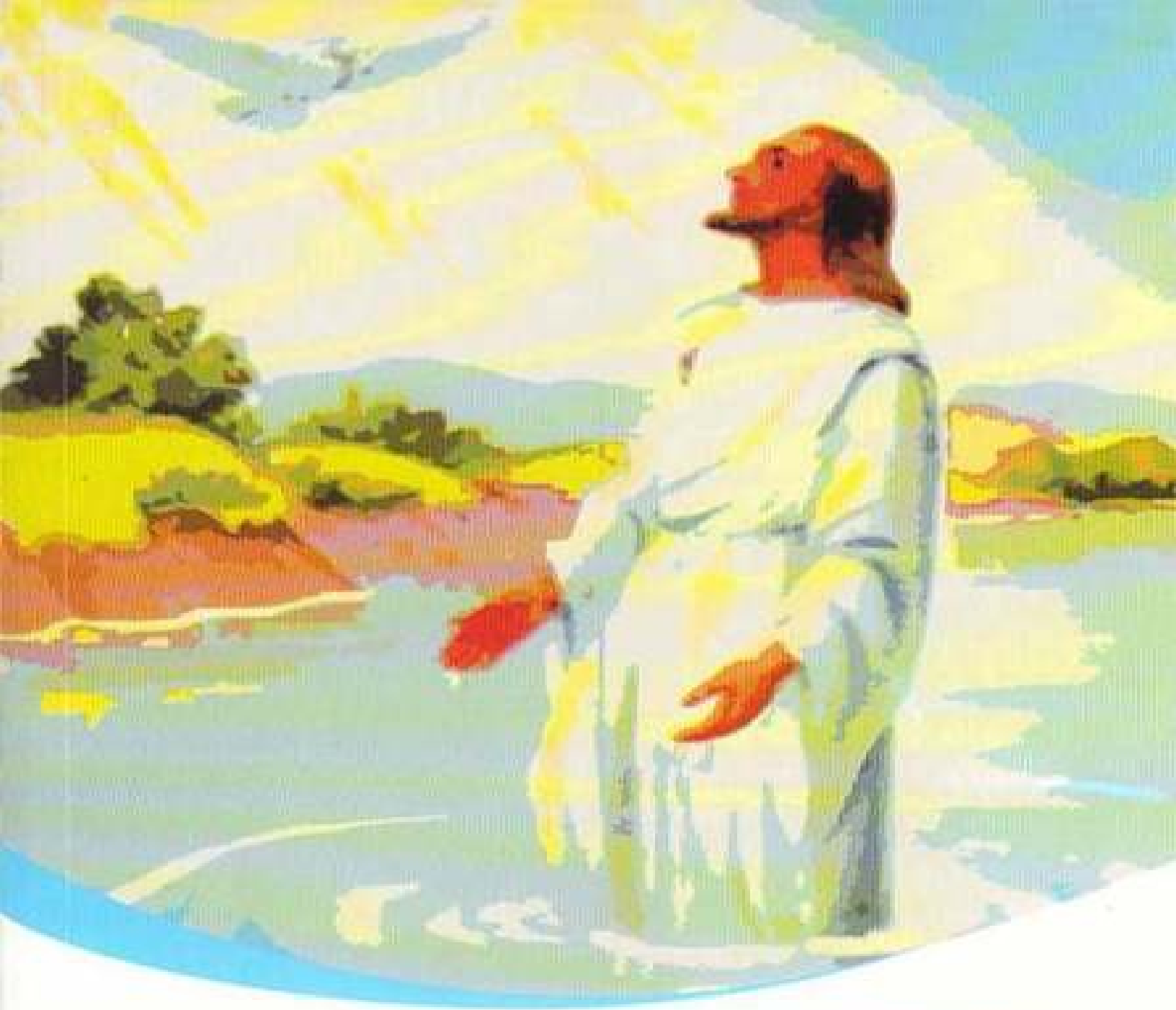


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BACKCOVER

CHAPTER ONE

THE NEED FOR ANOINTING

The clearest definition of the anointing we are referring to here is given in the book of Isaiah 10:27:

> *And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.*

According to the bible, the anointing is:

1. The burden removing weapon.
2. The yoke breaking power of God.
3. The yoke destroying power.

Anointing is the most effective and devastating weapon against the burden or the yoke of the enemy.

