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## Time demarcation is an illusion

"IN this new kingdom, the gates are never shut because we do not deal with time, season, months, year but with the Father whose Holy Spirit leads since He is the time, the day, the month, the season and the year."

This was the recorded wisdom revealed by the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu while addressing adherents in Calabar during an early morning altar brief recently.

Stressing the history of creation, the Leader said that when God created Heaven and earth, there was no day or night but "when He realised there was darkness, He commanded there should be light and He called the light day and darkness night."

"In this dispensation that He has come to rule, He says there is no night or day," the Leader intimated, saying that, there is therefore no need for the sun, moon, stars "since He is all light and operates alone."

Describing how the days were named, He

said that the names of the week are man given because the first day God made was called Sun-day (Sunday) giving honour to the angel that control the sun; and the second day is moon-day (Monday) referring to the name of the angel that controls the moon, assuring that we, in this dispensation require neither moon, sun nor light for it is the Holy Spirit that is all.

The Leader intimated that confusion has already set in because of time, "the Jews regard 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. as one day, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. as one night, but now, the whites have altered it by counting from 12 midnight to 12 noon as morning and from 12 noon to 12 midnight as night", describing the whole confusion as "nonsensical that merely serves the innovations brought to suit the period of duties or shift duties," assuring that in this kingdom that is under the operation of the Father Himself, there is no need for time bits.

## Let's rejoice with Ambo Primary School

The Holy Father has urged members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star that the time is ripe to celebrate the silver jubilee of the primary school situated inside the 34 Ambo Street premises of the International Headquarters of the organization.

He recalled that the school started in 1960 with only 18 pupils and "it was a thing of fun to people then," but today the school has developed to a stage that it runs two shifts with some classes extending from

A - G streams.

At Obubra, the Holy Father intimated that one of the Brotherhood schools celebrated its Silver Jubilee recently and he says, "I am only suggesting that it is good something is done as regards Ambo Street Primary School formerly Brotherhood Primary School."

On the accusation by church denominations that BCS is engaging in commercial activities, the Holy Father said that He has "promised them that Brotherhood has not



LEADER O. O. OBU - no day, night, season, moon or sun.

Quoting Galatians 4:8-11, the Sole Spiritual Head warned against worshipping time, day, season, month or year or advising people not to work on a certain time or day for we are the head of time, day and season as enunciated by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matt. 12:7-8.

"Without man, there is neither time, nor day, nor night, nor season, nor month, nor year, so there is no need checking your time or complaining that you are late" He urged, wondering "if you are not there, can the function go on?" saying that it is the observance of these

even started."

He said, "we shall farm, trade, build and engage in all kinds of enterprises making sure that we do not steal, covet, tell lies, hate, plunder or commit any evil."

Given the ability by God, the Father said Brotherhood shall open secondary schools, technical colleges and all other forms of institutions of learning, and also establish farms, industries and different enterprises so that people will have what to eat, keep busy and cease to steal and blaspheme against God.

things that make them become laws fighting against us, for wherever there is law, there must be offences.

He said that days, season, time are all inventions of man, that is why different reli-

## Atimbo Bethel celebrates First Anniversary

The Atimbo Road Bethel of the BCS celebrated its first inauguration anniversary recently.

The celebration which featured testimonies, recitations, dramas, singing and dancing was presided over by Pastor O. E. Offiong who is also the Men's Association Chairman of 26/34 Mbukpa - Ambo, Calabar, the headquarter of Brotherhood of Cross and Star.

Atimbo Road Bethel which is in the Abasi Obori Zone in the Calabar municipality is one of the leading bethels in that

## Preach the Gospel

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such ministry work must stop "for the time is nigh and is now for the real work of evangelisation to commense," urging that those going on ministry work should arm themselves with Brotherhood pamphlets, journals and magazines published by the Herald Press Ltd. and give these out to people to enable them hear what is happening in the Brotherhood world.

He urged all to go into the world and inform the people to refrain from fornication, idolatry, drinking, smoking, hatred,

anger, taking drugs and the rest of the vices.

He advised that nobody should fight or quarrel or even argue unnecessarily with people or organisations for "as brethren, we have to tolerate one another, you do not have to fight anybody or retaliate or impute sins upon any person."

He urged all to preach to all the church denominations the need to come together and be one, urging that "no one commissions you to tell somebody to leave his denomination and come to Brotherhood but to preach to all of them to do good and love one another."

gious sects set specific days of worship - Judaist worships on Saturday; Christians - Sunday; Moslems - Friday etc. assuring that God does His work everyday and has no time for distinction.

He concluded by quoting Galatians 3:8-14 and assuring that

we are no longer under the law but are served by grace that work in faith since we only listen to the biddings of the Holy Spirit.

For further reading on this topic see: Revelation 21:22-27; Genesis 1:1-5; Colossians 2:11-end, John 5:14-45; Galatians 3:15-end and Romans 4:13-17.

- 7. Brother Udo A. Akpan - Men's Association Secretary.
- 8. Brother Dils - Sunju - Choirmaster.
- 9. Sister Agnes Edet - Secretary of Women's Association.
- 10. Sister Grace Sampson - Secretary, Chorister's Association.

The occasion which started impressively with an outing, ended with a sumptuous full feast and the Father's blessing through Pastor O. E. Offiong.

Elder E. U. Ette Reports.



Atimbo Bethel Executive members





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## Keep Good Accounts of BCS Monies

FROM now on, the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is to establish an audit department under a division in charge of finances whose responsibility is to make sure all monies coming in or going out of this organisation are properly accounted for and approved.

The Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu gave this information as part of His closing advice of the December 1986 Pentecostal meet in Calabar.

He warned that any association that does not lodge its money in the treasury shall cease to exist and no person or association has the right to claim ownership of any money in Brotherhood as all monies belong to God.

"Time has passed when individuals diverted Brotherhood money into their pockets and the system of doing things as the Father wishes has to discontinue forthwith" the Leader emphasized.

He urged all bethels to keep proper records of income and expenditure and all ventures

have to be properly assessed and approved before execution and all associations' books of accounts are to be properly assessed and certified correct.

He said that the treasury officials should come up and account for the over N90,000 found to be missing in the treasury "otherwise, all the fellowships have to be surcharged that amount jointly."

The Leader said he is surprised that members have no fear of God in them, "or how can somebody use things belonging to Brotherhood as if it is his personal property" citing the misuse of vehicles as an example.

"Brotherhood cars are driven by individuals to the market and various other places with no regard to those who actually contributed money towards the purchase of the vehicles," He said.

He wondered why some fellowships that were granted overdraft have failed to redeem their indebtedness "and have also refused to lodge their monies in the treasury."

## ABAS waxes stronger in the North

The Sokoto State chapter of the Association of Brotherhood Academic Students



Bro. Tony W. Essen  
President, ABAS,  
Northern Zone

(ABAS), was inaugurated on December 7, 1986. But the triumphant entry of ABAS into the Northern states could be traced to its inauguration of the University of Maiduguri Chapter in Maiduguri in May 1985 and later in the same year, the inauguration of the entire Northern Zone Chapter of the Association.

It was not an easy task for an association like ABAS with its aim being principally



It is the end of another Pentecostal meet and as usual, the Holy Father moves out to bless the congregation "In April, I will be younger than this" He assured all.

He intimated that all monies in B.C.S. belongs to God and not to an individual, "but unfortunately or fortunately for the people concerned, they will misappropriate these funds and build houses and buy cars for themselves."

The Leader said He is aware of all these happenings warning that "right now, enough is enough" because this attitude towards public funds has affected members interest at launchings as those who would have given much money now refuse to do so because they know the money will end in just a few hands.

to disseminate the Father's profound teachings to make a breakthrough into a Moslem territory without any hitch or molestation.

In pursuance of the association's aims and objectives, it became imperative for ABAS to spread its tentacles to the ten Northern states and this time, the ABAS train took us to Sokoto State. The great inauguration

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## Go and Preach the Gospel—the 1987 assignment

THE Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader O. O. Obu says the homework for all true members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star this year is to go into the world, from house to house and preach the gospel.

"You are not restricted to a particular place, you have to go to the office, market places, in the streets, in the farm, in the towns, cities and into the different church denominations" the Leader said.

This assignment was given to over 20,000 members by the Sole Spiritual Head on January 10, 1987 while formally declaring closed the month-long December 1986 Pentecostal meet of the organisation.

He said the method adopted by members during evangelical missions "whereby hundreds of people hire vehicles and converge in a particular place, start singing and dancing and feasting without preaching the gospel," is no more functional in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He said most people

who have the means fight and disgrace form themselves into themselves thus scattering the flock already assembled there." The Leader said in dozens "flying there to stay and quarrel, contd. on page 16.

### ADVERTISERS ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Xt's Practical Students Elect New Executive

The underlisted brethren were elected to man the affairs of Christ's Practical Students during their General meeting held on the 11th January 1987.

- They are:
- Student Idorenyin U. Akpakpan — Chairman
  - " Enefiok E. Bassey — Vice Chairman
  - " Ephraim Harry — Secretary
  - " Bassey William — Treasurer
  - " Christians E. Ibok — Asst. Secretary
  - " Bassey O. Bassey — Financial Secretary
  - " Joseph O. Udo — Publicity Secretary
  - " Eno Akang — Mother
  - " Thomas Asuquo — Ex-Officio
  - " Sunday Moses — " "

- Others Are:
- Student Moses Ntukidem — Welfare Chairman
  - " Efiok Mbom — Member
  - " Francisca Okeke — " "

Also a VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE was passed ON BROTHER EDEM JAMES OBOT as the Christ's Practical Student Leader's Representative and 33 Practical Students out of 37 who attended the meeting signed the vote of no confidence.

Signed: Ephraim Harry  
Secretary

### REFLECTIONS

If you do not give Jehovah God and His Christ their glory, where shall you obtain yours? It is imperative that when you give God His due glory, you are apt to receive much. He who seeks for glory which should be given only to God, is directly seeking for his downfall and problems. After all, if Jesus the Christ had not come to seek for the glory of His Father, His Father would not have given Him glory, and eventually the world would not have been salvaged.

The Holy Father.

## HERALD'S OPINION

We would not agree that, it is belated — our sending new year best wishes to all our readers and patrons at the end of January.

# ...and The Price Hike

FOR ardent readers of this celestial newspaper, Herald of the New Kingdom, they must have noticed that we have increased the cover price from 50k to ₦1.00.

This is a situation best described by Shakespeare, who in the *Merchant of Venice* said that "it is a painful necessity, which justice must be carried out."

We have been pushed to the wall.

**Pushed to the wall by the Second Tier Foreign Exchange Market that has caused the price of printing materials to rise to an uncontrollable height.**

**Pushed to the wall by the excruciating world economic down-turn that has forced a general scarcity of funds, forcing us to have had a general slump in sales returns of recent.**

**To our thinking, this episcopal newspaper must not and should never die. To keep it afloat, some stern and perhaps, unappetizing measures must be adapted.**

# 1987: A year of prosperity

For one, the euphoria of the new year has not yet been done away with. So one can justly say that we are still in the new year.

Secondly, the controller of time is here personally. So, time has lost its essence. That

is why He does the job He came to do for 24 hours in a day not knowing when it is night or day or even, be conscious of time in whatever He does. After all, is a thousand days not as one day to Him?

So, this is wishing all our readers, our patrons, our advertisers and all those who morally or otherwise, have exhibited unalloyed support to our cause during the past year, a happy and prosperous year 1987.

1987, the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu has promised us, will be a very prosperous year for all, "provided we listen and practicalise God's injunctions."

Herald of the New Kingdom fervently pray that we should not be only the hearers of the words but those that will hear and put the words into practice, so that we will enjoy the prosperity and bliss of 1987 as promised by the one whose words must fulfill.

For this year, we in the Herald Press Ltd are banking our hopes on the continued support, morally and financially, and patronage of all brethren so that the work the Holy Father has saddled us with, will grow and grow to the glorification of His Holy Name.

God will surely bless us all in this year 1987. This we know.

## ABAS in the North

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was chaired by Senior Prophet Odudu while the first part of the service was conducted by Christ Student Treasure Edemikoh. The great launching/inauguration was preceded by a short outing by members of the Sokoto ABAS.

The chairman, Senior Prophet Odudu in his opening speech sounded a note of warning that students in institutions of higher learning are the framework of all the systems that make up the political structures of any country, and as such they should not be relegated to the background in any of the activities in this new Kingdom of God now on earth. He said that the students have a significant role to play in this last age of the dispensation of the Holy Spirit on earth and urged them to behave in a way to give glory to the organisation (BCS) they belong.

