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151 Ordained in April Pentecostal

A total of 300 brethren were ordained, elevated and promoted by the Holy Father during the recently concluded Easter Pentecostal Assembly.

Out of these number 39 people were promoted to Pastors, 39 were promoted to deaconesses, 14 were made Evangelists, 11 became Apostles, 46 were made senior prophets while 151 were ordained prophets and prophetesses.

In His advice to the newly ordained and the elevated ones, the Father said that it was not the appointments that matter but rather making sure their works correspond with the post.

He said that they were ordained not to go and become lords in their respective Bethels but to go into the field and gather the flock as directed by the Holy Writ.

He said the highest

work anybody could do in the world today was to preach the word of God and convert souls to the Holy Father.

The Sole Spiritual Head said that people were chosen not because of any carnal consideration but according to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

He therefore wondered why people should be shouting and disturbing to gain recognition and be chosen when the Holy Spirit alone could direct Him to those to be chosen.

The Leader said that those ordained had a heavy load on their head "because they were now leaders in their own right" so were "bound to lead by examples.

He warned that their duty was to build and not scatter, to serve and not be served and minister to and not be ministered unto.

Commenting on his elevation, Pastor Bassey Akpan, formerly a prophet, said he was thankful to the Father for seeing him fit to be elevated to the new post.

Confirming that it was a heavier responsibility, he said everything rested with the Father for "He will give me the ability to

perform the duties expected of me to the best of my ability."

Commenting about those who run away from ordination ceremonies for fear of being chosen, Pastor Bassey Akpan said that was all foolery for the Father could choose you during night prayers and even in your homes.



I have washed and oiled you, sin no more. The Leader seems to say as He washes the feet of a newly ordained.

Sufficient Grace

Paul had a thorn. He never really tells us what it was. People have speculated on this and have come up with all kinds of answers.

Some say he was nearly blind, that he never fully recovered from his encounter on the Damascus Road. Other say he was crippled, perhaps, as a result of one of the stonings. Some attempt to rationalise the Damascus road experience by saying he was subject to epileptic seizures.

A few claim he suffered periods of depression: "When I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. . . wretched man that I am; Who will deliver me from

this body of death"? Romans 7:21, 24.

The fact is that we don't know what his thorn was, and that's good. The Holy Spirit intended it to be that way. He very likely wanted to keep it secret so that each of us who have thorns might more freely place ourselves with Paul in the experience of grace.

Not knowing what his thorn was allows us to identify with him more fully. And by identifying ourselves with him in his burden, we may also identify ourselves with him in strength. We may follow Paul and rest in the love of Jesus.

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Peter said, "Ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations. . . (1 Peter 1:6). The word which he uses for tempta-

tions is often translated trials.

What is the difference between trials and temptations? Temptations are enticement or allurements into sin; they are instruments of the devil. Trials, on the other hand, are testings or provings and may be instruments of God.

In our experience, trials and temptations often become one and the same. You see, when in His grace, God brings us trials to prove and test our faith, Satan is also at hand to try to tempt us.

Because of the fall and entrance of sin into our world, we have many trials and tribulations. Just so the earth was cursed with thorns and thistles, so our lives are filled with thorns of distress. The thorns in our flesh are simply part of that first curse.

Now God, by His grace uses even the thorns to accomplish His purpose. The thorns become His

tests, and He uses them to prove our faith.

But be careful! The devil still goes about as a roaring lion seeking

whom he may devour. He will try to turn God's precious, gracious testing into a temptation.

However, "Be of good

Leave Vengeance

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Father mentioned, "are confessing the evil they had been perpetrating against members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star," and that people are afraid of B.C.S. members because of the power that exist in the fold.

He quoted the case of one Pastor Bassey Akpan whose property thieves stole but quite unknown to him, the thieves had to return the stolen items, as an instance where God avenge for those who believe in Him.

The Holy Father went on to say that nobody speaks carelessly against God or

whom he may devour. He will try to turn God's precious, gracious testing into a temptation.

However, "Be of good

do any other thing that does not please Him and go free. For instance, He opined, when Nebuchadnezzar wrong God (Daniel 5: 18-21 - he was transformed into a beast, and he lived in the bush and ate what beasts ate for seven years.

Pharaoh of Egypt, the Father said, perished in the Red sea because he tortured the children of Israel. The Israelites killed our Lord Jesus Christ and prayed that His blood should be on them and on their progeny. And seven years after, the Roman Empire over-ran the country and destroyed

the message of hope to them and expressed satisfaction with all explanations given. He also made it clear that it is not their custom to kill anybody who has confessed his sins and asked for forgiveness.

Concluding, he, on behalf of the villagers bid the brethren farewell.

It could be recalled that BCS had existed in Igberere even before the Nigeria Civil War and was popularly called "Nam Utom Fo".

The brethren had a safe and successful return journey to their various stations in the name and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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ther Mmerenini's house. Normal prayers were conducted by brother Ogbaa U. Uguru while prophet Peter Njolu delivered the gospel. Brother Nwaobasi Uguru gave a brief history of BCS in Igberere and asked Igberere brethren to refrain from evil acts for the supreme judge is now on earth to judge everyone according to his deed.

The Holy Father passed through brother Nwokecha Jonah to destroy all charms and concoctions inspite of threats and agitations from the villagers.

In his vote of thanks, the spokesman of the village thanked God for sen-

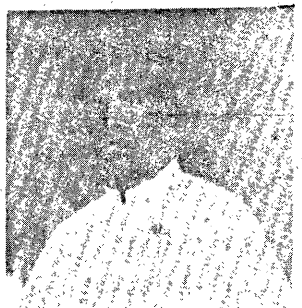
cheer" Jesus said, for "in the world you have tribulation; but . . . I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).

everything except a few thousand who were scattered all over the world.

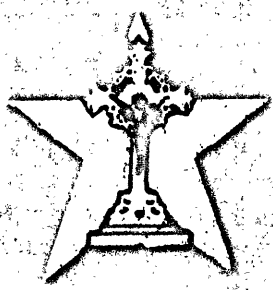
Leader Obu warned that putting on white flowing garments cannot free anyone, adding "if you know the damages you do to yourself by stealing, fornicating about and even indulging in diabolology, you should have refrained from such vices".

Finally, the Father charged that the very secret things people do in their individual homes, the Father knows since He is the discernor of the hearts and of all secrets.

Thank You Father.
Elder Edward Ette.



Pastor Bassey Akpan



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REFLECTIONS

“...and the high priest asked them saying, Did not we straitly command you that you should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.”

(Acts 5:27-29)

Leave vengeance to God

The Sole Spiritual Head of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Leader O. O. Obu has said that those who know that vengeance belongs to God do not bother themselves on taking retaliatory actions against those that wrong them.

Speaking in an early morning Altar brief recently to members of the fold at 34 Ambo Headquarters of the organisation, Leader Obu described as naive the belief by many people that this man or that killed their parents or relations.

The Lord of Heaven and Earth, the Leader went on, has said that there is no force that can arbitrarily eliminate His children, hence all vengeance should be left with the all-knowing God.

“You should give gifts—food, clothes, dresses, money etc. to those who hate and

vilify you. Do not take any retaliatory action against those who commit evil against you,” Leader Obu charged.

The Leader opined that even if Heaven and Earth should come to join together, all evil doers shall never be vindicated. Some people, the Leader said, are still asking why members of the BCS fall sick and die. Why should they be poor and wretched? And explained that there is nobody who can either influence or bribe God to change his will and purpose.

God, the Leader continued, is a God of justice and equity that is why in BCS when something is stolen or lost, we celebrate love feast to thank God.

“We love our enemies, we do good for them and even pray for their promotions, therefore, it is only God that exists and those who have surrendered themselves to

God can never have problems” the Holy Father said.

Continuing, the Father said that when people are said or seen to be suffering greatly, it is as a result of their evil doings, adding that 99 per cent of the world inhabitants neither believe nor practise the injunctions of God.

Quoting Romans 12:19 to support the import on leaving vengeance to God, Leader Obu told the worshippers that people who still take vengeance on others are the unbelievers, the ones our Lord Jesus Christ said honour Him with their lips, while their hearts have departed from Him a long time ago.

Leader Obu queried why many people whose actions are at variance with the injunction of God still claim to know Him, and condemned in its totality those who seek vengeance for their stolen property or money when they



LEADER O. O. OBU

should have allowed such for God to decide.

The Leader also used the occasion of the Altar brief to remind all present that the wages of sin is death and told them

how God instructed Adam and Eve (our first parents) not to eat of the tree of the middle of the garden, because, if they do, they would die.

He intimated them that those who steal,

swindle, fornicate or indulge in diabolology do not believe in God and God is always taking vengeance against them.

“Many people” the

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The Holy Spirit is the Power Source

The Father has intimated the children of God that the power source of everything happening in the world today is the Holy Spirit.

In a sermon rendered recently in the International Pentecostal Hall 34 Ambo Street, Calabar the Holy Father said that the Holy Spirit is our power source and only weapon of war and strikes fear into the minds of onlookers.

He questioned the essence of the mundane governments establishing prisons, courts of law, the army, the Nigerian Security Organisation (NSO), the police and other law enforcement agents yet the rate of indiscipline and crime escalates every other day.

“When you are told that in Brotherhood one is not suspended, or dis-

missed, or taken to court, do you know the kind of weapon in use? To litigate is carnal. To dismiss is carnal. To suspend is carnal. But the weapon is not carnal” the Holy Father said.

The Holy Father says everything here is done by the Holy Spirit and it is wrong to ascribe the works in this kingdom to any other source.

He wondered why people waste their time to say they are investigating the power source of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star when the power source is only the Holy Spirit.

The Leader assured that the Holy Spirit is able and ever willing to help those who know God. “Are you not surprised that a living person is lied against, abused, insulted, despitely entreated, yet

he gives no response. But now, everything appears as if water is used to cool off and everything remains quite calm”.

He says the songs, prayers and testimonies rendered here are the bullets, while the word of God preached, are double bullets that fight the war for believers.

The Father said that all should pray and listen to the spirit so that all will understand what to do and what to say because no human can do anything by himself.

The Father, finally, told His adherents that the hidden thing in Brotherhood is the Holy Spirit “and that is why people continue to say that there is something beneath Brotherhood and I agree, the Holy Spirit is beneath us”.

BCS Mission to Igbere



Imo state brethren on evangelical tour of Igbere here on outing.

It was all celebration at Igbere and its environs when an evangelical team comprising of brethren from Aba, Alayi and Item stormed the area on the 1st and 2nd days of March, 1986.

The aim of the evan-

gelical mission was to explain Brotherhood as the New Kingdom of God on earth to the people, to clear all false accusations against BCS and to strengthen the faith of Igbere brethren to the glory of the Holy Father.

Highlights of the occasion featured outing ceremony to Eziamma Igbere, Agbor Igbere, Amaukwu Amankalu, Amaofufe, Okafia, Ibiaukwu Amaorji and the blessing of Bro-

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HERALD'S OPINION

Of Visioners and Truth

"Where there is no vision the people perish" Proverbs 29 verse 18.

This statement underlies the essence and importance of visions nay visioners in any given area, situation or time.

Visions, according to the Holy Father, are the revelations of the future events by the imaginative perception of physical or spiritual things.

This is not far from Unger's Bible Dictionary which sees visions as the supernatural presentation of certain scenery or circumstances to the mind of a person while awake.

From time, God uses vision as a medium to reveal what has happened, is happening or will happen to the entire humanity and example abound to show that any ruler and people who ignore these supernatural presentations, do so at their peril.

When Eli fell from grace by "honouring his sons" above God, God sent a message to him through a prophet and even, informed the little boy Samuel through a vision of the impending catastrophe that will befall Eli's family.

When King David usurped the house of Uriah, God sent a message through Nathan to rebuke David on this misdemeanour.

Saul, the arch-enemy of the early Christians, on his way to Damascus on one of his numerous missions of hate and spite, saw a vision that converted him turning him to the foremost christian missionary of any

time.

The coming, at the end of this age of the Iron Rod Ruler and the conqueror of Satan and death is a vision of John the Divine as recorded in Revelation.

Visions, true visions, therefore is a sine qua non to the well being of the christian church, christians and as a matter of fact, the whole world.

It is however sad to note the preponderant of false visioners and visions and the nefarious activities visioners use the free gift of the Holy Spirit to commit to an extent that the Holy Father, at the end of two consecutive Pentecostal Assemblies, December 1985 and April 1986, used the issue of visioners, false visions and their atrocities as the theme of His farewell address.

These remarks by the Holy Father, the all knowing, have made us believe the stories now circulating about visioners and false visions.

We are constrained to believe the "arrangee system" of visions whereby visioners arrange between themselves to order people to buy vehicles, build houses etc. for another visioner.

Stories are also peddled of people using visions to "fight" their imaginary enemy or "enemies" of their friends and or associates.

For example, the recent vision on the eminent collapse of this newspaper, we have

found out, is the continued propaganda mounted by a certain group to malign, slander and calumniate Herald of the New Kingdom Press Ltd. which by the special grace of the Father is growing daily.

We have also heard of visioners seeing apparitions, mermaids and diabolism whereas the Sole Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has continuously assured us of the non-existent of these elementary spirits in this end of times.

Due to the importance attached to vision by the entire world, there is need for the operators of this divine faculty of foresight to be extra cautious.

That is why the Herald of the New Kingdom is grateful to the Holy Father, whose wisdom is beyond human comprehension, for recently dissolving the executive of the visioners fellowship who we notice allowed the visioners to run riot aimlessly without knowing where they are going.

We hope the Holy Father will grant the new executive the wisdom and ability to steer the fellowship's boat to a logical end, bringing the members to appreciate the ethical values of the gift bestowed on them by setting out the norms and modalities for the visioners to strictly follow.

We are hoping that very soon, visions in this new kingdom will follow the divine teachings and the recondite wisdom as enunciated by the Holy Father.

Forsake not your God

POEM

Look Within

Do not forget your God
How many times have you been told

Do not forget your God
Who, when you were involved
In a ghastly motor accident
Passers-by thought you are dead
But your God saved you
And you did not sustain
As much as a scratch

Do not forget your God
Who, when all the forces of darkness
Broke loose upon you

Three times,
Each redoubling the suffering
Of the former
No one believed that there was
Any power that could save you
But your God delivered you in all

Do not forget your God
Who has sworn unto you
Very precious promises
That you may flee from
The corruption that is in the world
And take your delight in Him

Do not forget your God
Who has shown to you
Various signs and wonders
That you may glory
In His strength and power
And detest all what He hates

Do not forget your God
Who has borne you
From your mother's womb
And even to grey hairs
He is the One

Do not forsake your God
Who, when you get entangled
With the sins of your hands,
Stands patiently waiting to forgive
Rich in mercy, plenteous in blessings

Do not forget your God
Who in the dark world
Where friends and foes are alike
Shines through your soul
As the only true light
Beaconing you to the heavenly home

Do not forsake your God!

BY BROTHER GODWIN A. EKANEM

I see the word of God
in far mountains,
and find it in my heart.

I seek the truth of God
on long horizons,
but needed not to depart
this corner of my own,
for truth is here, and

needs only to be shown.