The Bible says:

> *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty then that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.* Luke 4:18-19

THE PURPOSE

The above Bible passage gives us a glimpse of what the anointing can do. Jesus said he has been anointed to:

1. ***Preach the gospel to the poor.*** The poor needs the anointing.
2. ***Preach deliverance to the captives.*** The captives need deliverance.
3. ***Heal the brokenhearted.*** A lot of people need healing.
4. ***Recover the sight of the blind.*** The blind must see.
5. ***Set at liberty them that are bruised*** **or** ***oppressed.*** A lot of people need help.
6. ***Preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*** The time IS now.

These six points are to be carried out because of the anointing.

The Bible says:

> *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.* Acts 10:38

What is the anointing?

Anointing is the burden removing and yoke breaking power of God. Anointing is what empowers a man or a woman to function supernaturally. Anointing is that which enables you to do supernatural things.

Beloved, you must understand that Christianity is a spiritual thing. Christianity is not just a religion. It is an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is an experience from heaven. The anointing is the supernatural power for supernatural assignments. The anointing is a heavenly electric power. If you are plugged to that power men and women will see you as somebody from another world.
The anointing is the liquid power that comes with the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. The anointing is the presence and power of God.

What are those things that the anointing can do for you?

1. The anointing opens doors that have long been shut.

Samson in the Bible was just a normal man but whenever the anointing came upon him he became a super man. When the anointing came upon Samson, he tore the mouth of a lion. When the anointing comes upon your life doors that have been shut by enemies will open forcefully.

> A husband and wife who were Professors had a son who was almost a dunce. The boy always came last at the end of term examination but they attended one of our services and a word of knowledge came concerning the boy's situation which they both claimed. When the boy wrote another terminal examination he came first. The teacher could not believe it because of the boy's previous record. By the anointing, the door of destiny that was shut against the boy was opened.

2. The anointing makes you to succeed when other people fail.

On the first night that a pastor spent in a new branch, a serpent crawled into his apartment and made straight for his bed. The serpent crawled around the pastor's neck to strangulate him to death and realizing that his life was slipping away, the pastor began to pray in tongues making the serpent loose its grip and fall. Eventually the serpent turned to an old woman and the pastor ran back to the headquarters requesting for fresh posting to another place.

Another pastor was posted to the same branch but unfortunately, he died when he was tested by the

evil powers in the church environment. However, when a third pastor was posted to the same church, he prayed and cut the evil tree that the occult used as their power base. This action made the seven major witch doctors in the area come out and give the pastor twenty-four hours to die. But, because the pastor was anointed, the seven native doctors died instead and some people gave their lives to Christ. Once you key into the anointing you will definitely succeed when others are failing woefully.

3. The anointing empowers you to press on.

When everyone tells you to stop, when everything is hindering you from moving forward, the anointing will empower you to move. When men and women have become weary, you will be enabled to move on once you have tapped into the anointing of God.

4. The anointing makes you another man entirely.

5. The anointing makes your face to shine.

The faces of Moses and Elisha shone in the Bible.

6. The anointing energizes you. It gives you supernatural strength.

7. The anointing makes you more beautiful and handsome.

8. The anointing makes the word of God to burn in your heart.

9. The anointing replaces inabilities with abilities.

10. The anointing causes the purpose of God to be revealed in your life.

11. The anointing promotes physical well being.

The more the anointing flows into your body the lesser you visit the hospital, the lesser you take drugs and the lesser you pay your tithes to doctors.

