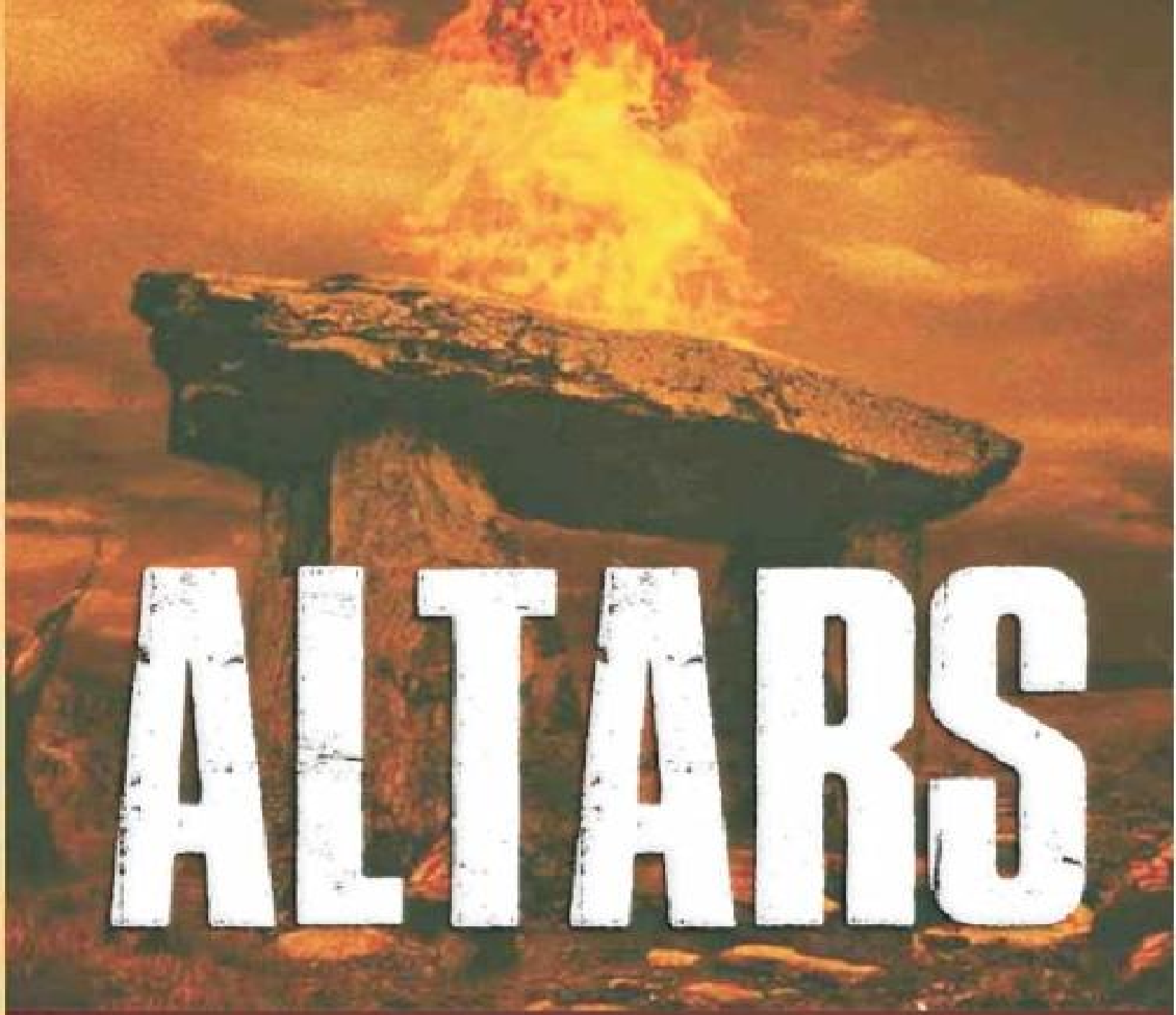


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FOREWORD

Altars are dedicated places for offering sacrifices to deities. Until the sacrificial crucifixion of Christ - our ultimate sacrificial lamb on the cross - which abolished the use of animals to sacrifice to God for different purposes, it was the focal point of worship.

Raising and ministering on altars was a prophetic responsibility which the priests were allowed to carry out as well.

Our spiritual patriarch, Abraham raised several altars on which he sacrificed to God on several occasions. Isaac and

Jacob did the same. It was practiced by Israel and all the kings until Jesus came. It provided the centre of worship for the patriarchs, the judges and the kings.

Today, pastoral ministry in every local church is carried out on the altar. Most times the Pastor preaches from the altar. Communion services, marriage oaths, etc. are administered from the altar, yet not many have a full understanding of what it is, the power it has, the different sizes and uses of it.

Till tomorrow, evil ministers of Satan make use of altars daily without which they can hardly operate. You can destroy their evil activities if you know these altars and what to do to render their activities powerless. We can set lots of spiritual captives free by so doing. I welcome you to an interesting reading and interesting revelations about altars.

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Chapter 1
What Are Altars?

Altars are dedicated and consecrated for the worship of our God, the living God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. In the same way, consecrated places for the worship of pagan gods, deities or spirits are also called altars. They are meeting places between spirit beings and human beings. Once erected, or raised, they become dwelling places for deities to which the altars were raised. They are gateways to the realm of the spirit and a contact point with them. They are in-roads for spirits to access human lives, invade communities and affect their culture, activities and characteristic behaviour as a people. Human beings bring and place their sacrifices there. Most of the time fellowship, worship, contacts, dedications and communications with deities, either God or Satan, take place there. Let’s read Jacob’s encounter with God when he slept on an area where his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac had raised altars to The Living God in the past:

“Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you. "Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen.28:10-17).

Altars create spiritual highways connecting them to the land of the spirits. A lot of spiritual trafficking takes place between altars and the spirit world, as illustrated in the scripture above. At altars, men grant operational and occupational authority to spirits and receive from them spiritual empowerment to carry out supernatural acts on earth.

In Judges 6:25-26, God demanded the evil altar of Baal be destroyed and a godly altar raised unto Him before He could deliver Israel from forty years of oppression in the hands of the Medianites.

“Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, “Take your father’s young bull, the second

bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; and build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down."

The Lord needed the altar built by Gideon to identify with Him and His people and deliver them.

The penitent sinner comes to the altar of the Lord in the church and is totally forgiven, saved and transformed. The drug addict is set free there. We must be careful what we administer from the altars in our churches and who administers them. Life or death is released through whatever we receive from these altars. Spiritual exchanges take place on altars. Problems are exchanged for solutions, death is exchanged for life. Much is exchanged between human beings and spirits at altars. Spiritual transactions, commitments, deliberations and decisions take place on altars. So many things are slaughtered on altars and so much bloodshed. The voice of blood always speaks on altars either positive or negative things.

Altars are full of power and strength when activated. Strong covenants are enacted there, communion and fellowship are exchanged between men and spirits at the altar.

Altars vary in sizes. An altar raised to handle matters and covenants regarding present or future generations would require weighty sacrifices to activate it and give it life and power to function. Abraham asked God a weighty question as to what will happen with all the promises of raising countless number of human beings as his seeds. God asked him to raise an altar for this matter and following is what God required as sacrifice:

"So, He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer (a young female cow that has never given birth to a

calf), a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. Now, when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates — the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites." (Gen 15:9-21).

These are far more than what is usually required for a personal sacrifice. When next you want to give God a sacrificial offering, examine what you want to bring to the Lord and the issues at stake and be sure what you bring to the Lord is commiserate with your issue. You cannot purchase God’s mercies and favor but learn from His dealings with Cain and King Solomon.

Altars do not die but live and remain active for a very long time. They can become inactive if not serviced and

activated by arranging it accordingly and offering a fresh sacrifice. When altars are raised unto God, He takes possession of them and supervises whatever activities are taking place around them. His angels traffic back and forth on them as we read in Genesis 28. From time to time, as the occasion demands, God needs an altar raised at a certain place, so He can ride on them to carry out His assignments in the nations. He stands on every altar we raise for Him to fight His enemies and to defend His cause. He is ushered into nations through such altars, to possess the land and chase out illegal demonic occupants. As we move around carrying out our spiritual activities, we should not hesitate to raise godly altars whenever the spirit of God prompts us to do so.

