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acceptable to God. Whatever a child does or whatever is the out-come of a child's life is what he/she has copied from the parents. Parents are the sample copies of their children.

Truth, kindness, patience, humility, meekness, etc, should be the base on which to rear them to good expectation. Using fool and abusive languages on our children should be avoided for the little children are the greatest in the sight of Jehovah God and His Christ.

Thank you Father

Xt. St. U. E. Akpan  
SABBATH TEACHER/CHOIRMASTER

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## THE CHILDREN'S CREED

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Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this right.

Honour thy Father and Mother;

which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth

(Eph. 6:1-3; King James Version)

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WHAT THE CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW

CORRECT READING AND PRAYING:

They should Read both English and Vernacular Bibles. Start and end prayers.

To pray; first close your eyes, and place two palms together before you begin thus:

"Let thanks and praise be to the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ - Amen.

Let thanks and praise be to the Father, now and forever more - Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy. Conclude as you started, using the same words.

Begin to narrate a testimoney/Dream/Vision thus:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Now and forever more, Amen

This is my testimony on the work of Holy Spirit - Conclude as you started, using the same words.

Begin to confess sins thus:  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ  
In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Now and forever more, Amen

This is to confess my sins before God and His Witnesses and to pray for His forgiveness. Conclude as you started, using the same words.

### SING CORRECTLY:

Sabbath Choirs must be able to sing the correct version of the following as contained in our Sure Foundation Hymnary Introit, Doxologies, Vesper Songs, Child Blessing Songs and the Lord's Prayer.

Since Brotherhood has a peculiar pattern of doing everything, to avoid confusion, all Sabbath Teachers/Choirmaster who are not conversant with tonic solfa notations should please, contact the students' Choirmaster-General for details and information.

We have now started organizing a separate singing exercise for Sabbath Group of Choirs. This in fact, has stimulated keen desire to compete amongst themselves and pave ways for improved standard of performance.

### MORAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Many children are fond of either shaking or nodding their heads when answering questions. They are to be taught the correct way to answer questions through this simple expression: Yes Brother or No Sister.

### EXAMPLE:

Question, "Mary, did you attend Sabbath Lesson yesterday"

Answer: Mary: "No Brother/No Sister, I was not well to be able to attend Sabbath Lesson yesterday".

They must not be allowed to fight or insult each other. They must be told that it is good to obtain permission whenever one wants to go out for anything or to ease one's self.

Noise-making during services and after Classes must be discouraged by all means.

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ORDER OF CONDUCTING CHILDREN SERVICE:

- 1) HYMN
- 2) PRAYER BY THE CONDUCTOR
- 3) PSALM 1
- 4) PRAYER
- 5) SONG BY CHOIR
- 6) PRAYER
- 7) TEXT-SERMON
- 8) PRAYER
- 9) SILENT PRAYER (ALL STANDING)
- 10) BLESSING (FATHER, SON)
- 11) PRAYER
- 12) CLOSING HYMN
- 13) PSALM 23: THE LORD'S PRAYER
- 14) DOXOLOGY - BENEDICTION
- 15) SPIRITUAL CHORUSES
- 16) CLOSING

## ORDER OF BLESSING FOR LITTLE CHILDREN:

Children should be taught how to sing their blessing song correctly as written below and the right way to hold their hands when going on their blessing. Sisters should bend their knees, and brothers bow their heads while dropping their offerings at the altar.

### BLESSING SONG

#### KEY F: IN MODERATE TIME

d : s / m : d . d / f : m / r : -  
s, : d / d : s, . s, / r : d / t, : -  
Fa-ther Son and the Ho-ly Ghost  
m : r / s : m m / s : l / s : -  
d : s, / s : s, . s, / t : l / s : -

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m : s / f : m . r d : t / d :- d d  
d : t / d : l . l , s, : s / s, :- l, s,  
Ho-ly Holy blessed Thee A .- men  
m : s / l : d f m , : r / m : f m  
d, : m, / f, : l f s : s / d, : f, d,

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#### MEMORY VERSES AND CITATIONS

##### FEAST TEXTS:

John 6:51

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven, if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

1st Corinthians 10:16-17:

+The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread."

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (MATT. 6:9-13)

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth. As it is in heaven give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the Glory, for ever and ever - Amen.

Psalm 1:

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the Counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leave also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous but the way of the ungodly shall perish".

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### PSALM 15

"Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own heart, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

### PSALM 23

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep, The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more".

#### SABBATH MEETING DAYS:

Children Sabbath is held on every Saturday by 2.00p.m Sabbath Choir practices are held every Wednesday. First Saturday of every month is set aside for all Area Sabbath Children meeting in their respective Headquarters by 10.00a.m for spiritual revival.

Parents are requested to help the children financially to enable them carry out their assignments successfully. Teachers should educate the children to know those portions which follow them. For feasts on other days except on Wednesdays, read John 6:51 -



1st Cor. 10:16-17, Sing Hymn 201 (Sure Foundation Hymnary). For feast on Wednesday sing only Hymn 202 (Sure Foundation Hymnary).

Reciting the Lord's Prayer, Psalm 1, 15, and 121, should be emphasized.