I seek the love of God
in distant skies, eyes
upward searching quite
alone,

and, yet, God lives within
the earth as well. All
things His love does touch

and own.

I look for Paradise outside
the country of my soul,
and with my eye on distant
prizes
would miss the goal.

E. SAMMY

CONDUCTOR



YES KE, WHY YOU DE ASK AM NOW, YOU SELF WETING YOU DEY FIND GO THERE. (READ JAMES 3:1).

Claymetones

Spiritual Council of Churches Meeting with the Father on 18/4/86

The Spiritual Council of churches is the highest administrative body in the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

Its membership apart from the executives of the Council appointed by the Holy Father also consist of executives of all fellowships and members of the fold.

So whenever the council has its meeting with the Holy Father during the Pentecostal Assemblies, it does so, in a grand style.

So it was on April 18, 1986. The processional outing led by the Chairman Pastor V. A. Essah himself, was sparkling and motivating.

In part one conducted by Pastor V. A. Essah, he enjoined all the participants to realise that God is now on earth and He has come with His heavenly hosts to reconstruct and transform humanity from unrighteousness to righteousness.

Pastor Essah said that the Holy Spirit's presence in our midst in this last age is to ensure that with the canopy of His powers, no angel, spirit or man can ever make moves that can threaten the existence of His children.

Quoting Revelation 1:7-8 to buttress his points, Pastor Essah asked all the brethren to show sufficient appreciation to the Holy Spirit for His tender mercies for mankind and practise love to one another.

In his keynote address to open part two of the meeting, the Chairman of the Spiritual Council of Churches, Pastor V. A. Essah said that all should be prepared and glad to serve others as humble servants of God, and not as masters because we have only one master and Leader who is the Sole Spiritual Head of the universe.

He appealed to all and sundry to always participate in meetings of the council and show interest in the activities of the council because it is the activity of all members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

He also said that it is incumbent on all chairmen and secretaries of all the fellowships in the BCS to take part fully in all the meetings of the Spiritual Council of Churches.

Pastor Essah opined that lack of interest in Council affairs means isolationism which is an affront to the whole assembly on the one hand and to the Holy Father's teachings which is very much against it on the other.

The Father has personally come in this last age to vindicate His children, therefore the Chairman wants all to be very cautious of what comes out of their mouths as "words proceeding from a person's mouth could destroy or keep alive, demolish or build."

He concluded by praising the Holy Father who but for His spiritual and moral backing, some of the members who are in the fold for the sole aim of doing something unseemingly to tarnish the reputation and image of the BCS would have had a field day.

The meeting proper witnessed the presentation of reports by different fellowships. On 34 Ambo Street pre-



Xt. Student Josephine Oden Arikpo one of the Secretaries of the Council, Senior Christ Servant U.U. Ekpenyong reported that there has been tremendous reduction of cases concerning theft and a great improvement in the sanitary conditions of the premises.

He however advised relations of brethren who are indisposed to always take them to the Healing Homes and take adequate care of them while there.

"On no account should a sick person be abandoned at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar or elsewhere" Xt. Student Ekpenyong warned.

He described it vicious and heartless acts, the abandoning of sick brethren by their parents, relations or friends cautioning that the cost of maintaining these underprivileged ones in our midst is escalating daily.

Christ Servant E. E. Emah, the executive secretary of the Education, Labour and Welfare Board reported on the efforts of the Board to rehabilitate the toilets in the headquarters at a cost of over N6,000. He said the work is nearing completion.

The executive secretary also mentioned the re-organisation in the board in some parts of the country for higher productivity and the magnanimity of a brother in Ikom LGA of Cross River State who gave over 10 hectares of land for the BCS agricultural project.

Highlighting the achievement of the board, Xt. Servant Emah said a model workshop has been completed at Ikot Ide Akpakpan, approval obtained from government to open a secondary school and seminary at Etinyin Abasi in Calabar during the 1986/87 School year and award of scholarships to "numerous" under-privileged Brotherhood children.

He concluded by appealing to the Brotherhood world to donate in cash or kind to the upliftment of the work of the board which Xt. Servant Emah described as "herculean".

The reconstruction of the "baptism house" at the beach re-echoed in the meeting. Senior Deaconess M. Mong and Prophet Essiet were of the opinion that a swimming pool should be constructed within the BCS headquarters for baptismal purposes to avoid unnecessary embarrassment by people who purport to own the land at the beach.

The matter was however left hanging, while members stress the need to have a secure baptismal grounds to check the regular theft of money and personal effects of new converts who want

to get baptised.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Council, Pastor V. A. Essah appealed to all associations and fellowships to support all the lofty Brotherhood development plans and programmes and more so to send their terminal reports to the council at least 2 weeks to the commencement of the any pentecostal assembly so as to enable the council incorporate these reports in the minutes of the council.

The Father in the spiritual food He imparted to all after His physical entry, centred on the New Government which He says is built with love as the cornerstone.

He says the difference between the mundane governments and this new Kingdom government is that the former make laws and regulations, formulate a constitution which is the system of laws and cultures established by a sovereign power of state or country for its own guidance and if and when the citizens offend these laws, they are

achievements, positions nor influence be used to get in, quoting 1 Cor 13:3-8 to buttress His points.

He says that between 1999 to 2000 A.D. the new song that will gain grounds will be "The Covenant of Love, Love is the Covenant" because it is only love that will rule over the whole universe.

The Leader says that some laws drive people to offend it. "For example, if you put a law that everybody should pay five naira (₦5.00), you will never succeed in collecting anything but if you declare 'show love donation', much more money would be collected".

He said that love is everything in BCS, giving examples of Deaconess Konu who single-handedly built a storey building as a Bethel and "Father's rest house", Pastor Okpalla Williams who has single handedly volunteered to build the Herald complex.

He concluded by advising all to adhere to the philosophy of love one another because it means giving something freely and in return receiving



The Chairman Pastor V. A. Essah gives the keynote address while the Financial Secretary Elder V. Silas waits to interpret.

punished while in the later, you are taught love and anybody who go against this teaching, has himself to blame.

Quoting John 13:34-35 to show what is required in this new kingdom, the Supernatural Teacher says that "those who have no love are rebels because they are in opposition, so they have no place in this kingdom."

The Father stressed that this kingdom cannot be bought with money and no manipulation could be employed to gain entry, neither can educational

also freely.

Some of those in attendance at the meeting were Christ's Student Josephine Oden Arikpo, the Secretary, Senior Christ's Student U. U. Ekpenyong, the executive secretary, Pastor U. P. Ekiko, Senior Deaconess M. Mong, Senior Pastor S. I. U. Etuk, Deaconess A. Akwang, Elder M. E. Okon and a host of others.

Over N3,000 was collected during the meeting.

Thank You Father

Missionary Fellowship

He said that everybody has been commissioned now to go into the world and preach the word of God as stated in Matt. 28:18-20.

The Father said that the end will not come until the whole world is liberated from the tentacles of Satan (Matt. 24:13-14) but warned that every child of God should be careful not to be careless in his/her utterances because evil communication is very damaging.

The Sole Spiritual Head hoped that as the Apostles of old did, in their time, true believers should be able to go and stay in foreign land for three or more months for the purpose of disseminating the gospel to the utmost part of the world as ordered in Matt. 10:6-10.

Finally, He assured that anybody who does the Father's work first, the Father will also undertake to do the person's.

He prayed His peace and blessings to be with the whole world.

Thank You Father.



Pastor Okpalla Williams Co-Chairman, Missionary Fellowship

FATHER'S GOSPEL

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Son except the Father and to whom He will reveal Him. That is, where the whole thing hangs. Jesus Christ is here with the Father. They are eating and working with you but can you see them? You cannot see them, you do what you must do, as you have always done. Because it is said: He came to His own home and His own received Him not. Did His brothers receive Him? Did they not reject Him? Jehovah God and His Christ is the rejected stone; but is He not the ruler of heaven and earth? He controls hell and hades; He controls everything.

He is the Son of Man because of the blood; The blood is man. He is the Son of God because of the water and that water is God. So He is God because of the Spirit. That was Him but did you know Him? Did you receive Him? Tell me if you knew that that was God who came to save you? That is what identifies Him as God. On the cross He said: "Father, into thine hands I commit my Spirit." It means that the spirit is the Father and if you have that spirit you will resurrect. When the soldiers pierced His sides, there came out water and blood from Him; and that water is the Christ, the Son of God. The blood is man and so was son of Man, Son of God and God Himself.

That was the reason John was told to baptise with water. That water is Christ. And Christ Himself says that except you are born of the water and the spirit you cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That is why it is said that as many as have been buried with Him in baptism have put on Christ. Do you not know that the water you are immersed in is Christ? You have put on Christ as clothing. You have been reading the Bible but have you ever heard of this revelation given to you now? After the baptism, he bestows the Holy Spirit on you and you then have the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Everything is consummated. He is the Son of Man and the Son of God and He is here right now but can you see Him? Do you believe in Him?

In the book of Revelation 12:5 it is written that a woman brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. When hunting, a strong or large animal needs an exceptional matching bullet. Man is not a single creature and so he has to rule all nations with a rod of iron. you wonder why I always laugh when I say these things But should I not laugh? I have to laugh. On that fateful day, He told His disciples that they would all deny Him and forsake Him but Peter said that even if they all forsook Him, "I will never forsake you" But when the time came, he was the first person to deny Him. This will show to you that this election is extended to us free of charge. It is not because of your goodness or righteousness; it is not because of your faith or your desire. But He is love, He is faith, He is the truth and everything. He called us out of grace and you do not know how He called you. He has chosen to give this kingdom to those He loves.

What man loves, God does not love and what God loves man does not love. It is not the person who commends himself that is approved but it is the person whom God commends that is approved. The world does not receive Christ neither do they know Him. They disgrace Him and despise Him; But God has given Him a name which is above every name as ruler of heaven and earth. The very person the world has disclaimed is appointed by God to be the King of kings and Lord of lords who is to Judge every creature in heaven and on earth. Since God has declared Him as His beloved son, you can weep if you want to weep. If you like you can rejoice. You claim that you do not know Him but the fact remains that He is the ruler of heaven and earth.

When Christ was killed; did Peter not go back to his fishing? Our Lord Jesus Christ said that He would resurrect on the third day but since they had not the spirit, they did not hear Him. When you have not the spirit, everything here is like cinema, after you have heard and seen, they pass away, you cannot remember them again. He says I have come in my Father's name and you do not receive me but when another shall come in His own name, you will rejoice and proclaim Him as a wonderful man. Can you not see the coming of another person and how you have rejoiced in Him?

Do you think that at this time, He will again go about calling people to follow Him? The time He came and called people to follow Him, who obeyed? This time He is not asking you to come, He is using a rod of iron to rule. He does not tell you that He is Jesus or God; that is child's play. The rod of iron signifies His glory. It means He is coming as a King and you know that a King does not move around because his workers are there. You argue that when He came, He went from house to house praying for people and washing their feet; but that is not what He is coming again to perform. His children are there to do these things. It is an insult for Him to do that kind of work again.

You say that there was power in those days — in Jerusalem and in Jericho, He went about doing mighty works; that was child's play. Right now He is in America, in India and everywhere. He is inside you, in the air, in the water, in the sky, and where man has never set his feet. What do you think of such a person? It is the same person you are denying — you claim that He is dead and that He cannot rule over you. But it is too late because He has come to rule heaven and earth. All angels, blacks, whites and the coloured people are under His rulership. Whether you know Him or not is irrelevant because His reign is forever and ever.

He has not come to cleanse the lepers and raise the dead but He has a long leg. He passes through a thief and raises the dead and you will rush and proclaim the thief as the true God; and so you fail. He can use a murderer to raise the dead and divide the sun into two and you will be astonished; it is the same one. But you will rush and call people to come and see wonders, you will accept the murderer as the real Jesus. He has passed on and you cannot see Him and so you fail by calling the murderer Jesus. When you want to identify Him with power and miracles you fail. When you begin to commend a certain person as being very powerful, do you know the source of that power?

He has come to take dominion and rulership. All the angels have to serve Him. Every creature has to serve Him. Brethren, can you see the stone which the builders rejected? The church denominations say that they are waiting for Him. But no person keeps the injunction of loving one another which He has left us. The church leader will tell you that he founded this church and that he has raised the dead and is even greater than Jesus. Such words are very elementary. This time He has come to change and reform man so that we can live in peace and love and joy with one another. Right now raising the dead is carnal job. If you press on looking for this type of sign you perish.

He says He will wipe off all tears from your eyes; there will be no death, nor sorrows nor mourning again. There will be no sickness nor pain again. When there are no more sicknesses what are you going to cure? That is what He has come to do but instead of you waiting for Him to do His work, you run to native doctors to have your problems solved. Do you think God does not see you? You have failed. He is the Truth. He is Peace. He is Love. He is Patience, Mercy, Humility, Righteousness, Self-control, Glory, Joy and all the good virtues. It is not only raising the dead and going about from house to house. Go to all the four-corners of the world if there is anywhere you can find these virtues apart from in Him.

Healing, miracles are old style and they are still operating on their own scale. It is the same as the old things which are regarded as new when they arrive in Africa. And so all the signs are meant to deceive the unbelievers. I do not want to say more than this, I want every person to get back home and ponder over this statement. It is a mental arithmetic and you can either have the answer right or wrong. The fact remains that God has never repeated His own thing. If somebody comes to tell you that he is the Christ, leave him alone and pass on. If he writes Jehovah on his breasts pass on. Christ is not coming to walk from place to place. He is coming as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Where does He have to move to He is everywhere and it is either you see Him or you do not see Him. Any King who carries his own chair is not a King. A king has his chair, throne and everything prepared for him.

Brethren, I do not intend to take you further. A stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. He who has ears let him hear. May the Lord bless His holy words, Amen!



Here, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head is seen addressing His adherents.

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THE REJECTED MESSIAH

DIVINE SERMON DELIVERED BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU

1st Lesson: Matthew 21:42

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

2nd Lesson: Luke 17:25

But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

Golden Text: John 1:11

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Hear the word of God. Whenever the texts are read out, people have to agitate within their minds what is coming up for the day. It is said that only the King knows the secrets of his Kingdom. So what he shuts none can open; what he opens no one can shut. Even if you pray, you cannot know what is going to be preached. Even if you are a visioner, you cannot see into this.

All of you have got the Bible but do you read those texts? It is today that I want to reveal them to you and the meaning of these three portions. Listen attentively and pray in the spirit. Fix your gaze steadfastly on the red garment. Since the Father does not want us to perish, He has set aside this Holy Week so that we may change-over; so that He can use us in manifesting his glory. I am sure that the revelation of today's Scriptures is going to save a great number of souls who would have perished throughout the entire world. It will also remove the thought of the things of this world from the hearts of many and will make them to think about the things of this Kingdom. This revelation will also cause all those who came here to joke to re-order their thinking.

Many people, angels and men, will repent of their sins because of the gospel of today. All those who are proud and who regard themselves as good, righteous and the only exalted ones, this gospel will humble all of them.

Brethren, what was being referred to in the three texts read? Of whom were they prophesying? Our Lord Jesus Christ asked them, 'Have you not heard what is written in the Scriptures? "the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." To whom were the prophets talking about when they spoke that prophecy mentioned by our Lord Jesus Christ? Has this prophecy been fulfilled or not? "The stone which the builders rejected, has become the head of the corner." Brethren, I groan with pain and tears in my eyes for the whole of this generation.