Anytime, you sleep in a hotel or people's homes, it is advised you pray and destroy possible existing evil altars and raise a godly one. It is a battle of words. You must not necessarily use oil to raise an altar, speak the word and it will be established. Remember to demolish any ungodly altar in existence before raising a godly one. Your visit could bring an end to evil influences and activities and bring blessings to those residents.

Our hearts are altars unto God if we dedicate them to the Lord Jesus Christ, but if we dedicate them to Satan, they become his altar. Demonic spirit beings have no right to live on earth because God handed over the earth to man. Any spirit being wanting to operate on earth needs to go through man. Even as the Holy Spirit needs a body to dwell in and express His nature of righteousness through, so also demonic spirits seek to possess men in order to express their nature of sin, with the aim of defiling them or the land. When the Spirit of God finds a body to live in, He expresses His fruit through that person. If we are born again, and do not fully bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, then we need to submit our hearts totally to the Lord Jesus Christ, for His Spirit to take over and live the life of Jesus through us. The

same way man invites spirit beings into his life, is the way he invites spirits into his home, business or family etc. It is by dedication through confession.

> *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* 10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Even as confession is made unto salvation so also confession is made unto dominion. (Romans 10:9-10)*

Altars can either be specifically set up or verbally declared. Examples of setup altars are found in local church buildings, worship centers, homes, offices, marketplaces, synagogues, temples, mountain tops, waterfronts, graveyards, under trees, etc.

Altars are both visible and invisible. Some altars are raised with words only or with oil poured on the ground. A location may be designated as an altar without any physical structure or items put together to show what it is.

To recognize the type of altars in existence, look closely at them and the characteristic behavior of the people who worship at such altars, their lifestyles, customs and traditions. Mermaid altars must have paintings and drawings of a snake or frequently, a table with white, red and yellow cloth. In most cases they add soft drinks on the altar. Buddhist altars, Islamic altars etc., can easily be identified by their trappings.

If the residents are godly in nature, then the altar of God exists there. If they are demonic in their way of life, then the place, people or persons involved are dedicated to idols – giving Satan a voice there.

In spiritual matters, nothing exists in a vacuum. There are altars in existence everywhere. Most times, they speak over wherever they are located. When evil and wicked men dispose of their possessions, they leave behind a strong evil

presence or force on such locations. This evil force releases a negative influence on whoever takes possession of the property. So, when you buy a car, land or move into a new apartment; bring quality repentance before God for whatever evil may have been done in and with it. Redeem and rededicate the place or property to the Lord. Reject any spirit which may have been hanging on or dwelling there for whatever reason. The importance of redeeming and rededicating places or properties before staying there or owning them cannot be over-emphasized. It is common for someone to move into a new apartment, go to bed and suddenly wake up or be woken by people who may have found him snoring outside on his bed the way he was supposed to be sleeping in his bedroom. This sounds unbelievable and mysterious, but it has happened in Nigeria. An unbelieving family rented a new apartment and moved in. They did not see any need to repent of any evil altar that may have been speaking over the place before they rented it. Neither did they consider it useful to redeem or rededicate the property to God before moving into it. They slept there for just one night. The next morning, they found themselves in their night clothes and all their property at a square somewhere in the city. When and how they were relocated there, they could not explain. Apparently, the spirits possessing the house did not want tenants to co-habit with.

In Africa, it is very common to walk into a room and hear footsteps and discussions but not see any body. To this date, there are still buildings in Nigeria and in many other countries uninhabited, not by reason of being dilapidated or uninhabitable, but due to the strong evil and demonic influences surrounding them, which scare people from ever going close to them.

Altars are strongly connected to covenants. Anytime a sacrifice is made to any deity, an altar is raised, and a covenant is enacted. When the sacrifice is made on a land,

an altar is raised there, which automatically dedicates the land to that deity. When sacrifices are made on altars, blood covenants are entered into with the spirits the sacrifices were made to.

Godly altars cannot co-exist with satanic altars. To raise a godly altar, you must first of all destroy the satanic altar which was in existence there. Just as satanic altars speak negative things on those who service them, godly altars speak positive things on those who are connected to them. The spirit world has no business with men here on earth if they are not invited. Raising altars to them is an open invitation to them to interfere in the affairs of men. Any deity whose name is invoked upon an altar becomes the owner of the altar and supervises the transactions take place on that altar.

Altars are empowered to control whatever is happening in the environment where they are raised. The spirit behind the altar empowers it to carry out supernatural activities. Satanic altars control whatever is happening wherever they are raised. They control the lives and destinies of the people and empower them to behave according to whatever the altar is speaking over the land. Satan cannot intrude into the affairs of men if there are no altars empowering him to do so. The power an individual may exhibit spiritually, is determined by the altar giving him strength. In the same way, the power behind a Christian Ministry, is determined by the altar they submit to and are receiving strength from. If a ministry or an individual is submitting to a man of God whose life is dirty and full of compromises, it will speak over the people and the ministries that submit to him.

Proverbs 4:23 speaks to this:

> *Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

All the defilements in his life and ministry will speak over the lives of those who submit to him. In the same way, when you are connected and submit to a holy vessel, whose altar

is holy, it will speak blessings, progress, growth and all other good things over the lives and ministries of those who submit to him. No altar can release over people what it does not have. Holy altars are gateways to heaven and a highway to access God and all the benefits of godliness. Unholy altars are access roads to hell, with demons trafficking back and forth on it. They release upon men defilement, afflictions, poverty, powerlessness in life and ministry. Such demonic altars serve the purposes of the devil and his kingdom. They hold their victims in captivity to the devil and all his wicked trades. Some pose as churches or places of worship, but they do not serve God in Spirit and in truth. They release death and all forms of diseases and afflictions on those who submit to them.

Altars must be respected because of the power and strength they carry and what they release upon the lives of those who service them.

Prayer Points

- I repent of every form of compromises in my life making it difficult for me to be a consecrated mobile holy altar for God.

- I voluntarily rededicate and consecrate my life as a powerful moving altar unto God.

- Every activity, dedications and initiations in my life, speaking contrary things into it, I repent from them, renounce and destroy them in the name of Jesus.

- I reject and renounce any ungodly altar speaking into my life and destiny. I terminate their voices in the name of Jesus.

- Every curse speaking over my life from any evil altar, you are broken in the name of Jesus.

- Every yoke released on me; any burden resting on my shoulders as a result of any connection to any evil altar be broken and the burden lifted in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 2
Covenants

A covenant is a formal agreement made under oath between two or more people, who under certain conditions have pledged their lives and commitments to each other. A Covenant is a written agreement or promise with tokens and seals, made to carry out certain obligations. “Covenant” is a conscious agreement, a legal and spiritual agreement between an individual and God. God initiates covenants and spells out the terms of His covenant agreement. Every covenant carries with it great responsibilities which the parties involved need to know and carry out, in order to make the covenant effective. Covenants always have terms which must be clearly understood by the parties entering into it. It is usually binding on the parties involved and any defaulting of the terms of the covenant usually has repercussions. Physical and Spiritual exchanges are also made. No serious relationships are ever entered into in life without covenants being made. Covenants give the parties entering into them stronger reasons to trust in each other. Sacrifices of varying forms and sizes are required for spiritual covenants. Those

involved in a covenant are bound to perform whatever responsibility the covenant stipulates.

In spiritual covenants, the weaker side is allowed to exchange his weakness and take on the strength of the strong. He exchanges his sicknesses for the health of the stronger. He exchanges his poverty for the wealth of the wealthier. Everything the strong has is made available to the weak in a covenant relationship. Lots of benefits accrue to the weak from the strong in a covenant relationship. God is the strong one and we are the weak ones when we cut a covenant with Him. He exchanges our weakness with His strength, our poverty with His riches, our sicknesses with His healing, our ungodliness with His godliness, our ugliness for His loveliness, our bitterness for His tenderness. There is always something to gain by entering into a covenant relationship with God. Covenants release to us promotion, health and provisions. An understanding of our covenant rights or the terms and provisions of our covenant with God, will enable us to enjoy the benefits of the Covenant.

God’s Word is our legal document or Covenant book. What is written therein is binding on us and God. He has pledged in His Word to keep His own part of the covenant. We have an obligation to keep our part by obeying His commandments. That is the only way to attract all the benefits of the Covenant.