Teachers should always encourage the children to take active part in conducting their services and songs, Teachers are only to watch, direct, and give necessary corrections when the children go wrong

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FACTS YOU MUST NEVER FORGET:

1. The Registration of Sabbath Children in the Bethels.
2. Age of Registration: One day - until when the child ceases to act and behave as a child.
3. Registration Fee of 50K per child
4. Weekly dues of 10K per child; i.e 50K per month.
5. Sabbath Meetings day: Every Saturday by 2.00p.m.
6. Every 1st Saturday of the month: Children's Area General Meeting by 10.00am with fasting 6.00am to 12 noon.

7. Every 5th Friday of the month:  
Children's Area Fund Raising  
Function.
8. Feast Money: One Naira (₦1.00) per  
child to be collected before the  
commencement of every Pentecostal  
and forwarded to the Headquarters.
9. Nominal Roll Registration of ₦1.00  
per child.
10. Sabbath Bethels termly dues:  
Five Naira (₦5.00) to the Headquarters.
11. No football, flag etc. should be  
introduced to the children.
12. Every child should have his/her  
Membership Card.

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### PROPOSALS FOR 1991:

The Executive of the Children Fellowship  
has come up with some proposals for the  
year 1991

### THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) Children 4th Pilgrimage to Biakpan:  
9th to 10th February, 1991.
- (b) Compilation of Nominal Roll-Volume  
Four
- (c) Prizes during August Anniversary  
Celebration

(d) Ministry work within Nigeria and Abroad.

(e) Seminar for the Sabbath Teachers.

Now let us look into these points sequentially

(a) THE FOURTH PILGRIMAGE TO BIAKPAN IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY, 9TH - 10TH:

All children in the whole Brotherhood World are to be there. The Ceremony will feature Drama, sing song Night, Presentation of gifts, outing, visiting of the Chiefs/Elders etc., of Biakpan City.

The Theme of the Children's Pilgrimage to Biakpan is "In Appreciation to the Holy Father's Youthful Manifestations" The Wonders He performed at the ages of eight days, three and five years.

(b) NOMINAL ROLL COMPILATION:

All Sabbath Children in Brotherhood World are involved in this exercise, ranging from a day old child to as long as the child remains young in thought, action and behaviour. The exercise is being introduced by the Father Himself. A circular to this effect had been sent out to all Bethels of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

Enrolment is made with only (#1.00) or its equivalent outside Nigeria. The names are to be compiled Bethel by Bethel and passed through the Leader's Representative of the Area for proper checking and onward sub-mission to the Headquarters Treasury. Each Volume of a Nominal-Roll is to be published during every August Pentecostal Assembly. This will enable a child maintain his/her international number in the children Fellowship Card, (Baptizmal Certificate Card, child blessing card and later, the adult international membership cards).

Note that these four cards are all International Cards, within the International Registers which are before the Father.

Secondly wherever a child travels to, within or outside the country, his/her number on the register will be demanded of him/her. The compilation process will remain continuous.

(d) GIVING PRIZES TO THE BEST GROUP OF CHILDREN/CHOIR OR INDIVIDUAL

It will be recalled that in the past years when the children were not having singing exercises of their own, prizes were made to the best performances either in solo/duet or recitation. Scholarships were also awarded to few brilliant children during their day with the Holy Father. The executive of the Children Fellowship has decided to revive and restore those benefits in addition to the prizes won during singing exercises (only during the August Pentecostal). Sabbath

Teachers/Parents are hereby warned not to deprive their children of these privileges given them. They should see to it that the children they bring to the headquarters are well trained so as to benefit from these gifts from the Father.

(e) MINISTRY WORK:

Ministry work or Evangelical Missionary Trips is one of the Holy Sacraments in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, which the children are not exempted from participating.

Every member in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star can easily testify of going from house to house, village to village, Country to Country Ministering for the Father. They always come back with marvellous testimonies. If old men and women who cannot walk for a long distance nor can they bend down easily, nor withstand the heat or cold of any country do come back with inspiring testimonies before the Holy Father, then what do you expect from the little children who are both spiritually and physically fit and flexible. The answer is that they will do much more, better than the older people. Let us now arise, help to bring up these little ones, and send them out on Oversea Ministry work. Remember our Lord saying: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Children have a very big role to play in Ministering for the Lord. Older men are warned for their own interest, not to stop their children from serving the Father; for the Father wants to use them to disgrace the mighties of the world.

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BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR GUIDELINES  
TO SYLLABUS FOR LESSONS IN THE BROTHERHOOD  
CHILDREN SABBATH MEETINGS

WEEK ONE: FIRST TERM

The Birth of the Leader of the Universe  
(Leader Olumba Olumba Obu).

- (a) Bible Record about Him
- (b) The Ruler will be born of a woman  
Revelation 12:15 (As delivered by the  
Father).

QUOTE:

"Does this not prove to you that the person who would rule the world with a rod would be brought forth by a woman and would not come from the ground or out of the wind, but will be born of a woman. The woman may take any form with any colour of the skin. She may be black or white, but certainly the channel would be a woman. I think most of you are gazing into the sky: Look now on the ground He has come down".

DISMISS YOUR NEGATIVE IDEA:

You are now charged to dismiss your negative thoughts that a person will descend from the sky to rule over all nations with an iron rod".

GET the message straight. It is not that He would rule over trees, or beasts, or blacks, or whites. Rather, He will rule over all nations. Do you think that this is something to joke about?