12. The anointing empowers you to serve God.

13. The anointing gives you direction.

14. The anointing gives you uncommon victory.

15. The anointing removes spiritual dryness.

16. The anointing refreshes you.

17. The anointing breaks yokes.

18. The anointing changes a man from being a slave to a master

19. The anointing makes you to recognise and defeat your enemies.

20. The anointing enriches and encourages you.

21. The anointing adds excellence to your endeavour.

22. The anointing bestows divine favour upon you and other people will look at you and be amazed.

23. The anointing adds divine extra to your best.

24. The anointing makes you to attain a height that is beyond your abilities.

25. The anointing changes your status.

26. The anointing gives you unique deliverance from danger.

27. The anointing gives you uncommon promotion.

28. The anointing gives you unique acceptability.

29. The anointing makes your cup to run over.

30. The anointing guarantees your protection.

If you want the anointing of God to flow regularly and constantly in your life you need to give your life to Christ. Surrender your life to Him. Let Him rule your life, confess all your known sins to Him and ask Him to help you out of your situation. The anointing of God will fall upon you and you will become a changed person. You will be a testimony to other people in the name of Jesus (Amen).

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Anointing that breaks the yoke come upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
2. Power of the anointing let my yoke break, in the name of Jesus.
3. The anointing that empowers one to serve God, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
4. The anointing that gives one direction, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
5. The anointing that gives one uncommon victory, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
6. The anointing that removes spiritual dryness, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
7. The anointing that refreshes one, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
8. The anointing that changes a man from being a slave to a master, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
9. The anointing that makes one to recognise and defeat one's enemies, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER TWO

ARRESTING THE ARRESTERS

Then the king of Syria warred against Israel and took counsel with his servants, saying, in such and such a place shall be my camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of lsrael the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Alisha. And Alisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 2 Kings 6:8-20

FACTS TO NOTE

In the Bible passage above there are some few facts to be noted. These facts are:

1. The secret of the enemy was revealed.
   You need to pray that the secret of the enemy over your life be exposed.
2. Satanic efforts were rendered fruitless.
   You need to pray that your enemy be committed with useless assignments. You need to decree that the satanic efforts against your life be wasted.
3. The satanic efforts were frustrated.
   You need to speak frustration to every evil activities targeted against you.
4. The detective activities of the Holy Spirit were able to break the backbone of the enemy.
5. If you see any physical person antagonising you, there is always a spirit behind them.

The battle will be determined by spirit to spirit.

6. The prayer point of Elisha.
Elisha said unto God, smite them with blindness. When Bar Jesus was antagonizing Peter, Peter neither sang praises nor support Bar Jesus, he located the enemy and dealt with him.

Beloved, this world is a war zone and you need supernatural intelligence concerning the enemy's position and the way they manoeuvre because the enemy is an intelligent creature.

THE ARRESTER

The Bible passage makes it crystal clear that the enemy came to arrest Elisha but Elisha arrested them. This means that the arrester was arrested.

Who are the arresters? The Bible says:

> *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Psalm 27:1-2*
>
> *And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. Isaiah 49:26.*

1. The arresters eat flesh and drink blood.

> *Life is in the blood and once the enemy is drinking your blood then your life will be wasted.*

After an anti-cultism crusade in a University, many students rushed out to give their lives to Christ following an altar call. One of the students that stayed back wrote the names of those who gave their lives to Christ so that they could deal with them later.

However there was a particular lady who gave her life to Christ and she was more dangerous than they thought. After a week of deliverance, the lady confessed of her power which was in a pot filled with blood. Anytime she drank the blood she was filled with power. The blood in the pot was the blood of the victims she had killed and she had been drawing the blood since she was six years old and she had now turned twenty-three years old, meaning that she had been drawing people's blood for seventeen years.

2. Ancestral strongmen must be bound.

> The Bible says:
>
> *No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Mark 3:27*

Ancestral strongmen must be bound. If you want to arrest the arrester, you must bind the strongmen

that would hinder you from getting your blessings. You need to give total submission to God if you genuinely want to arrest the arresters in your life. You need to follow the procedure of Elisha. Ask the Lord to open your eyes to know that those that are with you are more than those that are with them.