Covenants do not die. They are alive and speak daily. We can always activate a covenant if we understand the power behind it. Many Christians live in self-pity, hopelessness and helplessness, because they do not understand their covenant relationship with God entitles them to receive help from Him in times of need.

Altars, as discussed in the first chapter, are contact points with the world of the spirits, where invocations, communications, fellowship and covenant relationships are activated. Altars activate and empower covenants. It is on altars that covenants are cut and serviced between men

and spirits. Covenants remain dormant and inactive if there are no alters to service them. Satan is working diligently to tear down godly altars in our lives, by attacking anything connecting and consolidating our relationship and covenant with God. He causes us to compromise God's standard of holiness in our lives, tears down our altars of righteousness and erects in their places altars of unrighteousness, compromise and all forms of ungodliness. He consciously attacks our prayer altars and makes us tolerant to sin and ungodliness. Where no walls of righteousness are built in our lives and ministries, the devil invades with his unclean spirits.

God is seeking for true worshippers, who will worship Him in spirit and in truth John 4:23-24:

> *"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.* ***24****"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

He wants us to become living altars of holiness and righteousness unto Him.

The Power of Covenant

God does not relate intimately with any man without entering into a covenant with him. His covenant with man brings Him into an obligation to keep, protect, love and empower man to fulfil his destiny. Anyone who ever had a close walk with God in the bible, had a covenant relationship with Him. Covenant is a continuous lasting relationship. It is not a hit and run affair. It is for life, unless it is consciously broken. Every covenant is sealed with a token, which becomes a sign or a manifestation that the covenant is legal and binding on the parties involved in it.

Faithfulness is demanded to make covenants effective. Being unfaithful in a covenant relationship attracts repercussions. As believers, we need to obey God's word

and live our lives to please Him. On His own part, He releases to us power, healing, safety and provision, to help us to serve Him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. Those who understand the importance of covenants do not handle them lightly. For them, their whole existence and survival hinges on the Covenant and taking its terms seriously. Covenants are very strong and powerful. Jeremiah 33:19-22 confirms it:

> *And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, Thus says the Lord: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' "*

Covenant blessings are life-long protection, victory, provisions, favour, healing, mercy, goodness, loving-kindness. It is obedience to the word of God which activates your Covenant with Him and attracts all the blessings that go with the Covenant. Isaiah 1:19 says:

> *If you are willing and obedient, shall eat the good of the land;*

Covenant Relationships In The Bible

There are many covenant relationships in the Bible, but I have chosen to buttress the strength, power and impact of covenant relationships with only three. They are the covenant relationships between God and Noah, Abraham and David.

Covenant Between God and Noah

Genesis 6:13, 17-22 has the details:

And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them. "Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him''.

God consciously signed an agreement with Noah because He saw him as a righteous man. He committed to bless, keep and protect him, his family and all the animals brought onto the ark. He initiated a covenant relationship with Noah, because his ways pleased God. Having entered into a covenant relationship with Noah, God was obligated to protect him from every form of harm and destruction released upon the earth. God remembered Noah and all on the ark, because of His covenant responsibility to keep, protect and preserve them.

Genesis 8:1-3 says:

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. Now the springs of the deep and the

floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days, the water had gone down

As soon as Noah, his family and all the animals came off of the ark and stepped onto dry ground, as a token of appreciation to God, Noah built an altar to God by slaughtering some clean animals and clean birds as a burnt offering to God. When God smelled the aroma of Noah's sacrifice, He said in Genesis 8:21-22:

"Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

He went ahead in Genesis 9:1-2 to bless Noah.

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands.

And He entered into a fresh covenant with Noah in Genesis 9:8-15,

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you —every living creature on earth. 11I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all

generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life''.

God promised to keep and preserve Noah, to defend and provide for him and his family. He gave him a token of the covenant which is the rainbow.

There is always a token, sign, proof or manifestation for every covenant. This token reminds God of His promise to keep His own part of the Covenant. The rainbow became an assurance to them that no matter how thick the clouds that gather, God will never allow floods to overflow the earth again. Each time heavy clouds gather with thunderstorms, as soon as the rainbow appears in the sky, we are all reminded that God will never destroy the earth with a flood again.

God's Covenant with Abraham

God entered into a great covenant with Abraham when he was ninety years old in Genesis 17:1-3.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers. "Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

This is one of Abraham's major encounters with God. God stepped into his life at an intimate level, wanting him to come into a personal walk with Him. He wanted him to become blameless and perfect before Him. He entered into an everlasting covenant with Abraham and his generations as yet unborn. In Genesis 17:9-14 He said to him,

“And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."” (Gen 17:9-14).

Abraham was willing to enter into a covenant with God and he immediately carried out his own part of the covenant responsibility in Genesis 17:23-25:

And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Circumcision of every male child born to Abraham became the token, the proof, the evidence of the covenant he entered into with God. The covenant took effect from then till today. From that day, God exchanged the weakness of Abraham with His strength, the poverty of Abraham with

His riches, the defeat of Abraham with His victories on his behalf. Abraham never lost any battle from that day on. In Genesis 17:4-8, some other terms of the covenant were outlined for Abraham.

> *"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."*

His name was changed from Abram to Abraham as part of the terms of the covenant. Abraham had to drop the name his father gave him which did not have the ability to take him into his destiny and make him a father of many nations. Abraham had a lot to gain from this covenant. Greatness, fame, prosperity, favour and settling his descendants in a land flowing with milk and honey were all part of the benefits of the Abrahamic Covenant. Every promise made by God to us in His word are part of the blessings of our entering into a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ.

God's Covenant With David

God loved David with a passion because of his passionate love and commitment to God. God called him "a man after my heart." He was the beloved of God, a worshipper and a man whose heart panted after God as the deer pants after the water brooks. He was not a perfect man, but he loved God passionately. He did not have a stout heart before God. Whenever he offended God, he was quick

to repent. God's Presence meant so much to him that he did not want anything that could take him away from it. He took Uriah's wife and committed adultery with her and supervised the death of her husband. When God convicted him of his sins through Nathan the Prophet, in his prayer of repentance in Psalm 51:10-12 he said:

> *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to*
>
> *sustain me.*

David never lost a battle. Not because he was the strongest king who ever lived, but because he had a very strong covenant with God, he was protected and led by God victoriously in all his battles. He had a very personal covenant with God in Psalm 89:1-4, 19-24.

> *I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations."*
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> *Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: "I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have raised up a young man from among the people. I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him. My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him. The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him.I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries. My faithful*

love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted

God assured David as part of the terms of the covenant that His arm would continually strengthen him and would ensure he was always victorious. He was shielded from afflictions from the wicked. Those who hated him were plagued by God Himself. God's faithfulness and mercy were towards David and his horn was exalted. The covenant terms continued in Psalm 89:26-37:

> *"He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' Also, I will make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. My mercy I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall stand firm with him. His seed also I will make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. "If his sons forsake My law and do not walk in My judgments, If they break My statutes and do not keep My commandments, Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless, My loving kindness I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me; It shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky."*

This is a powerful covenant indeed. It was not just about David, it connected to generations after him. God swore to David He would not lie to him and would never alter whatever had come out from His lips. Awesome God! His throne was solidly established as the sun before God. What a covenant! Based on the terms of the Covenant, David already knew the results of battles before he went to war. He was always reassured of victory each time he remembered his covenant with God. Whatever afflictions

that came his way, God delivered him from all of them. God backed up His Covenant with David with His name, Integrity, holiness and Power. God is so faithful to covenants. Once He enters into a covenant with anyone, He keeps His own part faithfully. It is always man who fails to keep their part.

Every covenant must have tokens. They are a sign and a proof that a covenant is actively in operation and not yet broken. In Africa, our forefathers understood the issues of covenants, tokens and altars. They entered into some satanic covenants to protect their family members. They put some marks and incisions on the bodies of their children and even hung some charms on their doors and planted certain sacred trees for family protection. Those scars or marks had voices that spoke over the lives of those on whose bodies they were made. The demons to whom such covenants were made had the responsibilities of keeping watch over the people with such marks. Through those marks, the children were roped into covenants that are still speaking against them till today. Though those who established the covenants are no more, their children are still suffering the effects of these evil covenants. The voices of those scars do not stop speaking automatically because one is born-again. They need to be consciously repented of and the covenant they represent broken, before they are silenced. Even though those on whose bodies the tribal marks are made, do not know there are covenants attached to them, does not free them from keeping to the terms of the covenants. Only when they are broken will they be free to excel in life.

