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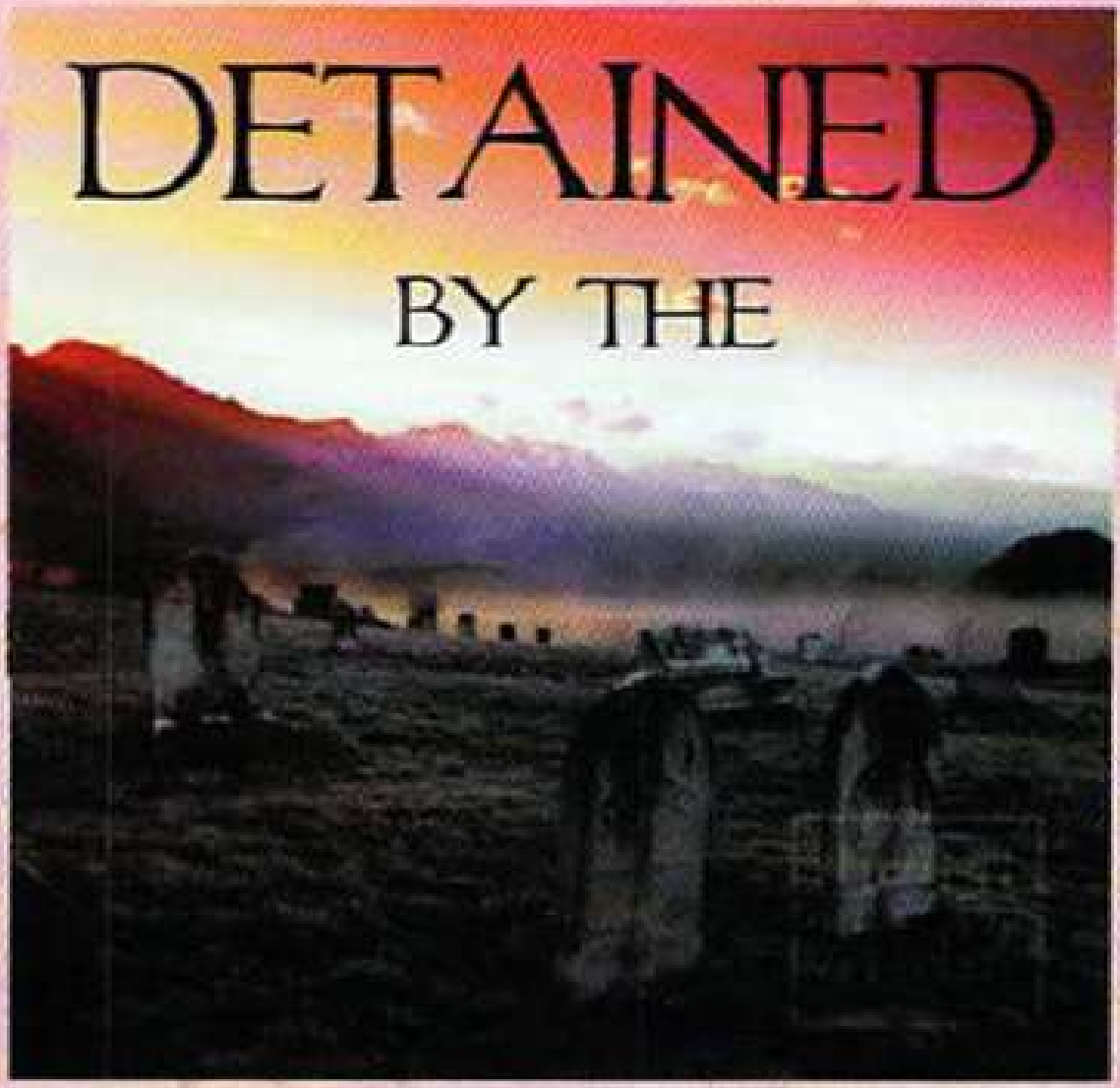

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Psalm 30:3 says, "O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive that I should not go down to the pit." In Psalm 49: 14 - 15, the Bible says, "Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me."