What worries human understanding is that this child, who is to rule all nations with an iron rod, is to be brought forth by a woman and there after caught up unto God. He stays with God on His throne. So brethren, if we should examine these prophecies carefully, we would see that they have been fulfilled.

#### THE ROD OF IRON:

Signifies that He comes to occupy the Royal Throne. He does not come like our Lord Jesus Christ to preach from place to place He has come as the King of Kings. The Rod of Iron is part of the regalia of His Kingship. He has come to rule over things created and uncreated. He has come to assume His Glory. That is the significance of the Rod of Iron. All Angels, men and things bow down to Him. Anyone who does not accept His reign, will be eliminated at His command. His only duty is to give orders. He goes to nowhere what so ever!

#### WEEK TWO: - MORE PROPHECIES:

Prophetess Otom Egan Otim Osim of Biakpan, had prophesied a bout the birth of the Leader. In her prophesy, she was led to instruct the people that they were to be punished for seven (7) years as a result of

disobedience to the instructions of God. After six (6) years of suffering the people pleaded with the Prophetess to pray and ask her God to forgive them. She was again led to reveal to them that the seventh year should be used for self sanctification in readiness to moving into the promised land Biakpan, where the son of Man would be born to the family of Olumba.

### HIS BIRTH:

The Sole Spiritual Head Leader Olumba Olumba Obu was born in the little Town of Biakpan in the year 1918. It was the year, the first world war ended. The great influenza of that year affected all regions around Biakpan and claimed many lives. This compared much with the time when Christ was born and King Herod ordered the killing of children below the age of two years.

WEEK THREE: THE HOLY FATHER'S ADVICE TO CHILDREN

CHOICE OF THE FOOLISH AND WEAK TO DISGRACE THE WISE AND STRONG:

TEXT: - 1 Corinthians 1:27

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God had chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

GOD'S REGARDS FOR CHILDREN:

The Father said, 'Generally, the children were not regarded, but God places much importance on the children. So children



chose to spend their time playing, thinking that they can do no more. Parents and Elders also feel that children can do nothing reasonable, and dismiss them merely as playful lots. Everyone should know that God uses children to do wonderful things.

God used children like Samuel, Jonathan and David. They were small when God started using them.

The Isrealites wanted a King to lead them against the Philistines. Samuel the prophet, searched for a King for a long time but could not find one.

SAUL AS A YOUTH CHOSEN KING:  
(I Samuel 9:15-27: 10:1-16)

Saul and his brethren were searching for their father's lost sheep for three days without any luck. They decided to consult a seer who could help them. This decision was taken, on the advice of one of his father's servants.

They went to Prophet Samuel, who entertained. Samuel said to Saul that he was to be King of the Isrealites. He also told Saul that the sheep they were looking for had been found. Saul was the least among his brethren.

WEEK FOUR: LITTLE DAVID ANNOINTED KING OF ISREAL:

(I Samuel 16:1-13)

Prophet Samuel, at a later date was sent by God to the house of Jesse to annoint a King

because a Saviour was to come from there.

The Spirit did not choose any of Jesse's seven big sons. It was when David, the least of Jesse's sons was brought from the field where he tended the sheep, that Samuel became possessed with the Holy Spirit; and was directed to arise and annoint little David. He proclaimed David King of the Isrealites.

WEEK FIVE:           THE CHILD DAVID DEFEATED  
GOLIATH

(I Samuel 17:31-51)

David was only a child when he defeated Goliath. God uses the weak to disgrace the strong. Therefore, children should never regard themselves as worthless beings. Rather, they should pray for their parents when they are ill. They should pray for their Elders when on Ministry Services.

WEEK SIX:           FEELING OF SPIRITUAL  
GREATNESS:

Children should not look down on themselves as being poor or orphans. God loves them more than the highly placed and mighty people. He wants them more than he wants the adults. For this reason, the children have Saturdays for their Services. A day is also kept for their Fellowship Meetings.

A time would come when people from Overseas would come to share in the blessings of the children Fellowship Day. God uses all

children for wonderful works; as such, you must start at this early age to reverence and serve God. God wants and loves all of you.

The Father continued, "I want boys and girls who are virgins to come up and serve God. There are scholarships for the virgins, Offices are reserved for virgins the Vineyard is big but the workers are few.

"How I wish you children knew the place I have reserved for you. Your parents should not be said or jealous of where I have kept for you. They should rejoice for, when the children can accomplish what the parents could not, the parents would be blessed for the children's sake.

The Father said He was very happy to see the adults participating in the children Fellowship Meeting. He assured them of lots of testimonies.

WEEK SEVEN:            YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

Galatians 6:10

Anything you sow is what you will reap. If you sow corruption, you reap corruption. If you were a dis-respectful child during your youth, your children will be disrespectful too. If you are a deceiver, you will meet deceivers, and will be deceived by other too. If you are a gossiper, your children will inherit your gossiping habit.

Many children lament that they are not well-cared for. They are not worthy to be cared for because they fail to carry out the instructions of God and they have no love of God in them. If you are able to carry out the instructions and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ you will have no problems in life.

You grumble within your heart that if you lived during the time of Adam, Melchisedek, Jesus and other holy ones, you could have worshipped and kept to God's commandments.