You need to pray blindness into the eye of the enemy. Pray frustration into the activities of the enemy and then you can arrest the arresters.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Any power within and around me, that is hindering the manifestation of the power of God in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. All ye my adversaries, be clothed with shame and disgrace, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every ancestral bondage, that is affecting my life negatively, die, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every evil wind assigned to be blowing away my breakthroughs, die, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every evil power assigned to be blowing away my breakthroughs, be crushed to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every ancient iron gate that not want to let me go, be dismantled, in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER THREE

THE GOD OF ELIJAH

The God of Elijah is the God who answers by fire. When you talk of the God of Elijah you are going into the realm of fire. In the field of spiritual warfare, fire is a weapon that can not be dismissed with a wave of the hand. God is ready to reveal himself as the God who answereth by fire. When the God of fire steps into your battles, the enemy is in trouble because God will roast the weapons of darkness to ashes. Such a battle will leave the enemy's camp with causalities and the enemy will regret ever challenging with warfare anyone who is backed by the God of Elijah.

Let us learn some lessons from Elisha, the servant of Elijah in the book of 2 Kings.

> *And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; and he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, where is the LORD God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, the spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they come to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, ye shall not send. And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?* 22 Kings 2:11-18

NOTHING IS NEW

Elisha was surrounded by enemies. He called upon the God of Elijah. The issue of being surrounded by a satanic audience is not new. You are not the only person who has come to such a situation. Many men and women of God have gone through the time of Jacob's trouble at one time or the other. In such situations, they uttered their own battle cry.

Let us learn some lessons from Elisha at the bank of Jordan. The sons of the prophets who were theologians and experts in religious issues were watching. They discovered that Elisha's boss had gone. They did not believe that he had really gone. Elisha was in the midst of these 'erudite professors' of religion. If you were the one what would you have done among this kind of audience? What would you do if your case was exactly like Paul's, who when he was warming himself by the fire, a viper fastened itself onto his hand?

CALL ON THE GOD OF ELIJAH...

You could call on the God of Elijah as Elisha did. When Elisha called on the God of Elijah things

began to happen.

I remember a sister who was promoted at her place of work. The promotion was very controversial. People gathered against the sister and one person in particular told her that she would not remain on the seat of promotion for long and that she would die suddenly on it.

THE EVIL SERPENT

We thank God that the sister knew the power of the God of Elijah. She was in her office on a particular day when she suddenly noticed a chilly object was coiling itself round her leg. The office was in a skyscraper where it would be extremely preposterous to imagine seeing a snake or a viper. The sister looked at her leg and saw a giant serpent.

Her first action was to prompt her messenger by a bell, but the latter soon took off, abandoning 'Madam' in the office once he sighted the big venomous serpent. At that level the sister knew that the only way out was divine intervention. So she shouted loud and clear, "You serpent of darkness be electrocuted by the fire of Holy Ghost", Immediately she shouted the prayer, something surged through the serpent making it to leave her left her leg alone and fall on the ground dead. The God of Elijah fought for her.

Only the God of Elijah can deliver His people when situations are very contrary and when they are in a very tight corner.

WHO IS THE GOD OF ELIJAH?

The God of Elijah is the one who has the key to the heavenlies. He is the God who can provide for His people no matter the situation. Those who call on the God of Elijah shall be fed, the hard and harsh economic situation of the country not withstanding.

Who is the Lord God of Elijah? He is the God of prosperity. He is the God of multiplication. It was the Lord God of Elijah who fed the widow of Zaraphath and said that her jar oil would not be spent and that every other person could be hungry but she would not be hungry.

Who is the God of Elijah? He is the Lord God of the resurrection and the life. When things are dead, the God of Elijah breathes life unto them. The Lord God of. Elijah is a prophetic God. Prophecy is what God spoke and was proclaimed. The Lord God of Elijah is the one that declared His good intentions to His people. Who is the God of Elijah? He is the God who answers by fire. He is a consuming fire.

Who is this God? He is the God that respects violent and fervent prayers. He is the same God who shows no mercy to the prophets of Baal. He is the God who laughs His enemies to scorn. The Bible says, He that sits in heaven shall laugh. That is why Elijah laughed the prophets of Baal to scorn.

Who is the Lord God of Elijah? He is the God who gives double portion of power. The God of Elijah is the one who separated Jordan.

Who is the Lord God of Elijah? He is the God of signs and wonders.