At the MFM, we pray a lot of prayer points. Some of these prayer points may sound strange to some people. But for those who understand the war going on in the spirit, they are familiar items. For example at MFM, we pray a lot about buried virtues. On three occasions, people have brought pots to me. The first person was a small girl several years ago. She was about 13 years old. Her daddy was having problems and I think he prayed very well. One day, she came with a pot wrapped inside a black nylon bag and insisted that I was the only person she would show the contents of the pot She opened it and the first thing she said was, "Daddy is a dead handsome man." I said, "I don't understand what you mean by that.

What is inside the pot?" I looked into it and saw three items: some hair strands, a piece of clothing that seemed to have been cut from a shirt and some fingernails. I asked her where the items came from and she said they were all from her daddy. She said, "Let me tell you what these things stand for. The hair is his glory, which we have buried. The piece of cloth, which was cut from his shirt, was used to introduce shame into his life because spiritually, when somebody removes your cloth, he is putting you to shame. The fingernails represent whatever he does with his hands. So, daddy is a dead handsome man. But if he will repent of the sin of anger and pray well, then he can be delivered." I said, "What if we burn the pot now?" She said, "Yes, you can burn the pot now, but we can always find another pot." At this juncture, I think you should pray like this: "Every satanic pot prepared against me, crumble in the name of Jesus."

Beloved, these are practical things. A time will come when believers will only go to fellow believers to make their hair. People will get wise. Believers will no longer enter salons with names such as 'Mermaid.'

They will look at the fingernails of hairdressers before they patronize them. Now, you see believers putting down their anointed head for demonic hairdressers because they must dress their hair even if it means their destruction.

The second pot was brought by three girls from one of the universities. When I asked them what was inside the pot, they laughed and said, "Man of God, it will be very awkward if we tell you the name, but you will understand." I looked inside and found a white substance. I asked them what it was and they said, "Male seed," i.e. sperm. I asked them how they got it and they said, "We collected it from some boys in our school and we have dealt with all of them." I said, "But what have they done?" They said, "They jilted us. They were our boyfriends but they did not know that the three of us are powerful. They took us for granted so, we dealt with them." I asked them what had become of those boys and they said two of them were dead and one was mad. I asked them what they wanted to do and they said, "We want to give our lives to Jesus. We are repenting." This is the mystery of the gospel. Jesus will accept them and the one that was mad might still remain mad even after they have repented. This is why you and I must know that the best system of defense is to attack. If you are put in the boxing ring and told to fight, and you begin to say to your opponent, "Before we start, don't touch my head, don't touch my nose," he would not listen to you because the fight has been declared. Our fight with the enemy has already been declared in the book of Genesis: "I would put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed" (Genesis 3: 15). Those girls gave their lives to Jesus, but meanwhile, two foolish boys were dead and one was mad.

The third time somebody brought a pot to me, it contained blood. "Where did this come from?" I asked him. He said, "I took it from some people." I said, "But why?" He said, "Because I want to finish them."

THE POWER OF THE GRAVE

When things have been collected and buried, there is trouble unless you understand how to withdraw what has been buried. That is why the Psalmist talked about deliverance from the grave. He also talked about the power of

the grave. The grave has some powers which are behind certain things people call difficult cases.

WHAT ARE DIFFICULT CASES?

Difficult cases are situations where the evil pipe through which a problem is being fed has not been demolished. Then you say it is difficult.

A difficult problem is a problem where all the secrets behind it are not known. And because of that ignorance, the enemy keeps rejoicing.