Some communities, lands and families were covenanted to particular deities who influenced everything done in them. They were notorious for certain abominations, because of the gods they were dedicated to. They took pride in it. For instance, I know a community in my state, where after making some incantations, people change to a tiger to commit havoc. The community as a whole is dedicated to

either the spirit of the tiger or the lion. When they die, the image of the animal they are dedicated to shows mysteriously on their chest. These issues are real and cannot be swept under the rug. They need to be seriously dealt with.

Covenant matters are very serious and should not be toyed with. Joshua carelessly, without asking God, entered into a covenant with the Gibeonites. Many years later, a king of Israel, who knew nothing about the covenant, killed a few Gibeonites. This brought great disaster on Israel. How many covenants have we made with God and with people that were not kept? What about the marriage vows we make to each other in court or in weddings that are not kept? We say to each other "I will love and cherish you till death do us part", and we said “Amen.” And then a few weeks or months after, a man gets drunk and comes back home and starts slapping the face of his wife. Or one of them gets more money, maybe the woman begins to earn more money and tells the man, “look, I pay all the bills, and so you do not talk to me any how or I will pull out of this marriage”. It may eventually get to the point where she will order him out of the house, because she pays the bills. You forget you stood before God’s altar and said, “till death do us part.” Many broken covenants are the beginning of the troubles so many individuals and families are going through today.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6 (ESV)

> *When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?*
> Deuteronomy 23:21-23 (ESV)

> *“If you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin. But if you refrain from vowing, you will not be guilty of sin. You shall be careful to do what has passed your lips, for you have voluntarily vowed to the Lord your God what you have promised with your mouth.*

In some communities, when you have a baby, you are not to throw away his umbilical cord, but to send it to the family elders and they will, through incantations, link the child up to the spirit of the ancestors. Sometimes, they will bury it in the ground and plant a tree on top of it and by so doing, spiritually tie you to the covenants they made on your behalf. So long as they continue to pour libations to re-enact those covenants, mentioning your name, the devil will continue to lay claims over your life. You will need to disconnect yourself from your family tree or lineage by laying your hands on your umbilical cord and severing those evil covenants. Pray the following Prayer Points in sincerity.

PRAYER POINTS

- I repent of every evil covenant entered into by me or by others on my behalf in the name of Jesus.

- Every demonic power supervising negative covenants over my life, your assignment is over, catch fire in the name of Jesus.

- Angels of war, arise in battle on my behalf, harass the powers behind every evil covenant speaking over my life in the name of Jesus.

- I renounce, reject and break every evil covenant speaking over my life in the name of Jesus.

- Every evil covenant made on my behalf by my parents or ancestors, you are nullified in the name of Jesus.

- I disconnect and disassociate myself from the terms and tokens of evil covenants made by me or on my behalf in the name of Jesus.

- I plead the Blood of Jesus and release it to silence the speaking of every evil covenant.

- Every agreement, oath or promise I made to the devil or those made on my behalf, I nullify you in the name of Jesus Christ.

- Every evil mark or incision on my body as a result of any evil covenant, I cancel your effect in my life in the name of Jesus.

- I break and loose myself from every inherited evil covenant, in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 3
Types of Altars

There are different types of godly and demonic altars. They range from personal to global. They differ according to the natural habitation of the spirits to whom the altars are built. Their strength differs according to their levels and the purposes they were erected to serve.

Personal Altars

A personal altar for a Christian is your place of personal prayer and meditation on God's word. It is your favorite place for personal Quiet Time. It is the most probable place God will meet you during your prayer time. Cornelius had such a place and the angel of the Lord met him there.

> *"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So, he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do."*
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> *(Acts 10:1-6).*

There is a personal altar which in the ancient times was raised with just a stone. Read below the incidence between Gideon and the angel of the Lord.

> *"The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock and pour out the broth." And he did so. Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His*

hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight. Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So, Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face." Then the Lord said to him Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." So, Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites." (Judg. 6:20-24)

Let's read about another personal altar raised with a stone, the altar of Jacob at Bethel:

"Then Jacob rose early in the morning and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."" (Gen 28:18-22).

Daniel had personal prayer altar.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days." (Dan 6:10).

Only someone with a personal testimony of being crucified with Christ, can boldly talk about personal altars. Colossians 1:12-14 confirms this:

> *"Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1:12-14).*

Salvation is both a free gift we receive and a responsibility we work out in our lives:

> Ephesians. 2:8 *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God*.

And Philippians 2:12 implies a responsibility:

> *"…work out your salvation with fear and trembling"*

> *"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure*"(Philippians 2:12-13).

After receiving the free gift of salvation, we have the responsibility to break any curses over our life and deal with their consequences, and the sins and misdeeds of the past. This entails identifying and destroying evil altars and covenants connected to our roots. If these evil altars are not dealt with, a person's Christian experience may fall short of the promises of God in the scriptures. The person may experience stunted growth, spiritual hindrances and avoidable complications in their Christian life.

The story of Simon, the sorcerer illustrates the reality of evil personal altars speaking against one's Christian growth. The Bible shows Simon previously practiced sorcery:

> *"But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great..." (Acts 8:9)*

Simon was saved, baptized and discipled by Evangelist Philip:

> *"Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracle and signs which were done." (Acts 8:13)*

Yet, Simon did a strange thing. He offered the apostles money to "buy" the blessing of the Holy Ghost.

> "*And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles hands, the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, 'give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 18:18-19).*

This strange thing Simon said, was a manifestation of the evil altar speaking over his life and destiny. He was coming from a strong background of the occult and sorcery, where people paid money for spiritual services and to acquire more powers. The word Peter spoke to him was a summary of Simon's spiritual problems due to his evil personal foundation.

> "*For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity (Acts 8:23).*

From the above scripture, it is very evident one's past, if not properly dealt with, can still hold the person bound, even after salvation.

Some of these evil connections can reflect in someone's dreams. For instance, a believer may still be having sex in their dreams as a result of unbroken spiritual marriage covenants, established through illicit sex of the past.

> *"Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, shall become one flesh*." (1 Corinthians 6:16)

Based on this unbroken spiritual marriage covenant, Satan can bring about a delay in physical marriage.

Based on the curse in Leviticus 20:20-21, a man may suffer childlessness due to incest committed in the past.

As a consequence of idolatry or occultism practiced in the past, a believer may suffer the curse of destruction in their life, finances or business. This curse of destruction is based on Exodus 22:20.

> *"He who sacrifices to any god, except to the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed."*

Deuteronomy 28:15-68; Leviticus 26:14-39, 20:1-27 show curses and their consequences which could manifest in the lives of people. Sometime in the past, the people of Israel committed several sins and abominations earning them these curses. Some curses are broken when a person is saved, but other curses must be discovered and deliberately broken. Galatians 3:13:

> *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. For it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*

This scripture must be *applied* to our lives by an act of our will in order to accomplish all it is intended – just as the

promise of Salvation is ever there for all - until it is *applied* to the life of the individual through their free-will choice it is ineffective to them. This promise in Galatians does not guarantee all curses are automatically and immediately, broken but it does provide the basis of breaking curses when we are in Christ. In the same way 1 Peter 2:24 does not guarantee Christians will never be sick, rather it provides the basis for praying and believing for healing when a Christian *is* sick.

In counselling, observation of life's experiences or the dream pattern of a person will reveal if they are suffering from the consequences of evil altars. Repentance, renunciation of curses/covenants and deliverance will restore the fullness of God's blessings to such a person.

Community altars

Community altars could be family altar, estate altar, neighbourhood altar, kindred altar, village altar, city altar, county or Local Government Area altar, state or provincial altars, national altars, continental or global altars. The requirement for raising these altars differed according to their size of the community involved. Let's take a typical alter raised for the nation of Israel for example:

> *"Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So, all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying," Israel shall be your name."*
> *Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. So*

the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"”

(1 Kings 18:30-39).

In this passage of Scripture we see Elijah used twelve stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel to raise a national altar. The sacrifice placed on it was also sizeable compared to the several altars built and sacrifices offered personally by different individuals in the bible.