LET FIRE FALL!

Whenever you are surrounded by a satanic audience, who are waiting for your downfall, cry out unto the God of Elijah, "WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH?" Things will begin to happen.

When soldiers came to Elijah and said. "Oh man of God come down! The man looked at them and said within himself "What kind of insult is this? They want to disgrace the man of God?" So he replied and said. "Okay. It is not me you are challenging but the Lord God Almighty". He then said, in a loud and clear voice. "If I be a man of God let fire come down". Fire came down and destroyed those who wanted to laugh the prophet to scorn.

THE EVER ABIDING GOD

When the heavens shall be no more the Lord God of Elijah shall remain. When the sun and moon shall go down into eternity, the God of Elijah shall stand. When the waves and the sea will cease to roll, the God of Elijah will abide forever. When the mountains are brought down and the valleys are filled up. the God of Elijah shall not change. When all other things have shifted. the Lord God of Elijah will stand.

THE BATTLE CRY

Where is the Lord God of Elijah? This is the cry of those who are in the midst of mockers. Where is the God of Elijah. is the battle cry of those whose enemies are standing afar off watching whether they will fail or succeed.

Where is the God of Elijah, is the battle cry of a man who was pushed to the corner and it appeared that there was no way of escape for him? Where is the God of Elijah? This is the battle cry of people who find themselves in positions of men and women described in Psalm 107.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired heaven. Oh that man would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalm 107:26-31

The Lord has given you every opportunity to disgrace every satanic audience surrounding you. The Lord has given you the grace to disgrace those who have told your family that you should go to the fetish priest because they feel you are not making progress. Utter a cry to God today and the satanic

audience will be dispersed.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every power gathered to mock me scatter in the name of Jesus.
2. They that gathered to mock me will glorify my God in the name of Jesus.
3. Every power expecting my obituary what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every power waiting to rejoice over my downfall, scatter in the name of Jesus.
5. I shall be what God wants me to be whether the enemy likes or not in the name of Jesus.
6. All those who gathered to celebrate my fall, scatter in the name of Jesus.
7. Where is the Lord God of Elijah? Arise! Use me to show you have not changed in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER FOUR

TAKE YOUR WEAPON, OPEN THE WINDOW AND SHOOT

Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father; my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. And he said, Take the arrows. And he look them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice. And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 2 Kings 13:14-20

Joash was the king of Israel but he was very young. Joash lacked experience. He was a young king but the Syrian army was after him. The Syrian army was very strong but he was very weak. Before now he had depended on Prophet Elisha to help him.

Elisha stood as one army for the whole of Israel. The prophets of those days were involved in battles. Expectedly, Joash was very worried when he found out that Elisha was sick because he was already getting old, about eighty years old or more. Elisha who was helping KingJoash was dying so he was worried and he cried.

GOD'S ARROWS

A lot of people have been crying over their problems, but the truth is that crying will not solve any problem. Your crying will be an entertainment for the enemies. The cry of Joash did not impress anyone. KingJoash was weeping not because Elisha will die but because he himself might die, so Elisha told him to take a bow and arrow. This means that you should gather your weapon.

KingJoash was a pathetic character. His hands were shaking when he took the bow and arrow, but Elisha put his hands on the shaking hands of Joash to steady them.

Beloved, having God's arrows in your hands is one thing but using them is another. A lot of Christians are dying everyday. The weapons are there but if you don't use them, the enemy will manipulate and torture you. You must gather your weapons of war so that the touch of God upon your hands will energise your hands.

King Joash was told to open the window. This means you should create opportunities. Put something on ground that the Lord can work on as raw materials. The Bible says faith without works is dead. Your action may sometimes be awkward. There is a point when you pray for a job or breakthrough

and you take no actions. Locate what you want to shoot.

PARTIAL VICTORY

King Joash was told to shoot. It is wrong to shoot without God's assistance. There is nothing to aim at where the hand of God is upon your hand and you shoot. The arrows of God are self targeting. You may fire the arrows of deliverance anywhere and the arrow will travel seven hundred miles away from where you are. The arrows of God will never miss the targets. They will strike and no man can avoid them.