A problem is difficult when it is linked to multiple curses or multiple bondages. For example, somebody locked someone up and you asked him or her to unlock the fellow and he or she did. You then ask if the person is now free and he or she said, "No, because we used 14 padlocks on the person." It means that if such a person who was locked up came to a prayer meeting and prayed for one hour and broke only two, it would remain twelve. And at the same time, he or she could pray and all fourteen would break at one operation. That is possible. So, once a situation has a lot of covenants formed against it, it looks difficult because there are so many chains tying it down. Some people live with angry parents who curse them easily. For example, on Monday, they would call you an idiot, the devil records it. On Tuesday, they call you a zombie, the devil writes it down, the third day, they say, "Your head is not correct," the devil writes it down, fourth day: "God will punish you," the devil notes it down. In a month, some children accumulate a minimum of 30 curses. In a year, they would accumulate 360 or 365 on their heads. Such people may come to a revival meeting, pray and remove 200. There would still be 160 left. Their situation will look difficult because there are many curses issued against them. Some of the poorest people I have ever found in my life are the gate men of primary schools. As these children go in or come out, they issue curses on them everyday. And some of these children are not normal. So these gatemen accumulate about 100 curses per day and by the time they spend a month, they have accumulated 3000, poor men. Generally these gatemen live in places where even the shortest of men have to bow down before they can enter. And whenever there is rain, there would be problem. Their cases are normally difficult because of the enormity of the curses they accumulate over the years. That is separate from what their wives and other people

issue on them at home. A difficult case is one that has been circulated in four worlds. What are the four worlds?

1. The second heaven, which is the headquarters of evil.
2. The earth.
3. Underneath the earth.
4. The sea.

When somebody's case has been taken to these four places, the person would have things to break in four places. Then it looks very difficult. Man was formed out of the dust of the ground. The Bible tells us that in Genesis 2: 7. Also animals and plants were formed from the ground (Genesis 2: 19). But later, God cursed the ground (Genesis 3). You discover too that all the elements in the body of man can be found in the soil. That is why the Bible says in Philippians 2:10 that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, of things on earth and of things under the earth. So, it follows that most of the things we see now around us are underneath the ground. The only major thing that comes from heaven is the spirit, which is inside a man. Wood, iron, clothes, steel, etc. come from the ground. In John 3: 31, Jesus says, "He that cometh from above: is above all, he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all." Therefore, there are certain things that come from the earth and certain things that come from heaven. I Corinthians 15: 47–48 says, "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly." The Bible itself sometimes addresses the ground as a person because there are spirits within it which it refers to as the powers of the grave. In Numbers 16, Moses said, "O God, if you would do a new thing and let the ground open and swallow." What happened? The ground heard what Moses said and opened up. So, there are powers within the earth we call the powers of the grave. A knowledgeable black man understands this very well, much more than a white man. For example, blacks pour libation on the ground to demons of the ground. This is why evil people remove sand from underneath people's feet and use it against them. It is also the same reason herbalists pay homage to the ground. Some people swear by the earth and use the soil as charm. Some people inquire

their future from the earth by pressing sands. It is these spirits from the grave that answer them. They believe in the power of the earth. When I was a small boy, my school was close to a burial ground. So we were warned that whenever we saw unusually short creatures on our way to school, we should take some sand and pour it on them and they would disappear. I never saw one. But my friends used to say they saw them and poured sand on them and they disappeared. Why do you have to pour sand on them? It is because they are powers from the earth.

In a church I used to attend, we had a very unusual pastor. Unusual in the sense that five minutes into a prayer meeting, he would start sweating because he prayed aggressively unlike the one before him who would call prayer points and sit down to pray. One day, I sat at the back and suddenly, the pastor ran to the back as a woman came in, dancing and clapping with a baby strapped at her back. The pastor looked at her and in anger, said to her, "Turn over. Why should you come to the house of God walking on your head?" I did not see her walking on her head. I saw her standing straight and carrying a baby and dancing. But the woman knew that the pastor could see what she really was. She said, "Sorry sir," and entered the church. Why was she walking upside down? She was communicating with these powers underneath the earth. During one Power Must Change Hands programme, somebody was caught trying to pack sand from the church premises. He was asked what he wanted to do with it and he said, he wanted to go and use it so that people would be coming to his own church in large numbers. We told him that he would have made a mistake because it would have meant him pouring liquid fire there and causing more problems for himself. Also, there was a certain man who was told to come and bury charms in MFM and he accepted. All he did was to accept. He had not even come when trouble started until he was brought to the same MFM.