It is said that heaven and earth shall pass away but the word of God will never pass away until they are all fulfilled. What was done to the Jews will also be done to the Gentiles. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Can you not see that Jesus is the stone which the builders have rejected? You are looking for help from him and you are praying that God should come and save you from tribulation and death, that there are too many sins and sufferings; but Our Lord Jesus Christ is the stone which the world has rejected. Until this day, has the whole world not rejected him? But you continue to shout Jesus, Jesus.

If somebody comes to tell you that he is the Christ, leave him alone and pass on. If he writes Jehovah on his breasts pass on. Christ is not coming to walk from place to place. He is coming as the King of Kings and Lord Lords. Where does he have to move to? He is everywhere and it is either you see Him or you do not see Him.

He is the King of Kings and the Lord of lords who was in existence before the foundation of the world was laid. He came down to earth to save us but the world rejected Him. This stone is no other person than Him. No other person has become the Cornerstone it is He alone who is the Cornerstone. The Church has rejected him. The government has rejected Him. Even the afflicted, the sick and the poor have also rejected Him. But we are looking for help. We want Him to come and change us, we want Him to come and lead us, we want Him to come and teach us about His Kingdom. We want Him to rule but we reject Him: we have rejected the ruler of the whole world. That alone accounts for the position you now find yourself.

He is the mediator of the new government. He is the Leader of the government from generation to generation. There is no other King, in heaven and on earth apart from Him. He alone has to rule, but has the world not rejected Him? He spoke from heaven to you but you wondered why He always sent His voice from above through the prophets; could he not come down that you may see Him? All the words you find from the book of Genesis down to the book of Revelation are all spoken by Him. There is no other person apart from Him right from Genesis through Revelation. David called Him "My Lord", Moses called Him Jehovah. He was given different names at all times.

In the time of Moses, the Israelites asked him, everytime you continue telling us "thus says the Lord;" can He not come down so that we may also see Him? They said they were fed up with hearing "thus says the Lord" everyday. One day Moses told them to get prepared and follow him to see God. When they went to ascend the mountain, the heaven merged with the earth — there were thunder and lightning, thick clouds of darkness and a terrible earthquake. They told Moses to go alone and come back to speak with them because they could not bear the sight of God. After all these, did they obey or hear his voice? Did they observe the commandments which they were given?

No person believed Moses. The laws were not to kill, not to steal, not to commit adultery, not to bear false witness, not to have any other god; but these were the very things they did to perfection. For this reason, 23,000 Israelites died in one day for the sin of fornication. Christ told them; do not think that I will accuse you before God. Even Moses whom you claim to know, he has passed judgement on you. If you believed what Moses wrote, you would also believe me, because Moses bore testimony of me. As long as you do not

believe in Moses, how will you believe Me?

You will see that upon all the mighty works which God did through Moses, they did not believe him. It was not long after he went to the mountain to receive the laws, when the Israelites asked Aaron to make them a god who will go before them because they did not know what had happened to Moses. Think of that situation. Moses brought them out of Egypt to the place they were but as he went to collect the laws, they said that they did not know what was wrong with his head; they called on Aaron to make them a god. Did they not reject Moses? Aaron was his brother and he went ahead and made them a golden calf and they danced and rejoiced over it. They acclaimed that that was the God who was to go before them. By the time Moses came back, they were singing to another deity. Moses in anger threw down the tablets of commandments and they were broken.

Can you see the stone which the builder rejected? It was God himself who sent Moses to them but they went and made for themselves a golden calf with eyes that could not see, and ears that could not hear. They exchanged the living God for a lifeless object. It was said that Elijah would come before the Messiah and they were waiting for him but when he arrived they sought to kill him until he had to ask God on three occasions to take away his life. There is nothing they did not do to Elijah. They destroyed all the altars of God and killed all His prophets. The world has done these things to all the prophets of God right from Abel until today. The world does not want to hear of any person who speaks of God. They have all rejected God.

When you read Romans 11:1—4, you will see how Elijah prayed that they had killed all God's prophets and he alone was left, and they were seeking his life. That will prove what the world is to you. The whole world, right from the time of Adam, no one wants Jehovah God and His Christ. Upon all that, they feign righteousness. The moment they hear anything pertaining to God, a fight will start. But he is the stone which the builders have rejected. No person believed Elijah and so God took him up finally before their very eyes. They repented of their sins and started weeping. O! when is He coming back again? We should not have done that to him. But it was too late. Since they told God that they are looking for Elijah, God told them that he would send him again.

In Malachi 4:5, it is prophesied that Elijah will come before the Messiah arrived and they were very eager for this to happen. They took the

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photograph of Elijah and continued to look up to the sky. Until this day the whole Israel is still waiting for Elijah to come again. If you go and tell them that the Messiah did come, they will tell you to sit down because you do not know what you are saying. They will ask if you do not know that Elijah was to precede the Messiah. If Elijah has not come, how can you talk about the coming of the Messiah? If you talk of Christ to them, they stone you to death.

Did Elijah not come? Who was John the baptist? He was Elijah, but who believed in him? They expected Elijah from the sky with his photograph in their hands, but since they could not see the facial resemblance between John the Baptist and Elijah they did not believe in him. What is it that they did not do unto John? John the Baptist taught them everything about purification. He turned their hearts from their evil ways into believing in God but what happened? Did Herod not imprison him? Did Herodias not demand for the head of John the Baptist? Was it not him who sent soldiers to go and cut the head of John in the prison. Is it not this very you who say you are looking for salvation? That was the Elijah they said would come and save them but did they know him?

Let the first lesson be read.

1st Lesson:

Matthew 21:42

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

Have you heard at? The Messiah which the whole world had been waiting for, that when he came, would lead them to the wisdom of truth, did he not come? He is the King of kings; before creation, He was King. His glory did not come from man. He was born King. When man was created, He was there. He is the ruler of heaven and earth. That was why at His birth, the three wise men came and asked: Where is He that is born King of the Jews? Herod was startled by the very mention of "another" King of the Jews. At that same night he arranged and executed the murder of all infants below the age of two. Is that not the stone rejected by the builder? Is that not the Christ they were praying should come quickly?

Do not forget that God wanted to destroy the whole world because He was fed up with it. No angel intervened, no man intervened but Christ said: do not destroy it Father, I will go and save them. That is the stone which the builders rejected; we have rejected the one who came to save us. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords; the ruler of heaven and earth He came to save man from destruction and place him in the position of glory, but have we not rejected him? Did we not kill him? Do we not hate him? Have we not spat on him? Have we not called him thief? Have we not called him belzeebub and ghost?

There was no one person who believed in Our Lord Jesus Christ. If you think there was any such person, mention him? If you want to mention Peter, I will remind you that he was the first person to deny Our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no church denomination or individual or government or nation that wants Him. Put it in your diary because today belongs to Him.

Look at the finger which has fed us, you not only bite it but you chew it. Let all the world, including the angels and men, ponder over this thing; what is going to happen to man who persist in making the same error everytime? What evil did our Lord do to you? He raised the dead, he made the lame to walk, he made the blind to see, he cleansed lepers. What evil thing has he done that you reject him? He alone loves us. He is our saviour. He is our Redeemer. He is our Leader, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords who has life and in whose hands are the keys of death. He rules over Hades. He is Judge and the Ruler, but has the world not rejected him?

Think over this: that man was lying by the pool of Bethesda for thirty-eight years and he had no one who could put him inside that water. Jesus came and asked him if he was desirous to be made whole, and he answered and said that when the angel troubled the water, he had no person who would carry him into the pool. The sick who had relations were taken down there but he had no person to help. Christ asked if he was willing to be made whole and he asked how that could happen. Christ commanded him to "rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And immediately the man was made whole. Who else could do that work? Since then, who else has done that kind of work? What evil thing did Christ do by telling the man to rise up and walk even when he did not charge him a kobo? He did not offer any sacrifices but he was whole. What evil did he commit? Tell me, all you inhabitants of the world what sin did Jesus commit against you?

He went on with his disciples and found someone who was blind from his birth and his disciples asked him: "Is it this man who sinned or his parents that he should be born blind?" Christ told them that "neither this man nor his parents sinned but he was so born so that the glory of God might be made manifest in him." And he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle, and anointed the eye of the blind man with clay, and said unto him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." The blind man went and washed and received his sight. What sin did Christ commit in this situation? Was he responsible for the work? The people asked the blind man how he came to see and he told them that a man called Jesus made him to see; and there was an uproar. But they did not do anything to help him when he was blind. Right now they were furious because he had opened the eyes of a blind man on the Sabbath day.

That was the stone which the builders rejected. He came to save us. He is the Son of Man, the Son of God and God Himself but we rejected Him. The war started there because they argued that he would not have healed on the Sabbath day if he came from God; He was from the Devil. They



Here, the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is seen teaching

called the parents of him that had received his sight and asked them: "Is this your son who was born blind? How then does he now see? His parents answered them and said," "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind but by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath openeth his eyes, we know not: he is of age, ask him: he shall speak for himself." They gave this answer because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the Synagogue.

They again called the man that was born blind, and asked him how he opened his eyes. He answered them, "I have told you already, and ye did not hear; why do you want to hear it again? Will you also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, thou art his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is."

Let our second lesson be read. I know the T.V. will divide this gospel into sections because when they get to the areas that touch them hard, there has to be power failure. But if it is a satanic programme, they will show it till the end.

2nd Lesson: Luke 17:25

"But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation."

Whom was this written about? To whom does this prophecy refer? It is said that first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation; this generation must reject him. Did they not say that it was Moses they knew? But as for that man he was from the devil and no person should listen to him. The whole world rejected him. Today the whole world is shouting Jesus, Jesus, but did you not reject him? Did your fathers and mothers not reject him? Today who can show me one disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ? Who among you keeps his commandments? Bring that person before me.

When Lazarus was sick, his sisters went and told Christ that the friend whom he loved was sick. And He answered them and said: "this

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His adherents on why the world has rejected the Messiah.

sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of Man might be glorified" and he went on his own business. After about four days, he said to his disciples: "Our friend Lazarus is asleep; let us go, that I may awake him out of sleep." Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleeps, he shall wake up. He then told them plainly that Lazarus was dead; nevertheless let us go and raise him. Peter was excited because that is the sort of thing he was waiting to see. And they asked him: "Master the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and do you want to go there again? Jesus never went out openly to declare that he was the Christ. He went in the company of his disciples and they all wore the same garment so that He may not be identified. When he healed any sick, He would warn him not to tell anyone. That is the rejected stone. He is the Almighty God; The King of kings and the Lord of lords who came to save you thieves and sinners but you rejected Him. Put yourselves into fervent prayers.

I do not want to go far into that but you know what happened when he raised Lazarus from death. The whole city was in an uproar. Then gathered the Chief Priests and the Pharisees and said: if we let this man continue like this, all men would believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. Caiaphas stood up as the high priest and said: Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. Because he raised Lazarus and healed the sick, the blind, the lame and the deaf, because he cleansed lepers, fed the poor and did every good thing, they said that he must die.

Can you see how the world thanked God for coming to save them? He would first suffer many things and be rejected of this generation and that was exactly the situation with Him. It was not the government that killed Our Lord Jesus. It was not the juju priests or thieves but He was killed by the Chief priests who claimed to know the real God better than all others. It was no other person that killed Our Lord Jesus Christ. It was not the Romans who killed Him; that was why Pilate asked Him: Am I a Jew? Was it not your own people who brought you here? What have you

done? Today the same thing is happening: the churches who claim to know God better are those who are conspiring and asking what they are to do with this man because He is still performing wonders.

When Pilate had examined Him, he could find no fault in Him. Barabbas was a murderer and at every festival a criminal had to be freed. Pilate asked which of the two he should release to them

Barabbas or Jesus? They answered that he should release Barabbas to them and crucify Jesus. They sought for the release of Barabbas even though every person knew that he was a murderer, a thief and an evil doer; they demanded that Jesus should be killed. And Pilate asked them: What has He done? But they said, Crucify Him. Can you see that? It is said that he first must suffer many things and this generation will reject Him. Because of giving sight to the blind and healing the sick, the Chief Priests and the Pharisees, those who claimed they had seen God face to face; they knew Abraham and Moses, those were the people who said that He should be crucified because He was a sinner.

The government does not make trouble, they seek peace. Right from time, the people that wage war against God are those who profess to know Him. And so it was with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Pilate tried as much as he could to release Him but the Jews insisted on having Him killed. Pilate set up over his head his accusation written: This is Jesus the King of the Jews. Then said the Chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that He said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, "what I have written I have written"

Brethren, have you assessed the situation properly. That is why he said "Why do you call me Lord, Lord but you do not do the things that I command you?" He knew that there was not one single person who believed him. The work of God is not subject to any person's decision. It is either you shoot the gun and split the barrel rather than lose the prey. There was no one person who believed in Our Lord Jesus Christ. If there is any such person, mention him? If you want to mention Peter, I will remind you that he was the first person to deny Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let our golden text be read so that when you go back home, you will think seriously about yourself. I do not say beyond that. The gospel of today is like a pregnant woman, the time for delivery is fast approaching. I am not butchering; I am only incising with the knife.

Golden Text: John 1:11

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

To whom does this refer? Who is that person who goes to his own and his own received him not? Do you not argue that God is not man? But God said let us make man in our own image after our likeness. The "us" refers to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. But now you argue that God

is not man. Is he an animal or a rock? Is he an angel? Answer me, you wisemen. He came in his own likeness. His likeness is man, He comes to you as a man and on every 25th day of December every person eats and rejoices that Mary has given birth to a baby-boy. But no person believes in Him.

And so, the above Scripture refers to Our Lord Jesus Christ, He came in the manger as a man. But did you receive Him? Who received Him? Mention the person who received Him. If he did not fill the boat of Peter with fishes, Peter would not have followed Him. When he told His disciples how He must go unto Jerusalem, and Chief Priests and Scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day, Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him; this shall not be unto thee. Peter said this because he had read that the Christ would not die forever and so if Jesus was going to face death now, it would then mean that he Peter had made a mistake in following Him. Can you say that he knew or understood our Lord Jesus Christ?

That is one. Another thing is that all that Jesus spoke to them in public when they were alone with him they would ask him to explain to them. At another time Peter said: we have left everything and followed you what shall be our gain? Does that question show that Peter believed in Him? I can continue to cite instances to you to convince you that no person believed in him but He can use anything to manifest His own glory. They were following him because he willed it so; it was not out of their knowledge of him that they followed Him.

Take the case of John who revealed Him to the whole of Israel as the Christ; did he not deny Christ? Did he know Him? When he was put into prison by Herod, he remembered that the Scriptures had said that when Christ came, He would deliver the captives and set at liberty those that are bruised and so John consoled himself that Christ would come and remove him from prison immediately. But as he waited no person came and so he sent two of his disciples unto Him to find out if He was the expected one or if they were to wait on another. Did John believe in Him? Do not joke with the word of God.