The Northern Zone President, Brother Tony W. Essen in his speech urged the executive of Sokoto ABAS to keep the flag flying saying that "it is not the inauguration

that matters but to make ABAS grow from strength to strength."

A total sum of ₦447.50 was realized at the inauguration.

In His vote of thanks, the President elect for Sokoto Chapter, Brother Ekpo Idang thanked the Holy Father for giving him the ample opportunity to serve Him in this capacity and urged the whole Sokoto state brethren to support ABAS.

He expressed his happiness for the birth of ABAS in Sokoto during his stay there as a student assuring all present that he, with the support of his executive may the whole members, will put in their best to see that ABAS in Sokoto grow and fulfill the aims and objectives it was established.

The following officers were elected for the 1986/87 academic year.

**SOKOTO CHAPTER**  
President — Brother Ekpo Idang.  
Vice President — Sister Stella Okwuosa.  
Secretary — Brother Ita Itek.  
Asst. Secretary — Sister Monica Esekwe.

Treasurer — Brother Boniface Ogbu.

Financial Secretary — Sister Chizoba Okwudili.

Welfare Officer — Sister Mary Akpa.

Choirmaster — Christ Student Treasure Edemikoh.

P.R.O. — Brother Mfon Akpan.

The Association of Brotherhood Academic Student (ABAS) University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID) Chapter — elected officers for the 1986/87 session. They are:—

President — Brother Tony W. Essen.

Vice President — Sister Eka Edet Abraham.

Secretary General — Brother Etim Efiyong Oinih.

Asst. Secretary — Sister Tonye Wakama.

Treasurer — Sister Imeh Akpan Ekanem.

Fin. Secretary — Brother Ubong U. Ekpo.

P.R.O. — Brother Saleh A. Adamu.

Welfare Officer — Sister Didi Onyeabor.

Asst. Welfare — Sister Akan Okon.

Executive Member — Major F.B.D. Dandodo (Brigade Major).

by Brother Tony W. Essen

## RE-ACTION

## "It's time for action"

Let thanks, honour, dominion and majesty be ascribed unto our Holy Father, in the name and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

I count myself lucky to have been called by the Holy Father into this New Kingdom which unarguably is that Kingdom which all Christians request for in our Lord's prayer.

Since my joining this fold, I had paid about three visits to Calabar to see how our Father directs the affairs of the Kingdom. And one is impressed on the orderliness of things. It is however a thing of surprise that those who are appointed by the Father to oversee the activities of the kingdom in Lagos Area, for example, the Education, Labour and Welfare Board members are not performing to expectation.

The type of love which our Father preaches for 24 hours a day for 365 days is lacking among the members of the Board. There are lots of mistrust, backbiting, unhealthy rivalry and en-

vy among the members. And this situation is terribly affecting the progress of the B.C.S. in Lagos Area. One example, out of many, will be given.

When in July 1986, the Holy Father captured the Celestial Church of Christ at Idimu and it changed to B.C.S., we knew it was just the beginning of the gradual take over of most of the Celestial Churches by the Holy Father. On the day of the formal handing over ceremony, the E. L. & W. Board were adequately represented, and they made a lot of encouraging speeches, which they had now found difficult to implement.

For example, at the period of the take-over, the Celestial Church building needed some minor renovation to reflect the standard and mode of worship of the B.C.S., which the E.L.&W. Board promised to handle immediately. As at the time of writing, nothing has been done.

In actual fact, I doubt if any member of the Board even remembers anything

about the Bethel again. And this had seriously affected the moral of our members, especially, the former Celestial members who were converted to Brotherhood.

In view of the foregoing, and many which space may not allow me to mention now, I think it is high time the Education, Labour and Welfare Board in Lagos Area be re-organised for effective performance. The Board, as presently constituted lacks direction and needs to be purged.

And let the Father's Advice titled "IT'S TIME FOR ACTION" contained in the Journal of the E. L. & W. Board for 1st Quarter 1986, be scrupulously followed by those who would be appointed after the re-organisation.

May the Peace and Blessings of Jehovah God and His Christ be with us now and for ever more. Amen.

Thank you Father.

K. A. Adeyemi.  
Ikeja — Lagos.



## Crusaders Meeting with the Father

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parts of the world" Pastor Umoren said, intimating members that "to realise this noble role in a record time, the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader O. O. Obu has authorised that the Crusaders Fellowship should launch a World-wide Evangelical Fund."

To further stress the importance of launching such a fund, Pastor Udo Umoren said that in the mundane worldly government, if a territory is conquered, it is imperative that the armed forces, the police, the civil administration and its agents be established for effective administration and good governance.

"It is likewise in this kingdom" Pastor Umoren said, intimating that when a territory is conquered, things must be stabilised and pacified for effective administration.

He concluded by assuring all that the proceeds from the launching shall be used principally to finance further evangelical works in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, noting that by the orders of the "Field Marshall, Leader O. O. Obu," the Heads of State of France, Russia, Western Ger-

many and United Kingdom shall be visited soon in response to invitations to the crusaders.

In the launching ceremony that followed, in response to the the Chairperson's, Prophetess Allogoa from Rivers State, plea for generous donation, "to aid the soldiers of God in their work," over ₦27,000 was collected as donations at the end of the launching. She later launched the Crusade Fellowship's special publication *Key to Spiritual Freedom* made up of some of the Holy Father's sermons.

The financial stand of the fellowship was said to be on a good footing, but the chairman appealed for contributions from public spirited people for the upliftment of the Father's work considering that "the task ahead is greater than the one already accomplished."

The Holy Father in His advice again stressed on the need to abhor sinfulness in the year 1987, declaring that the Holy Spirit was going to take dominion over all things urging all to use their material resources to do something for God and glorify His name.

He intimated that Christ is the chief Crusader "and invariably all of us belong to the Crusade Fellowship" saying that all must work

for its growth and progress to accomplish its aims, "for I have come with the 12 powers of man which nobody else in the world has got" urging that whatever belongs to man, should be given to man, and whatever belongs to God, given to Him.

"I would like to introduce to you two publications of this kingdom — *Back to Eden* and *The 3rd Covenant* magazine especially the one on *The Twelve Powers of Man*, published by Herald Press Ltd" the Father said, revealing that already, we are in the garden of Eden "for when Adam and Eve were there, there was no sickness, lack, death or problems and the same is applicable in this kingdom of God on earth."

He said that what God had for us in the Garden of Eden is explicitly stated in Ezekiel 28: 13-14 assuring that what was promised then is what we enjoy now in this kingdom.

He said that the word of God is paramount in this era "and your visioning, dreams, charm removal, does not count here but listening to the word of God and practicalising it is the life and power" citing 1 Cor. 7:19 to show that nothing is more important than keeping

the commandments of God.

The Holy Father said further that He has not brought any new or strange thing or teachings, "rather what we are doing here are what were written in the Holy Book from Genesis to Revelation, and it is what shall be used to judge the whole world."

He said that anybody who disobey or deviate from the instructions of God shall have no share in this kingdom.

"If I personally disobey God, I shall have no share" the Holy Father said, intimating members that "sooner or later something novel will happen in the world, for they shall fight with the Lamb of God but the lamb shall conquer them because He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords" quoting Rev. 17:14.

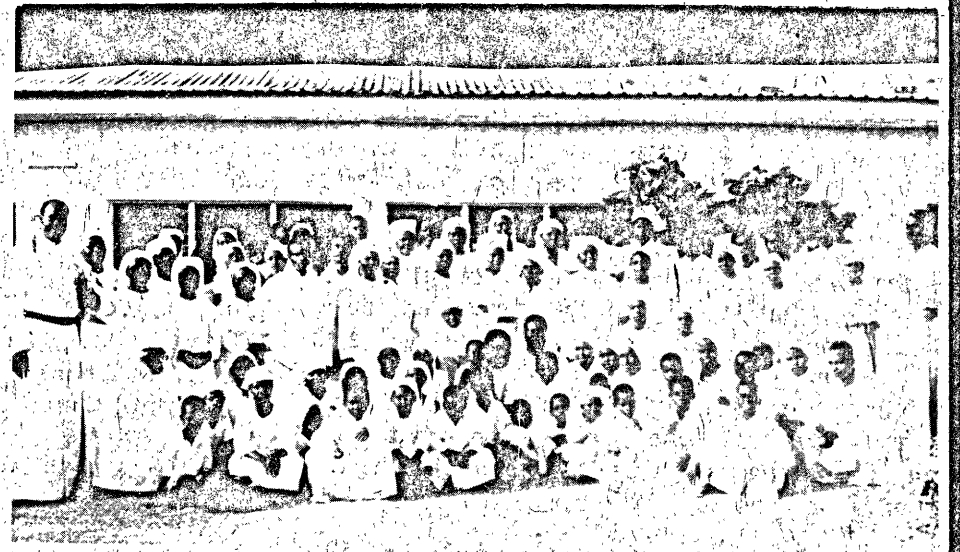
He urged the fellowship to continue in their work "for all who need life must have to preach and practice the gospel of love of one another, telling the world that the Holy Spirit is now on earth."

He said that nobody should attribute the Crusade Fellowship to either Pastor M. E. Cole or Z. A. Kpoduosu, rather it should be attributed to Jehovah God and His Christ noting that "you are the branches while I am the tree from whence all life emanates from."

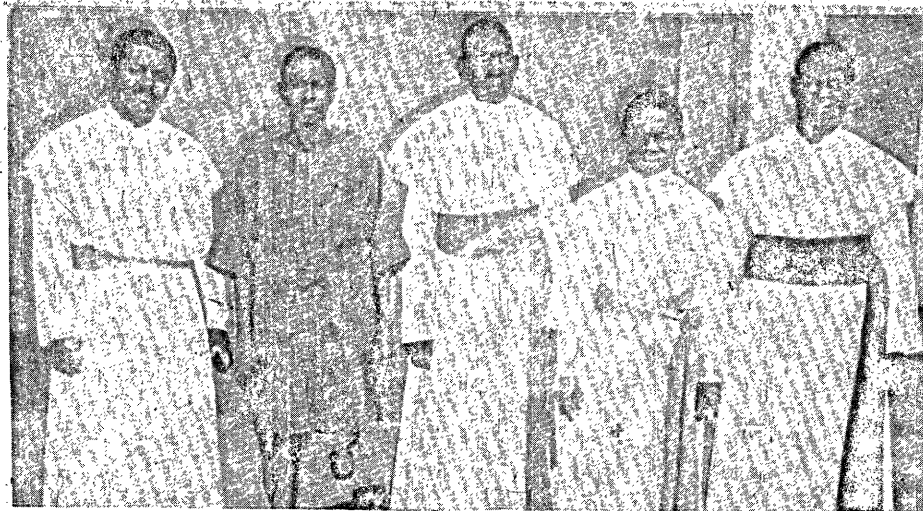
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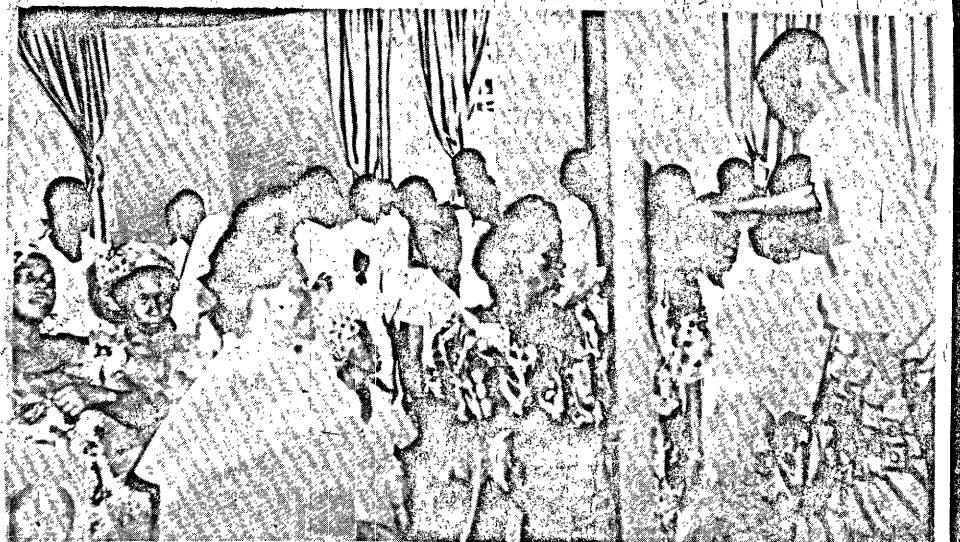
The recent Holy Father's birthday celebration at Biakpan was held with pomp and pageantry. Here beautiful damsels of Iseord Enya cultural group entertain during the celebrations.