What are you doing today in this New-Kingdom of God established now on earth after your long prayer of; May your Kingdom Come.

This is the best generation which Adam, Melchizedek and the rest wanted and waited for. If you have the love and practise the gospel of this New Kingdom, you will be glad within yourself. If you are opportuned to read the book of the great "I AM THAT I AM, you will know that the word of God does not wait until you grow up and own cars, or acquire wealth before you start to practise it. I started when I was only three years old. The children we see will grow up to correct the bad behaviours of the adults.

WEEK EIGHT:      PURITY IS THE KEY TO YOUR SUCCESS

(I Timothy 4:12; II Tim. 2:22; I John 3)  
The children of God are born to remain God's children while the children of the

flesh also born as fleshly people.

The children of God do not fornicate nor commit adultery. They do not commit any act of sin. They are clean.

This Kingdom is of God and is full of joy. My little children, what is disturbing you in serving God? Go to School and become well educated, then you come and serve or work for God.

It would not be long, I will send you to Overseas Countries like Japan, America, etc., to work for God since you are the children of God. We have three books for this Fellowship. They are:-

- i) BROTHERHOOD OF MAN
- ii) FLEE FORNICATION
- iii) SUBMIT TO YOUR ELDERS

These books are not for you alone, but for the entire world. They are to be used in teaching the word of God to people; to enable them know what is obtained in this fold.

If you want to marry, do so with one husband and have children but still serve God. This Kingdom does not want fornicators, liars and other vices.

The Father wants virgins. This is a new generation, and virgins must come out from your Fellowship.

WEEK NINE:      CHILDREN CAN PERFORM  
WONDERFULLY WELL

Our Lord Jesus Christ had said, Allow the little children to come unto me, for theirs is the Kingdom of God. He who receives the little children, receives Me. The children will go on Ministry Work Overseas. Christ student Mary in Liverpool is performing wonderful work in the Vineyard. Christ Student Udofia in London does the same. I want to send you little ones to go and serve in a wonderful way, throughout the whole world.

LOVE ACCOMPLISHES MUCH:

(Hebrew 13:1)

All the old prophets of God like our Father Abraham are here. All fishes in Water, animals in the bush, are complete here. This is why you are told not to kill any creature created by God. This knowledge has not yet come to the world.

This is why God our Father called us, to show and teach us about the New Kingdom of God. We have to do on earth as it is done in heaven. There is no man nor woman. Since you have been baptised, and have on Christ, you are all one. All that obtains here is love.

Do not call people into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star fold, you are only told to continue in loving one another. Let brotherly love continue. Whatever good thing you can do

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continue doing it. Our Lord Jesus the Christ advised that we continue in loving one another He is the Lord of Lords, He is all and in all.

Go to anywhere and tell people boldly to forsake sin. They should continue in love. spread the good tidings to all and sundry. Go to various denominations, your work - places, in your schools; tell them to love one another, and refrain from all acts of sin.

### LIGHT ATTRACTS LIGHT:

We are the ones to practise the word of God. God has no house, you are the houses of the Lord, and you must practise the gospel and refrain from all sinful acts.

There is an adage which says, "When mates or colleagues meet with their counterparts, they shake hands, and feel at home "Lawyers are bringing their counterparts. Teachers are doing same. People from all walks of life are bringing their counterparts, you children have to go out and bring other children into this Kingdom.

My children, I always expect to see you come out to the Prayer - stand to pray, and involve yourselves in all the activities such as: Reading the Bible during services, giving testimonies. But, you do not do these things. You are very lucky sets. I have told you, I want virgins your parents were not as lucky as you are".

## MOST OF YOU ARE AMONG THE ONE-FORTY-FOUR-THOUSAND

WEEK 1:  
Acts 3 : 20

I have brought glad tidings. The covenant which God made with Abraham has come to manifestation. When you get home read again Acts 3 : 25. Tell your parents that you are not the children of the world, flesh or perdition, but children of God. There is no other fortune you could come across now, than the Kingdom of God which you have inherited.

You are prophet's children. There is no other person to teach you to know the Father except your parents. Most children dream dreams and see visions. No one teaches you these. You do these because you are among the one forty-four Thousand that will inherit the Kingdom of God. It is through you that your parents have salvation.

WEEK 2: CHILDREN OF PROMISE

It is now your place to live a life worthy of praise. You start at infancy to know God. All children here now and those to come are children of God. That is why your parents are told not to beat you. It is also your duty to obey and serve your parents and God.



Our Lord Jesus Christ said that the Kingdom of God is for children. Do you not see this statement now fulfilled? Zacharias and Elizabeth were true servants of God, you will remember. (Luke 1:5-15). Their son John the Baptist, because he was a child of promise, did great works, He was also the child of a prophet. (Luke 1:26-33) - Our Lord Jesus Christ also was a child of promise. What was done to the Israelites has to be done to the Gentiles.

WEEK 3.      YOUR GREAT TASK IS TO  
CHANGE YOUR PARENTS

Most of you are great visioners, but refuse to reveal what you see. Through most of you God restores health to the sick when you pray, God does this, because you are God's children. You have a very great task at hand. This task is to change your parents and bring them to God.

I give you a story to illustrate things of heaven with those of the world.