When you hear that a great multitude followed Jesus it was because of the bread and fish He used to give them. There was no person who followed Him with the conviction that He was God, or the Christ. Unless he injects his spirit into you so you can perceive this truth, you cannot know him. He can enter into you in a moment and your eyes will become clear and He will immediately close it up. He changes into another form and you will fall back into your doubt. God is terribly wonderful. Earthly things are used in illustrating heavenly things. If He did not make bread for the people to eat who would have listened to Him. His creature would follow Him.

You have heard what He said: No man knows the Father except the son and no person knows the

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New World Missionary Fellowship Meeting with the Father

Senior Pastor S.I.U. Etuk soon after a thrilling processional outing started part one of the programme.

In a short but inspirational sermon, he enjoined all brethren to realise that the bane of the world is its refusal to practice the injunctions of God.

He wondered if we proclaim to believe in God, why we cannot hearken to Jesus the Christ's injunction that tells us to go and make all nations His disciples.

The New World Missionary Fellowship, the Pastor opined, was created with the special duty of disseminating the gospel and the good news of the new kingdom of God on earth to the entire globe at the shortest possible time for the end is at hand.

He said, as this is a great task, he is sure the Father will give the fellowship members the zeal and power to accomplish.

The International Chairman of the Fellowship Pastor A.O.E. Ekanem in his keynote address enjoined brethren all over the Brotherhood world to remember the need to use our God given resources to promote the work of God on earth because it is very profitable materially and spiritually to do so.

He says there are two resources that one can contribute – one is material and the other is time. "Those who have material resources but no time should contribute and those who have time but no resources should also contribute what they have" he said.

Pastor Ekanem told the house of the oversea evangelical tour undertaken by the fellowship in December last year to the West Indies, the Crusaders to India and recently, the Deaconesses to India "to reinforce the work there" and called for a pooling of efforts to ensure success.

He concluded by calling on all to pool their resources and talents together to enhance the work of the kingdom for by doing so, all shall sufficiently be blessed as the work in the vine yard will surely progress.

During the deliberations, members were intimated of the proposed East and South African tour, a trip estimated to consume a whopping sum of N70,000 because it will take about six weeks to complete.

Members were asked to gird their loins towards

realising the said amount. The co-chairman of the fellowship, Pastor Okpalla Williams personally promised to donate N10,000 and the Chairman said the remaining must be realised during the New World Mission fellowship anniversary. A three man fact-finding team is envisaged to tour the area on preliminary survey.

Members were intimated of the need for a functional fellowship's secretariat for proper coordination of work, store correspondence, publications and for effective administration.

They were informed of the Leader's office magnanimity in providing a reasonable office accommodation as the fellowship's secretariat in the BCS Secretariat building.

They were also informed that "because of the need to streamline efficient administration for the fellowship, it was inevitable that a competent full time secretary be appointed". So Apostle S. J. Umoh was appointed to replace Pastor Samson Ebito.

The house agreed on the need for the fellowship to be mobile for efficient monitoring of activities in the branches for greater effectiveness and the need to provide transport for pilgrims visiting Calabar and Biakpan, the new Jerusalem.

Consequently, a recommendation was made for the purchase of either a Peugeot 504 station wagon car or a Mini bus.

Members who pledged gifts during the last fellowship celebration were reminded to redeem their pledges and it was resolved that branches of the New World Missionary Fellowship be established in all states and countries to enhance grassroot participation of brethren.

The Holy Father was ushered physically into the hall at about 1.50am by melodious rendition of the 5 officiating choirs.

In His spiritual food, the Sole Spiritual Head told the house that one of the many outstanding deeds of this kingdom is spreading the words of God.

He said many people complaining of lack of money, good health, wife, husband, children and other material things do so because of their consigning God's work to the background.

The Holy Father said that all mundane things are transitory and unimportant but the word of



Pastor A. O. E. Ekanem, Chairman,
New World Missionary Fellowship

God and spiritual things live forever and ever.

He said that preaching the word of God is the greatest thing a person can do because that is how to worship God in spirit and in truth.

The Father said going on oversea evangelical ministry work to India, United Kingdom, U.S.A. and other parts does not really matter if those undertaking the tour go there to quarrel, fight and backbite without actually preaching the gospel which they were supposed to do.

The supernatural Teacher said that there are many gifts but "while the carnal minded people look for material things such as money, motor cars, houses and big positions", being endowed with the gift of preaching is the best because without preaching, and practising what you preach, people cannot be converted to believe in God and be saved.

The Father intimated the house that the Jamaicans are now requesting for a conductor because of the strength of brethren there.

The Father said the field is wide but the reapers are few "because you believe that you can only preach if you are in the Crusader's Fellowship."

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ter than angels, spirits and any kind of diabolism."

He said God in the past sent angels, spirits, prophets and finally His Son, and they were beaten and killed so He decided to come Himself this time as fire and flood, thunder and lightening, and whether the world likes it or not, they must all bow to Him.

The Teacher said that nobody can be cheated in this kingdom as the doctrine is whatsoever one sows that will he reap.

He said He has looked pitifully at many who use this time which is for serious reflection to be begging for alms forgetting that it is better to give than to receive.

"It is deceptive as it is pathetic to see people putting series of letters to beg for money. The actual disabled people do not beg for alms rather they use their hands to do something. The blind people even came and brought gifts to the Father and I wonder why those who have eyes, hands, legs etc. should idle about begging for alms" the Father said cautioning that nobody can deceive God.

The Leader said that very soon the goats shall be divided from the sheep for in the fulness of time, water will find its level and everybody will go to where they belong.

Finally, the Father urged all to look for heavenly things so that the inhabitants of the world can be in peace one with another for it is the lust of mundane things of the world that has caused so much world fights and problems.

He finally left praying His peace to remain with the entire world.

Thank You Father.

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like goats. Who had done that? It was the handiwork of the wicked one. When Our Lord Jesus Christ said that he was the Son of God, the people nailed Him on the Cross.

Today you stand before people and proclaim that Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is our Lord Jesus Christ and nobody does a thing. You say, Okay, he is not Our Lord Jesus Christ but the Almighty God who made heaven and earth, nobody chirps or lift the wings. Do you not see the power of Our Lord Jesus Christ? He used the spirit of his mouth.

Today Brotherhood is seen on the television, it is heard in the air waves; everywhere, we move with freedom and worship Our God without any molestation. That is what Our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us.

When the Christ Students went to record their song at the NTV Channel 6, Aba, the man there, a messenger of satan, told them that if they did not remove the name "Olumba Olumba Obu" and replace with Jesus, they will not record the songs. They refused to remove it. And so they were not allowed to record and they came back.

They also went to record their music at the Lutheran Recording Studio, Uyo but they were rejected because they were Brotherhood. They went to print almanac in the St. Theresa's Catholic press in Calabar, they were rejected because we put on white.

There was a time Brotherhood was invited to a

school function at the Union Secondary School, Ibiaku, I sent some people there with some money. When they got there the white lady said that she knew nothing about Brotherhood and so rejected my donation.

And so I collected back my money because it did not belong to satan. What has happened today? Every person is finding how to get money from Brotherhood.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered for us, and now satan is covered with shame. The whole world has been captured and there are no seats for the members that continue to flock in. tinue to flock in.

All the members of the secret societies converged, and declared 7 days fasting; praying that "Jesus" should destroy Olumba Olumba Obu but what has happened to me? I continue to go on my own business.

The churches pray that "Jesus" should kill Olumba Olumba Obu because he was capturing all Jesus' children from the churches. Instead Jesus has turned and consumed them with the spirit of his mouth. Right now, I am going to sweep all the churches and they will be left with no member because there is only one church.

And so brethren, I will not be tedious with you. One stroke of the cane is sufficient to the wise. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear. May the Lord bless His Holy Words. Amen.

FEATURE

Deciphering Truth from Falsehood

Pastor Effiong Okon has been a member of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for the past ten years. He is happily married with children.

One day he went on ministry work and there met a visioner who told him that all his problems emanate from his wife who is seriously looking for his downfall because a neighbour is confusing her, to leave him (Okon) and be his (neighbour's) wife.

Pastor Okon was disturbed for he has been married happily for the past twelve years. "This woman will see me" the Pastor promised.

On getting home the Pastor kept his eyes open to see the movement of the wife with his neighbour. Within a week of the vision, Pastor Effiong Okon's wife was driven away from the house leaving behind the six children of the marriage.

Sister Atim Osung is a new convert. She was baptised and on the very day of her baptism, she met a visioner who told her she is a child from the river and the mermaids wants her back with them.

To fight them, Sister Osung, the visioner says, has to bring 6 yards of white cloth, two new white basins, sand from the stream in their village, three pails of water from the real source of that stream and N200.00 for love feast "and rest assured that after washing in the midnight for 3 days with all those things you will bring, the Father will drive away the mermaids".

Sister Atim Osung who is a new member is very disturbed. She has not the money to accomplish this acts and be free. She automatically remembers that her aunty is a specialist in sacrificing to mermaids and elementary spirits.

The sister went there. The necessary things were bought for only fifty naira (N50.00) and the sacrifice made. The sister stopped coming to the Brother-

hood of the Cross and Star, "because I came to seek salvation but the cost of the salvation, was too much".

Sister Olufemi Adebayo is a member of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. She is the only person in her family who has accepted the Father's call into this kingdom.

For sometime her younger sister has been deranged and her parents have singularly and collectively been taking her to every necromancer of repute to no avail.

Because of the huge money expended by the family, Sister femi Adebayo assured the parents that her organisation, the BCS can cure the sister "and what's more, gratis".

The parents said okay. Sister Adebayo moved from Ibadan with the sister to a healing home in Calabar. Before she can see the person incharge the healing home, she had to register the patient with N20.00, before the patient is admitted, she paid N50.00 admission fee; she was told to bring N100.00 feast money to calm down the evil spirits and she was warned that at the end of it all she will have to bring N300.00 for "redemption feast".

The sister was agape. She came with only N150.00 because she thought the sister's treatment will be free as is the rules set down by the Father. So she accosted the healer. "The worker in the temple eats from the temple" was the reply to her queries. She had to borrow money because to return the sister then would cancel the boast she has been boasting of the mighty works of the Father in this times.

Deaconess Esit-Ime Udia is a visioner and a healing home owner. She is also a friend of Deaconess Lucy Ihama who is also a visioner and a healing home owner. One day, Brother Christopher Essien, a well to do brother, went to Lucy's

bethel and he was given a vision by Lucy to go and buy a car as tithe to Deaconess Udia failure of which a motor accident will kill him.

Also Prophetess Kunle Ayilara, one day went to the healing home of Deaconess Udia who gave her a vision to quickly go to Deaconess Ihama's bethel and pull down that building and set up a more prestigious building failure of which thieves will visit her in a month's time and fire will consume her textile store in the market.

The above is what is called the "arrange system" of visioning.

These examples, though fictional, are some of the ways used by visioners and healing home operators to dupe, scatter and embarrass innocent members of this new Kingdom.

Because of the importance of visions and revelation, the Holy Father and Sole Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Leader O. O. Obu for sometime now, has been harping on the negative activities of some visioners and those who keep healing homes for purposes of material gains.

The Holy Father has said in this age, elementary spirits like mermaids, apparitions and diabolism are non-existent except that those who commit sins must pay for their sins which results in people having problems which may eventually lead to death for the wages of sin is death.

He has also said that even "the morning tea" could be regarded as love feast. He says a person could use fifty kobo to celebrate love feast "provided that is what he or she can afford."

That it is very disheartening to learn that some healing home operators and visioners demand amounts ranging from one hundred to five hundred naira for love feast. Equally deplorable, according to the Holy Father is their wanting registration fees wondering the essence of that.

From the above, one can then

is the word of God, they will understand it differently because they have different teachers. The Lutherans believe that the Bible is the word of God but they must study the writings of late Martin Luther. The Apostolic Faith Church believe in the Bible as the word of God but they must read the doctrines published in tracts by their late founder Mother Florence Crawford published in Portland Oregon in the United States of America. Are these groups of persons actually Christians as they call themselves?

Let us come back right home. Who is your teacher in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star? Do we have special books which we can recommend to people to read so as to understand the word of the Bible very

conclude that people who indulge in these acts are all fake visioners who have deviated from the path of rectitude. They have not imparted the right information from God.

Isaiah 28:7 and Deuteronomy 18:20-22 clearly state that all false visioners shall perish.

As a matter of truth, visions should follow the divine teachings and the recondite wisdom of truth. Visions should reflect the teachings of refraining from sins such as stealing, fornication, murder, abortion, acrimony diabolism and juju concoctions etc.

No visioner worth his/her salt should see coffins, mermaids, fire disasters, accidents poverty, wretchedness and such heart-rending things. Visions are meant to strengthen the brethren faith rather than weaken them.

There are tremendous rewards for honest and truthful visioners because no true prophet of old was ever said to be poor. As recorded in James 5:10, the prophets who have spoken in the name of the Father, though they suffer many things, patiently hope in their reward knowing that the labourer is worthy of his hire.

While it is peremptory that we should not be disobedient to visions or treat visions with disdain, visioners should note that 1 Cor. 14:1-4 warns those that prophesy or give vision to do so for the purpose of edification, exhortation and comfort only.

Good vision should change sinners to God rather than do the very opposite, it should comfort the heart rather than grieve them and above all visions should in-spirit rather than dampen the spirits.

However, whatever might be the short-comings of some visioners and healers, we must note that there are visions and dreams which are direct spiritual messages from God. We must therefore be careful not to underdate any visioner. The Father has said that from their works and words, we shall decipher truth from falsehood. So help us Father.

Thank You Father

well? The answer is no. But who is your teacher? Is our teacher not the Holy Spirit? Is our teacher not otherwise called the word of God? Is our teacher not the Father and creator of the Universe? Is there anybody with a counter view? No. Does the Holy Spirit in our midst even open the Bible to see if He has misquoted the verse? Does the Holy Spirit have special periods, whereby He prepares before coming out to preach to us in the Sunday services, Fasting Periods and Bible Classes? If the answer is no, what then will you call Brotherhood of the Cross and Star? What will you call the Leader of the Brotherhood of all things created, seen and unseen? The answer to those questions

remain your conviction.

the Bahai faith believe in God, but they say God cannot be reached except by reading the writings of Bahaula their founder.

The secret societies and lodges believe that there is a supreme force somewhere. According to them, this supreme force can only be contacted through incantations experiments and reading of monographs and secret writings by their respective founders.

They can only be one teacher and that teacher is the HOLY SPIRIT now dwelling with man on the Earth Plane.

Thank You Father.

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Who is your Teacher?

Have you ever wondered why there are so many Christian denominations and cults, where each claims to be based on the Bible? Does the Bible teach several ways of salvation. No indeed! Since God is the very essence of truth there can be no mixture of error in the revelation that He has given in his word.

Those who use the name 'Christian' can be classified in many different ways. The first division can be made between those who believe that the Bible is the word of God and those who do not believe this. Some who take the name of Christ deny the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, others say that the Bible contains the word of God, others

say that, it becomes the word of God. Who is your teacher?

The basic error of the Roman Catholic Church is that it puts the authority of the Church above the authority of the Bible. They teach that the Bible came from the church and not the church from the Bible. That is why they teach that nobody or individual Christian has the right to interpret the Bible for himself, but that the Bible must be interpreted by the Pope in form of Catechism for Cramming and recitation.