Before the December Pentecostal meet, Enerhen Bethel, Warri Pentecostal Centre visited Calabar to pay homage to the Holy Father and mother. Here they pose for a group photograph.



Members of Ubaghara Council of Chiefs who attended the Thanksgiving service and reported on the 1986 Birthday celebration's to the Holy Father. From right Pastor O. Ebongo, Leader's Secretary, Chief (Prophet) V. O. Mba, Chief (Apostle) Kanu Ekpezu, Chief E. Ewa and Chief (Prophet) I. E. Bassey.



Chiefs of Obo Atal Community in Etinan L.G.A. led by Pastor E. E. Akpan visited the Holy Father in Calabar with some seedlings for planting in the Father's garden. Here they kneel to receive the Father's blessings.



# Only His Elects are True Visioners

THOSE who sanctify themselves for the service of God are always given special names. In the beginning they were called the Nazarites. Afterwards they were known as Christians, but today Brotherhood of the Cross and Star which God has sanctified and elected to serve Him day and night in this dispensation of the Holy Spirit are the long-awaited children of God. All children of God have direct communication with God through visions and dreams.

Visions are the revelations of the future events by the imaginative perception of physical or spiritual things. It is impossible to believe in God if one does not believe in visions revealed by God's messengers or prophets.

The children of God listen to the words of God and put them into practice. People should not be the children of God by paying lip-service or with money or with wealth, because these do not make one a child of God.

A child of God who is a tenant is always careful to pay his house rent so that he may be at peace. If he sees that he will not be able to pay rent the next month, he has to go before hand and plead with the landlord to bear with him. If he observes that his income is not such that can

meet his monthly rents, he should leave that house and look for another place which he can conveniently pay for.

The children of God do not tell lies and they are not deceitful. They do not bear grudge against any person. They do not harbour malice. It is only the children of God who are the true visioners. They have been endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit which is given to them free of charge and so they do not charge fees for vision, neither do they fix fees for people for conducting the love feast. A child of God should always fight to meet the standard required of him by the Holy Spirit.

Many people think that the Holy Spirit belongs to every person. That is not true. The Holy Spirit is only for the children of God. There is a certain number of persons throughout the world in whom the Holy Spirit must dwell. These are those whose sins are not imputed because they are begotten of God right from the beginning.

The true visioner knows that the Holy Spirit is love. Love is oneness. He regards every person as himself. Since he regards you as himself, he will not kill you, he will not lie against you, he cannot disgrace you, and he will not look at you with the

intent to commit sin against you. A true child of God possesses the virtue of love, peace, truth, mercy, patience, humility, meekness and self-control.

There is an adage that "if the passing of urine was an easy task, the hens would have done so." Therefore, if it was easy to answer the name, a true visioner, the Holy Spirit would have continuously been with every man but this is not so. Man has always loved the things of this earth more than God. So he fails to retain the Holy Spirit. When you see somebody who is panting and shaking his body, such a person has not got the Holy Spirit.

Right from the moment you forsake the Holy Spirit, you have no peace or any good thing again. It is said that the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. The Holy Spirit does not make noise. He does not cause trouble. He does not disgrace any person. He is not arrogant and proud. He does not boast.

He is peace. He is righteousness and joy. He does not like fastidiousness. He does not like annoyance. He does not like whispering and backbiting. He does not like fighting. If He comes to your house and finds you angry and quarrelling, He will depart from your house and will

not come there again for a very long time.

No prophet is honoured in his own country, the true visioners should fight on bearing in mind that the words of prophesy of God, once it is pronounced, no prayers or weeping or fasting can take it away. When it is the fulness of time, they will rejoice.

"That you may realize the relativity of the word of God, upon all the wonderful things done by Moses, did the Israelites regard him? They challenged him in many ways, some telling him they knew his mother and father. They did not regard him at all. That was why he got angry. He was neither respected nor honoured. They cursed and abused and wished even to fight with him. Moses was tossed and tormented by the people" (The Holy Father's Gospel. See Herald volume 2 Issue No. 25).

Whatever you do, you will not be regarded in your village or family. Whether we weep or laugh, no person is regarded in his village. Only the word of God will stand.

As a true visioner, there is no limitation as to where you can go. You cannot be hindered. Therefore, one should have no problems. It is not expedient that a child of God should weep. You have a father. You have what is above the whole world.

It is therefore a thing of joy to communicate directly with God. You have to rejoice in Him. But if you are not a true visioner, you have to be sad and sorrowful since you do not walk even as that one (Father) is walking.

Conversely, if you are a true child of God, and suddenly you decide on your own that you will no longer do good but will continue in evil, you will, right from, that day do more good things than you used to. A child of God is born not made.

"Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil. Whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother" (1 John 3: 9-10).

The carnal children are more numerous than the elects of God. They have greater zeal in establishment of churches and indulge in outward adoration of carnal things. They excel in church rituals like singing, dancing, feasting, dramatising, false-visioning and soothsaying but they cannot practise one word of God.

All the sins perpetrated in the world



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The Author

are caused by the children of the flesh. If they were the product of the Holy Spirit, they would constitute no menace for they would be as perfect as their Father. Only the Children of God hear the word of God while the children of the world do not.

It is the promise of God that the reverence for God goes with a promise. It stands in this generation and in the generation to come. Since God loves to do His things as He wishes, at this advent of the Holy Spirit, He has gathered together people who will serve Him. If you serve God, you have covered all things. Your soul is saved, and all other things are given unto you and you have no difficulties again.

The reward of those who serve God and fear Him is the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the perfect gift which is from Heaven, so, brethren, let us resemble our Father and be true visioners.

## Don't worship graven images

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fade into oblivion because of idolatry. The churches have similarly failed to create any impact on the world because of idolatry. The so-called "father of all present day churches" is now going into oblivion because of its continued worship of Idols and graven images.

It is imperative to mention here that some leading orthodox churches toll bells at some specific hours of the day in observation of days, weeks and months as King Nechadnezzar did in his time as recorded in Daniel 3:10-29,

It is sickening to realise that all along, the leading worldly churches are misleading the world, because there is no excuse to find churches in the year of our Lord 1987 still tolling bells, beating drums, and

bands, burning candles and incense. The use of crosses and crucifixes as media of worship is idolatry and that is why prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 10: 3-5 stated that they are vain things and cannot do anybody any harm, they are mere graven and motionless images.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only medium through which God can be reached because according to Biblical records in John 10:30, He is one with the Father and nobody can get to the Father except through Him (John 10:9; John 14:6).

Most worldly orthodox church leaders are leading mankind to their doom because of being in conflict with Jehovah God and His Christ by persistently insisting in worship-

ping God through the use of images, statues, crosses, rings, stones and amulets.

They have been so used to it that they regard kissing of crosses, statues, and images as kissing God Himself. Some kiss rings, amulets and staff of office as God, against the warning which the early Christians were given to keep themselves away from idols (1 John 5: 21, 1 Cor. 10:14, 1 Cor. 10:21) because one has to shun the worship of idols and not drink from the cup of the Lord and that of demons or he/she will provoke His jealousy because He is stronger than we all are.

That was why our brother Apostle Paul said that there is no other God but one and there is no real idol that is in existence, but warned that if eating food

that is offered to idol can make your brother to fall, do away with it. Hitherto it is not all who have got this wisdom that eating food offered to idols can pollute those who have weak consciences and get them defiled.

It is a pity that conventional churches in their adulterous worship give false hopes to people by indoctrinating them to believe that there is an iota of power in graven images which the major and the fundamental laws of the Almighty God sees as nothing but bare-faced and brazen idolatry. The bane of the world had been the worship of idols and strange gods which is a culmination of fear, and lack of confidence in the true God.

Elder E. U. Ette.



## TESTIMONY

# Olumba really never fails

In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ — In the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ — Now and forever more. Amen.

Before I give my great testimony as to the manifestation of God's love in me, I have to confess my sins to our God who in His Infinite mercy had wiped away tears from my eyes and changed my life to that of happiness.

I am a sinner. I backbite, backslide, gossip, consult oracles, blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and do not take my spiritual duties seriously. I beg Our Holy Father Olumba Olumba Obu to forgive and forget my sins in the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

It pleased the Holy Father to call me into the fold of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the year 1982 through my brother (Husband) who was then an ordained member of the Celestial Church of Christ.

My brother (Husband) who had been a co-worker in NNPC with Elder Emiko Eysan of Ojo Bethel, Lagos, saw the Father's Bible Class, Book Four with him and casually requested him to take it home to read, it out of mere curiosity.

After reading the book that week-end, my brother became troubled and became convinced that all powers belonged to the Father, Leader O. O. Obu and that He is the promised comforter in the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ — Amen.

That was how my brother became baptised into the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in January, 1982. On my part, it was not difficult to be convinced to accept baptism into Brotherhood more especially as I believed that the God of Brotherhood and Mankind would give me the fruit of womb which had eluded me since the three years of my marriage 1980 to 1982.

After my baptism, I accompanied my brother (husband) who was escorted by Preacher Alex Obiage to meet the Holy Father at Galabar. The Holy Father blessed us and told us that He was in front and behind us in the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ — Amen.

After a year of my baptism into Brotherhood and I found that I was not blessed with the fruit of my womb, I started to doubt Our Holy Father. This made me to backslide as against the advice of my brother (husband).

I blasphemed against the Holy Father, O. O. Obu and started to put my trust in the worldly people, in oracles, in concoctions, in mermaids, amulets and native doctors including orthodox medical doctors, since I am a staff midwife by profession. Still I was not blessed with the fruit of my womb.

I consulted not less than ten native doctors who demanded goats, dogs, cocks, cowries, white cloth, all worth thousands of naira which I paid. I quarrelled and fought with my husband (brother) because he bluntly refused to help me financially when Satan was emptying my pockets.

My brother told me point blank that he did not believe in serving God and mammon since he believed that, Olumba Olumba Obu is God who never fails to bless His children who serve and obey Him.

The native doctors did not stop at taking all my money as their fees which I readily paid because I had the money then which I thought was enough to fetch me a fruit of womb from native doctors. The bitter aspect of it were the scars of blade-cut marks inflicted all around my waist and chest which nearly marred my God-given beauty.

The orthodox medical doctors which I also depended upon like the native doctors, also failed me woefully. University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin and two other renowned Private Medical Clinics all in Benin at different times carried out major operations on me through the navel (laproscopic tests) in order to investigate the cause of my barrenness. When they returned a verdict of fitness for me like any other fruitful woman including my husband on whom they also carried out tests and certified fit, I became worried and burst into tears.

At this juncture, I remember the song, "Olumba Never fails". Like a prodigal child that I am, I shamelessly and with penitent and frustrated heart rejoined my brother (husband) in worshipping in his Township Bethel, Benin. My brother was happy that I had rejoined him. He assured me of Father's forgiveness for me.

Not only did he fast and prayed with me, but he took me on ministry work to Lagos and Ibadan Healing Homes where horrible charms were physically removed from my body and I became pregnant that *VERY MONTH* to the glory of God after six years of barrenness.

I had since put to birth and my child is doing fine in health. As I am writing now, I am pregnant again and it is almost 3-months old pregnancy. Upon all these, Father gave me a car, promoted me in my work and also promoted my brother.

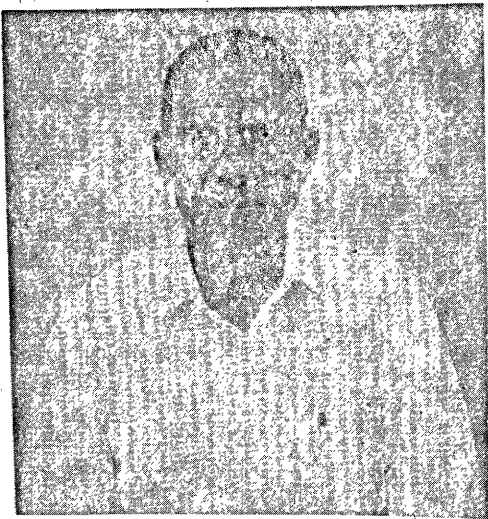
I thank our Father, Olumba Olumba Obu, for His abundant blessings and pray Him to continue to use me so that I do not fall away from this new Kingdom of God.

