

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 wordly people and there must be a marked difference between the children of God and the wordly 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 Garizaria 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, lightning, 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 greyn 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, prophecied "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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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."

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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

"According to His words, the moment a person says let, sickness lets. Sickness 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 Belzeebub. Do they not read that Bible passage?"

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 dexterously. 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

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 warned 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



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 warned 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.

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."

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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 deseased 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

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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. Mean-

while, 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.

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 yearned 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. Udam.

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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. Sickness 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.

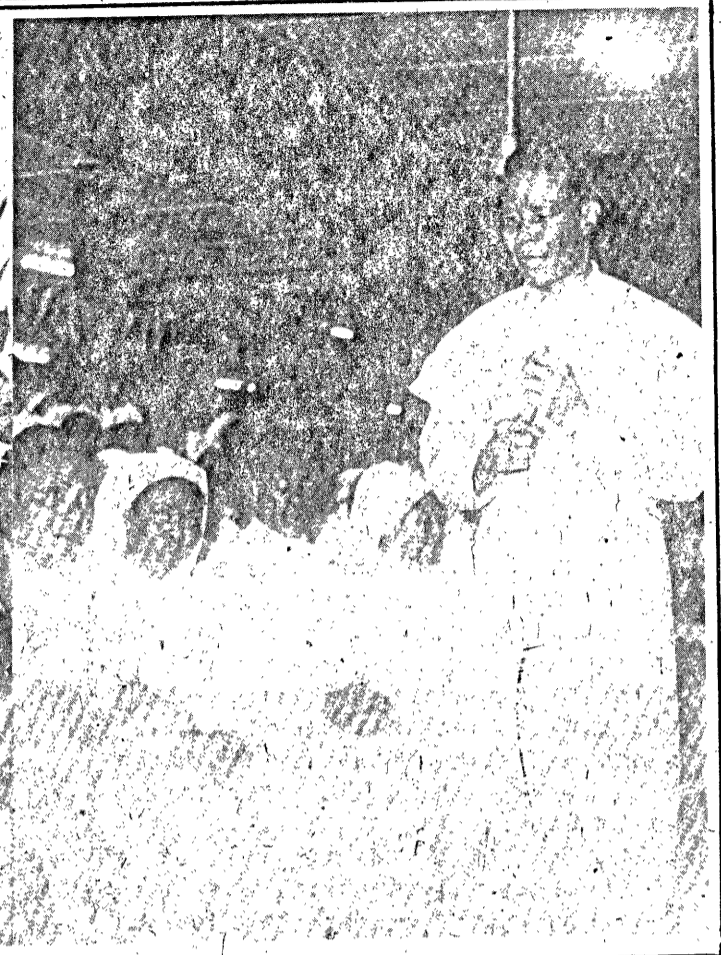
Today, I am not preaching any gospel to you. I am only reminding and reassuring you of the promise of God and its fulfilment so that you, who go to the hospital, may desist from doing so. Attendance at hospitals is the reason for your sickness. The Great Doctor that is here does not require any admixture. 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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ed. 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."