Marital Altars

Another major endeavour in life worth considering under this subject is marriage. The extent to which a marriage will survive the storms and the waves of life depends greatly on the prayer altar on which it was built and sustained. Many have built their marriages on the opinions of men, beauty, academic qualifications, feelings, social status, finances, children etc. None of these things qualifies to be a good foundation for a lasting marriage. If you find any marriage that is shaky and troublesome, check its foundation and ask questions about how the couple involved started their married life. Many Christians have their expectations of what they value most in marriage and these expectations influence who they marry. Some of those expectations cannot stand the test of time. If a marriage must survive

through the storms and winds of life, it must have God as its bedrock. God must be involved from the onset to the very end of the marriage. His principles, precepts, guidelines and commandments must be followed and obeyed.

If you betrayed another woman and took her husband or deceived a friend and took his fiancée, you have begun your marital life in a way that calls for repentance. Some marriages are destroyed by the previous idolatrous dedications of one or both of the persons getting married. It may also be destroyed by previous contacts with marine spirits or multiple sexual partners by either one or both. If the couple were living in immorality while courting and possibly committed abortions or were pregnant but lied about it in order to get wedded or did not carry out some godly marital rites that must be carried out before the wedding, it could affect the foundation of their marriage.

Ministerial/Church Altars

This is the ministry base housing the major prayer altar of the entire ministry or church work. It is always located within the building where the members gather to pray regularly. It must be holy and activities surrounding its establishment righteous. Christian ministry is all about holy devoted service to a holy and righteous God. Those who have the rare privilege to be called to serve God must strictly ensure their motives for ministry, methods, materials, men and the money they use, are holy and righteous. But we have seen many people leave certain ministries and open ‘private’ local churches amidst strife, rebellion and unhealthy contentions. Some break apart an existing ministry to start theirs. Some others establish new ones because they have the money or want to show someone they can do it. Others establish new ministries because they cannot submit to an other leader.

Paul gave ageless counsel to the Corinthian church in

1 Corinthians 3:9 – 11

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God, which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”.

The work of Christian service is either good from the beginning or not good at all. Do not lay a foundation that will not stand or amount to anything at the end of your life’s journey, though it may look prosperous from an earthly perspective.

Community Godly altars

Moses, Joshua, Gideon, King Solomon, Elijah, and others raised national Godly altars for Israel. These were good altars for the worship of the true and living God. Here are the bible passages: Moses (Exod. 40:29), Joshua (Joshua 4:9), Gideon (Judges 6:26), King Solomon (1Kings 3:4), and Elijah (1Kings 18:30-40).

Evil Family/Community Altars

King Jeroboam raised two such altars that troubled the whole of Israel for many years.

And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah." Therefore, the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!" And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as

*Dan. He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi. Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that was in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So, he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made. So, he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense." (*1 Kings 12:26-33).

Read below part of the bitter and heart-breaking consequences of evil family and community altars.

"At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick. And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please arise, and disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you as the wife of Jeroboam and go to Shiloh. Indeed, Ahijah the prophet is there, who told me that I would be king over this people. Also take with you ten loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child." And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were glazed by reason of his age. Now the Lord had said to Ahijah, "Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he is sick. Thus, and thus you shall say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman." And so it was, when Ahijah heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another person? For I have been sent to you with bad news. Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus says the Lord God of Israel :"Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler

over My people Israel, and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes; but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back — therefore behold! I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone. The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field; for the Lord has spoken!"' Arise therefore, go to your own house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die. And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something good toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

"Moreover, the Lord will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; this is the day. What? Even now! For the Lord will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their wooden images, provoking the Lord to anger. And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin." Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to Tirzah. When she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet."

(1 Kings 14:1-18)

The books of Lamentation and Exodus have similar information below:

> "*Our fathers sinned and are no more, but we bear their iniquities*! (Lamentation 5:7)
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> "*Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation*." (Exodus 34:7)

Corrupted Altars

These are altars raised by men and women who started well with God and later backslid and allowed their altars to be corrupted or polluted by sin, corruption, inordinate ambition or total deviation into idolatry and the consequences that followed. Let us remind ourselves that no scripture in the New Testament has invalidated these principles of the ways of God. Satan follows these principles in executing sanctions down family lines. The Bible shows us that in His reaction to iniquities and abominations, the curses and judgments pronounced by God is against the sinner and his children or descendants. Let us consider three biblical examples:

ELI

This is part of God's judgment on Eli when he sinned against God.

> "*And there shall not be an old man in your house….. 'And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age".* (1 Samuel 2:32-33).

The implication of this judgment is that there will continuously be the problem of premature death in the family line of Eli. Pre-mature death in this case, is the manifestation of an evil ancestral altar.

GEHAZI

This was the curse pronounced by Elijah on Gehazi and his descendants, following Gehazi's sin of covetousness.

> *"Therefore, the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever"* (2 Kings 5:27).

The implication is that there shall continuously be the problem of leprosy in the family line of Gehazi. Leprosy is a manifestation of an evil ancestral altar speaking over Gehazi's family.

KING DAVID

Following his sin of adultery and murder, the following curses were pronounced by God against David, the one who sinned, and against his family.

> *"Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. (2 Samuel 12:10)*
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> *"Thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun" (2 Samuel. 12:11,).*

Absalom led a rebellion against his father, King David.

> *"For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun" (2 Samuel*. 12:12).

Absalom slept with King David's concubines in public (2 Samuel 16:22).

> *"However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die."* (2 Samuel. 12:13).

An innocent child born out of adultery had to die because of the sins of his parents. All of these are manifestations of evil family altars. These examples show that children can suffer for the sins of their parents and ancestors.

Note: there was an altar of immorality releasing sexual weakness in King David's family line, traced through the sexual weakness of their ancestors. Judah slept with a 'harlot' who turned out to be his daughter-in-law, Tamar (Genesis 38:15-18). This weakness continued to manifest in King David's family line. King David fell into adultery; Amnon (David's son), raped his half-sister, Tamar (2 Samuel 13:1-21); and Solomon's sexual passion led him to have 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3). Sexual weakness, or any other weakness in a family line, is a manifestation of evil ancestral altar speaking over the family.

MOSES

Notice, anger was a weakness in the family line of Levi, the ancestor of Moses. Levi killed a man in anger and his anger was cursed (Genesis 49:5-7).

Following the manifestation of this evil ancestral altar, Moses also killed a man in anger while intervening in a fight between an Egyptian and an Israelite. In his ministry, Moses did not deal with the root of this anger till it disgraced him openly. He continued to manifest it till it resulted in his being denied entrance into the Promised Land he had sacrificed his life to lead Israel into.

Family Deliverance

To destroy corrupt ancestral foundations involving family members, ideally the entire family needs to go through the ministry of deliverance and breaking of curses and covenants in the family roots. Everyone has two family altars - the father's family and the mother's family. Married couples need to pay attention to both family foundations of husband and wife. Children draw spiritual inheritance, including curses and covenants, from any/or all of the four family foundations: two paternal grandparents and two maternal grandparents.

Family deliverance ministrations are best done in the land of nativity of each family. This is where judgment often comes from (Ezekiel. 21:30). Family deliverance is done on

the principles of a solemn assembly (See Joel 2:15-17). If done well, the expected result will be in line with Joel 2:18-27.

Family Deliverance involves the following:

1. The initiator of the programme must receive a burden from the Lord (Nehemiah 1:3-4).
2. Sharing the vision and mobilizing of the members of the family (Nehemiah1:17).
3. Spiritual mapping (Job 8:8-10).
4. Solemn assembly (Joel 2:15-27).
5. Repentance from the sins of the present generation and the sins of their ancestors (Leviticus. 26:40-42).
6. Renouncing of curses and covenants they made with Satan etc. (1 Samuel.7:3-4).
7. Through prayer warfare, destroy altars and whatever God has not planted (Matthew 15:13; Ezekiel 6:4-7).
8. Physically burn and destroy idols, charms, sacrifices to Satan etc., (Deuteronomy. 12:1-3, Acts 19:19).
9. The family should enter into a covenant with Jehovah (2 Chronicles 15:12).

The benefits of family deliverance include the cessation of the manifestations of curses, deaths, barrenness, near-success syndromes, delays in marriages etc. There is spiritual, material and financial breakthrough etc. The benefits of family deliverance can be sustained and improved upon by maintaining annual solemn assembly in the family.