There was a Bishop who could preach very well. But, he was a great sinner. He had a child. He thought whenever he stole, no one would see him. People respected and liked him. As he did not steal where he believed people and even God saw him. He read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation but failed to see where it was written, "Do not steal. He started stealing from his youth. As he was the sole preacher, no other person had preached to him not to steal .

One day, he went to steal in the Company of his little son. This time, he was stealing cassava. The man kept the child at a point to be on the watch, so that he could notify him when someone came along.

The child went near as the father was stealing the cassava, and told him that some one was looking at him. The Bishop ran out and asked the boy to show him the direction where the person was. The Bishop looked around and saw no one. He went back to dig more cassava, and even asked the boy to help dig quickly.

As they were digging the boy got up and told the father that somebody was looking at them. The Father insisted on seeing where that fellow was, to be able to look at them. It was then that the boy told the father that God was watching them. The Bishop confessed that he did not know that God was watching and seeing him all the time he was stealing right from his youth.

He told the son that from that moment he had to stop stealing. He was convinced that God is the only Supreme Being who sees in secret. They left all the cassava behind and went home. The Bishop was saved by his son, who told him not to steal as God had seen him.

Most of you are children of the ordained ones. This is why you think that you cannot tell your parents the evil they commit, like fornicating and telling lies.

The main reason why you were send to **this** Kingdom is for you to convert your parents. It is now your place to bring your parents nearer to God. With the spirit of God in you, always pray for the entire world to **behavè well**. Try to bring up God's work. Forget about the number of ordained ones you see, for, the field is wide, but the reapers are few.

(Luke 18:16-20) Matt. 19:16-19

WEEK 4:        THERE IS NO STUMBLING  
BLOCK ON YOUR WAY

(Mark 9.41-42, Luke 10:19-20)

"God sees every body, you are the children of promise. So, there is no stumbling **block** to stop you from practising the word of God. Some of you do not attend the Sabbath Meetings regularly. Stop such habits. Show good example to others. Attend Sabbath Meetings regularly. Show obedience to your Sabbath Teachers/Mothers, Parents and all your elders.

Put your problems before God in Prayers. What the world disregards, is of great importance to God. The children Fellowships is **the** greatest of all Fellowships. Truly, there is power and life here (I want the house to be in reverence, for the Holy spirit is doing its work. You must ask

yourself why, if you fail to feel the impact of today's blessings).

The Children are like the mustard seed, so minute but when planted and nourished, they become large and many. I enjoin all children to be obedient, humble, God-fearing and pure. The spirit of God in you will lead you to perform wonderful works.

WEEK 5: SANCTIFY YOURSELF FOR  
GOD'S WORK

(Matt. 6:33)

"This is the time for spiritual food which will lead you to eternal life. We are looking for the one-hundred and forty-four thousand, and our hopes are on you, because our parents have failed us. I should like you to pray to the Father to give this required number and to change the entire world. You are witnesses that what God likes, man hates that, but what God hates, man admires that.

If John the Baptist did not give himself to God, we would not have seen these great works. If our Lord Jesus Christ did not surrender Himself to God, we would not have witnessed this salvation.

Ask not for material things like wealth, knowledge etc. Your fore-fathers asked for these things, but what did they gain? You are asked to seek for, You are asked to seek for the Holy Spirit. Ask for the Holy Spirit to direct you in all that you do.

WEEK 6: PATIENCE BUILDS  
GOOD CHARACTER

Patience is the greatest thing we should ask for, Patience cures all ailments. If you have patience, you can accomplish all things. God is the Father of Patience, and Christ the King of Patience

With a story I am comparing things of this world with those in Heaven.

A man had three sons. He called them one at a time and asked each to choose among money, children and patience. The first son chose money saying that money was the King of the earth. The second son chose children believing that children would make him the greatest. The last son chose patience in his own conviction that patience was the greatest wealth.

The first and second sons had plenty of money and children, and the third son had peace, and was very successful in all aspects. The wealth of the first son became a source of uncomfortable life. His vehicles and expanding business had problems here and there. The second son had series of problems with his many children. Some children threatened to kill Him. Both of them lacked peace.

Finally, the first and the second sons, each on his own, decided to meet the third son to plead with him to take all the wealth and the children and give peace to

each of them. The third son accepted them into his peaceful domain. From that day, they all lived happily and peacefully together (Matt. 13:44)

Have you seen that precious stone hidden in the farm that the whole world can not see? Patience.

Lack of patience has brought a lot of problems unto the world, All highly placed people request special fervent prayers because they lack patience and have no peace. Let us all ask God for patience because it surpasses everything. He that has patience to the end will win.

WEEK 7: YOU WERE CHOSEN  
FROM INFANCY

(Romans 9:11)

God chose you right from the time you were in your mother's womb. God is nearer to you than He is nearer to the Kings and queens, because you are His chosen ones. If you surrender yourselves to him, He will also surrender Himself to you.

If you are filled with the spirit of God. you will not subject yourself to any evil act. You will not speak bad words against your neighbours, nor commit any bad act.

You do not wait until you get married or have children before you start serving God. An adage says - start looking for a black goat while it is yet day.

Time is at hand that the Father will separate the good from the bad ones. He will always reveal Himself to His chosen children. You do not have to be a Pastor or a Deaconess before you do the work of God.

Whether you believe it or not, you like it or not, you were chosen right from infancy to serve God.

