were reviled for worshipping a man, the son of Joseph and Mary, has become the ruler of heaven and earth today.

Peter and the rest of the disciples were killed because they were accused of referring to a man as God. But (today) the Christians attest that he is God and the Son of God. They argue that they know “Jesus” alone. But was “Jesus” a ghost or an angel? Was He not a man? If you do not believe that the Lord Jesus was man and was conceived in the womb of a woman for nine months, then you are not a believer. The celebration of his birth is to silence satan, to re-emphasize that the Lord Jesus is human and that man is God. Otherwise satan would have convinced you that he flies above the realms and the world would have perished. You will be gazing at the sky till doomsday. There is nothing that comes from the sky except winged animals.

Search through the Scriptures if you will find any portion which tells you that any person has ever descended from the sky or will ever land from the sky. It is only through a woman that human beings come into the world. God can cause people to descend from the sky, but where will they land? Because all the land has already been inhabited. Where will they live? It was also Jeremiah who prophesied that he would be sold for thirty pieces of silver? It was also prophesied that the thirty pieces of silver will be used in purchasing a land called the “land of blood.” It was fulfilled exactly. You can then realise that all what were prophesied about in the scriptures are being fulfilled, but you do not believe.

Right from today go and buy yourself a bible and believe everything that is written in it because they will all come to pass. Let our golden text be read.

### **Golden Text Revelation 12:1--2**

*“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.”*

Brethren, have you heard? God is very wise. Of all the people in the world not two are exactly alike in facial semblance. There are no two persons who are identical in all respects. That is the difference in this text. In this context, it is not stated that a virgin will give birth or that an old woman will give birth; but it is simply stated that a woman brought forth a man child. He does not specify where this will happen because he does not want you to kill him again.

### **A man child to Rule the world**

Many people have not read to that portion, and that has been their problem. Others wait until what was said by that angel is fulfilled. It was not God who said it but an angel, that as he was taken up so shall he come back as a man. The angel did not mean that he will come back from the sky. As

it was prophesied that a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us; so also is it prophesied that this woman brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And so you should not gaze at the sky but at this word of prophecy. This is a similar case with that of Our Lord Jesus Christ about two thousand years ago and they were all fulfilled. Note that it has been about two thousand years and then this other prophecy of a woman who brought forth a man child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. Do you think that this prophecy will not be fulfilled or has not already been fulfilled.

If that has not been fulfilled, John said he saw a great crowd, which no man could number, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. Has this also not been fulfilled? Have you not seen this great crowd? He also says: "Him that over cometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and I will write upon him my new name." The emphasis is on the new name. Is the Name Jesus a new name? Is Christ or Messiah a new name? You can see that the situation has now changed. When Elijah first came he was called Elijah; but when he came again he was called John the Baptist. That is another new name.

## **The Mission of John the Baptist**

When his fame was noised abroad, those who never wished the good of others sent messengers to ask him who he was. They asked him if he were Elijah and he denied it. If he had answered that he was Elijah would they not have arrested him? That was why he denied it. When they asked if he were Jeremiah, he also denied. They asked him are you the Christ or are you that prophet and he answered no. They asked Him why he baptised people with water if he was none of these persons. As the heavens are higher than the earth so the wisdom of God is greater than that of man no matter how you investigate him, you will never understand him.

He told them, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Was it not prophesied that Elijah shall precede the Messiah? Brethren, have you not noticed the source of your problem? Even you in Brotherhood, do not believe the words of prophecy written in the Book of God. You argue that it is a book of parables and was written by man. Yes, it was written by men but God inspired the men to write it. Just as you are given similar messages today, you also argue that it is said by Ikwo Etim and that they have started their lies.

Did our Lord Jesus Christ not tell you: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak: and he will shew

you things to come. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew to unto you." Has Our Lord Jesus Christ not been glorified today? This is the time of his glory and during this period we are celebrating the joy of his birth everywhere. And he said the "comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My Name. He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Is his statement not fulfilled today?

Brethren, one stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise he who has ears to hear. let him hear. May God bless His Holy words. Amen!