PRAYER POINTS

- Any unsettled issues from my family or ancestral altar, preparing to disgrace me in life and ministry, be demolished by fire in the name of Jesus.

- Every demonic ladder through which the devil accesses my life, my ministry and my marriage; be dismantled in the name of Jesus.

- Every pollution/contamination from any evil altar speaking over my life and destiny be purged with the blood of Jesus in the mighty name of Jesus.

- All you powers responsible for failure at the verge of my breakthrough, your time is up, your assignment is terminated, catch fire in the name of Jesus.

- Every generational bondage, speaking over my roots, break in pieces now in the name of Jesus.

- Every evil covenant connected to my life, I renounce and nullify you forever in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 4

The Power of Godly or Evil Ancestral Foundations

There are godly altars and there are evil altars. They both have power and strength. Each of them has a voice which speaks either positive or negative things into people's lives. Their impact is dependent on the kind of altars they are and what they are speaking into people's lives. In this chapter, we will discuss the impact altars had in bible days on the lives of different people.

Gideon

Gideon was referred to in Judges 6:12 as “a mighty man of valour”, but he was practically hiding and stealing from his own farm, because he was afraid of the Midianites. He had an evil altar in his father's house speaking against him. His father’s idolatrous altars were hindering his progress and preventing him from fulfilling his destiny in God.

He had wondered where the God of Israel was, whom he had heard so much about. An angel of God instructed him to go and deal with his father’s altars which had been limiting him.

Gideon did not have a good spiritual foundation. His father was the Chief Priest of Baal and was servicing the evil altars of Baal. God made Gideon a man of valour and ordained him a deliverer, to liberate Israel from the Midianites. But because of his evil roots, and the speakings of the evil altars of his father, he was like a toothless bulldog. In fact, he harvested from his own farm like a thief and hid in caves for fear of the Midianites. He could not be an instrument of war and a vessel of honour in God’s hands, because the altars of Baal in his father’s house laid claim on him, limiting him to being a shaky, fearful creature. God instructed him through an angel, to first of all go and deal

with the idolatrous altars which were speaking in his father's house and contending with God's altar in his life. He was also to raise a new and godly altar afterwards. Only after that did he have a basis to walk with God.

> *"Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; and build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the Lord had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night." And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar which had been built" (Judges 6:25-28),*

As soon as the devilish altar of Baal was thrown down, and an altar of righteousness raised, God was able to arise in His splendour and majesty through Gideon and bring Israel amazing deliverance from the Midianites. Every limitation on Gideon was removed immediately after the altar of Baal in his father's house was destroyed.

Some of us still have such idols in our father's houses that are still speaking against our walk with God and limiting us. Though we are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, we surely cannot get to our ultimate in God, unless such demonic roots are thoroughly dealt with.

Simon The Sorcerer

Acts 8:9-20 gives us a narration of Simon, one of the disciples who got converted and baptized under Philip's

ministry in Samaria. Simon was introduced to us as a sorcerer in Acts 8:9-11,

> *“But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.”*

This Simon the sorcerer, later believed and got converted. We do not have any record in the Bible of when he got delivered from sorcery and had that terrible altar and its speaking destroyed over his life. It is not surprising the anointing of sorcery was still speaking in his life after he got converted. In verses 18-19, we read:

> *“when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.”*

His evil roots or past which he had not dealt with was manifesting to his doom, though he was born again. Peter replied to him in verses 20-23 saying,

> "*Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! 21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.”*

It is evident the evil altars of sorcery in his life were still speaking over his head, and it tremendously hindered his

growth in the things of God and earned him an apostolic curse instead of a blessing.

It is amazing this incident is reported in the New Testament. I think it is mainly to help those who believe that dealing with evil altars is only for the Old Testament. Peter knew for sure Simon had believed, but he knew also that some major work needed to be done in his life beyond the level of believing. He needed to repent of his root of Sorcery, renounce it and be delivered from its effect on his life.

Simon the Sorcerer was one of the major challenges the apostles met in Samaria. The idolatrous altars in Samaria made it fertile for him to operate. He held the entire region of Samaria spellbound under his bewitchment. It took the apostolic unction in Peter to deal with him.

Unfortunately, our churches today are filled with people who still have traces of the satanic anointing of their ancestors who were sorcerers. If they had not repented, some of them would still be sorcerers. Though they have repented, they have not yet been delivered. Like Simon, they believed and just continued in the company of believers, without going through deliverance or having their roots dealt with. When you catch a fish, you have to open it and take the fin out, otherwise it will begin to rot from the head. We need to believe in and understand clearly the ministry of deliverance and be able to confidently minister it and teach it to others. It must be done systematically and thoroughly to achieve results.

The havoc men like Simon can do to a church or a city is better imagined than enumerated. But in the continent of Africa, it is not an over-statement to say there are still millions like Simon the Sorcerer all over the nations, with the anointing of a satanic priesthood. Such people speak words sounding real, but underneath is the spirit of divination and sorcery, emanating from idolatrous altars. Paul encountered a similar thing, though this time with a

woman. Her words were sound and well coated with religious jargon. Such could easily be appointed a prayer secretary in some Christian fellowships. If Paul had made that mistake, imagine what would have happened. The woman already had the 'prophetic insight and knowledge', "these are men of God, who have come to show us the way of salvation." If Paul had not dealt with this spirit of divination, those in the region would have assumed she spoke for Paul after he left the region. Just as Satan spoke the truth when he quoted scripture to Jesus in the wilderness, she spoke the truth with a heart of deception, to entrap, not to set the hearers free. The worst offence we can commit is to pretend this problem does not exist or to settle on some theological reasoning that will play down its effect. This would amount to putting a curse on ourselves the second time, because posterity will not forgive us. That you do not believe in demons or in the consequences of evil altars, does not mean they do not exist, Jesus cast out demons and commanded us to do likewise. Matthew 10:8

> *7 As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, [a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.*

Timothy

Timothy's story in the Bible is a good example of the effect of sound spiritual, godly roots. His grandmother Lois was a committed Christian, so was his mother Eunice and because of the rich godly spiritual heritage he had, at twelve years of age, he was already versed in his knowledge of the scriptures. His spiritual growth and ability to fulfill his destiny can confidently be traced to sound spiritual roots. His godly mother and grandmother took time to raise him in the fear of the Lord and when he grew up, he could not depart from it. Concerning Timothy, Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:5,

“When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”

Timothy’s foundation greatly influenced his work with God. He was the youngest evangelist of his time, but he served God with all his heart effectively, productively and with an apparent spirit of excellence, as you would expect an adult to serve. His performance was so glaring Paul commended him as his best spiritual son

The Woman With The Issue Of Blood

This narrative in Matthew 9:20 – 22, throws some light on the benefits of having a sound godly root. It is the narration of the woman with an issue of blood, a daughter of Abraham, a covenant child. She planned her strategy for collecting her miraculous healing before she came to Jesus. She told herself, “if only I can push through this great crowd and be able to touch the hem of His garment, I will be made well.” Note, this woman did not bother about observing any protocol, neither was she polite to present her request before Jesus. She never thought it wise to meet the disciples first to explain her case. She, enduring the public embarrassment, pushed her way through the crowd, got to Jesus and touched the hem of His garment, and, as it were, “stole” away her miracle. Instead of standing to appreciate Jesus, she began to sneak away unnoticed. One would expect Jesus would be unhappy with her and wonder why she should “steal” from Him, but surprisingly, Jesus turned to her and said:

“Daughter, be of good comfort: your faith has made you whole “And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Her roots and the godly altars speaking over her life and destiny, played a major role in the swiftness of her healing and the favour she enjoyed from the Master, despite the

fact that she failed to observe the necessary protocols. She was a daughter of Abraham, a Covenant child of promise. Her Abrahamic godly altar was speaking in her favour. She was entitled to the blessings that flowed from God's Covenant with Abraham and his seed. In Genesis 17:8, God told Abraham

> *"Also, I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*"

The Canaanite Woman

In Deuteronomy 7:1-6;

> *"1When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you— 2and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. 3Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, 4for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you. 5This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles b and burn their idols in the fire. 6For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.*

God made it clear the Canaanites were cursed. They were to be utterly destroyed alongside their idols, altars, sacred pillars, wooden and carved images. Israel did not

obey the command of God and did not utterly and completely destroy them as God instructed. Many of them survived and became a constant source of temptation, sin and compromise to the Jews.