WITCHCRAFT BURIAL

In a nutshell, every goodness of man has a spiritual representative and once this spiritual representative is caged, trapped, buried or imprisoned in the graveyard, that is the end.

In Matthew 10, Jesus gave His disciples matching orders. Verse 8 says, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye

have received, freely give." So when you go to a prophet and he asks you for money, you should know immediately that he did not receive his power from Jesus because Jesus says, "Freely ye receive, freely give." Verse 11 says, "And into whatsoever city ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till you go thence. And when you come into a house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you." It means that peace is an entity that can be transferred, given out or withdrawn. It is like that for everything, whether it is money, husband, wife, children, etc. They can be captured and buried spiritually. So, although they are around, they will not be available. You must recognize as a reality the fact that once a matter is settled spiritually, the physical has no option but to toe the line of the spiritual. When something has been buried or in other words, put in the grave, the thing is said to be committed to mother earth. Whatever happens, anything that is buried is not easily available again. That is why we talk about witchcraft burial. When witchcraft powers bury a person's clock, they deal with his time. The person will become a vagabond moving about without direction. If they bury the person's purse, his finances will be in trouble. If they bury the person's wedding ring, problem would start with the person's marriage. They take significant things like that. I have seen cases, when on a wedding morning; a bride ran to the man of God and said that she could not find her right shoes. It had been stolen. What were they going to do with it? They would bury it.

There are satanic agents who call people's names into materials and bury them. Sometime ago, a lady led some people and I to a place where she dug out the picture of a wedding. She said, "Will God forgive me now that I have given it to you?" I asked her what she did to the couple and she said, "We separated them. The wife is in South Africa while the husband is in Russia." People construct artificial coffins for people and speak words against them to the coffins or put materials from them into the coffins and bury them. The people then become walking corpses. When this happens, hospitals become useless to you.

Many years ago, in my former church, we got to church one morning and found a big charm inside the church. Some people saw it and ran away. But thank God there were some people there who understood what they

believed. They took the thing up and said, "Holy Spirit, look at this useless material that was dropped here. We would just have destroyed it and kept quiet, but let us teach those who dropped it some lessons. Therefore, let the angels of the living God take the charm and conduct a reverse burial." Shortly after, those who buried it surfaced when they could no longer bear the fire. If as you are reading this message, you know that you have buried things on the instructions of a herbalist, witchdoctor or fake prophet, you might have done it in ignorance but the devil knew what he was doing. You might have been tricked into burying things that belonged to you with your own hands. Perhaps, it was a cow or some other materials. What they did was that the night before you buried the cow or whatever, they came and smuggled your virtue inside the animal and then you buried it with your hands. So they were free because you buried it with your own hands. Some people organize parties where they distribute demonic foods to many people and things will start happening after they have eaten them. I saw wickedness of the highest order when somebody who had almost N10 million in the bank was asked to borrow money from people and bury it in order to bury their finances and add them to his own.

A certain brother was led to the grave in his dream by an angel. The angel struck the grave and shouted the name of someone the brother knew three times and the person came out. The brother withdrew his blessing from the person and that was the end of his problem. It means that even if the person that stole your blessings from you or did evil to you is dead, you can still withdraw your blessing from him or her.