Every cult claims that it is based on the word of God, but without exception, they take the Bible plus something else. Christian scientists believe that the Bible is the word of God, but they do not believe that

Bible can be properly understood apart from their book called Science and Health with the key to the Scriptures written by their founder Mrs Mary Patterson-Edoy-Baker-Glover Fry.

Mormons believe that the Bible is the word of God, but they believe also that the Book of Mormons is the word of God.

Jehovah's witnesses believe that the Bible is the word of God, but that the Bible cannot be properly understood without the Literature published by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania USA.

It would be perfectly obvious to any honest thinker that eventhough all of these people believe that the Bible

TESTIMONY *Olumba restored my sight*

When He shouted the order, I believed and kept the glasses aside and immediately my eyes opened and I started to read the letter he gave to me which was written in very fine characters, without glasses.

Brethren, Words are inadequate to express my gratitude to the Father for His magnanimity over a sinful child like myself. If my mouth were wide as the ocean I would have sung, and praised and magnified His Holy Name. But He knows that I am always grateful to him for this and other things He has done for me.

I suddenly started to use eye glasses to read in 1974, when I could no

longer read with my ordinary eyes. We are all aware that the people of the world believe that the only person who can correct or restore somebody's bad eye sight is the professional ophthalmic optician or ophthalmologist.

The only way to correct eye sight, the eye-doctor is to prescribe a suitable eye glass after a thorough eye test. The glasses described as a matter of fact, may or may not correct your sight deficiency. Sometime you use it for one year and then take it back to the doctor for re-examination, who may change to new glasses or change the lenses.

There is no occasion when somebody was given the most costly glasses and he uses it for more five years without re-examination. Early in 1981 as I was contemplating to go back to the optician as I could not read well again with the glasses, the Saviour rescued me.

During the April Pentecostal in 1981 as I was going to the microphone to interpret the Father's morning message, the Father handed over a letter, which was sent to Him, to me to read. I quickly went to my seat to collect my reading glasses. The Father asked where I was going

to. I told Him to pick my glasses.

He promptly shouted "Who born dog, keep back those broken bottles, do not use them from today, I have opened your eyes." Just as He said it, I turned back from my seat to the microphone stand after collecting the letter from Him and started to read with my natural eyes and it appeared as if scales fell from my eyes and I started to see clearly and read those fine characters without the use of glasses.

Brethren, since then I have not used glasses. I do not even know where my old glasses can be found now. I can read



Pastor O. A. Essien-Umo

any character.

It is now five years since the Father opened my eyes and I have no need to recourse to the use of the glasses. Leader O. O. Obu within a split of second, only spoke my eyes open

ned and I dropped down my reading glasses till today.

I thank Him for all his loving kindness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Thank you Father.



Prophet Abdul Yaskey and His brother.

Firstly, I have to thank the Holy Father for the wonderful work he has been doing in Sierra Leone.

Originally, I was a muslim but two years ago, one of my best friends visited me and told us (myself and my family) that God is now on earth in Africa. To see this God, he urged us to become rastafarians.

After a month of continuous pressure from this friend, we became convinced and we became rastafarians. Our hairs are neither cut nor combed and the name of the God now on earth as believed by the Rastas is Emperor Haile Salesia of Ethiopia. It should be noted that the Rasta religion is a christian religion.

I had nothing to do with Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Infact when the late mother of

Sierra Leone Bethel, died, I was one of those who blasphemed against the spirit. I seriously cursed Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in Sierra Leone for allowing the woman to die.

One day however, I visited the Leader's Representative in his house (we were neighbours).

There, I met Pastor Turay and we came to know each other. The Pastor said he admired our hair (the rastas hair) and promised to visit me in our house.

On May 15, 1985, Pastor Turay visited our house and spent almost the whole day preaching the gospel to us. Unfortunately, we were not convinced.

I asked very many questions and as it pleases the Father, the Pastor used Bible passages to answer all the questions.

WE HAVE SEEN THE FATHER

On May 18, 1985, we were baptised by Pastor Turey and today, I can testify that since then, changes has been manifesting in our lives.

The testimonies of what the Father has done for us were becoming numerous and we were becoming anxious to see Him face to face. We promised in ourselves to see Him during the Easter Pentecostal.

As a wonderful Father that He is, He has done His work and we have been able to see Him face to face as we desired.

The journey to Calabar was not an easy one. As Sierra Leone bethel is not yet financially strong, only two tickets were provided for only two members and I was not included.

But I had the urge to come and meet the Father physically, so after a general fellowship meeting in February the question of brethren wishing to come to Calabar was discussed.

The Father passed through John Bangina who opined that if we truly believe in God, we should travel by road. I was surprised but very happy and prayed to the father that if He wishes to see us physically, let the proposed journey be a successful one.

Indeed it is. For five of us left Freetown on

March 14, 1986 on road to Calabar though we travelled for 14 days on the road, no mishap happened to any of us. The Father Himself took care of any problems that could have

cropped up on the way and saw us safely to Calabar.

We have come, we have seen Him, and we are satisfied that we are worshipping the true God who will not die for

ever and ever Amen.

I am thankful to the Father for taking me away from the religion (Rastafarianism) that worships somebody who has died (Haile Selassie) to the one that worships the true and living God.

Thank You Father.

In Olumba's Name:

Thieves return my stolen goods

Brethren, this is to thank God for the wonderful protection He has been rendering to me and my family.

The event that gave rise to my testimony happened on January 9, 1986. It was at about 12 noon that day when nobody was in my house that men of the underworld invaded my house.

The thieves made away with my wall clock, cloth, school football among others. When I returned from school and found that my house has been invaded, I immediately detailed my pupils who were still within the premises to search for the stolen items in the nearby bush.

This search continued for a number of days without result. It was after one week of the search that one Evangelist Edem Ekpo from Ikot Ide Akpakpan prophesied that the thieves would return the stolen properties.

Well, I partially believed him but still continued to pray to God for my things to be returned

Brethren, how God works is wonderful,

I woke up in the morning of January 27, 1986 to see all the stolen items at the backyard of my house. To this I say let thanks, honour and dominion be given to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After this incident people whose houses has been so burgled besieged my house demanding to know the juju priest I consulted so that the thieves had to return my things. But I simply told them

that with faith, I only prayed to the Father. Leader O.O. Obu and nothing else.

Moved by this wonderful feat, I stand to testify that most of the people in my neighbourhood who hitherto used to shun members of Brotherhood of the Cross And Star have now been baptised into the fold.

To this again, I say let all honour and glory be given to our living God - Leader O.O. Obu.

Thank You Father.



Efiong Eshiet Akang

Visioners' Fellowship Meeting With the Father on 2/4/86

Anybody who charges money for spiritual work such as visions, healing, charm removal and x-raying is equated to Judas Iscariot who obtained blood money from the high priests to sell his master.

The comparison was made by the Sole Spiritual Head Leader O. O. Obu during His meeting with the Visioners International Fellowship recently at the 34 Ambo Pentecostal Hall during this year's Easter Pentecostal Meeting.

He warned the visioners that since Judas Iscariot in that age did not live to enjoy the money, nobody in this generation will live to enjoy blood money for God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The Leader then commissioned all the visioners, healers, dreamers and charm removers to go into the world and preach the gospel of God and perform miraculous

works freely as they received these gifts freely from the Father quoting Matt. 10:8 to support his assertion.

Taking the poor attendance as an indication that brethren are exasperated with the fellowship, the Father said charging money for visions and other spiritual work because "The Father who sends you into His vineyard knows that the labourer is worthy of his hire, and so would take care of your material and spiritual needs."

The Holy Father re-iterated that any fellowship wishing to go on ministry work abroad, must arrange and go with some seasoned visioners for very effective spiritual works.

Earlier in consonance with the BCS memorandum which stipulates an annual dissolution of all fellowships for an election, the Holy Father ordered that the House be dissolved with im-

mediate effect.

The Holy Father however thanked the former officers for whatever efforts they put in during their tenure of office.

Consequently, the underlisted personalities were appointed to run the affairs of the fellowship for the 1986/87 operational year: Elder J. E. Etim was appointed the International Chairman of the fellowship, Pastor C. E. Udo was appointed the Vice-Chairman, Elder F. U. Inyang was appointed the International Secretary, Prophetess Bassey Aquah was appointed the Assistant Secretary.

Others appointed were Sister E. D. Ekpenyong - Treasurer; Deaconess N. E. Bassey - Financial Secretary; Elder E. E. Nkanta - Assistant Financial Secretary and Elder M. E. Okon - Publicity Secretary.

The Holy Father advised the newly appointed officers to



A cross section of the newly elected executive of the visioners fellowship.

note that the way and manner they perform in their respective offices is the physical manifestation of the judgement which is suppose to start from the church.

He assured that if they perform creditably they will be rewarded, but if they perform badly, they will receive nothing but reprimand.

Elder J. E. Etim in his after election speech thanked the Holy

Father for the love and implicit confidence reposed in him which manifest in His appointing "a woeful sinner like myself" to be at the helm of several of His fellowships.

He prayed the Father to give him nay the new executive the know how to perform the duties and task given to them to the glory of the Holy Father.

He then called on all brethren in and outside the visioners fel-

lowship to co-operate with the executive and work in the spirit of true and universal Brotherhood.

Meanwhile Friday May 30, 1986 has been slated a crucial meeting day for all visioners, dreamers, spirited children, healers and charm removers at 34 Ambo Street Pentecostal Hall. All are expected to attend the meeting to listen to the Father's divine instructions, assignments and blessings.

Thank You Father.

Mercy Fellowship Meeting with the Father on 11/4/86



Pastor L. E. Victor, Chairman Mercy Fellowship

If members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star cannot cultivate the spirit of tolerance, peace, joy, love and mercy, all their daily endeavours shall come to nought.

These were the exposition of Apostle Ekong who conducted Part One of the programme during the Mercy Fellowship Meeting with the Father during the April Pentecostal meeting.

In a short but impressive sermon, the Apostle said that God in His mercies and wisdom gives some of us riches to enable us help the less fortunate in our midst.

He however noted that some people use their riches in vain things forgetting that only the merciful shall obtain mercy as stated in Matt. 5:7.

He therefore prayed members to endeavour to do deeds of mercies to their fellow men for

God will surely reward, everyone according to his efforts.

Owing to the late arrival by Pastor L. E. Victor the International Chairman, Pastor Chuks Okonta from Asaba chaired and directed affairs from the high table.

In his opening speech, he appealed to all members in the BCS fold to team up with the executives nay, the fellowship, to prosecute the work of mercy the Father has commissioned them to perform in the entire world.

He said that the challenges before the fellowship are enormous but not insurmountable as the Father is solidly behind them. "What is needed now is for all brethren to utilize their resources to bring the fellowship to an enviable international standard so that without any impediment, we can perform acts of mercy to the underprivileged ones in our midst," Pastor Okonta said.

He ended his address by praying the Father to bless and replenish the purses of all who have contributed and will contribute in cash or kind of build up the fellowship.

During the course of deliberations, the whole House was informed by Pastor George Chuks Okonta that he has made a personal donation of 400'x400' parcel of land containing about 18 plots of 50'x100' at Asaba for the development of agricultural projects by the Brotherhood organisation.

In addition, he informed the house that he has also donated 5,000 cement blocks measuring 5"x9"x18" and 30 tipper trips of sand to the site for immediate commencement of work.

Also discussed were reports of activities bordering especially on acts of mercy such as burials

of transfered brethren, physical cash given to the underprivileged, transport fares to the stranded brethren from distant places and the International Mercy Spiritual Hospital in Biakpan.

In her comments, the International Secretary of the fellowship, Senior Deaconess I. A. Ibia appealed passionately to all public spirited members to contribute generously to the fellowship to enable them accomplish its projects which border on mercy to the less privileged ones.

The financial secretary gave the details of the fellowship's accounts as operated in the BCS treasury, saying the finances of the fellowship are seriously depleted.

The Father in His advice said that judgement, it is true will start from the church, "because whenever anybody is given an office or assignment, your performance shall be closely watched and you will be assessed accordingly"

In His Spiritual food, the Supernatural Teacher quoting Rev *22:1-2 says that the tree of life that yield fruits used in the healing of nations depicts the words of God, which are used in healing the sick and taking away problems.

The Teacher assured all present that the Tree is the tree of life and the twelve manners of the fruits which the tree yields every month symbolizes the twelve powers of man.

He said that it is neither the hands, legs, ears nor eyes that is doing the work rather, it is the word that is doing the work warning that nobody should joke with the word quoting John 1:4 to stress His point.

The Father said nobody should boast of what he has done or can do for "this phenomenon is great"

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that the place he is worrying himself about is a place of worship. That he should forget about it because there were more pressing matters to attend to and that they could go there to receive prayers. The commander at that time decided to abandon the issue.

At that juncture, information was received that Umuahia and Port Harcourt had fallen to the Federal soldiers. The four jets which could not fly to bomb 26, Mbukpa Chapel from Calabar Airport, flew to Port Harcourt. From that time on whenever Brotherhood was mentioned, soldiers always associate it with diabolism.

There is no bomb or gun or bullet that can harm any of you here. Fire cannot harm you. No weapon can prevail against you. When I say this you will laugh with doubt. But I am not the doer, it is the Holy Spirit that is responsible for everything. I use the Holy Spirit to cast away the evil spirit from you and you in turn receive the Holy Spirit.

That is why the Spirit of fornication has gone, the spirit of that has also gone. The spirit of fear and pride are now dead. And the Holy Spirit has taken dominion over you in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The problem with you is exactly what Our Lord Jesus Christ had said: the spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak. Do you not know that death has no power over you? Do you not know that sickness or poverty or any other thing has no dominion over you? Have you ever found somebody who goes to a necromancer for a healing coming back to heal some other person after he had been healed?

But what obtains here? When you come here I use the Holy Spirit to drive the evil spirits away from you and as a result you obtain the Holy Spirit. As you leave this place, you find a sick man and pray over him and he recovers and becomes filled with more power.

The Holy Spirit is not the spirit of fear. It is the spirit of power love and self-control. That is why you are now bold in your preaching and prayer because the Holy Spirit has been bestowed unto you. That is why you sing and say "the spirit which Olumba has infused into you does not allow you to sin anymore." But I am not the one who gave it to you. Rather it is the Father who infused the Holy Spirit in to you.

You are not able to do the evil things you were used to doing. Whenever you want to err, the Holy Spirit will say no, do that which is right. Who is the liar, I or yourself? You say it is Olumba who does this work and I say it is the Holy Spirit — who is the liar?

I use the Holy Spirit to drive away the evil spirits from your body and therefore you neither drink nor fornicate, nor commit any of other vices you have been committing because the Holy Spirit has gained dominion over you. Now the Holy Spirit has gained dominion over you, wherever you go to, he is reigning supreme in you.

That confirms what the Scripture has said: The dwelling place of God is now with men. Wherever you are going to, the Holy Spirit is still living in you.

When Our Lord Jesus Christ told Peter that he was going to build the church on him as the rock; it means that Our Lord Jesus Christ was putting the Holy Spirit on Peter.