When Joash shot the arrows, Elisha now shouted another instruction that the arrow should be used to smite the ground. It was amazing why Elisha said so. But most people don't know that the earth they are treading upon is a living entity. When Elisha told KingJoash to smite the arrow on the ground, kingJoash smote the ground with the arrows three times and he stopped. This made him to receive partial victory because he did not smite continuously.

Beloved, you should not settle for partial victory like king Joash. You must shoot at the enemy. Then you will announce what the arrows will now do. Just like Elisha announced. Your arrows may remain ordinary until you announce its assignment.

ARROWS OF DELIVERANCE

Elisha announced the arrows of the Lord's deliverance and the deliverance from Syrians. There is something called sharp shooting prayers. This means that you have arrows that you can shoot and if you shoot the arrows you will be delivered. When you shoot the arrows you shall be delivered from the hands of the enemies.

There are some people whose virtues have been caged inside wandering animals. As far as the animals continue to wander, they will continue to wander, gathering nothing.

A sick brother was brought for prayers. As they were praying for him, there was a revelation of a very slim goat and the brother's uncle was holding the neck of the goat. As the prayer was going on, the man released his hands from the goat. All of a sudden the sick brother shouted; "Something went out of me". He has been programmed into a wandering.

CONTEND WITH THE ENEMY

Beloved, there is a lot of wickedness going on. *i* person's spirit can be programmed into a goat or any other animal. As far as the goat is eating grass the person's life will be eating grass. He just finds out that there is nothing he touches that works or succeeds.

Some people discover that any time a promotion list is about to be read or announced, the list will scatter. Others enjoy partial breakthroughs because the enemy has taken their breakthroughs from them. You need to pray so that the arrows of Lord's deliverance will deliver you from the hands of the

enemy so that you can enjoy God's blessings.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. I shoot the arrow of deliverance into the camp of the enemy in the name of Jesus.
2. The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, shoot down my Goliath in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER FIVE

DESTROYING EVIL SPIRITUAL UMBRELLA

One of the problems which can be removed by the anointing is what we shall examine in this chapter. An evil umbrella affects individuals and families. But the evil umbrella is more dangerous for people who are members of the same family. One of the areas of attacks on the family emanates from a negative corporate anointing. The family which you belong to can serve as a negative or a positive umbrella. When you come under an umbrella) you are lumped with everyone under it. The evil band wagon effect of the umbrella will engineer lots of evil occurrences. When you are under a negative family umbrella what happens to other members of the family, will happen to you. Then you will become a victim of collective captivity. attacks) diseases, financial failure and tragedy. Failure at the edge of miracles will become the common experience of everyone under the family umbrella.

If certain problems. curses, jinxes and bondages are common with your family members) you must go through deliverance to come out of the corporate evil pit. There are two things you can do. You either come out of the umbrella or you pray to set the umbrella on fire.

INALIENABLE FACTS

When your destiny is considered risky by the enemy. you will' face attacks. Many people wonder why they are faced with fierce battles. They should rejoice because it means there is, at least, something in their lives worth contending for. There are many people too. who nave nothing to bother the enemy, nothing worth contending for so, the enemy will leave them alone. When a person is a walking gold-mine. the enemy will rage against him.

Some parts of the benefits of salvation are the weapons of warfare that you have. Although our victory was declared about 2,000 years ago, the enemy still wants to contend with us.

The Bible says:

> *"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."* Matthew 11 :12.

I want you to concentrate as you read on and be involved in the prayers that I will ask you to pray. It does not matter what you are going through, what or who is harassing you and why, or where you come from.

Just know that just one word from the Lord is enough. He spoke just one statement to the raging storm. He said: "Peace, be still" and the storm was arrested. I pray that all your arresters will be arrested, in the name of Jesus.

As you pray, your stolen virtues will be restored to you and your breakthroughs will begin. Make sure you pray aggressively, powerfully and violently. I want to assure you that this book will provoke a transformation in your life and body. Hidden sicknesses will jump out and all the strangers will come out of their hiding places.