#### WEEK 8: I WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING:

I will give you everything that is good.  
I will give you my love and mercy.

It's you children who are called to testify of God's work you have been lucky because God's promises are fulfilled and His words manifested in you.

#### ILLUSTRATIVE STORY:

'Once upon a time, there lived a King, who had two sons. He was an idol worshipper. He told his sons that he would share his domain and wealth to them if they would worship his idols with him. The first son accepted this offer and received much wealth.

The second son refused the father's offer. He said he could not worship a man-made god. He said he would only worship and serve the real God.

This second son left the father's offer. He remained in a distant place and started preaching the word of God. He tried to be upright trusting in God.

After some time, a letter was sent from his home to him reporting the death of his father. He refused to go home, because he believed that his God was with him. A second letter was sent. He refused going, saying that God was his father and he would lack nothing.

A third letter was again sent to him. In the letter, he was asked to come home and take up the father's throne; as both his father and brother were dead.

The whole family wrote, yet he still refused. When they wrote again pleading, he replied them that he would only come home if they would accept Christ. The family accepted his condition. He left for his home.

At home, he destroyed all idol shrines, felled all the unnecessary trees and built schools and churches. Everybody in his community started worshiping the true God.



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The young man became very wealthy because he had faith and hope in God. His people submitted to him and served him. In this way the Biblical saying that the elder shall serve younger' was fulfilled in him. He became the leader of his people. - (Romans 8:14-17).

'Today, if you serve God with all your mind and might, He will make you the head and give you abundant wealth. Understand now that it is through you that salvation reaches your family and the whole universe.

#### WEEK 9: BAPTISM

The Holy Father advised the children on baptism. "Those who are not baptised and are qualified to be baptised, and should do so when they return from the Pentecostal Assembly. Any one who hears the gospel and believes has the right to be baptised.

The passport to salvation is Baptism. Our Lord Jesus Christ died to save sinners. Once you realize that you are a sinner and can only be cleansed by baptism, you have to be baptised  
The purpose of baptism is to give you eternal life. You can not gain salvation without baptism no matter who you are or whatever you do. Baptism is the Key to Salvation (John 3:5)

Our Lord Jesus Christ was baptised at the age of thirty years. This does not mean that you have to reach adulthood before you get baptised, or saved.

The Load of work, as at now, is more on the children than the adults. Most of you are real workers of God. But, your work is not yet manifested because you are not baptized.

Whenever you come to the realization of your sins, get repented, baptized and receive salvation. Your spirit will be revived.

WEEK 10: OBEDIENCE TO ELDERS AND GOD'S BLESSING

The Father knows that you need His Blessings. You need God's blessings no matter what you are. No none is too small to serve God not to receive God's blessings.

You have more opportunities to serve God than your parents, you are free from all the problems your parents have. For instance, you do not have to worry about food, houses, clothings for others. In this way, you are free to serve God.

God's children are born. It is not wise to think that you can serve God only when you are old. You are all precious to God. One Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand are required. You children stand a better chance of being among this number

You must be well-mannered so as to receive God's blessings. No disrespectful child has ever received God's blessings.

## THIRD TERM

WEEK 1: LOVE THE HOLY SPIRIT  
(2nd Corinthians 3:17)

Those who love the world do not love God; therefore do not love worldly things. Worldly things come from the flesh and not the Father. Those who love the Father have eternal life.

Love the Holy Spirit. Sing, dance and preach the Holy Spirit everywhere. The gathering here is by the Holy Spirit. Our homes are being guided by Him. In short, the Holy spirit does everything. So, we have to be grateful to Him. (The children have been here since 9.30 a.m., they are not tired). This is the work of the Holy Spirit doubt not the Holy Spirit, and believe that whatever is being done here now is done throughout the whole world. His glory has been revealed.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES LIBERTY:

There is liberty here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Everybody is the same. There is no distinction between man and woman, children and adults, sick and the Healthy, the wealthy and the poor. You move freely everywhere, whether you know how to pray or not.

Your parents and government cannot give you this liberty. It is only the Holy Spirit that can do this. The children are called and cared for by Him. Our duty is to reveal Him to the entire world.

Our Lord Jesus Christ had said, if you love me I will request of the Father to send the Comforter to you. The Spirit of truth shall be with you

## WEEK 2: THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

### THE ANNUNCIATION (Luke 1:26-38)

#### Mary with Her Parents:

A young girl called Mary was busy sweeping out the one roomed house where she lived with her father, mother, brothers and sisters in the little town of Nazareth. The house was small.

She was sweeping the floor of their little house. There was much for her to think about these days, with her wedding not far away. She was to be married to a man called Joseph, the carpenter, builder and woodworker. His house was in a nearby street. He was of the house of David.

As she was arranging things in their little house a bit dreamily, she heard a voice ringing in her ears like the golden trumpets she had heard in the temple, saying to her - Rejoice!

Mary jumped, startled and looked up. She exclaimed. Oh oh! as she saw a stranger standing in the doorway of their home looking very happy.

The voice repeated, Rejoice Mary. The Lord is with you. Mary wondered what

the salutation meant. The voice added "God is going to give you a Baby Mary". She become more worried, thinking to herself that she was not yet married. Six months had to come before she would be married to Joseph.