Peace in the Name and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ — Amen.

Thank You Father.

Sister Helen Omoruyi,  
90B Owina Street,  
Benin City.

## The Holy Father saved me from Death



Apostle O. B. Effiong

May thanks, praise, and honour be to our God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen, now and forever more, Amen.

I am giving this testimony to witness to the work of the Holy Spirit to the entire world. On the 4th of May, 1985 at about three O'clock in the morning, I had a dream and in the dream, I was arrested and detained in prison on the assumption

that I had murdered someone.

I was locked up in one of the rooms alone, and during this time I continued in prayer wanting the Holy Father to let me know whether this is true and that His will should be done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Still in the dream, I was taken to court for judgement, and as I stepped into the dock for questioning, the

charges were read out to my hearing and immediately the Holy Father appeared and stood beside me.

He then told the judge that His son is not guilty. Soon after uttering these words, He disappeared, but the judge continued and said; "anybody who murders someone is guilty". The judge then passed judgement and declared me guilty and I was sentenced to death. The policemen then escorted me out of dock for immediate execution. They took me to a very dreadful hall, full of agony.

As I entered the hall, there was a mighty pit covered with wooden planks. I was ordered to step on to the wooden planks, and my eyes were covered with a black piece of material ready for execution.

After this, he kept on looking at his wrist

watch and I then realised that, it was my last moment on earth, so I requested for five minutes to say my last prayer. Immediately, I said Amen to my self, the warden pressed his buttons, so that I could be taken up into the gallows, but as my Father would have it, that machine failed to operate. He tried a second time, but it failed.

The instruments were stagnant where they had been fixed, and I stood there for almost ten minutes, nothing was forthcoming. Then the Chief Superintendent in charge of the prisons came out and saw me standing, and he enquired from the warden what the problem was? The warden then told him that the machine has refused to function. I was ordered to go back to the court for explanation, and the black material which was used

in covering my eyes was removed and that led to my *SECOND TRIAL*.

In the court for the second trial, the Judge took his seat, I was docked and the whole story was told to the Judge. After this, the Holy Father appeared and stood beside me, while the whole court was lighted up in brightness. At this point, the Judge could not write and the Holy Father told him again, "my son is not guilty", before He disappeared.

The Judge gave his ruling; that I should be discharged and acquitted. He ordered the policeman to open the door for me so that I could come out. The whole court was rowdy and confusion did set in. People were shouting for joy and were amazed at the wonderful work of

God. Soon after my discharge, I ran to 34 Ambo Street to see the Holy Father, I bowed down to my Father and He said I should write a testimony and send it to all parts of the world. Still in the dream, pamphlets were printed out and distributed to the whole world.

I even went on ministry work up to Oron where the pamphlet and money were stolen, so I had to end my journey there. I am thankful and grateful to the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu, for saving me from such ill-fated death. Let thanks, praises, honour, dominion, and majesty be given to our holy Father.

Thank you Father.

by Apostle O. B. Effiong.

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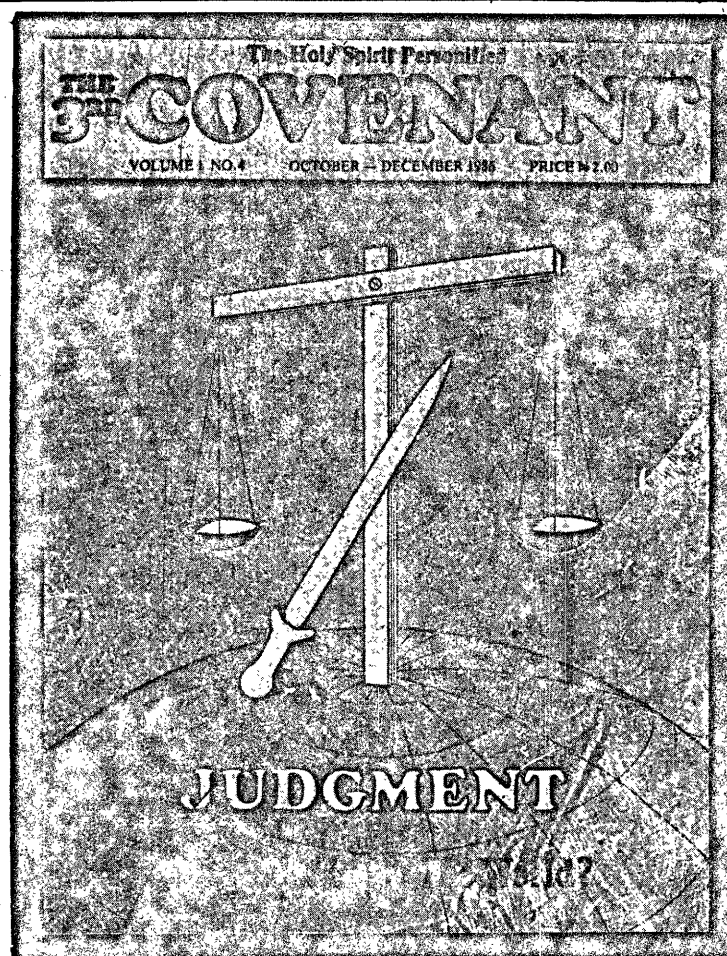
The religionists take their fellow men — even members of the same belief and hope to the worldly courts, village councils, native shrines and unbelievers to be judged.

The style of presentation is provocative. The lecture itself captures the essence of God's will and plans to mankind.

\* Brother Sam J. Umoh takes up the issue of visions and prophecy stressing its usefulness as communication link between God and man but wonders whether now that God the Father Himself is here there is still need for visions and prophecy in the kingdom of God.

\* Elder Edward Ette then chips in to say that since there is a change in the prophet, the law must change too or it will amount to putting new wine in old wine skin which cannot work.

\* In a face to face interview, Pastor A.O.E. Ekanem



discusses about the Holy Spirit Personified which he says is now on earth in human form and doing the work assigned to Him as stated in John 14:16—17; John 16:7—8, which includes changing humanity from sinfulness to righteousness.

\* In consonance with the season, a Christmas message is sent forth which shows that Jesus the Christ's birth was a very welcomed tidings to humanity but the arrival of God the Father, whose birthday celebration incidentally falls during this period, is the best tidings of greatest joy.

\* Religion treats the question of prophecies and their fulfilment stressing that the gift of a white stallion to the Holy Father marks the ending and beginning of an era.

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The International Chairman, Elder J. E. Etim in his comments said that the elders as the pillars of the organisation must live by example by not diving headlong and using their life time searching for earthly possessions, positions and education, things he says are "ephemeral."

He says that the time is now when "as Elders of the Most High God, we should carry on with our enviable role of singing, praising and worshipping the Father in His throne as our gratitude for His goodness towards wretched sinners as ourselves."

Elder Etim intimated all that doing one's business to accumulate wealth or earn a living is a means to an end and not an end by itself "for there are things more important and greater than these earthly materials."

He kicked against the situation whereby some elders refused to attach themselves to Bethels to avoid participating in activities intimating them that whatever one does for God, a great reward awaits such a person.

"An ideal elder is the one who not only attends all elder's fellowship meetings and activities, but also participate fully in other fellowships meetings". Elder Etim said, informing the house that the best elder of the year in the attendance of meetings, behaviour and performance and activeness is being looked for and intelligence report is being expected from all stations and those

whose performances are excellent shall receive physical award in addition to the spiritual one that the Holy Father will give."

He finally appealed to all members to regard this kingdom as their Father's own and should therefore put in their best for the greater glory of their Father.

The report of the evangelical ministry work to the United Kingdom, United States of America, and the West Indies was tendered and the house was informed that the ministry work was very successful as the missionaries had fantastic reception in the places they visited.

The Holy Father who physically arrived the meeting hall at about 1.15 a.m. in His advice said that there is nothing a person can possess or successfully do if he or she has not been given it from on high quoting James 1: 16-17 to buttress His assertion.

He said that we do not know what we request from God for all what we ask for are children, wives, husbands, money, power, wealth etc noting that these things are immaterial and ephemeral urging all to look for the greatest gift of God, "which is the Holy Spirit."

He said with the Holy Spirit, "you are above the world and also, the spirit will direct you and riches, wealth, children and what have you, will come to you in abundance."

The Father said the gift of God from above is spotless and sinless "and that is why when a child is born into the world, he/she will cry

bitterly with folded hands and fingers lamenting his/her coming to this woeful world."

He said that the worldly wisdom does not carry anybody to anywhere, except to induce them to worship juju, sun, moon, stars, stones and other created things, disclosing that there is no earthly thing that can give anybody peace and joy.

"It is only our Lord Jesus Christ who has attained this wisdom, and consequently, He told His disciples, if you love me, keep my commandments, and I will plead with my Father to give the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth that shall dwell in your hearts", the Holy Father said, assuring that the Holy Spirit is the greatest means of protection.

He said that anybody who has no Holy Spirit is empty but, "when you have it within you, all things spiritual and mundane are under your control" for the Holy Spirit supercedes all other things.

He revealed that a person may initiate into 20 or more secret societies but an ant will push and drive him away because "he has no love, no power and above all no Holy Spirit."

The Holy Father then warned that those who do not allow the Holy Spirit to dwell richly in them shall miss this kingdom and glory to other people "because a greater crowd than you had ever anticipated is coming from every nook and corner of the world" adding that what looks impossible to the world is a simple A.B.C. to God quoting 1 Cor: 13-20 to emphasise His contention.

## The Crusaders Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father on 3/12/86

PART one of the day's programme — a short devotional service — was conducted by Apostle B. I. Eke, the Leader's Representative in India.

Drawing the text of sermon from Acts 1:8, Apostle Eke said that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all here and have given us the necessary power and instruments to spread the gospel to the uttermost part of the world.

He said, to be able to carry out the work given to us, "everybody must be well equipped, not with carnal weapons, but with the weapons of the Holy Spirit, which is the preaching and practical application of the words of God."

He said that in the days of our Lord Jesus Christ, it was only Himself that had the Holy Spirit and so could perform excellently in the unprecedented healings, raising of the dead and caring for the poor "and He preached boldly without fear or favour."

He stressed that the Holy Spirit personified has come to dislodge the kingdom of Satan and its host of agents who were formally alleged to rule the world, adding that nobody can please God if the person has not the power of the Holy Spirit.

Apostle Eke concluded by urging all to remain pure and practicalise the teachings and injunctions of the Holy Father so that the Holy Spirit might dwell in us to fight for us "for there is no other way we can fight this war and conquer."

The national chairman Pastor Z. A. Kpodosu in his speech thanked the Father for His wonderful works in the entire world especially in India, the West Indies, the United States of America, Europe and the Asian countries.

He intimated that the BCS has now penetrated some Asian countries and have taken roots in Malaysia, noting that what is needed now is a few seasoned crusaders to continue to "continue watering the seeds already planted by brethren from London."

He said that the fellowship's work is seriously hampered, for apart from lack of foreign exchange, the BCS cannot penetrate some foreign countries due to language barrier.

"It is a shame to realise that there is BCS in Ghana and Nigeria, but in Togo, Dahomey and other French speaking West African countries, there is very little or no crusading activities because of language barrier" Pastor Okpodosu intimated, urging that efforts must be made to translate and print handouts, pamphlets and books in French and other foreign languages other than English.

He appealed to all brethren versed in any foreign language and also conversant with Brotherhood tenets and crusading activities, to approach the fellowship for recruitment warning that such people must be prepared to stay in foreign lands for at least six months, "to tend the sheep of God."

He said that it is now incumbent on members of the fellowship on crusading tour to establish at least one Bethel before they come back assuring that "the fellowship in some cases is prepared to take care of a member's family needs and problems."

He said that highlights of the fellowship's activity for the quarter was the Asaba operation where about "17 juju shrines were spiritually rendered impotent and the



A cross section of crusaders in the high table listening to the chairman address.

juju priests attacked us, using dane guns to shoot at us. to no avail."

The Pastor testified that when the juju priests realised their failure, "they joined in the singing and dancing and right now, most of them have been baptised into the BCS and have been freed from satanic bondages."

He said during some of their operations in the Riverine areas of Nigeria, "huge snakes such as pythons, physically come out to attack the crusaders to no avail."

He therefore urge all crusaders to refrain from sins and remain in a state of chastity with the powers of the Holy Spirit "for those who involve in fornication and other vices often fall victim to satanic onslaught, whereas ideal crusaders are those who dare to challenge mermaids, snakes, juju concoctions and other satanic agents."