Whoever is baptised and does not receive the Holy Spirit, has not yet gained salvation. You will find some people confessing that they had been members of Brotherhood though they discontinued. It means that they did not receive the Holy Spirit.

When you find a person who neither pay his tithe, nor go on ministry work, nor partake in any practice, but still doubts, it means, he has not yet fully received the Holy Spirit.

It is on this premise that He said, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days. I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. And they shall not teach everyman his neighbour, and everyman his brother, saying, know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For, I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

Do not first show God to any person, or to show Our Lord Jesus Christ to him. Let the person first be baptised. Immediately he is baptised, he will be bestowed with the power of the Holy Spirit, and he will see God.

If you give one million naira to induce an ardent fornicator to refrain from fornication, he will make use of the money and still continue to fornicate. If you give one million naira to a fearful person to induce him not to be fearful, he will collect and make use of the money yet will he be afraid the more. The same applies to a necromancer, and any evildoer. But it is with the Holy Spirit alone that you can drive away evil spirit from any person.

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Whoever is baptised and does not receive the Holy Spirit, has not yet gained salvation. you will find some people confessing that they had been members of Brotherhood though they discontinued. It means that they did not receive the Holy Spirit. When you find a person who neither pays his tithe, nor goes on ministry work, nor partakes in any practice, but still doubts, it means, he has not yet fully received the Holy Spirit.

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I do not want to take you further, the golden text will now be read.

Golden Text: II Thessalonians 2:18 "And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

Without the presence of the Holy Spirit how do you think Brotherhood would have existed till today? The revelation of the lawless one is the handiwork of satan. Can you not imagine — Brotherhood, is concerned with the worship of God in spirit and in truth, but observe the way satan has gathered people to calumniate that it is juju and mermaid. They campaign and spread false information that Brotherhood drinks blood and eats human flesh. They write petitions and do everything to destroy you but if our Lord Jesus Christ did not use the breath of his mouth to consume them where would you be today?

Recollect in your minds what happened in 1977. The whole world conspired against Brotherhood and it was impossible for you to put on your whites openly. What kind of money would you have used to defend yourself? What kind of law court would you appear to defend yourself? What kind of carnal weapon would you have used in fighting that war.

Pamphlets were circulated in all the universities and they even swore to affidavits that Brotherhood is not a church; and that we drink blood. This is exactly what the Jew adopted in killing Our Lord Jesus Christ, John the Baptist and all the children of God.

John the Baptist had told Herod that it was not lawful for him to marry his brother, Philip's, wife and many other things. For this reason Herod hated him and wanted to kill him but he was afraid of the people because all believed that he was a prophet, and so he put John into prison.

But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

She ran and asked the mother who told her to request for the head of John the Baptist. Instead of asking for one half of the kingdom she requested for the head of John because of that old grudge she had for John who rebuked Herod for marrying her.

Can you see the handiwork of satan? What happened in the case of Stephen?

Stephen did not do them any wrong but he was arguing with the Pharisees and outwitted them. Since he outwitted them, they plotted against him saying that he was cursing Moses and therefore breaking the law. That is how they killed him.

What was the source of death of Our Lord Jesus Christ? They said he had violated the law and taught that people should not give tribute to Caesar. Because of this the people were bent on killing him. That is why when he was brought before Pilate, he asked him; what have you to say for yourself? Pilate really knew that it was nothing but a conspiracy.

I ask whose act is that? It is the work of satan.

That is what actually happened in 1977. The whole world said these people have come again and so they conspired and handed you over to the government. And so brethren if Our Lord Jesus Christ has not used the power of His breath to destroy the whole world, where would we be today?

Because all the churches had conspired, all the governments agitated against Brotherhood. Brotherhood was said to be responsible for every evil thing you can think of. But Our Lord Jesus Christ used the power of his breath to quench all of them. Now it is the Holy Spirit in control. Satan has gone in shame.

Whenever all the churches come together it is against Brotherhood; and that is the work of satan. All these evangelists hired to come here from abroad is the work of satan but do you see how that wonderful person — Our Lord Jesus Christ has used the breath of his mouth to consume them?

When you continue to number them — from Dr. Aggarwal, Professor Assassu Inyangibom, Chukwudi, Professor Bassey, you will know what is happening and that the way is opened for them to come. I tell you I am not responsible for this thing. It is Our Lord Jesus Christ who has opened his mouth and let out the spirit of His breath.

Where would you have gone to for help? They are found in all the secret societies. They fill all the churches and they own all the courts of law. They even own the government but here we are without any person but Our Lord Jesus Christ has used the spirit of his mouth alone to scatter all of them.

That is why the whole world is stricken with fear. If you mention that you are a member of Brotherhood, people will be filled with fear because there is nothing the world has not attempted on you. But they have failed and so they continue to say that they do not know the source of this power.

Even if we are lying on the floor we should thank God for the victory he has brought for us over satan, death and every enemy. Which church from Africa has ever gone to America or London or India or Russia?

Today when you go to these places you walk majestically as citizens, Nothing rears its ugly head and nothing flaps its wings. Under the water and in the forest and everywhere Our Lord Jesus Christ has taken dominion.

By mere witnessing by the disciplines that Our Lord Jesus Christ was the son of God after He had died and resurrected, the people slaughtered them

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1st Lesson: John 15:3

2nd Lesson: Matthew 12:28

Golden Text: 11 Thessalonians 2:8

Brethren, can you realize that the weapons of war we have here are not carnal? They cannot be compared to atomic or hydrogen bombs, or rifles, or fighters, or hitting at somebody's head with your fist. Our weapon of war is neither money nor stave, nor clothings, nor shoes, nor human beings. The weapons of war are not visible, and cannot be felt. Our weapons of war here are not carnal but spiritual.

I hear many people say that in Brotherhood people are not suspended and yet they change; no person is expelled or flogged and yet he changes. These statements are true? Our weapons of war are not carnal but spiritual. We are fighting with the Holy Spirit.

I have been telling you that you should not exalt yourselves because we neither employ money, nor human beings, nor materials of clothing, nor your beauty, nor the English language, Efik or any other language; but rather, the Holy Spirit.

Have you not been told times without number that this is a spiritual warfare? Up till today, how many people gain the understanding of this? When reference is made to the Armageddon War, we are talking about a spiritual war which is fought with neither hands nor staves, nor food, nor clothing, nor human beings. It is fought spiritually.

Can you realize the efficacy of the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ that except one is born of water and of spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God? With what is a person without the Holy Spirit, going to fight? Where is his weapon of war?

Have you ever found any person enlisted into the army and he goes to fight in the battle field without a gun? Can you not realize the distinction found between this place and other church denominations and prayer houses and societies and the world at large?

These weapons of war strike people with great wonderment because they have never been realized since God created the world. It does not consist in noise-making, beating up somebody, firing at somebody at stake. What useful purposes do these devices serve?

The governments have established penal institutions like the prisons for offenders. Have the criminals been changed by these institutions? Courts of law of various degrees are established and people are there to pass judgement of fine or sentence people to various terms of imprisonment. Upon all these devices, has man been reformed out of his evil ways?

The Army, the Nigerian Security Organisation and other law enforcement agents are instituted to see to the peace and stability of the society. Recently they have introduced what they call War Against Indiscipline. With what do you war against indiscipline. Where are your weapons of war?

Can the whole world now realize its nakedness laid bare? The Police force is divided into units: the CID, the OP ups, the High War Patrol and others. But where are the weapons of war with which they are going to fight the war? The Army too is divided into various units; the signals, Recce, Armoury, and so forth. Where are their weapons of war? This is a spiritual warfare.

Brethren, can you say that the war before us will be fought with any form of diabolism? When you keep a cane in your house to administer lashes on your erring wife and children, is that the correct weapon? If you beat up your wife for not going to market on time, will you ever eat again throughout the week, will she prepare anything again for you?

In the office, when you suspend somebody in a bid to discipline him for an offence, is the whole office not left in confusion? Have you never found a messenger challenging his boss and threatening

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The Holy Spirit is not the spirit of fear. It is the spirit of power, love and self-control. That is why you are now bold in your preaching and prayer because the Holy Spirit has been bestowed unto you. That is why you sing and say "the Spirit which Olumba has infused into you does not allow you to sin anymore." But I am not the one who gave it to you. Rather it is the Father who infused the Holy Spirit into you. You are not able to do the evil things you were used to doing. Whenever you want to err, the Holy Spirit will say no, do that which is right. Who is the liar, I or yourself? You say it is Olumba who does this work and I say it is the Holy Spirit — who is the liar?

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to cause his dismissal for suspending him?

Right now, many people live in fear; the governor, president, messenger and every person. The reason is that you have no spiritual weapons of war, you are empty-handed, you are naked.

It is said, seek ye first the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God here subsumes the Holy Spirit. Seek the Holy Spirit in all ways possible. Whatever you are told to do to acquire Him, it is good you, do so. The reason is that if you do not have it, you are naked.

All the inhabitants of the world have investigated into the source of power in Brotherhood. Have they found out? Will they ever find out till doomsday? Even you here, eating and drinking, do not know one bit of what exists here. If you were to know what exists here, you would prostrate on the ground for the power that be.

When you are told that in Brotherhood one is not suspended, or dismissed, or taken to court, do you know the kind of weapon in use? To litigate is carnal. To dismiss is carnal. The suspend is also carnal. But the weapon of war here is not carnal.

You have heard that Russians have manufactured missiles capable of destroying places ten kilometers and beyond. Or that the French have done similar things. Are these not childish pranks? Are these not carnal weapons? Do you think that we have come with such weapons?

Brethren, remember now the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ that "when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come".

Right now two or three persons will claim that the power comes from water, will you hold that fact to be true? Is this power from water? Many people here struggle for the holy oil because they feel that the power derives there from. Is it true?

A great many others claim that the power derives from 26, Mbukpa Road, Calabar. Some hold that it emanates from Biakpan. Others say the power is in 34, Ambo Street, Calabar. Some other argue that the Red garment worn by the Father is the source of that power. A great many of you here are still troubled in mind about the source of this power.

Do you not remember the ten lepers to whom Our Lord Jesus Christ said, Go and show yourself to the priest, and almost immediately they were cleansed? Do you not also remember blind man Bartimaeus? When Our Lord Jesus Christ said I am willing receive your sight, he received his sight. With what do you think Our Lord Jesus Christ did His work? Remember also that the Centurion lived many miles away but Our Lord Jesus Christ told him to go that it be fulfilled to him according to his faith and immediately the sick servant was well.

What type of power do you think this is? What distance is there that the Holy Spirit cannot reach? How many miles can the Holy Spirit not travel? Within a twinkle of an eye, the Holy Spirit who declares from high heaven, goes to places with the spoken words and accomplishes all.

Are you not bamboozled that upon the calumniating of people about Brotherhood, we give no response. Right now every person remain quiet. Are you not surprised that a living person is lied against, abused, insulted, despitefully entreated, yet he gives no response. But at the instance, it appears as if water is used to cool off and everything remains quite calm.

In the world, if somebody tells your wife that you have a beelzebub, unless you take an oath to vindicate yourself, your wife will no longer feel free with you. Even after swearing to an oath, your wife will always nurse her doubts about you.

In your community if people allege that you are of the witchcraft, even if you try to vindicate yourself by taking an oath, no person will believe you.

Come to think of what happens in this case where one pours out excreta, urine and all abominable things on a person and yet there is no reply. Instead, the victim is ever fresh and spotless. Nothing flaps its wings. His radiance is upon the whole world. What do you think about such a person.

Does the world know that the Holy Spirit is fire? God is a consuming fire. John bore witness about Him saying, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

You who puff-up saying that you will never refrain from fornication, stealing diabolism, where lies your power? Tell me where your power is? I say indeed that you have already refrained from these things.

Do you realize that the little vestiges of sin still lingering with you are merely remaining at my own pleasure. Any day I feel that they should be stamped out from you those kankerworms will be removed immediately.

I know why you quarrel and get annoyed. This is because you have no power, no ability, no wisdom or knowledge of what to do.

Do you know why I have no problems with you? It is because if it is no more my intention that you should make a noise, you will not make any noise again. Your jumping from pillar to post is allowed by me. Any day I pronounce that a thing should end, that will mark the end of that act.

It is said any government which is very rigid will break down and any government that is too weak and flexible will also break down. And so we have to go on a slow and steady pace.

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Could you remember what Paul did to that sorcerer. That sorcerer who obstructed people from believing the Gospel preached by Paul about God; Paul said, "O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all unrighteousness, will thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season."

And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking someone to lead him by the hand. So all what you see in the world are the elementary spirits. They are the causes of all the sickness and blindness and confusion in the world.

When you hear someone complaining of pains all over the body, is the elementary spirits that is troubling him. It is the Holy Spirit alone that is employed in driving these elementary spirits away because the Holy Spirit is Supreme.

Are you not surprised to find someone who has filled his house with all sorts of drugs and medication still suffering pain and sickness; you put on rings and talismen yet you are still buffeted by problems and difficulties.

This is so because you think that you are waging a carnal war. You mix certain things for a drunkard to drink in order that he may refrain from drinking. This approach is carnal. What causes him to drink is the spirit in him. The lies you continue to tell is induced by the spirit that dwells in you. The anger and fornication you indulge in is being done by the spirit and it is the Holy Spirit that can suppress them.

When somebody steals some other person's money, you lay him on the ground and whip him with a cane in order that he may not steal again. Are you not wasting your time? You only punish his flesh. What about that spirit in him that is responsible for the theft, are you able to reach it?

Somebody commits fornication and you put him in the prison. He will stay inside the prison and continue to fornicate. Can you now realize that the world is both blind and deaf? No matter how fastidious a he-goat is that would not prevent him from being slaughtered.

You are so angry with a person that you fight him until both of you begin to wound yourself and both of you are taken to the prison. You have not accomplished anything because you cannot reach the spirit in him which is responsible for his evil ways.

When you quarrel with someone and keep mute with him what use is that to the man? When you tell someone not to come to your house again and that you will also not visit him any longer, of what use is that to both of you? When you collect and burn somebody's charms is that the weapon you use against him? Have you removed that spirit of idolatry in him?

That is why I tell you to pray and listen to the

spirit so you may understand the place in which you are and the type of weapons you apply. We are to thank the Holy Spirit for His timely arrival because if the Holy Spirit had not come the whole world would have perished.

Have you not heard what Our Lord Jesus the Christ had said, it was expedient that He went away, that if He did not go, the Comforter would not come but if He went, He would send Him.

This is not an affair of atomic bombs. Look at the last civil war and the number of souls that died, what good did that do? As the heavens are higher than the earth so is the wisdom of God higher than the wisdom of men.

1st Lesson: John 15:3

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

What do you understand by that statement? When you spoke to your son, was he clean? Now that you continue to quarrel with others are they made clean?

The words that are spoken by Our Lord Jesus Christ are the Spirit that is responsible for doing these wonderful works. He does not utter vain words but He uses the Holy Spirit to destroy all the evil spirits such as the spirit of fornication, of lying, of anger, of theft and all other elementary spirits so that you are made clean.

You have already been told that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. In the beginning God created heavens and earth with the word; and so the word is the spirit that was used in creating everything.