Pray now:

1. Every stranger in the temple of my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every incantation working against my marriage, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
3. Anger of God, pursue my pursuers, in the name of Jesus.
4. Holy Ghost fire, arrest my arresters, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every power that says I will not have peace, die, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every witchcraft river harbouring my destiny, release it now, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every strongman of backwardness assigned to my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
8. You stubborn witchcraft in my family. I smash your heads with the cross of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.

Soon your problems will become your promotion. Just as God turned the captivity of Job and what he got was greater, this shall be your season of restoration.

You will repossess what you lost in the past. All of a sudden, doors will open unto you in strange places. Unexpected income as well as signs and wonders will come unto you. in the name of Jesus.

> *The gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.* Psalm 94:21-23

WHAT IS AN UMBRELLA?

It is a device with a folding frame of metal rods covered with material and a handle, held over the head to protect one from the rain or sun. Hence, it is a shield from the harshness of the weather. It prevents the direct rays of the sun from scourging the person or thing under it.
It also prevents the rain from wetting the person or thing under it. As it works physically in a positive way to shield a person, so also does the spiritual umbrella helpfully shield a person from attacks. It can also shield good things and blessings away from a person.

TYPES OF SPIRITUAL UMBRELLAS

1. Good Spiritual Umbrella:

This type of umbrella is from God. It is fashioned against the fiery darts of the enemy.

2. Evil Spiritual Umbrella:

This is from the devil. It is used to prevent a person from receiving blessings from God.

3. Family Spiritual Umbrella.

THE EVIL SPIRITUAL UMBRELLA

Despite good teachings and sermons, the heart of a person could be like hard ground on which nothing can thrive. This is owing to the shield on it by an evil umbrella.

No matter how good a farmer is, with his experience, good equipment, fertilizers and good seeds, if the ground is hard, and infertile, no thing will thrive on it. Nothing can thrive on concrete floor because there is no soil.

The enemy has put a concrete slab on the soil of many lives thereby making it difficult for anything to thrive there. This could be very discouraging and frustrating because the person will try everything possible and there will be no improvement. The person fights hard and does not win; it could be really frustrating.

A person could pray hard, cry, fast and live a holy life but every blessing he is supposed to get is shielded away by the enemy. The purpose of this book you are reading is to crack every concrete in your life so that good seeds will thrive therein.

Pray:

Thou concrete of darkness in my life, break, in the name of Jesus.

Perhaps you have been taught that once you are born again, your problems are solved. It is true that once you are born again, old things are passed away and all things become new, but it is naive and unrealistic to imagine that without deliverance, you are automatically cleansed from past evil associations or that you are free from the consequences of your bad actions of the past.

Salvation does not exempt you from the battles of life. It actually provokes them. Salvation equips you to fight and win. Jesus did not deceive us, He said,

> *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.* John 16:33.

Being born again introduces the solution to problems; it is not the solution itself.

If you want to destroy the umbrella of darkness in your life, you have to take this message seriously. Christians are sometimes open to attack as a result of an opening. These openings come when a person fails to align himself or herself perfectly with the will of God.

DOORWAYS OF THE EVIL UMBRELLA

1. Known sin and rebellion.
2. Emotional trauma.
3. Inherited curses.
4. Worldly acts, music, fashion.
5. Unclean objects in the house.
6. Failure to pay tithes.
7. Unforgiveness.
8. Idolatry-placing anything or person before or beside God.

THE BLACKMAN'S WOES

The greatest trouble of the black man is his background. When God gave Moses the ten commandments, He said:

> *'Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;" Exodus* 20:3-5

This background of idolatry has led to the closed heavens that the black man is experiencing. If you go back to the Bible, you will find out that the centre-piece of demonic establishment in the Bible is the land of Egypt. Egypt is a problem to Africa. It was there that Pharaoh saw the power of God raw and confronted it. Moses threw down his rod and it became a serpent but the magicians still confronted it.

An Egyptian wrote to me sometime ago saying his father used to talk to spirits of the dead and that his own problem started one day, when he pulled a bag from under his bed and a hand jumped out and wrote some things on the wall. He saw our messages on the Internet and understood the need for deliverance and requested for assistance on how to go about it.