He concluded by intimating the members that the whole world must be subdued and assured that since crusaders are the soldiers of

the Holy Spirit, nothing can stand on their way urging that the name of the Holy Father should be called in time of trouble and "He will surely intervene and subdue" saying that the injunction is for members to be pure and keep the Father's dos and don'ts.

Pastor Udo Umoren who held brief for the national general secretary Apostle I. O. Ekeh, in his speech, lamented a situation since the inception of the Crusader's Fellowship, where Pastor M. E. Cole has been the principal champion and financier.

He said that the Holy Father has said that the fellowship should fund all crusading activities and operations admitting that the instruction must be carried out to the letter.

"In order to speedily unite this divided world into one individual whole, where peace, prosperity and joy shall reign supreme, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ must spread to even the remotest



## Visioners International Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father on 24 December 1986

APOSTLE A. A. EKONG, after the processional outing, conducted Part One — the short devotional service — during the December 24, 1986 Visioners Fellowship meeting with the Holy Father.

In the sermon, whose text was taken from John 9:5, Apostle Ekong intimated participants that God is light and since He is light, He illuminates everywhere He is found, assuring that whoever accepts God accepts light and light dwells in him making the person free from entanglements and darkness of satan.

"It is unthinkable to notice that God who is light is in the world but those who are in darkness do not see Him" urging all to refrain from sins because "if we refrain from sin, the light shines brightly in us, but darkness sets in as soon as we commit sins."

He concluded by saying that the light now in the world is the salvation of humanity and can only manifest in any person through righteousness and not through mystical researches or investigations, assuring that all those who attended the meeting were blessed and their problems wiped away.

The Chairman of the fellowship, Elder J. E. Etim in his keynote address thanked the Father for having satisfied all the yearnings of His children and given them spiritual freedom.

He urged all to proclaim the manifestation of the personified Holy Spirit to the entire world so that nobody will have an excuse that he/she did not hear or was not aware.

He urged members to practicalise the love of one for another "so that the world might realise that He who is love is very much in our midst," noting that giving people money is not synonymous with the true love of God.

Listing the qualities of love, the Chairman said that "those who have the real love of God cannot charge money for spiritual services rendered to a brethren, for love does no wrong to his neighbour," urging all to show a grateful heart to the Holy Spirit personified now manifest in our midst "for right from the day we receive water baptism and confess our sins, salvation is assured us".

He finally enjoined the visioners to realise their important role in the health care delivery and salvation to a good number of people the world over "and so we should only visionise correctly."

In the general discussion during the meeting, the visioners were intimated of the plan to publish a visioners' journal. "Moderate charges for advertisement ranging from ₦50.00 will be collected to supplement the cost of the journal," they were told.

The Chairman then appealed to all seasoned and talented visioners to send their revelations, write ups and pictures to the secretariat saying that materials and pictures are still being expected from states, areas and zones.

A 1987 programme of activities was also released. It shows that:—

- \* The National Executive shall meet at Ottibros Bethel, Onitsha, Anambra State on Saturday January 17, 1987.
- \* The Visioners Week anniversary celebration will take place in the 34 Ambo Pentecostal Headquarters Hall, Calabar from February 9—15, 1987.
- \* April Pentecostal Meeting with the Holy Father on April 15, 1987.
- \* The National Executive Meeting to be held at No Man's Land Bethel, at Kano on Saturday May 23, 1987.

\* General Meeting of all visioners. at 23 Ekpenyong Street, Uyo, Cross River State on July 10 and 11, 1987.

\* August Pentecostal Meeting with the Holy Father holds on August 19, 1987.

\* October 17, 1987 a National Executive Meeting is to be held at Kumuyi Street, Olodi, Apapa Bethel in Lagos.

\* November 20 and 21, 1987, there will be a general meeting to be held at 51 Ngo Street, Bethel, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

\* Wednesday December 23, 1987, December Pentecostal Meeting with the Father holds at the HQ Pentecostal Hall, Calabar.

The Chairman of the fellowship in his comments urged all members to endeavour to attend and participate physically during all meetings nay, programme of the fellowship to ensure its growth and abundance blessings from the Father.

He said that overseas Ministry work will be undertaken later this year, "so those who are interested should start now to prepare for it by bringing their travelling documents to date."

A very successful healing session piloted by Pastor E. U. Essien of the BCS Spiritual Hospital, Utu Ikot Ekpenyong and Deaconess Eno Dan Esekung of Mercy Healing Home, 16 Idang Street, Calabar was conducted and many were healed of their infirmities.

In the vision session that followed, the Father passed through Eno Dan Esekung to reveal that 1987 will be a year of joy, peace and plenty for as many as obey God's injunction and put them into practical application.

She revealed that the Father has wamed all visioners who use vision to make money to stop the practice forthwith.

Deaconess Irene Ulaeto revealed that He has come with His heavenly hosts to finally dislodge the satanic forces and rule with His children for eternity.

She revealed that the influx of people of all shade and colour into the BCS shall be the beginning of the final exodus of people into this new kingdom of God urging all to be obedient children of the Father as abundant peace and prosperity await these group of people in the year 1987.

Apostle A. Eyibio in his revelation said that those in governments who use the corridor of power to victimise people shall be shown the way out urging all to put the worldly governments in fervent prayer. He also advised that all the Calabar traditional chieftains should celebrate full love feast soon.

The Chairman in his comments thanked

## Apostles/Evangelists Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father on 25/12/86

The December 25, 1986 Apostles/Evangelists meeting with the Father opened with the normal processional outing that was led by the current chairman of the fellowship, Apostle Christopher A. Asuquo.

At 7.05 p.m. prompt, Apostle Darius A. Ekereke conducted part one. Drawing his text from John 9:4—5, he said that the Father could not have been wrong in choosing members into the enviable position of evangelists and apostles

and given them a red turban.

He says that the red in their dressing dictates their duty which is to preach the word of God to all the four comers of the world by day or by night.

"We have a great responsibility to right the wrong and to correct whatever is correctable without fear or favour" urging that "we should not only be preachers but doers of the words of God."

He however warned anybody

wishing to proclaim the good tidings of this kingdom to be "well vested in its tenets and teachings" and anybody not equal to the task should steer clear or "they will be the proverbial blind leading the blind."



The Chairman of the Visioners fellowship Elder J. E. Etim addressing the house.

the Father for pouring His Holy Spirit on His children to see and predict what will happen in future.

He called on all visioners to utilize their talents with caution and to the greatest benefit of the entire humanity guarding against being self-centred "for spiritual gifts in whatever shape or mode are free gifts from God which must also be freely disposed of."

Elder Etim advised all visioners not to relax in their efforts knowing their enviable role in this kingdom warning against commercialization of visions as this often bring untold hardship to the perpetrators.

The Holy Father who arrived the meeting hall at 1.50 a.m. in His advice said that visions, charm removal and healing the sick does not qualify anybody for this kingdom "rather, those who are fit for this kingdom are those who have purged themselves of all acts of sinfulness."

He said that He is in the world but the world would not know Him assuring that those who have kept themselves pure and Holy, shall not be taught by their neighbours to know God for they will all know Him from the least to the greatest.

"Those who are not pure in heart cannot see God, but those who are pure can see Him lavishly at anytime anywhere, and He will answer their prayers promptly at all times" the Holy Father assured.

He wamed the brethren not to rejoice because they have all these earthly things such as children, motor cars and money but to rejoice because they have the Holy Spirit dwelling physically in our midst.

Concluding, the Holy Father, quoting Philippians 4:4 to support His assertion, said that all those who rejoice with the Holy Spirit are given the right to the children of God and hence, heirs to the kingdom.

# FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL

You will see someone who erects a storey building the moment he comes into Brotherhood, and you will argue that he has money through Beelzebub. It rather means that he believes in God. You will find someone who forsakes fornication, drinking and every evil thing; it means that he believes in the promise. All those who come in here with a half mind are those who do not believe; and the promise is not for them. They will go back empty-handed.

We have heard what Christ said: that whoever does not hate his father, and mother, and husband, and wife, and brothers and sisters, and his own life, cannot be his disciple. Whoever does not carry his cross and follow after me, cannot be my disciple.

This promise is for those who believe; that is why Paul says that those things he would have counted as gain, he counts them but loss. He is the example of those who believe in the promise.

The government will promise to do something but they will fail to do it. Your father will promise that he will do something for

you, but fails to do it. The town will also fail to carry out her promise. Any person can fail to carry out his promise; but this is the promise of God which never fails. And I am taking my stand on it.

I am ready to walk naked and be called a ghost, mermaid, juju or any name. You can pluck out my eye, you can say whatever you like, I know that this promise is sure and I stand fast on it. What hinders us?

We are told that the leaves of the tree was used in healing the nations; and there was no more curse; but the throne of God and of the lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve Him. What prevents you from serving Him?

He shall send out His angels to remove everything that causes offence so that the children of God may shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

There is no juju or apparition which hinders you. You are the source of all your problems. When you see many Brotherhood members, you say that there is something

the Father gives to them. What do I give to them apart from the words of God? The moment you practice the word of God, this promise is fulfilled in you.

You are told to forsake fornication, anger, lying, taking drugs; but you say that you will forsake them gradually; do you think that this promise will be fulfilled in you? God has no business with you because you do not believe in Him. This kingdom belongs to those who serve Him. All wealth and glory are for those who serve Him.

Heaven and earth belongs to God; the world and its fulness is His. Who are those who shall receive the blessings from the Lord? Those whose hearts are pure and whose hands are clean, who have not given their souls to vanity. These will receive the blessing from the Lord. From today we should forsake everything; and accept to serve God so that we may inherit His promise.

Brethren, I will not take you further. One stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. He who has ears, let him hear. May God bless His holy words. Amen!

## No man takes what is yours

Brethren, I am going to use an earthly situation to demonstrate a heavenly situation.

In a certain town, lived a young man and his wife. The two-some were desperately poor. Though they were able to provide themselves with what looked like shelter, food depended on chance and clothing an accidental duty.

Indeed the two shared the same loin cloth. This meant one person had to remain indoors when the other would go out. Most times, the husband had to stay indoors since the woman went out to do some petty trading.

They lived this way for quite sometime till the unexpected happened. The wife took ill and before long gave up the ghost. When she died, she was still tying their only loin cloth. That is to say, the man was naked.

Neighbours did not call on them, the villagers were still going about their normal duties. The man remained inside and wept without anyone to assist him. He could not even tell any person since his nakedness did not permit him to go out.

For two days, the man was indoors weeping. On the third day, a dwarf appeared in

the house from now-here. When the man narrated his plight and how incapacitated he was, the dwarf offered to help. The dwarf brought out a broom with which he flogged the wife's corpse. After the third stroke, the woman opened her eyes and was alive again. There was great jubilation. Thereafter, the dwarf gave the broom to the man and instructed him to use the broom in like manner on any dead person for the same results.

On a certain day, when his wife has gone out and the husband was alone in the house naked as usual, he peeped through the window and he noticed a number of people trooping towards one direction.

When he managed to inquire from one of them, he was told one of the prominent chiefs in the community was dead. He intimidated his informer that if only he had cloth to cover his nakedness, he would cause the man to resurrect. Eventhough he was not taken seriously, mention was still made of what he said at the deceased house.

However after some arguments, it was decided that the man be invited to try his bit.

It was decided that if the man succeeded, he would be given one third of the kingdom in addition to a large sum of money. If on the other hand the man failed, it was agreed, the man would be killed.

When the man was given clothings, he accepted the conditions and proceeded confidently with his broom. On arrival, chance was created for his operation. After the third stroke on the corpse, the chief resurrected. The man was carried shoulder high and the promises fulfilled.

For this reason, he acquired a new accommodation, built a nice storey building and rose to glory from nothingness. From then henceforth, he led a prosperous life.

After some years, another chief who was richer and more prominent than the first among the people died. Since he had done it with the first chief, the people were hopeful that they should call on him again. Many promises followed as usual but with the warning that in case of failure, the man will be killed. He accepted the conditions, went forth with his broom and caused the man to resurrect. For this reason, the

man increased greatly in substance.

In the face of affluence and plenty, life became better for the two-some. The wife became younger and prettier, and attracted the attention of those who cared. Infact, one of her male admirers made bold to ask her hand in love. He succeeded and they got on well together.