And now He says you are clean through the words I have spoken unto you. Is that carnal word? If you do not put bullet into a gun can it kill? Can you not see how this knowledge has deluded man?

Somebody will stand up and ask what is the difference between Brotherhood and the other churches? After all Brotherhood uses the same Bible like other churches. I agree that the other churches also use the Bible but what benefit have they derived from using the Bible?

You even regard this place as a church just as others. Is that true? You have been in the Catholic Church counting the rosary until your mouth was dried of saliva, what good did you derive?

You heard the testimony given by one sister from the Apostolic church. How high-way robbers visited her. She has been an evangelist of that church for many years. When the robbers went to her house they carried all her goods and asked her to say her Nunc dimittis, her last prayers, before they kill her.

She had been someone who never wanted to hear anything about Brotherhood. And she used to pray that God should bring back her lost members from Brotherhood. But as God is so merciful the Holy Spirit entered into her and she immediately called "Olumba Olumba Obu." The robbers started to fidget and so ran back immediately. That is how



We fight our wars under the direction of the Holy Spirit

she was saved.

In the morning she immediately ran to Brotherhood and got herself baptised. When the husband came back she told him the story and he also got baptised and now the whole family has converted to Brotherhood. Is that not the word of the Holy Spirit?

Do you not know the reason why you have to fast and pray? When you are on fasting you do not eat or drink anything and so the evil spirits in you will begin to starve and they will die or leave your body.

It is exactly like the situation where a fornicator comes to you while you are on fasting. When you tell her to go away that you are on fasting, she will become annoyed accusing you of disgracing her. It is like somebody who cannot stay without drink and one day he asks you to drink and you refuse; he will never visit you again. That is the significance of fasting.

Be watchful if a talebearer comes to your house and starts to tell you about everything: before he continues you tell him excuse me, I am very busy; he will never come again to your house. It is for such reasons that you are advised to fast. When you fast and somebody comes and slaps you on the face, you quietly turn away. That spirit of anger and arrogance will flare up in you to retaliate. You tell them to be quiet that you are fed up with them. They will get out of your body and will never return.

When you continue to drink, that is not the spirit of God because the spirit of God does not drink. When you continue to lie it is not the spirit of God because the spirit of God does not tell lies. When you commit fornication, the spirit of God does not fornicate. When you go about stealing people's property, the spirit of God does not steal. All these are the elementary spirits.

It is said "when the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out: and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

I now ask you if the orthodox churches know that this war is not carnal warfare but spiritual? When the evil spirit torments you and you say you do not want to be disturbed and so you lock yourself

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When He says sit down even the governor must obey. And that is why many people continue to say that Brotherhood has something underneath it. Yes, there is something. If there was nothing beneath it, why should a necromancer, a soothsayer, a juju man, a secret society man, withdraw from and abandon their societies to worship God? If there was nothing beneath it how would you remain here from 6 a.m. in the morning — without food or any other thing until the next morning. There is something beneath.

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inside a room, you are deceiving yourself. If you like to open the ground and bury yourself the evil spirit will continue to torment you because it is living inside you.

That is why you find somebody initiating himself into many secret societies. He continues to take drugs yet his problems continue to increase.

But now people ask you, when you went to Brotherhood what were you given and you reply "nothing." They say you are telling a lie, and that there is something underneath.

If you have initiated into a hundred secret societies, when you come here, you will be told to kneel down and the moment you do this all your problems will be taken away. That is the end of it and all the evil spirits in you are driven away.

If you go to a necromancer's house, the moment you say "peace be with this house," every diabolism will disappear leaving only charred woods and stool. Or if you do not say peace to the house you sing some spiritual songs around the house, you have rendered the whole place useless. Or if you 'Let' out prayer, the whole street will be deserted and everything will be quiet. That is the sort of war we are waging.

All the songs we sing are bullets. All our prayers are bullets. Every testimony we give is a bullet. Come to talk of the Word of God we preach, they are double bullets.

I am always bamboozled that many Brotherhood members continue to doubt this power. Are you still doubting this power?

Remember when Our Lord Jesus Christ was a small boy. Every person regarded him as a demon possessed person and so parents of children would warn their children not to keep company with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

And so one day, Our Lord Jesus Christ went to see his friends but as soon as the parents saw Our Lord Jesus Christ, they locked their children inside a room. He asked them where his friends were. The parents replied that his friends were not in. The Lord Jesus asked 'who are those inside the room?' and they replied 'pigs.'

Our Lord said, okay, let them be pigs. And he left. The parents opened the door and what they saw were pigs playing inside the house. They cried back to the Lord Jesus to come back. They said, "your friends were in the room." He said okay, let them be children again. And they became children. Who did that work? That is the handiwork

of the Holy Spirit.

If you were to understand that it is the Holy Spirit who does everything, if you had known that He alone can change white into black and make black to become white you would have humbled yourself and you would have given Him the glory.

Remember when He spoke the word and great multitude followed Him; He spoke again and all of them dispersed. This weapon we are talking about is not a carnal weapon. It is the Holy Spirit that operates here.

When He says sit down even the governor must obey. And that is why many people continue to say that Brotherhood has something underneath it. Yes, there is something. If there was nothing beneath it, why should a necromancer, a soothsayer, a juju man, a secret society man, withdraw from and abandon their societies to worship God.

If there was nothing beneath it how would you remain here from 6 a. m. in the morning without food or any other thing until the next morning. There is something beneath.

In the world where people gather together even though you can find everything there - from women to delicious food to drinks, people continue to move up and down and cannot settle for a single moment.

We should thank the Father very immensely in that the Holy Spirit has descended in full swing. He has bound everything from the greatest to the lowest.

That word is fulfilled which says: "And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." The statement is fulfilled today. The Holy Spirit has filled everything down to the ocean depths.

He is the doer of all the wonderful works here. He raises the dead, cleanses the leper, and gives sight to the blind. That is the act of the Holy Spirit and no other person is responsible for these things. Do not give glory to any son of Adam because no one is worthy of it.

He was in existence before the world was formed. He created everything and now is the time to reveal his glory in full. He has neither the beginning nor the end He reigns forever and ever. When He says it is the Father that does the work, it subsumes the Holy Spirit. That means it is the Holy Spirit doing the work.

When Our Lord Jesus Christ told Philip the Father worketh hitherto and I work it means the Holy Spirit was doing the work. If it was not so why is it that when any other person that had not the spirit spoke it would not materialise, but whenever Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke it would come to pass.

I have come to reveal to you in this last age that you should look for the Holy Spirit. Do not go after any other thing. You should not whip your children, neither should you quarrel with people, nor sue any person to court because these are the works of darkness. It is the Holy Spirit that does everything.

2nd Lesson: Matthew 12:28, "But if I cast out devils by the spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you."

Can you see where our salvation lies? It is the Holy Spirit that is applied in casting out the evil spirits from you and so you receive the Holy Spirit. You cannot become a child of God as long as you do not receive the Holy Spirit.

And that is why it is said except a man be born of water and of the Holy Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. Any person without the Holy Spirit is like a yam tuber without shoot; if you put it into the ground it will not germinate.

Do you not see how the churches continue to shout their prayers as if they are quarreling? But their power has no effect whatsoever. All the clappings and drummings amount to nothing. Rather they are inviting the elementary spirits which thrive in such atmosphere.

The Holy Spirit does not like drumming. It does not like candles or perfumes. It does not like noise. It is just the spoken word. And the moment you utter the word, this word will engulf the whole world down to the Atlantic, the abyss, the mountains, the forests and everywhere. And so people continue to wonder about the kind of God we worship.

You have heard of the weapons of war which the so-called civilized nations have piled up but the Holy Spirit has subdued everything. Until the earth passes away, they will never use them for anything.

People continue to ponder the situation they have found themselves in the world, because the Americans and the Russians, the Britons and the Germans, the French and the Japanese have each prepared their weapons of war. But now I want to tell you that all those weapons of war have been destroyed by the Holy Spirit.

They have wasted a lot of money in vain because there will be no more wars. With whom are you going to fight? The war that wages now is not fought with atomic bombs. It is a spiritual warfare. And the Holy Spirit has taken control.

Do not be afraid of Brotherhood; fear the Holy Spirit. You heard that during the civil war, soldiers were sent to 26, Mbukpa Road to kill the members worshipping there. But when they arrived at the gate to pass through, they were shocked as with electric shock. The commander and his team fell on the ground with their guns in hand.

I did not know a thing. If the soldiers did not come to testify, I would have known nothing about it. But the Holy Spirit knows. When they went back, no soldier was willing to come again. They advised that if the authorities still wanted to destroy the place they should send a bomber for the job.

If you do not fear the Holy Spirit put yourself in prayers. I am afraid of him, myself. They sent the jet but it refused to come. All the engines failed. Right from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. none of the four jets which were sent was able to move. A lady officer whose identity has not been confirmed till today, went to the commander and told him

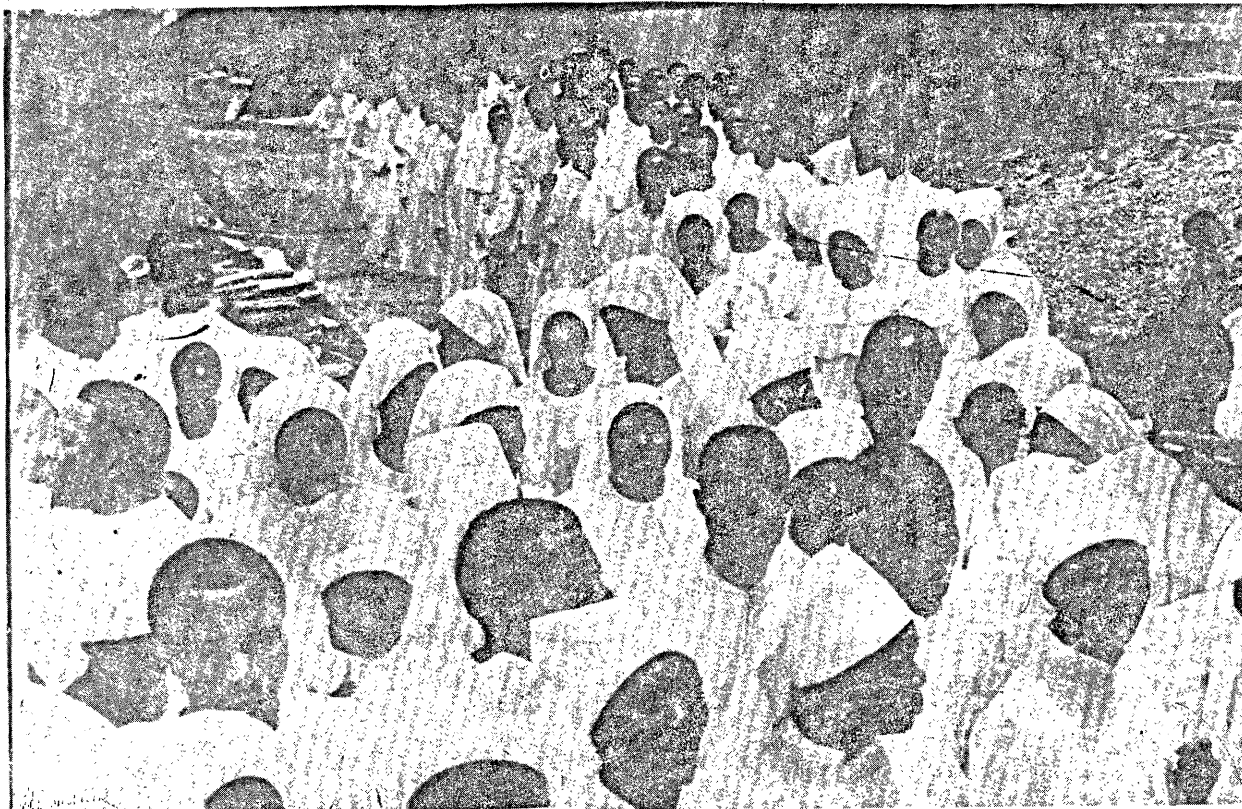
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Have you seen any other church which is hated by all other churches, and by all the secret societies, and by all the governments? No matter where you go to, people continue to say evil against Brotherhood although, it is where you find the truth, where you find love and peace and every good thing. All thieves and murderers continue to say evil things against us but our Lord Jesus Christ used the power of His breath to quench all of them overnight.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ELDERS' FELLOWSHIP SPOTLIGHT ON ELDERS

Who are the Elders?



The Elders who attended the first Elders' monthly meeting with the Father marching to 26 Mbukpa Road bethel to pay homage to the Holy Mother.

The institution of Eldership started during the era of Moses while they were sojourning in the wilderness. Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses when he paid a visit to him noticed Moses was performing all the administrative functions single handedly.

He advised Moses to appoint and share these functions to reputable and dependable men, or he would surely wear out (Exodus 18:17-27).

Then he further opined that, that would give him breathing space to attend to other more significant responsibilities as God's representative to the people. There after, the institution appeared to have been totally neglected until Paul the apostle paid a visit to the church in Crete.

Paul after discovering the confusion in the church in Crete wrote to Titus ordering him to appoint elders of the church who will oversee the good running of the church.

Paul also set out the qualities that qualify one to be an elder, "Remember my instructions: an elder must be blameless; he must have only one wife, and his children must be believers and not have the reputation of being wild or disobedient" Titus 1:6.

The Sole Spiritual Head has spotlighted the quali-

ties and qualifications of elders of the church. He shows that anyone to be appointed an elder should be beyond reproach and free from moral promiscuity and ready to serve God day and night in His temple as instructed in Revelation 11:16

A liar, a swindler, someone who indulges in preparation of charms, diabolology are not eligible for this divine office.

An angry person, a drunkard, smoker, snuffer and confusionist should not be elected an elder no matter his or her social standing in society.

Those who indulge themselves in racism, tribalism, segregation and all kinds of divisive tendencies should not be appointed as elders.

The office of an elder, the Holy Father has said, is one of the most prestigious in this new kingdom so an ideal elder in this new kingdom should be conversant with the Brotherhood doctrine, norms and values even as actised by the Father Himself.

All should emulate His personality, life pattern including His love, humility, meekness, peace, joy, patience and temperance.

An ideal elder should not be lazy, he should be able to maintain his/her family very well as well as administer to the necessities of the wor-

kers of God in the vineyard. He should also maintain visiting brethren and look after their welfare.

Consequently, an ideal elder should cultivate the land, engage himself or herself in trading or secure an appointment in the government or company in order to earn his or her living.

An Elder who is married and still keeps girl or boy friends is not fit for this enviable office. Any married elder who divorces his wife or her husband and marries another one, should be suspended for he is not fit for the office of an elder. (Matt. 19:9) except in the case of fornication or adultery.

Meanwhile an elder should not, be appointed through vision or self-appointment. Carnal considerations such as riches, educational qualifications, favouritism, nepotism, high social positions should not be a criteria for the elections of Elders.

If there is any levy to be paid for the uplightment of the work of God, an ideal elder should be the first to pay, and should on no account embezzle the Bethels fund.

He should be a light to all, and as a teacher in the Bethel, he should teach by example and precept. He should be of good reports - Heb. 11:2, 1 Peter 5:1-4.