REMOVING THE EVIL UMBRELLA

1. Repentance:

Everybody needs to repent of one sin or the other. You must repent of every known sin. If you are already a child of God, you may need to repent of not doing the work of the master as He instructed. Repentance means a turn-around. It is the most powerful weapon of warfare.

Immediately you repent of your sins, you weaken the strength of the enemy. The Bible says, "The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law."
Perfect repentance means telling the truth about the situation and areas in question. Without being truthful, you cannot be set free. The Bible says:

> *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:32.

In many instances, the repentance that people do is without the truth.

A troubled couple came for counselling one day. The problem started in their church one morning, during service. There was a girl in tight trousers sitting by the side of the man. His wife was sitting on the other side. Suddenly, the man placed his hand on the thigh of the girl in trousers and started caressing her. He was so carried away that he did not know when the girl tapped his wife and drew her attention to what he was doing. The wife was so furious that she gave her husband a big blow; he retaliated and they were sent out of the church hall.

I told them that they needed profound repentance before anything else. You cannot completely stop a demon in operation in any aspect of your life until your repentance is complete. Without repentance, bad spirits will re-enter, even after deliverance. When a sinful activity is stopped in the flesh, the spirit attached to it will no longer have a legal hold on that life.

A couple who had each been fornicating before they got married contracted gonorrhoea and none told the other. After they got married, it worsened and each accused the other. They went to a hospital and found out that they had each been receiving treatment from the same doctor before they knew each other. If they had repented of their sins individually, they would have confessed to each other and probably would have been healed before getting married and the demon would have left them.

If a fornicator does not repent, even if he or she does not go into the act of sexual intercourse illicitly, he or she could undress a man or woman in the laboratory of his or her heart. This will invoke spirit husbands or wives to continue to harass such a lustful man or lady. Married people are also guilty. Ignorance of this principle of repentance has produced much sorrow, Instead of repenting, many people give up and either backslide or remain where they are. An unrepentant person is a failure in the ministry of deliverance.

Every hidden, unforsaken sin turns a person into a laughing stock in the eyes of the enemy. A. person could be praying, binding a demon and before the demon leaves, it gets in touch with the demonic headquarters where the person who is praying has a file and when checked, they find out that he committed an associated sin recently and from which he has not been cleansed. It could be the sin of anger, fornication, lying, *etc.*

2. Discernment:

Many demons are not easily identifiable. Their survival depends upon the concealment of their identity.

A university lecturer could have academic demons troubling him. He could be bragging in the open that there is no God but he is carrying sacrifices at night for protection because he is tormented by fear. Some powers can try and endure the fire of prayer because they know that the person praying will soon give up. You must know what you are fighting against.

3. Persistence:

It is rare to find a demonic structure being destroyed in a single deliverance session. The bullets of prayers thrown will wound the demons each time they are thrown and eventually paralyse them. These bullets will also prevent a re-grouping of the demons, and ultimately destroy their stronghold and recover occupied territories.

When you know you have many battles to fight, you take them one after the other

4. Violence:

The war of prayers against these powers is done with holy aggression. You have to be angry with the fact that the enemy had in the past gained an upper hand, and for you to take back what the enemy has stolen from you, you do not beg or fear him. You will take everything back with authority and violence.

CONDITIONS TO MEET

If you have any repentance to do, I would advise you to do so before you pray the prayers below. Similarly, if you have not yet surrendered your life to the Lord Jesus Christ, I would ask you to do so now. Go before Him and acknowledge the fact that you are a sinner and that you are ready to forsake your sins. The Lord will fill your life with His fire, dig dip into your life and ensure that every evil umbrella that has been hindering your breakthroughs is dashed to pieces, in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Whatever is in my life that will not allow me to experience open heavens, depart now, in the name of Jesus.
2. Anything the enemy has written against me, be wiped off by the blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.
3. O Lord, make me strong in any area that I am weak, in the name of Jesus.

4. Every umbrella of darkness in my life, be roasted, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every blessing I have received today shall be permanent in my life, in the name of Jesus.

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