Their intimacy got on so much that they began to conceive the thought of living together in a world of their own. This thought made the two lovers plot to kill the young man.

Not long after, a much more wealthy and prominent chief died. The community did not hesitate calling on the man with the magic broom. He was himself confident that he would do it all, and did not bother about the fact that he would be killed in case of failure.

His wife and her lover saw this as an opportunity to eliminate the man. They immediately stepped in and changed the magic broom. On that eventful moment, the man stroke the chief's corpse with as many stroke as possible but to no avail. He had no chance to sing his failure song as the people

seized and killed him immediately. He was buried in a far away forest.

The wife and her lover were happy. The lover packed to live with her in her storey building residence. On the third day after the man's death, the dwarf went to the man's grave, removed the man, used a similar magic broom on him and he was resurrected. The dwarf thereafter narrated the cause of his death and directed him that on arrival back home, he should push the wife down from the top floor of the building.

The man started back home. Meanwhile, his wife and her lover were enjoying themselves with music and drinks in the house. When the man arrived home, the lover-man was quick to notice him and had to escape through a passage. The wife who was awe-stricken found it impossible to believe her eyes.

The man wasted no time at all. He immediately pushed the wife from the top floor. She crashed on the ground and died. The man lived a happy and peaceful live ever after.

### FATHER'S ILLUSTRATION

Culled from the Father's Gospel by Lawrence Ubah.

## BCS in Mkpatak

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The conquest was witnessed by a team of spirited children and visioners whom the Holy Father despatched from Calabar for the purpose. A second Bethel yeamed for its existence in Mkpatak Ikot Otong, all to the glory of God our Father, Lord and King. Leader Olumba Olumba Obu.

We are grateful to the Father who weathered the storm and held brethren firm during those perilous times, especially the courage given to brethren, to uphold the tenets of BCS till all was over. They were:— Elder Brother James Udo Ekpo, Elder Brother Francis James Uko, Elder Brother Patrick Christian Udo, Elder Brother Okon Amos, Elder Brother Charlie Akpan, Elder Sister Jenny Akpan, Elder Sister Sarah Ekpo, Elder Sister Ikwo P. C. Udo, Sister Charity Francis Uko, Brother Monday Akpan Ofum.

It is gratifying to testify that, no sooner had BCS manifested in Mkpatak, than most of the traditional and cultural beliefs of the people ceased.

Brother F. A. Udom.



## Apostle/Evangelists Meeting with the Father

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Apostle Ekereke concluded by urging those who have the urge to preach the words of God to thoroughly examine themselves to ensure that they eschew pride, self-will, selfishness and segregation "because the daily behaviours of all workers of God are being monitored by the worldly people and there must be a marked difference between the children of God and the worldly people. We are the ambassadors of the Holy Father."

Apostle C.A. Asuquo, the incumbent chairman of the fellowship, in his keynote address, thanked the Holy Father for the gospel He delivered through Apostle Ekereke.

He urged all brethren to draw nearer to God so that they might see the changes going on daily in this new kingdom of God on earth. "We should always thank the Holy Father for the love He has so mercifully and graciously extended to us, not because of our righteousness but because His promise must fulfil" He said.

He said that every member of BCS is a student in this school "and we stand corrected if we make an error," warning however that nobody should be reprimanded in a disgraceful way "in view of the fact that we are all sinners" and because we have a Supernatural Teacher to teach and lead us to the accurate wisdom of truth.

He urged all members to be up and doing and use their material resources "as much as we can" to uplift the work of the Father.

Outlining the duties of the Apostles and Evangelists, Apostle Asu-

quo said that they should correct, edify and strengthen the faith of the weak in our midst instead of dampening their enthusiasm thereby blocking their chances of salvation.

He finally appealed to all to make sacrifices by giving generous donations to make the proposed foreign evangelical ministry possible in keeping with the BCS policy of total evangelisation and liberation of the entire world.

Reports of Nigeria evangelical ministry were rendered and the analysis showed an impressive outing in Anambra, Cross River and some other states except Rivers and Lagos States ministry which had been re-scheduled.

The members were informed to expect a comprehensive 1987/88 programme of activities which "the secretariat will properly work out and sent out as circulars to all members."

The Holy Father who arrived the hall at about 1.53 a.m. In His advice quoted Colosians 3:2. He said that nobody can serve two masters "for surely, he will love one than the other" which He says shows partiality, a situation that cannot be allowed in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

"Avoid putting your hearts into the riches of this world because wherever your riches are, there also must your heart be," the Leader said, noting that nobody can put his heart in both money as well as in God.

He warned against being in friendship with the world for "whosoever loves the world and the things therein, the love of



The Apostles/Evangelists fellowship Chairman addressing members during their meeting.

God cannot be found in him"

He said that nobody should put his heart in 1987 being a year of prosperity, because it is only those who preach and practise the gospel that will be blessed with such riches and abundance.

The Leader urged all to emulate Him and show practical love of one another especially the love of the destitutes citing a case of how He has sent about ₦4,000.00 to eight psychiatric hospitals, orphanages, Old People's Homes "just to ameliorate their sufferings during this end of year period."

He said some of these orphanages openly testify to thank God for the gifts which they say has come in good time intimating that "anybody who loves money cannot give out money as I have been doing especially during this economic hardtime" cautioning that the love of money is demonic.

"Many of you regard me as the King of kings and Lord of lords

only when thousands of Naira are given to you, but whenever you are hungry, sick or have any problem, you become angry and fastidious" the Holy Father said adding that it is only when one does not put his hope on material things that these things will come to a person.

The Holy Father then asked the Apostles/Evangelists fellowship to celebrate full feast to welcome back into the fold some brethren who have backslided but have decided to come back.

To this end, Saturday February 7 and Sunday 8, 1987 are set aside for celebration of the full feast, during which time the fellowship will also celebrate their fund raising anniversary.

All states, areas, and zones chairmen and secretaries are urged to mobilize members in their areas towards attending the ceremonies to ensure that the occasion turns out to be a huge success.

## Elders Fellowship Meeting with the Holy Father on 29/12/86

ONE of the major highlights of last year's December Pentecostal Assembly Elder's Fellowship meeting with the Holy Father was the release of the fellowship's schedule of its 1987 programme of activities.

It shows that:

- \* The Elders General meeting holds at 51 Ngo Street, Bethel, Port Harcourt on Friday and Saturday March 13, and 14, 1987.
- \* Saturday February 21, 1987, the Elders' Executive shall hold their meeting at Owerri Township Bethel, Imo State.
- \* On Saturday March 7, 1987, the monthly Elders Meeting with the Holy Father holds at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.
- \* April 20, 1987 is the Elders' meeting day with the Holy Father during the April Pentecostal Assembly.
- \* The Elders International Fellowship Week is slated for May 11 — 17, 1987 at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.
- \* Saturday June 6, 1987 the fellowship meets physically with the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.
- \* The Elders Executive meeting holds at 33 Sapele Road Bethel, Muchia, Sabon Gari-zaria in Kaduna State on June 20, 1987.
- \* Saturday July 4, 1987 is another date for the meeting of all Elders with the Holy

Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.

- \* A General Meeting holds at Asata-Enugu, Anambra State on July 24 and 25, 1987.
  - \* August 1, 1987 is the monthly general meeting with the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.
  - \* August Pentecostal Meeting with the Father comes up on August 24, 1987.
  - \* The Elders Executive meet Saturday, September 26, 1987 at 46 Kuminyi Street, Olodi, Apapa Bethel, Lagos.
  - \* October 3, 1987 is the fellowship's monthly meeting with the Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.
  - \* November 7, 1987 is yet another monthly meeting date with the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar.
  - \* November 13—14, 1987 is the fellowship's general meeting to hold at Ikot Ekpene Township Bethel, No. 19 Etok-Eren Street, Ikot Ekpene.
  - \* December 5, 1987 is the last fellowship monthly meeting with the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, for the year.
  - \* January 2, 1988 is the date for Elders International Fellowship to hold the December Pentecostal Meeting with the Father.
- The Chairman of the fellowship, Elder J. E. Etim in his comments on the schedule said that while he appreciates members active participation in all meetings during the past year, "I however hope for greater commitment and

activities in the year 1987" assuring all that nobody does an iota of service to ensure the progress of God's work without receiving ample compensation.

He therefore urged all members to attend all fellowship activities planned for the year not minding the cost, monetarily and time wise.

Before the presentation of the schedule of meetings for the year, Elder Udom from Lagos who conducted Part One of the programme urged all participants to focus their attention on the humble birth of the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe now in our midst, noting that no known spirited celebrity from time has ever been born into a well to do house.

He mentioned Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Prophet Samuel, John the Baptist as some of those spirited celebrities that have lived in one era or the other but whose family background has never been traced to be a royal or very popular one.

Quoting Luke 2:10—14, Elder Udom said that our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest phenomenon before this time to be in the world, was of a very humble and simple family background.

He said the story of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the story of a humble and simple beginning that has now engulfed the whole humanity.

## FEATURE

## The worship of graven images is idolatry

GOD cannot compromise the worship and honour that is due to Him at all. That is why He personally delivered the Ten Commandments to the Israelites through Moses.

That God personally brought the tablet of the laws and arranged them in the order of importance, gravity and magnitude showed that no generation or civilization should alter or toy with these laws.

God said, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me, you shall not make for yourself any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth, you shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God, am a jealous God. . ."

He further added; "you shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." These commandments are clearly recorded in Exodus 20:1-18.

There was thunder, lightening, noises of trumpet and smoke from the mountain — (Mount Sinai) —, and to this end, there is no sane person who would joke with such divine instructions, laws or regulations that were to pilot and direct the very behaviours, cultures and the pattern of the lives of the generality of the people of Israel, nay the entire world. There is no law of any land or country that does not have direct or indirect semblance to the laws which God brought to these people before the advent of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

As a matter of fact, if there was to be anything else that God should have delegated His honour to, it should have been man, and not graven images of stones, wood or statues because it is absolutely idolatrous to do so.

As recorded in 1 Peter 2:17, "Honour all men. Love the Brotherhood, Fear God. Honour the King" and in Isaiah 40:18, "To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare Him?" There is absolutely nothing that could compare to God, and it could be a little tolerable if man, who was made in His own image, and who is the framework in which God dwells, could be acceptable and honoured.

The worship of God through the medium of graven images or statues by some of the orthodox churches is as revolting as it is superstitious especially right in the year of our Lord 1987.

The Athenians did it in the early Christian era and that was why when Paul told them that the "un-

known God they worshipped in ignorance", he was proclaiming to them that the Lord of heaven and earth does not dwell in shelves made by man nor is He served by human hands as though he needed anything from man, whereas He himself gives men life, breath and everything.

He made and determined every nation of the world, their destinies on the face of the earth. He allotted seasons and time and boundaries of their habitations, and although they seek and investigate the whereabouts of God from the sun, moon, stars and the deep of the sea, yet they do not know that He is not far away from each one of us, for in Him we live, move and have our beings as accepted by even some Athenian poets of old.

We are indeed the offsprings of God. If we are the offsprings of God why should we expect Him to be, or even worship him as the images built of gold, silver, stone or the representation and the imagination of men of earth? (Act 17:16-31).

That time of ignorance is gone for good, and if the Father tolerated that in those days, definitely not in this age when He is physically present in our midst as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The case in point is the recent religious televised programme where images, status, crucifixes purported to be that of Jesus the Christ or Mary or Joseph and what have you, were displayed in a public medium of information and worshipped by an orthodox church. People actually bow-down for these graven images in 1987. The Athenians who started it have since refrained from image or statues worships, because it is barefaced idolatry. It is as corrupting as it is satanic to worship God through images or crucifixes in this last age when God has physically manifested. It is an abomination.

It is equally sad to realise that church leaders are the very people who parade and sit alongside with traditional chieftains to worship idols in shrines, attend mourning houses or pour libation at community and state functions.

It is however gratifying to realise that the Holy Spirit has come to dwell in the midst of men and counteract principalities and powers in high and low places. That is why the churches of the world who often operate in league to use wicked and satanic antics to rule the world are in disarray in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has come to destroy all the shaky things and those other ones which offend. It is true that satan had operated through the churches for long, that is why some people erroneously say that satan and its agents rule the world.



Elder Edward Ette — The Author

How true is the statement? Is satan really in control of the world? God forbid! The Holy Spirit is in full control, and nothing flaps its wings anymore. The time of the world, satan and a host of his agents has ended. Satan has been defeated and all powers of darkness crushed, (Colosians 2:15). That is why image and statues worship in the year of our Lord 1987 is in complete opposition to the Holy Spirit who is now the reigning entity.