The angel went on God's baby will start to grow inside your body now, "His Holy Spirit that moved in the dark at the dawn of the world will begin in you the little life that will be your baby. The power of God the most High will cover you.

The baby will be a boy. You must call Him Jesus" Jesus! Repeated Mary, and in her language it was Yeshua meaning "God Saves".

"Yes your child will be God's promised one He is the Saviour your people have been waiting for, the angel went on.

"Oh! Mary buried her face in her hands. Nothing is impossible with God," the messenger's voice chanted like music.

"If I have a child, Joseph will not want to marry me", Mary thought. Who will believe that a poor peasant girl like me should carry the son of God? What will my parents say"?

"Think of Elizabeth your cousin. God has given her a baby when she thought such joy would never come. In three months her child will be born.

Mary loved God. She believed this bright radiant stranger. "I am the handmaiden of the Lord, she said simply. Let it all happen to me just as you have said". Then he left her. She stood alone.

"What will they all say"? She thought. Oh, what will they say? She stood rooted to the spot. I'll go and visit Elizabeth, if my parents agree she said aloud.

### WEEK 3: MARY VISITS ELIZABETH (LK.1:39-56)

Mary's parent agreed that she should visit Elizabeth. It was a long journey to Elizabeth's village. When she arrived at Zechariah's house, she called out "Elizabeth" It's Mary. I've come to see you".

Elizabeth looked up suddenly, she pressed her hand to her side. "Why, what is it"? Mary asked. "You look strange, Elizabeth. Is it your baby? Is it time for you to give birth"?

"It is my baby," said Elizabeth and now her face was bright again. No, it's not time for the child to be born. As soon as you came in, I felt my baby jump for joy inside me". She gave a cry of happiness "Oh Mary, Mary does the mother of my Lord honour me with a Visit?" In an instant, they were in each other's arms. "How wonderful it is that you knew", Mary said, and she started to sing a song of praise.

"My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. He has come to His lowly handmaid and now, until the end of time, I will be called blessed. How good God is! He looks after everyone who loves Him. He is strong and powerful. He pulls down the princes from their thrones and exalts the poor and needy. He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent empty away.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months, up to the time when Elizabeth's baby was born.

WEEK 4: NAMING ELIZABETH'S NEW BABY  
(Luke 1:57-80)

The news of Elizabeth's new baby spread quickly round. All her friends agreed that it was wonderful. They all moved into see and congratulate her. One of her friends was so excited that she said, "Elizabeth is almost old enough to be a grand mother and now she has her own baby." Another friend replied, "The strange thing is that her husband has been dumb. He's not been able to speak for nearly a year. He was in the Temple one day, and when he came out, he was not able to speak. He could only make signs to us. We are sure God told him something in the Temple that day."

They all suspected that he was told something about his baby. They all wondered what name the baby would be called by.

Some guessed the baby would be called Zechariah, after the father.

When the baby was eight days old, he was taken to the Temple to be fircumcised and named. The Priest asked to know his name. The relations echoed, "Zachariah" Elizabeth objected and said that the Father should be contacted. Zechariah bekoned for a writing table to be given to him. One was given to him he wrote on the table; his name is "John".

"Why asked all the relations, amazed. Their amazement greatly increased as Zechariah, who had been dumb for almost a year, began to speak. He praised God by saying. "Oh God, thank you for giving us both a little boy. You came and told me about it, Lord, when I was in the Temple nearly a year ago. But I did not believe you and that's why I've been dumb.

He took the baby in his arms, "Our Deliverer is coming, he sang, and you, my little son, shall be his messenger. You will prepare the way for the Lord. There will come someone like a rising sun with healing rays, lighting up those who dwell in darkness.

All the friends, relations and neighbours were much surprised. They began to wonder how little baby John was to be God's messenger. They wondered also at the declaration that the Deliverer" was coming. The news spread all over the hilly country of Judea.



WEEK 5: JOSEPH ASSURED OF MARY BEING  
A VIRGIN - (MATT. 1:19-25)

The happy time with Elizabeth helped Mary when she went back home. The baby was making her body big. All over Nazareth, people were gossiping unkindly about her. Poor Joseph decided that the best thing was to break off their engagement.

As Joseph was about sleeping one night, he was tossing and turning and thinking to himself, "I can hardly believe it, Dear Mary! She is so loving and good. I can't believe that she's having a baby before our marriage.

TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE:

"Don't be afraid, an angel said to him in a dream. "Take Mary as your wife. The baby that she is carrying is the Son of God. You must call him Jesus when he is born. He is the Saviour, promised One of whom the prophets spoke. Do not be astonished or afraid".

Following the angel's message, Joseph married Mary, and the unkind gossiping soon stopped. Besides, people had something else to think about, and that was census.

The Roman rulers had wanted all the people to be counted. The people suspected that census was to help the Roman Rulers get more taxes from them. They grumbled, but had to carry out the government instructions

In their little home in Nazareth, Mary and Joseph looked at each other. They imagined that they would have to journey for about eighty-five miles (about one hundred and forty kilometres) to be enrolled in Bethlehem. Joseph reminded Mary that he was a descendant of David, and Bethlehem was their home Town.

The road to Bethlehem was rough and far. It was very near to the time that Mary's baby should be born. Mary was to ride on a donkey. Joseph inquired to know if Mary would be able to manage. Mary answered quietly, "God will look after me, Joseph." They started off.