From the time God gave this instruction to Moses till the time Jesus began his public ministry, was 2,120 years, and yet the curse was still active, God had not reversed or withdrawn the original instruction.

Suddenly, in Matthew 15:21-28, we read that a woman whose daughter was tormented by evil spirits, came to Jesus for the healing of her daughter. God's instruction to Israel against Canaanites was "show them no mercy, and do not get married to them." When she met Jesus, the lingering divine judgment on her people stood against her as she approached Him for help. Unknown to her, it was boldly written on her forehead: "show me no mercy".

Initially Jesus would not speak to her at all. As she pressed on, Christ's apostles sought for His permission to drive her away. As she persisted, Jesus told her the unpalatable fact: "Healing is the children's bread and it is not meant for dogs". The idolatrous lifestyles of the Canaanites had made them spiritual dogs.

Most men would get angry at this point, loose their temper and probably get into an exchange of words with Christ, but there is something about a woman, she is ready to go through whatever she has to go through to get what she wants. She accepted she was a dog and asked for the crumbs falling from the children's table for the dogs.

The heart of Jesus melted when He saw this level of faith in her. At that, Jesus said,

> *"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire"*.

The Bible records the lady's sick daughter, though she was at home was healed that very hour.

Most godly women seldom take no for an answer. They will endure humiliation, pain and neglect and press in until they achieve the desired results. Which is why we often say women belong to the P.U.S.H company, those who “pray until something happens”.

Though your family or generational roots may be ungodly or cursed, as a godly woman, you can reach out by faith to Jesus. He has the power to break curses lasting over 2,000 years. He has done it before; He can do it for you!

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father my God, unveil every hidden evil altar, influencing my life, my marriage and my ministry, in the name of Jesus.

- I repent of the wickedness of my ancestors in serving evil altars. Let the thunder of God’s voice destroy the speaking of these altars over my life and ministry in Jesus name.

- Every evil altar raised in my family, speaking over my life, marriage and destiny, be demolished by fire in the name of Jesus.

- Every evil dedications and initiations, that I went through, in any evil altar, I renounce and receive a cleansing with the blood of Jesus.

- Every evil altar, using my star to shine, I command you to collide with the rock of ages and be ground to powder in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 5
Evil Altars

Evil altars are altars raised for the worship of demonic or satanic deities, for the practice of wicked functions and activities. From what we have learned in the first chapter, an evil altar creates a spiritual gateway to the demonic world. It is a highway allowing demonic trafficking between the spirit realm and the earth realm. It may be visible or invisible. There are diverse types of these evil altars. They include witchcraft altars, marine spirit altars, occult practice altars, divination altars, and various altars raised to the different gods worshipped by those who submit to them. There are also brutal altars of human sacrifice, or of Baal, New Age, Satanism, false religions, local shrines, Rastafarianism, violence, immorality, cult houses etc. Ezekiel 6:1-4, Acts 17:23

Evil altars are sometimes found at city gates, crossroads, junctions, beaches, forests, under huge trees, on playgrounds or in some other strategic places in our cities or nations. As they are pulled down and destroyed spiritually, righteous altars speaking positive things to usher in God's Kingdom must be raised in their place.

As an intercessor or warrior, we need to be watchful to observe and notice the presence of every statute around

our neighborhood or city. Do not take them lightly as beautiful pieces of art. Some of them are major altars in the spirit speaking immorality, nudity and nakedness over the land. If the nations of the world are to fulfil God's mandate for them and serve His purpose, then every trace of idolatry and evil altar must be dealt with within those nations.

Many uninformed missionaries died in Africa for a lack of knowledge. Lots of the lands given to them to build churches on were evil forests dedicated to demons, and because they had no insight into matters having to do with redeeming the land, they settled down on sites already inhabited by demonic spirits. In some churches, even with ministers who have the right word for the people, they struggle to make progress because of the evil altars on the land where the Church is located. Forces of darkness draw strength from the existing demonic altars to fight the success of the church and release contrary forces short circuiting the flow of the power of God. This may not agree with your theology, but that does not mean your theology is correct. When you leave your restricted comfort zone and come to the frontlines of ministry, you will learn very fast.

Churches so affected do not grow, no matter what wonderful programs their pastors occupy them with. As new members are coming in, the old ones are leaving. So long as the land on which your church is built hosts an evil altar which has not yet been destroyed and redeemed, the work there will have periodic attacks and challenges.

Dealing with the existing evil altar:

The leadership must come before the Lord, repent of the defilement of their property and the raising of the evil altar, condemn the act, denounce and renounce the evil altar and the covenants associated with it. They should prophetically destroy it and dismiss the associated and supervising demonic spirits. These actions will eliminate the enemy's stronghold and drastically reduce his ability to frustrate the work of the church to the barest minimum. Rededicate and

re-consecrate the land and the content to the Lord. The work there should be able to pick up.

In my growing up days, my father was a head teacher of a primary school as well as a missionary pastor. We came back home and requested land from the community to build a church. We were led to an evil forest. They said if we can enter into it and survive, we should take the land and build our church there. We went into the land, built a church and a parsonage there. At night we saw lanterns moving around in the compound without hands carrying them. Sometimes, we would hear sounds of knocking on our doors, but when we opened the door, we saw no one. Sometimes we heard people talking and laughing but saw nobody.

On the same land, many church members died, and my mother lost four children mysteriously. When it became too bad, my father went to the Lord in prayer and began to ask Him what was going on. The Lord told him we were co-habiting with the original spirit owners of the land and we had only two options: either we invite them to a round table conference and discuss how to live together, or do what needed to be done to redeem the land, giving them a fight, and chase them out forcefully. We chose the latter option, which was the only possible thing to be done. My father mobilized a prayer force to assist us and at the end of the fight, one of the sisters who was praying with us, said she saw the demonic spirit leaving the compound in anger carrying their belongings and they mentioned the name of a man they were going to stay with. The man was one of the major sorcerers in our village, as soon as they got there, they physically paralyzed the man on one side of his body, as a way of announcing their arrival.

Remember, it was an evil forest where evil people were thrown into when they died. So, lots of spirits were living there before we moved in and since no conscious effort had ever been made to evict them and redeem the land, they were co-habiting with us. After the land was redeemed, it

marked the end of all the harassments we were experiencing. Until we dealt with the problem decisively, it remained there. Before then, we had taken the whole issue too lightly. We had thought because a church had been built there and we, as children of God were there, it would invalidate and nullify every demonic presence. We had cleared the land of the rubbish, built the house and Church, but we did not deal with the evil spirits inhabiting the land.

So, it is imperative when you move into a new place, ask questions. Job said if you want to live long in the land of the living, ask the ancients. Had the man who rebuilt Jericho asked questions, he would not have lost his two children. If we go back to the villages, and check the history of the churches, we will discover many churches were built in forests dedicated to idols. When the missionaries came, our fathers by some satanic intelligence, pointed at the forests dedicated to idols and said “go and build there.” When you build in a place without thoroughly cleaning it up, you are a trespasser, because the people who owned the land had already given it to the devil, and that is why today, most of those churches have become cold ashes.

Hotel rooms can also be altars. Please do not settle into any hotel room without taking the time to bring repentance over any abomination that may have taken place there. Pull down any evil altar speaking over the room and raise a new altar of righteousness unto God. Be careful to dedicate any new land or car bought or new house rented before moving into it.

Be careful the artifacts you buy and bring into your home. Closely observe symbols on dresses and other properties before you buy them.

When an Altar is raised, the spirit invoked will come into the land to co-habit with the people (Psalm 115:16). Meanwhile, spirit beings have no business here on earth, because by divine ordination God has given the earth to man as a habitation. The implication of these invasions of

demons, resulting from raising satanic altars, is that they bring a covering of darkness over the land and community, which affects everybody under their jurisdiction in one way or the other.

According to Judges 6:25 –27, even though Gideon was a man of valour and a mighty man of war, because of the idol in his father's house speaking against him, he was so afraid of the Medianites, he was stealing from his own farm. What's more, even though God received his sacrifices, until Gideon destroyed the altar of Baal in his father's house, God would not go to battle with him.