It is the duty of an

elder to teach and impart the words of God to the unbelievers and to convert sinners to God. He has divine obligation to baptise the sheep of God.

An ideal Elder should be able to reconcile the husband and wife when there is any misunderstanding. He or she should not lord it over anybody in the Bethels.

As the pillars of the Bethels, seasoned elders should bear the responsibility of attending morning and evening prayer meetings. He or she should make sure that the welfare of the sheep is paramount in his or her daily programmes.

Solutions should be immediately found for any problems affecting any of the members. The sheep of God should be well fed and clothed properly. An ideal elder should be able to offer prayers to the sick to get well in fulfilment of the gospel of James 5:14-15.

An elder should neither be vicious, greedy nor selfish about anything. He or she should not be greedy about material things. An elder should always be generous, and should be seen to be so in administering to the necessities of the field workers and to the under-privileged ones in our midst.

He should show keen interest in the uplightment of the work of the

Father in the Bethel. While administering to the necessities of all in the B.C.S. he or she also keep the Bethel stable by settling all disputes or misunderstanding amicably and peacefully.

As the pillars of the Bethel as well as the community in which they live, they should perform dual functions of catering for the welfare of the society they live and the church. An ideal elder is the key holder as well as a steward of the house of God.

An elder is equally the watch-dog of the B.C.S. in that as an elder, he or she has to give adequate attention to the chiefs and governments of his or her country in respect of government programmes or policies.

A good elder would always take the lead in all the implementation of the government development projects in his or her home village, town, community or country. He or she should equally show deep concern in bringing solutions to problems in his or her place of domicile.

An ideal Elder has the responsibility of keeping the inventory of the Bethel's properties whether movable or immovable.

A good Elder should make sure that Bethel and all Brotherhood projects are urgently implemented.

An ideal Elder should not only look after Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, children's Fellowship and the rest of them, but should ensure that they function properly and effectively.

The progress record of all Bethels should be properly kept and all backsliders and the new converts should be visited regularly so as to morally and spiritually spur and bring them up in the path of rectitude.

As the pillars of the Bethels and the community they live, they should contribute to the improvement of the area economically morally and spiritually since they are citizens of the area they live.

Elders are permanently stationed in their various areas of jurisdictions, whereas Pastors, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists,

Christ's Students, Christ's Servants, Preachers and other field workers are itinerant workers of God.

These group of God's workers only go to the Bethels for a while as birds of passage and leave after the completion of their assignments. An elder occupies the top position that is desirable by all as the fathers and mothers in Bethels. Hence once a person is an elder he will always remain so. Since the office of an Elder is the highest in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, the selection of elders should be based on laid down procedures. It is axiomatic that as our faces are different, so also are the talents which God has endowed on each and everyone of us, whereas the name is mere semantic, and therefore should not act as hindrance to anyone who wants to render useful services to God in the vine yard.

An elder who is devoid of the above qualifications and functions is not eligible for this divine and high office of an elder. An elder should at all time encourage the sheep and should on no account scatter them through evil or foul communications proceeding from his or her mouth.

The wife and children of an ideal elder must walk circumspectly since the behavioural pattern of the family of an elder has a lot to do with the stability of the Bethel he or she is supposed to lead and direct the affairs thereof.

In conclusion, the appointments of all elders should be duly approved by the Father through the recommendation of the generality of members of the Bethel and the elder's fellowship in particular. Elders who are the most superior officers in the new kingdom are supposed to be morally and spiritually qualified for the office and without being told, execute their functions creditably by surrendering themselves and their material resources to the services of God and humanity.

Thank You Father.

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BOOK REVIEW

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The Author delves into the secrets of the Kingdom of God. He begins with differentiating between the instruments of power in the world and that in the Kingdom of God. The government of the world uses power, intimidation, torture, quarrelling and fighting to compel complete obedience from the citizens. A father, a wife or husband uses power, threat, corporal punishment and starvation to compel obedience from one another. On the other hand, the government of our Lord Jesus Christ administers with truth, humility, patience, righteousness and meekness. This implies that the activities of man reflect where he belongs.

Once a person professes to be a man of God, all forms of temptations will beset him and people will fight against him in order to quench or at best to diminish the glory of God. But just like the Apostles were attacked with such weapons as guns, swords, spears, staves, imprisonment, and deaths and they wavered not, a man of God need not be compelled to adopt the law of retaliation - an eye for an eye.

In the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ, no person charges for any services rendered, nor gives preconditions for rendering services. Services are rendered ex-gratia, and with love. Nobody seeks for appreciations. No one needs to be told to reciprocate good gestures or to initiate action.

The Kingdom is based on truth, love, humility and patience. You should not show forth these attributes in order to be loved by men but because they are the attributes of this Kingdom of God. All those who lack these qualities have no share in the kingdom, they are in another country which is not of God.

To them it is fulfilled, "They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not of us." (1 John 2: 19).

If you are not one of us, you will take leave of us without external influence. If you are part of us, you will need no inducements to exhibit the behavioural patterns of the Kingdom. Every man is known by his fruits.

No insignia is needed to identify the children of God. The scriptures attest that the fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, the murderers, the thieves, the fornicators, liars, whoremongers, sorcerers and idolators will have no share in the Kingdom. You do not need to be reported to God, your conduct or way of life will tell of you.

The children of the Kingdom are acclimatized with the prevailing conditions and they know no other way of life apart from love, truth, patience, humility, temperance and honesty.

The Author goes on to teach that the Kingdom of Christ is a paradise. The minimum entry qualification is total abstinence from sin. Since God knows everything, and each person acknowledges his sins, you prevent your entry into the Kingdom when you hold on to sins.

No person is known in the flesh. You are not recognised by the inspiring sermons you deliver since satan himself does so and in the process cuts off your head and plunders your goods. You are recognised by the unchangeable form in which the children of God are created.

The Kingdom of God is not meat or drink but righteousness. This shows the incompatibility of

the Kingdom of the world and the Kingdom of God. However, the Kingdom of the world will become the Kingdom of Jehovah God and His Christ. In it are found living fountains of water, everlasting life, peace, joy and other attributes.

The children of God suffered of old because of this Kingdom. Our Lord Jesus Christ died and shed His precious blood for the redemption of this Kingdom. The establishment of this Kingdom is made possible by the coming of God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Only righteousness dwells in the Kingdom. The Kingdom does not consist in wealth, or fame, or educational attainments or scientific inventions. It consists in God's witness. It is the city of righteousness. What is prominent is the virtues of God. It does not come with observation but is within you.

Our Lord Jesus Christ testified about this age when He said, when the Comforter comes, He shall glorify me for He shall receive of mine, and shall show unto you. He has come to reveal the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and the glory of God and make it manifest to all the inhabitants of the world. Eagles gather around where carcass is found. The children of God do not rove about but hover around God himself.

One thing is sure and that is unless you comply yourself with the instructions of God and walk in the path of rectitude, you cannot enter into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Except you eat the flesh and drink the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the word of God, you are not fit to be His disciple and will have no life in Him, neither will you be allowed to enter into the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom does not need any mundane things but the projection of the glory of God and His Christ.

Since the Kingdom is supreme, it needs your counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. To be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is eternal life in Christ Jesus. Place your premium on the virtues of God. Let the Kingdom of Christ manifest in you.

The Author warns that unlike the Kingdom of the world where you struggle for everything, there is no struggling in the Kingdom of Christ. If the Father does not invite any person, he cannot come and if He does not change you, there is nothing you can do to change your-

Efficacy of Prayer

"I want to use an earthly situation to illustrate a heavenly situation for you."

There was a certain village which was always invaded by thieves and robbers who molested the villagers. Before visiting any person's house for the purpose of plundering, they would send a letter intimating the person of their intention to visit on a scheduled date. Everything was done to stop their activities but there was no success. The government could not legislate against them, the Police could not control them because they had their own police and army.

On one fine night a very wealthy woman, realising the situation of things knelt down and started to pray that

God should provide employment for all the thieves and robbers because it was not their pleasure to steal but because of lack of employment.

As she was praying, little did she know that the thieves had already taken positions in the compound and even inside her rooms. Spies among them had already hidden under the bed. She did not quite end her prayer before the robbers started coming out one by one with masks to hide their identities.

They all expressed surprise at the type of prayer she offered and that they thought she would abuse and curse them for their actions. They told her that since she did not utter disgraceful and abu-

self. No person has any boast.

We are justified not by our works but by the righteousness of one man. Righteousness alone exalts a nation. If there is a multiplicity of such a virtuously disposed person, their combined efforts will bring peace to the entire world.

That was why our Lord Jesus Christ said, "abide in my Love even as I abide in the Father's Love because without me you can not do any good thing." If therefore we possess these attributes of God, we will be worthy to be admitted into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and this worthiness will be extended to all parts of the world.

In part two, the Author deals on humility as the foundation of the Kingdom of God. One must not reject the instruction of God and to be able to enter into God's Kingdom needs not only being born again but complete abstinence from all appearances of evil. Realise that pride goes before a fall and that humility works obedience to man.

It is impossible for two cocks to crow on the same roof but as a child of God, overcome evil with good. Do not remain ever saturated with the old wine, though man has the tendency to resist change, it is expedient for you not to resist changing for good.

When you are called, follow Him with humility. With humility, the expression of the Kingdom of God will be realized from within you. Recompense to no man evil for evil because your righteousness must surpass that of the Jews before you can enter into the Kingdom.

The climatic conditions prevalent in the Kingdom of God does not favour wealth, knowledge, positions, customs and traditions. It is righteousness alone which exalts a nation. Count on every other thing but loss. Have a child-like mind and obey and be a servant in order to be the greatest. Whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Interact peaceably with all men.

Part three is a short discourse on prayers. "Prayer is the expression of man's dependence upon God for all things. It is a means of grace that has large values, for it affords the privilege of close communion with God especially when one is alone with Him in supplication." Against this background, the author emphasises that since God is the only hope in trials and temptations, man should pray without ceasing.

FATHER'S ILLUSTRATION



Lawrence Ubah with jobs. Having been impressed by the woman's action, they went away with the hope that God would provide them with employment.

The woman's prayer worked like magic. That same week all of them gained employment in fulfilment of the woman's request, and the activities of invasion and piracy ended automatically.

Culled from Father's Gospel by Brother Lawrence Ubah

sive words, they would go back without taking anything from her house, and that no robbers will ever break into her house to steal.

They confirmed in their confession that it was not their pleasure to continue to molest innocent people but that they had neither job nor any form of livelihood to maintain their families, some of which had a numerical strength of up to twelve. They could not feed and clothe them. They were only forced by circumstances to steal.

Their explanation evoked a deep sympathy from the woman, who was moved to give them money, but they maintained that they would not take anything from her since she had prayed God to provide them

NEWS IN PICTURES



The Vice Chairman of Elders Fellowship Elder (Sister) N. Bassey presenting a gift to the Holy Mother when the Elder Fellowship paid her homage.



Recently Brotherhood Deaconesses toured India telling the Indians what they have seen and heard. Here they arrived 34 Ambo Street on their return.



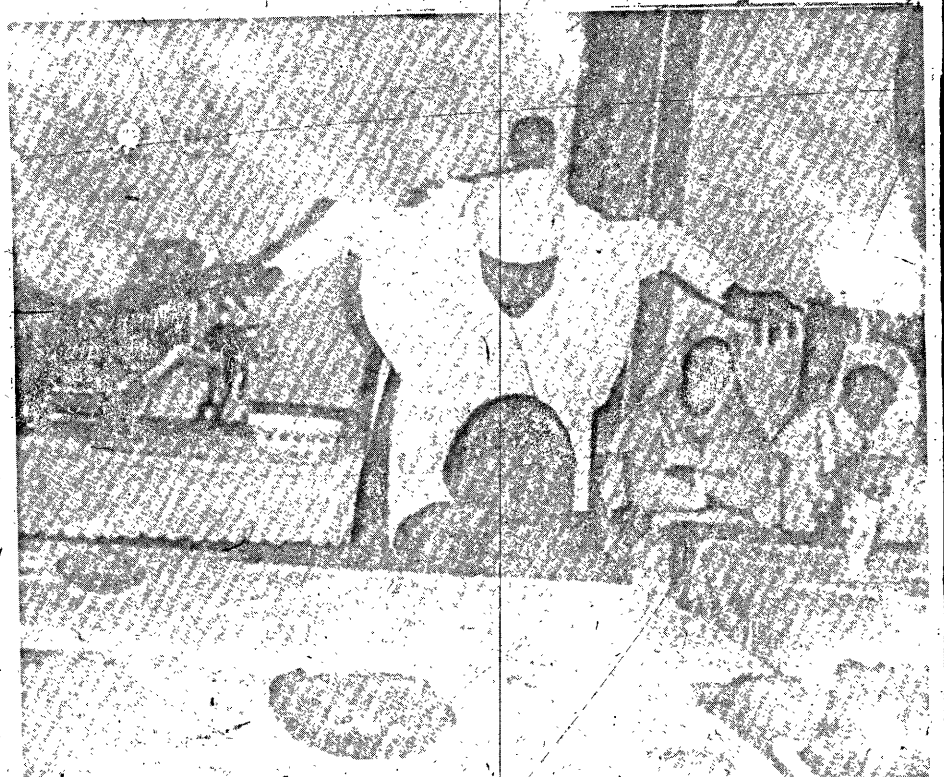
Many people are no more waiting to be told. Here the Ifiayong Usuk Chiefs visited the Holy Father and they received blessings hundred-fold.



The Boy's Brigade movement recently celebrated their week and worshipped at 34 Ambo Street, B.C.S. Hall. The Father's envelop is here presented to them by Pastor M. E. Etop.



The Man O' War organisation recently rounded off their celebrations by worshipping in the BCS International HQ. Hall Here, the Father's envelop is presented to the Man O' War officer by Pastor V. A. Essab while Apostle Obot looks on.



They nick-named her "Spiritual Doctor" in India. Deaconess Nkoyo Okpo performing spiritual work in the House of the Malawi High Commissioner to India during the Deaconesses visit to India.

ANNOUNCEMENT

ELDERS' WEEK CELEBRATION AND LAUNCHING OF FATHER'S PORTRAIT

BRETHREN,

The Holy Father has granted permission for the Elders' Fellowship to hold its annual week-long celebration and launching of the Father's Portrait.

To this end, the Executive Committee of the Elders' Fellowship and the Portrait Launching Planning Committee have the pleasure to invite all members of the Brotherhood world to this unique celebrations starting from Monday 12 – Saturday 17 May 1986 from 10.00 a.m. daily, at all Bethels, Pentecostal Centres and Zones.

The Launching of the Father's Portrait will take place on Saturday 17 May 1986 at the 34 Ambo Street, Pentecostal Hall, Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria.

Under the Chairmanship of *Pastor A. O. E. Ekanem*

The Holy Father commissions reasonable people to perform special duties. That is why He has chosen the following as:

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All Fellowships, all ordain ones, all elders, choristers, Christ servants, Christ students, Christ witness are launchers and supporters.

The full co-operation of all Elders, and the entire members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in general is hereby solicited to make the celebration and launching a huge success.

Elder J. E. Etim
 Chairman,
 Elders' Intern. Fellowship

Thank You Father.

Elder M. E. Okon
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