#### WEEK 6: THE BABY IN THE MANGER (Luke 2:1-20)

When Mary and Joseph arrived in the little town of Bethlehem, the place was crowded up with people who had also come to be enrolled.

"There is nowhere for us to shelter, the Inn is quite crowded, said Joseph. "Oh, Mary, turned to her, are you alright"?.

Behold, one sympathetic traveller stopped by, and asked Joseph, have you come for the census like the rest of us?" "Yes" Joseph answered.

"Well, I will show you a place where you can shelter, the man said. There were caves under the Inn used for stables. Gently now, Mary and Joseph in no time moved into the cave. There Mary's baby was born.

There was no nurse nearby, but she knew exactly what to do. She had watched her mother care for new-born babies. Gently and tenderly, they washed the new-born baby Mary laid her on her laps and wrapped a linen cloth round him tightly. Around the linen, she bound strips of cloth called swaddling bands. She then laid him in his manger bed, on clean, fresh straw so that he would be safe from the animals in the cave.

"He is just perfect", Mary whispered, watching.

Behold, they heard a knock, some one is coming, Joseph and Mary said together and suddenly stood up. The piece of clothes Joseph had fastened at the entrance to the cave was pushed aside.

"Is there a baby here? The men asked. Joseph said in surprise, why do you ask? My wife has just given birth to her first born child, and how did you know about it?"

"We were out in the hills guarding our flocks, when suddenly it grew bright, like day time" said the shepherds, It was the glory of the Lord, one of them said simply: "God sent his messengers to us, and we were terrified. But the angels told us; "Do not be afraid, I am bringing to you joyful news. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger."

"And behold there was a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, saying, Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, Goodwill towards men.

Then, they left us and we hurried here and have seen it all just as the angel said.

The Shepherds crowded round the manger on bended knees, worshipped Him and then they went back to tell all the people of the City.

Joseph and Mary were so much astonished to hear the wonderful news.

#### WEEK 7: NAMING THE BABY JESUS

When the baby was eight days old Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple to the Temple to perform according to the Jewish Law. They gave thanks to the Lord in the Temple and had him named JESUS. Thankfully, they offered him to God.

An old man called Simeon, who loved God hurried forward. "Oh"! he exclaimed. "How wonderful God is. He has let me see his special child. He held the baby lovingly in his arms. "My eyes now see the salvation promised by God to all peoples. This one shall be a light, showing the pagan people the way to God. He is the glory of God's people Israel".

Mary and Joseph stood wondering about Simeon's words, and the old man blessed them. Then he spoke to Mary in strange and difficult words.

She did not understand them then, but afterwards, very often afterwards she remembered them.

"Your child", Simeon said, "has been sent from God, but many people in Isreal will refuse him. The secret thoughts of many people will be laid bare and a sword shall pierce his heart".

"Praise God! Praise God!" A very old woman called Anna came forward. She was eighty-four and never left the Temple "God's Deliverer is here. This child is the Holy One of Israel".

Mary and Joseph went back to Nazareth, where the baby brought much joy to their little family.

#### WEEK 8: THE THREE GIFTS (Matt. 2:1-23)

Herod the King came from the desert lands in the South. He built the Jews a glorious Temple at Jerusalem. He married a Jewish Princess and accepted the Jewish religion. But the Jew hated him. It was at the end of the reign of the cruel King 'Herod that Jesus was born.

Guided by a star, three wise men appeared at Herod's palace

"We have seen a bright, beautiful Star", said one. "We followed it for many miles, for we knew it meant a new King is born".

"A new King?" Herod was suspicious and afraid. "There's no child here".

"The Star led us westwards. We have come with gifts for the infant King."

Herod was very upset. He called for his wise men and asked them where the scriptures had foretold the Deliverer should be born. "O King, in Bethlehem in the Land of Judah, the prophets foretell the birth of God's chosen One".

Go on to Bethlehem. Herod told the wise men. "It's only five miles away. When you find the child, come back and tell me all about him. I want very much to worship him, too." His smile deceived the three sages.

As they left he flew into one of his mad rages. "A new King? There'll be no new King. We'll have him killed before he tries to take my throne".

The wisemen travelled wearily on:

"Look, there's our Star again, they were filled with delight. God is still leading us but it's such a mean, pitiful lodging for the newborn King".

"So God's son lies on straw," they murmured to each other and they laid aside their jewelled turbans and bowed low in the dust before the child and his mother Mary.

"We bring gifts for your child, "they said opening their treasures. "here is gold; that is for the King", said one.

"I bring frankincense. The little one here is holy I worship him", said the second sage, bowing again before the baby.

Mary looked alarmed. "We can't take such precious gifts," she said.

The lamplight shone on the gold. The costly fragrance of the incense mingled with the smell of straw, of animals and of dung.

A third seer stepped forward, bowing low, "Mother of the Messiah who will die for the life of the world, I bring myrrh".

Mary's eyes grew wide. "Do you anoint a corpse"? she cried. "I thought you came to see a child.

The child who will save mankind", they said, and went away to find lodging for the night before returning to Herod as they promised.

But God warned them in a dream not to go back to **evil** Herod, and they left for their own country a different way.

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Thank you Father.