Nothing will work for someone whose virtues are detained by the grave as far as the person is walking on the earth. Things will only work if the person flies in the sky. But as far as his legs make contact with mother earth, nothing will work. There are many things that a lot of believers do not understand that is why the Bible says that the children of this world are wiser in their own ways. There are so many things that are not clear to believers but people of the dark kingdom understand them very well. That is why the Bible says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Many people in Nigeria are just carrying Bible and watching American videos. They say, "We don't have to pray as hard as this. We don't believe in this kind of hard prayer." The problem with such people is that they have

been caged. They are not the ones talking. Something is operating demonic logic through them. Without aggressive prayers, you cannot harass these powers. They just stay there and expand.

WHO ARE THOSE DETAINED BY THE POWER OF THE GRAVE?

1. Those who always dream of the dead. If you are always seeing dead people, eating with them, talking to them, or generally doing things with them in the dream, the Lord is trying to tell you that part of your virtue is with the dead. All you should do is to unseat them and withdraw your virtues. When somebody has been captured by the power of the grave, it would seem as if the whole world is against the person. Anywhere he goes, he will be antagonized.

2. They are people who always have the feeling that somebody or people are following them but it is only they who will see them or feel them.

3.Those who have been captured by the power of the grave sometimes suffer from very terrible spiritual blindness. They see nothing, hear nothing, and expect nothing. They are totally blank spiritually.

4. Spiritually, such people are clothed in spiritual rags. The clothes of a buried corpse turn to rags easily. Such people would live in poverty except they cry unto the Lord.

5. They have unashamed and determined effort to destroy themselves.

6. Sometimes they dream of very slow animals like tortoise, snails, etc. One day, I prayed for a man and as he stood up to go, on his seat was a tortoise. I said, "Come back sir, what is this?" He looked at it and said, "Aha, a long time ago, a herbalist did something for me with a tortoise and asked me to drop it into the sea and I did." But there it was on a seat after many years. That shows that the devil is very clever. The man thought he had thrown it into the sea but he did not know that the evil powers planted it back into his life. Now he could not make progress and was wondering why.

It is because of this that Jesus had to go into the lower parts of the earth. Ephesians 4: 8–9 says, "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

He that descended is the same that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things." Why did He have to go there? He had to go there because a lot of good things had been buried there. Jesus had to go and set the captives free. He preached to the spirits that were in prison under the earth. That is why one of my favorite passages in the Bible is Revelation 1: 8. It says, "I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." He has given us that same authority. Only the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ can command the materials seized by the spirits in the grave to come forth like Lazarus and they shall come walking out. Beloved, why don't you ask for this power to come upon your life?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Lay your right hand on your head and pray like this: All my blessings imprisoned by the grave, come forth, in the name of Jesus.
2. I release my blessing from the hand of any dead relative, in the name of Jesus.
3. l withdraw my blessing from the hand of any dead relative, in the name of Jesus.
4. Put your hand on your stomach and pray like this: I disgrace every witchcraft burial, in the name of Jesus.
5. Just as the grave could not detain Jesus, no power will detain my miracle, in the name of Jesus.
6. That which is hindering me from greatness, give way now, in the name of Jesus.
7. Whatever has been done against me using the ground, be neutralized, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every unfriendly friend, be exposed in the name of Jesus.
9. Anything representing my image in the spirit world, I withdraw your representation, in the name of Jesus.
10. All the camps of my enemies, receive boiling confusion, in the name of Jesus.

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The Mountain of Fire and Miracles was founded in 1989. The first meeting was held at the home of Dr. D. K Olukoya and had 24 persons in attendance. The Church later moved to No. 60, Old Yaba Road, Lagos, and then to the present International Headquarters, site on 24th April, 1994. The Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries' Headquarters is the largest single Christian congregation in Africa, with attendance of over 200,000 in single meetings. Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries is a full gospel ministry devoted to the revival of apostolic signs, Holy Ghost fireworks and the unlimited demonstration of the power of God to deliver to the uttermost. Absolute holiness, within and without, as the greatest spiritual insecticide and a pre-requisite for heaven is taught openly. MFM is a do-it-yourself Gospel ministry, where your hands are trained to wage war and your fingers to do battle.

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