Prophet Daniel in Daniel 7:25-26, prophesied "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws, they shall be given into his hands until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his dominion to consume and destroy it unto the end." The foregoing is what Leader O. O. Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head of the entire universe, is poised to do to the worldly churches and leaders who continue to use the churches to practise satanic and idol worshipping.

By trying to change the laws of God and replace them with human laws, customs and traditional rites, the conventional orthodox churches of the world are exalting themselves above God Almighty. This claim is supported by the recorded divine words of God in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 which says "Let no man deceive you by any means, for that shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." By this account, the reason the leading conventional orthodox churches have bastardized God's teachings polluting them with demonic teachings and tenets should be clearer.

The introduction of image and statues worship is a proof of this mixed idol worship, confirming the words of the Bible as quoted above in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

This is the opposer who joins with league of nations, now the United Nations to rule the world as recorded in Rev. 17:8-14, the beast that was, and is not, even the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.

The original day of worship got changed in the year A. D. 364 by the early christian organisations as recorded in the book, "A History of the Councils of the Churches" in co-operation with world rulers and this is at variance with the tenets and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is worthy of note to expose to the entire reading public that the numerical value "666" the title of "lawlessness man" predicted in the Holy Book reflects the name of a leading orthodox church and is written on the cap of worship and the official name is acknowledged to be used as the titles of the highest person or "vicar of the Son of God on earth". This is another sign of the beast as stated in Rev. 14:9-12.

The problems of the world therefore stem from idol worship, and worse still, when it is being propagated by leading conventional churches as being divine worship contrary to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ that nobody comes to the Father except through the Son and vice versa, and those through whom He likes to reveal Himself unto (Matt. 11:27). All things are delivered unto the Son by the Father, even the glory which He had had with Him before the world was (John 17:5).

All the mundane governments of this world right from the beginning of the world got spoiled because those who piloted these governments failed to recognise or accept God Almighty as the Supreme Being. For example Adam and Eve derailed because they disobeyed their Creator (God) and would rather listen to the lying advice of satan, the original serpent (Genesis 3:4-5).

The Egyptian civilization fell because the kings and Lords who directed the affairs of Egypt the first world power with its pyramids and golden city, of victims were idol-worshipping — (Isaiah 13:19).

King Nebuchadnezzar who governed the Babylonian empire with its seven wonders fell because he rejected Jehovah God and His Christ and even went as far as committing sacrilege against the vessels in the temple of God. To this end, he was driven into the bush to be like a beast (Daniel 2:37-38).

The list here is only illustrative and certainly not exhaustive; various kings, queens and what have you, got into the corridors of powers, created great civilizations, inventions and discoveries only to

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# FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL

Him? This gospel is given to all the inhabitants of the world so that you may always realise the promise of God.

I do not intend to overload you, the second lesson will now be read. Listen attentively so that you may hear what He had promised to humanity.

2nd Lesson: Matthew 13:41-43 "The Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Brethren have you heard that. When you are walking, people complain that you do not walk alone. It is true. In your house there is a guard. In your car, there is a guard. An angel is taking charge of your farm. Whoever points at you, attempts to obstruct, the angels will eliminate him immediately.

This explains why people complain that they are disturbed by Brotherhood members. You innocently wonder what you do to them when you do not even pray. But in spite of your innocence, there are incessant cries by people of Brotherhood's attempt to kill them. You are not the one.

He knows Himself and the angels know their work. You are given guards, and for this reason you have no problems. Continue in doing good; speaking the truth, pronouncing no curses. Do not lie, nor steal, nor quarrel, nor begrudge but continue doing whatever good thing that there is because we have protection.

You heard about that Briton who followed after members of Brotherhood in London, abusing them of worshipping a black man. Brethren arrived at Mill Hill Bethel without responding to his abuses and he turned back. The brethren did not give any response.

Then that night, God revealed Himself to the man. Because of this revelation, he now wears white soutane, and more to this, has resigned his appointment. He is now full-time missionary and claims he has seen God whom he wanted. All persuasions that he should continue with his former work proved abortive. He maintains there is virtually no need because he has seen God. He now serves God with dedication.

If you were to hearken to instructions and not to the flesh, not involved either on pronouncing woes on people or blasphemy, or fighting but forsaking everything, you would witness the manifestation of God's promise. Our Lord Jesus Christ had promise that He would remove all those who sin, all those

***"It is for this reason that God gives this blessed assurance that, the Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and they which do iniquity.***

***"Do not disturb yourself any more about going on medical check-up, and for other medical or diabolical examinations. We have what is greater than medical check-up. He is in your house and everywhere with you."***

things that cause offence, and cast them into a furnace of fire. Then the children of God will shine in their Father's kingdom.

If a governor, or president or commissioner and other government functionaries have body guards, how much more the children of God? As at now a good many people, and those who know themselves, do not speak evil against Brotherhood neither do they persecute members because they know the consequence. Except for a foolish person, there is nothing like blasphemy against Brotherhood. When you come here with foolishness, your foolishness will live after you.

You are true witnesses to all the calumnies against Brotherhood and the work done by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is neither done by Obu, nor by me, nor by you, nor by any other person. He had promised that the Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and they which do iniquity. Whoever attempts to hinder a person from the service of God will be confronted by angels. It is not of your making but it is time to give God the glory.

Who hinders you from serving God? Whoever wants to serve God, the way is wide open for him to do so. You are given this as the last warning; if you see any person who wants to serve God, do not hinder him, do not cause any problems with him, so that you may not wound yourself.

This statement is made by our Lord Jesus Christ to me, to you and to all the inhabitants of the world. When you want to hinder your wife, or child, or any member of your family who wants to serve God, remember the gospel of today. You who want to constitute yourself into a stumbling block so that your brother may fall, remember this gospel.

You call yourself a Brotherhood, but are you not a stumbling block to your own brother? Have you not defamed him? Have you not made trouble with him? In the past you used to complain that God does not react very quickly; but now He sends His angels to remove immediately everything that offends; because this is the time of His glory. This is the time when the righteous has to shine forth as the sun. The sun does not even shine like you. Wherever you go to, your illumination brightens the whole place. If you wear this garment to the market, into a car, or to wherever you go, the people will shake.

Brethren can you not realise that right now there is no fear again for the children of God; if you cannot serve God, you have yourself to blame because there is no stumbling-block in the way to serving God. Do not quarrel again with any person; do not tell lies; do not take any court action against any person.

We all have a right to serve Him, whoever wants to serve him is free to do so because there is no hindrance. Whoever wants to obstruct you from serving God will injure himself. You are not responsible for this; you do not even know how it comes about. He alone knows about all.

Brethren, we should give glory to Jehovah God and His Christ because all His words have been fulfilled. People killed Peter and the other prophets of old; they even killed the Christ. And since they cannot do anything to Brotherhood, they now say that it is not of God; and that we are wearing God as a mask. I ask them also to put God as a mask and do the work which we are doing?

You can see that there is no evil thing that any person can do to you because angels are protecting you. If you tell someone that there is nothing in Brotherhood, he will not believe. He maintains that there is something; what is there apart from what you are seeing?

Brethren, let the golden text be read so that you may realise the fulfilment of the promise of God.

**GOLDEN TEXT: Matthew 19: 28-29**

**"And Jesus said unto them, verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that had forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred fold and shall inherit everlasting life."**

That is the promise of God for all the inhabitants of the world; whether you are a white-man or blackman or coloured, whenever you surrender yourself into the service of God, this promise is for you.

Do not forget the emphasis that the promise is for all those who forsake everything and follow Him. The promise is not for you if you have not forsaken everything and follow Him. Because many people come into Brotherhood poor, and they are sent to gather wealth from here, they continue to pack things out of Brotherhood to their homes.

In the regeneration what shall be their gain? They will go empty-handed. What about those who do not want to follow Him at all; in the regeneration what shall be their gain?

What about those who have not forsaken father, or mother, land, or house and followed him; what shall be their gain? You can see that no one can deceive God. If you do not forsake land, brother and homes, you will go empty-handed. The promise is for those who surrender themselves completely to serve God; and it is as sure as daylight.

***"Yet a little while, and even now, you will notice that while you are on your way, no person will attempt to hinder you. Whether police, or soldier, or government, or whatever there may be, no person can obstruct you."***

## FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL

# God's Promise is Fulfilled

1st Lesson : Revelation 22:2-3  
 2nd Lesson : Matthew 13:41-43  
 Golden Text: Matthew 19:28-29

BRETHREN, that is the promise which the King of kings and the Lord of lords had made to His people. *Ab initio*, that had been His promise and this promise is nothing but the truth. Because it is said, heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God shall not pass away until all is consummated.

It is a pitiful situation that all of you and indeed all the inhabitants of the world read the Bible but do not realise this promise of God. Satan deceives you that if you follow him (satan), you will have money and motor car, become a king and have eternal life. This is total falsehood. He (satan) is the father of lies and the lord of lies.

Now you are going to realise the glory of God and what this gospel means. He made a promise unto Abraham and that promise was also fulfilled. It is said Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he allows.

If you hold on tenaciously to the gospel given you, nothing will shake you. It is because of faith that you have in your heart that you can acquire righteousness. It is with the heart that one believes and has righteousness.

If you believe the promises of God in your heart, and accept that if one serves God and forsakes stealing, lying, anger, diabolism and other vices but surrenders himself entirely unto God, the promises of God will be fulfilled in him, nothing in the whole wide world can shake you.

This promise was not made for thieves, prostitutes, native doctors, murderers, or tricksters. It was meant for those who believe in Him and do His will. All along, you have not known the intricacies of this kingdom, you came as if to play. That is why you tell lies, steal, indulge in diabolism, get angry, quarrel and collect money from people under false pretences.

The message of this gospel, is not quoted according to Olumba. It is the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ whose name you call and not mine. He told them, The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things after offend, whether they be men, or spirits, or trees, or water which hinder the children of God from seeing this glory and shining in the kingdom of their Father, such phenomena will be eliminated by the angels. There and then will the children of God shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. So says the Lord of lords.

If there is anything that offend or obstruct the children of God from enjoying this kingdom, such things will be removed completely from the surface of the earth to enable the children of God shine. If there is anything that prevents the children of God from serving their God as would be expected, the angels will eliminate such things. Whether it be rain that disturbs when the children of God want to rejoice in their Father, the angel will call it to order. Whether it be wind, sun, man, spirit, death or hades, which disturbs

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or prevents the children of God from operating, such things will be removed from the surface of the earth. You have heard it said, “Then shall the righteous shine.”

Only the righteous will be left. What about those destroyed? They are the unrighteous — thieves, native doctors, liars, fornicators and the recalcitrants. Those who will shine are the righteous.

He has given us a guarantee that we should not take vengeance unto ourselves. If a person smites you, do not smite back. If a person curses you, or steals your property or hates you, do not retaliate because he will send His angels who will remove all such persons.

If He has given you such a guarantee, if you were to believe in Him, why will you even shut your door. Leave your door open and go on your business. Let any thief come into the house and take any of your property, if our Lord Jesus Christ will not send forth His angels to remove such a thief.

Yet a little while, and even now, you will notice that while you are on your way, no person will attempt to hinder you. Whether police, or soldier, or government, or whatever there may be, no person can obstruct you because people have seen the injury inflicted on them for disturbing the children of God. This is to show to you that His word is sacrosanct. There is no word of God without power. His Word is ever sure.

You are true witnesses that we do not hold matchet or gun, we have neither money nor men, nor highly educated men, nor men of prominence. There are no lawyers, magistrates, or rulers. We have none of such things but what is the weapon with which we fight this war and conquer? The men of the world have money, they are governors, presidents, prime ministers, royal highnesses, native doctors, professors, owners of landed properties. They have craftiness and ammunitions of war. They vow that Brotherhood will not be heard of, that it should be taken away because it has no society-strong men. Can you not realise the handiwork of our Lord Jesus Christ? Are His words not fulfilled?

Without Him, who would be able to speak, preach or practise the Word of God? Where will you have the strength? The assurance is not for you alone but also for all the children of God the world over that, the Son of man shall send forth his angels, and whoever rises up against the service of God shall be swept out. Whether be wind, tree, rock or

whatever will be gathered out of his kingdom but the righteous shall shine forth.

I want to use these situations to illustrate to you that the Father is here, the Son is here, the Holy Spirit is here. Without Him, who will be able to speak in the world. If He did not reign over all the heavens and the earth, who would have been able to preach the Word of God, either in this country or in Europe, or in America or in other places.

The people of the world had testified and sworn that whatever phenomenon is called God does not exist, but that they alone exist. No prophet has ever offended against the world. No angel has ever offended against the people of the world, but should the inhabitants of the world learn that a person is a prophet of God, they will demand that the prophet's head be brought.

What sin did John the Baptist commit? John rebuked Herod that it was not expedient for him to take the wife of his half-brother Philip. It was for this reason and because of the other evils which John pointed out to him that he feared the people and cast him into prison like a fowl.

Again, because of rebuking Herod that it was not fair for him to marry the wife of his half-brother, the woman bore malice against John. When Herod's wife's damsel danced during the birthday celebration of king Herod, Herod swore upon himself that he would give to the damsel whatever she required, for dancing so dexteriously. The damsel not knowing what to demand, asked her mother, who instead of suggesting that her daughter should ask Herod to abdicate his throne for her, rather told her daughter to demand for John's head in a charger.

Notice why people argue that there is no God. Herod detailed soldiers right there to produce the head of John who neither ate nor drank. The fore-runner of Our Lord Jesus Christ was beheaded in cold blood in the prison. Who was there to question?

What sin did our Lord Jesus Christ commit? He healed the sick, raised the dead, and went about doing good to people and caring for the welfare of orphans, the afflicted and the oppressed. But they, with all pomp and power, got hold of him as a chicken. Oh man! The person who headed this conspiracy was the high priest for that year, which means a priest of God ruling over the church, and his name was Caiaphas.

It started when Lazarus was raised from death, and huge group of people followed



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Him. For this reason, when they were in the council, he told the people, you do not know anything, do you not know that it is expedient that one person should die, than the whole nation perishing. That is to say, if they would successfully kill Him as a hen, the followers would scatter and they would take the disciples to themselves. Right from that day, they had secret meetings and promised a handsome reward to whoever would betray Him.

They from there began to trail and keep watch over Him, and finally arrested and killed Him like a hen for no just cause. This they did so that they would not allow the light of life to shine forth to men. For telling them that what they were doing was not good, that they should refrain and follow God, they promised it would not be on their land, but continued to oppress the poor, kill at will, control the earth believing that God was not in existence.

Observe and you will see the way of life of the people of the world right from the time of Abel. What did Abel do? Abel loved God and because of this, he sacrificed the fattest ram unto God. That was all he did. His brother Cain took offence and killed him for doing such a thing unto God. The people of the world frighten people not to speak the truth, or go to church so that they may not die young. For this reason, every person runs away from God.

It is for this reason that God gives this blessed assurance that, the Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and they which do iniquity. Anything therefore that raises its ugly head, or prevents them from rendering services to God, or disturbs the children of God, shall be totally eradicated.

We have a spiritual chorus which has taken about ten years since I heard. Whether you do sing at outstations, I do not know, but I do not hear it here. It says do not run away when lions come in, because the lions have been chained and locked up.

The people of the world have been warning you, not to go to Brotherhood, that if you go, you will go naked and Obu will deceive you later on. They will ask you what you will eat if you serve in Brotherhood without pay. This happens because it is the fulness of time.

What is the situation today? You were advised to withdraw from Brotherhood. Is the care of the body greater than what the promise of God can contain? Deny that you have not witnessed the manifestation of the promise of God. I thank the Father because here today is Pastor Henshaw. When he came to Brotherhood initially, his relations warned

him to walk circumspectly with "that man" because whoever professes to a man of God normally dies a pauper.

When I heard this, I told him that if the God of his relations is poor, our God is not poor. Today, he is a landlord of many houses. They now turn around to allege that he uses the power of Beelzebub to get money and not the power of God. The contention now is that Pastor Henshaw's present condition cannot be a purely God affair.

Sister Ebong is also a victim of similar allegations. Who tells you that if a person comes to Brotherhood and surrenders himself to God, he will be poor? Have you not heard the promise of God? If you have been dancing at the periphery, rearrange your thinking and come in the open and show yourself as a Brotherhood member.

When Pastor Henshaw came, he had neither money, nor good health, nor anything at all. But now, if the census of rich people is taken in this locality, he is one of them. From which source did he get the money? Is it not our Lord Jesus Christ who has given it to him?

All those who intend to come in doubt the genuineness of what we do. They ask if they will also go to Beelzebub. Have you not heard the promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ? He says that whoever sincerely serves Him in the regeneration, when He shall sit on the throne, He will make you a pillar, and a king, and you will have wealth, and also have everlasting life.

It is said that on either side of the river was the tree of life which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations, and there shall be no more curse. Has it not happened accordingly? When you want to know the means of healing, am I the one who heals? Is it not that great man? Is it not the fulfilment of His words standing promise?

According to His words, the moment a person says "let," sickness lets. Sicknes is taken to the hospital and cannot be healed. It is taken around many places and even to Europe without success, and after all hopes are lost, people will advice that it be taken to Brotherhood. When the sick person is brought, even if a small child gives him water to drink, he will testify he is healed. Yet people will argue that it is juju or Beelzebub. Do they not read that Bible passage? Are those statements not fulfilled today. I am not the doer. It is the Father.

What does Brotherhood use in doing her work? This Holy Biakpan water is an open stream. Holy oil is made out of water. When you look at it, what more is there apart from



*In this age God's words and promises are fulfilled*

water. What else do you find that heals the sick. Have you ever found one drug which is a panacea for all sicknesses. When you look at the Holy oil it changes to red, to yellow, to green, and to pure white from time to time.

I am not the doer. It is the fulfilment of His promise. It is used in healing all nations. When a person suffers from cholera, and is taken to a bethel and you say "let thanks," cholera will leave him. Kwashiorkor and whatever type of sickness will be cured by the pronouncement of 'let'.

Why do you doubt? It is argued that the power is inside a box, or in the secret chamber, or at Biakpan. Can you not see the source of the power now. All the inhabitants of the world attest to the fact that there is power in Brotherhood, but they also argue that that power does not come from God. They only argue because they do not read the Scriptures.

Today, I am not preaching any gospel to you. I am only reminding and reassuring you of the promise of God and its fulfilment so that you, who go to the hospital, may desist from doing so. Attendance at hospitals is the reason for your sickness. The Great Doctor that is here does not require any admixture. Only knock your head on the ground, make two or three sentences and all is over. He does not waste time. If you have no eyes, He gives you eyes, if you have no child, He gives you children. That had been His promise. He is doing all things.

Let our first Lesson be read so that you can take your stand. I know that this January begins some of you with a medical check-up. As at now some tablets can still be found in your handbags and as soon as you move out from this premises, you will take the tablets.

This means that you have no faith in God. Right from today, throw away such things. There is no kind of sickness that God cannot heal. What kind of trouble do you think can surpass God? Do not even

***"People killed Peter and the other prophets of old; they even killed the Christ. And since they cannot do anything to Brotherhood, they now say that it is not of God; and that we are wearing God as a mask. I ask them also to put God as a mask and do the work which we are doing. If you tell someone that there is nothing in Brotherhood, he will not believe. He maintains that there is something."***

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*The Supernatural Teacher assures the adherents.*

bother about prayers. It has been His promise. Your prayer does not avail anything. He has come to fulfill His promise all over the world, to show to you that this is His kingdom.

1st Lesson: Revelation 22: 2-3 "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more cure: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him;"

What is read to you is the situation of things in this kingdom. Have you ever found any person who has not passed through a medical or nursing or midwifery school but there is no type of sickness that he cannot heal. Can you not see this as the fulfilment of the promise of God?

When a person brings his problem and it is solved, the people will allege that there is more to it than a church because it has never been known that churches heal such type of sicknesses. They therefore conclude that it is an unseen power that is used. I want them to tell me what kind of power is used.

A native doctor testifies that there is no preparation of concoction, effective enough to cure. The medical doctors complain that there are no drugs to treat patients.

Occultist and others also complain of lack of power but recommend that complicated cases be taken to Brotherhood. And indeed when such cases are brought, you only draw water from the pot for the sick and the sickness will be healed. Will you deny that it is healed by man? It is the promise of God, that the leaves of the tree shall be for the healing of the nations.

Even the drugs given by a medical doctor does not work. The concoctions of a native doctor does no good. All of you have gone round these places. The more people receive such treatments, the more they die. But the moment they are brought to Brotherhood,

their problems are all solved. It is the promise of God, not only here but all over the world. The leaves are used for healing the nations.

Do not disturb yourself any more about going on medical check-up, and for other medical or diabolical examinations. We have what is greater than medical check-up. He is in your house and everywhere with you. Do not bother going to the Bethel but kneel down and knock your head on the ground for Him. Let His words dwell richly in your heart. Pray Him to forgive you for abandoning Him for other sources of power. Appeal to Him to take away your sickness. In all things call upon Him. He provides our needs *gratis*. What then do we lose in serving God?

I want to let you know that the promise of God is ever sure. When He speak, no matter how remote or immediate the time, the promise of God must be made manifest. I have repeatedly tell you that you do not understand this kingdom of God. It is neither here at 34 Ambo nor in Calabar or in Lagos or in any particular location. It covers the whole world. This promise is for all the children of God throughout all generations. There is no more diabolology. There is no more cure. Do not bother yourself because it is God Himself who now heals.

It is said that His servants shall serve Him! Is it not fulfilled? And there shall be no more cure, no pains, no sickness. The complaints of pains and of sickness you were born with which carried you to many places, upon all your wandering about, could you find a cure? But here you are, without offering any prayers, your sickness is cured. It is not an act of man.

If anybody argues, let him experiment. You can prove it with those in the psychiatric hospitals now. When you go to them, if they confess their sins and undergo baptism, their mental condition will be healed. But since they do not believe, they continue with their condition. All the patients lying in the hospitals are victims of the Holy Spirit. Only confession and baptism will return them to normalcy. They are not sick *per se*. If they only confess and are immersed into the water of baptism, they are healed.

The same thing happens with those in prison. If they confess their sins and are baptised, they will gain their release because they are kept there as a result of their sins. If we confess and are baptised, no matter what kind of sickness we suffer, we will be healed.

There is no need embarking on any self-help ventures. The saviour has come and all his promises are fulfilled.

When you shout on Olumba Olumba Obu,

I am not the doer of this work. Many people claim to heal. If somebody receives from you two or five or one thousand naira for doing the work, he is overshadowed with darkness. That is the problem which many people here face.

Many people complain that there is secret in Brotherhood. But there is no basis for such complaint. Once you confess and are baptised, your problems are solved. The same holds true for every person. Going to any Bethel to receive prayer is an act of unbelief. It is your unbelief that makes you sick. Where will you go to? Knock your head on the ground, your Father is alive. Since it is His promise, when you pray, He will solve your problem. The only condition is that you should not commit any act of sin.

All those who are prepared to serve God, should always move forward. Do not turn back. Do not commit fornication again. Fornication defiles. Stealing conterminates you. Doubt is your problem. When prayer is offered, you open your eyes and question the source of power. You keep your eyes open to observe when "that man" will emerge from "that river". Doubt is your problem.

If you were to believe that God does everything, and so surrender yourself to God, resting assured that His promises are true, you would neither be sick nor have any encumbrances. If you conceive in your heart that Olumba has done this work, you have failed. That is your downfall. I am not the doer of the work.

Wherever you are, it is the promise of God to those who are the children of God. Those who have surrendered themselves completely unto Him have no problems. If you are one of those who serve Him, it is not of your making, it is the fulfilment of His word that His servants shall serve Him. Do not therefore boast about it.

Can you realise where else you fall? All of you here have come to benefit yourselves. Nobody has come to serve Him. You have come to receive and take to the world for yourself glorification. None of you seek for His own glory. Note that it is stated that His servants shall serve Him. As at now, what prevents you from serving God? Do you not see how you are shinning as the sun in your Father's kingdom? This is the time for us to serve and to glorify Him.

This year 1987 is a peculiar year because the children of God do great work to uplift the Father's name. It is given that we should not do less than glorify Him. Do not seek for your own glory nor for any other person. Let all of us this year glorify Him. If we do that, what prevents us from benefiting from

**"God has no business with you because you do not believe in Him. This kingdom belongs to those who serve Him! All wealth and glory are for those who serve Him, Heaven and earth belong to God; the world and its fullness is His. Who are those who shall receive the blessings from the Lord? Those whose hearts are pure and those hands are clean, who have not given their souls to vanity."**