In several families and communities in Africa, and around the world there are many such altars in the corners of compounds and in the center of villages and cities. In Africa, many times, before the new yam is eaten, the elders of the land will go before the shrines, to appease the gods and serve them their own portion of the yam, only after such offerings will everyone else be allowed to eat. Also, before the farming season starts in earnest in some African communities, the elders first go to the bush to offer sacrifices, to appease the gods, before they will allow anyone to enter their farmlands. There are all kinds of festivals and carnivals done in our communities as a way of initiating us, without our consent, into one form of bondage or the other. These things do not in any way work to bring God's glory in our lives. They amount to opening the doors of our lives to strange spirits creating negative altars in our lives.

An example of an evil altar affecting the land and people is the altar raised by Jeroboam in 1 Kings 12 &13. 1 Kings 12:25-33 has the details:

> *"Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim and dwelt there. Also, he went out from there and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord*

at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah."

Therefore, the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!" And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan. He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made. So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.

It is significant that the King built two altars on the land. He also built shrines in the high places, he initiated feasts, festivals and ordained priests, they had a parallel religion going on side-by-side with what was going on in Judah.

What were the consequences of these foundations Jeroboam laid in the Northern kingdom?

This singular act brought about a covering of darkness over Samaria. Please read Deuteronomy 12:1-11. For over four hundred years after Jeroboam’s reign, because of the evil idolatrous foundations he laid in the Northern Kingdom, all of the sixteen kings who came after him were affected. A close look at the bible, shows a sentence which was a

recurring statement for all the kings who reigned after Jeroboam:

> *“he did evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin”*

Of some of the kings who tried to break away from this line, the bible would say:

> *“they served the Lord but not with a perfect heart*.”

It affected every king. Such kings might have had good policies and a desire to enthrone righteousness, but when they came into power, they were not able to execute them. They came under the limitation of the evil covenants Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, had made. These evil altars brought judgment upon the nation and sent it into exile, and the land vomited the people a number of times. This is because evil altars do not die but continue with whoever takes over the land. In terms of spiritual consequences, because these things establish a law of continuity in the realm of the spirit, they will affect anyone who inherits them, whether he knows about them or not, whether he believes in them or not, whether he likes them or not, unless he does what ought to be done to break the former agreement of their ancestors.

This evil altar also affected the history of Israel. Israel degenerated to the point where God told them the land was groaning with their sins.

> "*this land needs rest, it will need to take a Sabbath for 70 years, so I will send you out*".

What a pity! He had to tell them the same land which He had caused to vomit their enemies before them, would now vomit them and give them enough time to go into exile and worship those other gods they so desire to worship. God allowed strange kings to come and take their men into

captivity, leaving their women. Then those kings sent into all the neighboring nations and brought men to have children with the women of Israel. This is how the Samaritans in the Northern Kingdom were born. No wonder the Samaritans and the Jews never saw eye to eye. The foundation of bitterness, rejection and resentment flowed from this.

These evil altars equally affected the economy of Israel, for many years the economy of Israel was in turmoil. They lost wars due to these same evil altars. This is why at the time of Gideon, he was hiding behind the winepress to thresh weed, and stealing from his own farm. Israel planted crops but could not harvest from it because of their Idolatry. When God found Gideon, He decided to use him to restore the fallen glory of Israel. But before he was commissioned for that assignment, he was asked to go first and demolish the altars of Baal in his father’s house. After he destroyed the altars in the night, the first thing that happened was that a covering cast was torn from his father's eyes, his ability to think properly was restored. The next morning, when people wanted to kill Gideon for destroying the altar, the father, before the altar of Baal was destroyed would have said: “This altar cost me a lot of money, I have done a lot of sacrifices on it, wasted a lot of bullocks and so on”, but because the covering cast was now removed, his father said to the people, “Granted my son has torn down the altars of Baal which I set up, if Baal is really powerful, let him fight for himself.” The man received boldness, because he was no longer being manipulated by those idols. Because Gideon had been commissioned, when they went to fight the Midianties, it was a finished work. Gideon did not have much to do, all he did was obey God's instructions and allow Him to fight the battle.

It was the same evil foundation laid by Jeroboam affecting the old and new prophet adversely in 1 Kings 13:11-29.

Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel,
whose sons came and told him all that the man of God
had done there that day. They also told their father what
he had said to the king. 12 *Their father asked them,*
“Which way did he go?” And his sons showed him which
road the man of God from Judah had taken. 13 *So he said*
to his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” And when they
had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it 14 *and*
rode after the man of God. He found him sitting under
an oak tree and asked, “Are you the man of God who
came from Judah?”

“I am,” he replied. 15 *So the prophet said to him,*
“Come home with me and eat.” 16 *The man of God said,*
“I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread
or drink water with you in this place. 17 *I have been told*
by the word of the Lord*: ‘You must not eat bread or*
drink water there or return by the way you
came.’ ” 18 *The old prophet answered, “I too am a*
prophet, as you are. And an angel said to me by the
word of the Lord*: ‘Bring him back with you to your*
house so that he may eat bread and drink water.’ ” (But
he was lying to him.) 19 *So the man of God returned*
with him and ate and drank in his house. 20 *While they*
were sitting at the table, the word of the Lord *came to*
the old prophet who had brought him back. 21 *He cried*
out to the man of God who had come from Judah, “This
is what the Lord *says: ‘You have defied the word of*
the Lord *and have not kept the command the* Lord *your*
God gave you. 22 *You came back and ate bread and*
drank water in the place where he told you not to eat or
drink. Therefore, your body will not be buried in the
tomb of your ancestors.’ ” 23 *When the man of God had*
finished eating and drinking, the prophet who had
brought him back saddled his donkey for him. 24 *As he*
went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed

him, and his body was left lying on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it. 25 *Some people who passed by saw the body lying there, with the lion standing beside the body, and they went and reported it in the city where the old prophet lived.* 26 *When the prophet who had brought him back from his journey heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who defied the word of the* Lord*. The* Lord *has given him over to the lion, which has mauled him and killed him, as the word of the Lord had warned him."* 27 *The prophet said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they did so.* 28 *Then he went out and found the body lying on the road, with the donkey and the lion standing beside it. The lion had neither eaten the body nor mauled the donkey.* 29 *So the prophet picked up the body of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back to his own city to mourn for him and bury him.*

The old prophet who was on the land, could not hear God properly. He lost his two sons to the idol worship of Jeroboam. The heart of the old prophet was hardened like stone. He had no compassion, but had a spirit of competitiveness. The talkativeness prevalent in the young prophet, could also be traced to the evil altars he was standing on in Samaria. The same spirit in that atmosphere may be what made him to sit down under a tree to rest, instead of going on with his journey.

The old prophet because of his experience, was supposed to give leadership and direction to the younger prophet and to help him distinguish and obey the voice of God like Eli did to Samuel, but instead he manipulated the younger prophet to go contrary to the express instruction given by God. God had told the young prophet to, "Go in and out of the city and not to eat anything." Unfortunately, the spiritual atmosphere in Samaria affected this young

prophet, he got confused and began to open his assignment to people he should not have spoken with in the first place.

This old Prophet, who should have rejoiced that God had sent a young prophet to deal with the problem in the Northern Kingdom of Samaria, instead, jeopardized the life of this young prophet. Contrary to the word of the Lord, he invited the young prophet to a meal, and as they were at the meal, the word of the Lord came to judge the young prophet's disobedience.

After the old prophet deceived him, the young prophet, who received a mandate from God, and had experienced the power of God, was seduced, deceived and made to believe a lie, and followed this old prophet back to his house to eat. His life and ministry were truncated, he was killed before his time. It is also amazing that even when the old prophet saw the danger he brought upon the young prophet, it did not move him, he had no sense of remorse for his action of giving him a false prophecy resulting in his death. When he was killed and the news of his death came to the old prophet, he simply ran to the site of the incident, collected the dead body and buried him. He told his people when he died, they should bury him by the side of the young man. I can say with assurance it was not the Will of God for this young prophet to die prematurely. The idolatrous altars of the Northern Kingdom were working against him. Such evil altars can also gradually destroy the best of ministers and their ministries.

Idolatry affects both the young and the old. Because of idolatrous altars, lives are truncated, people do not fulfil their ministries; they are susceptible to lies, seduced and pushed into the place of confusion. Idolatry is such a terrible thing when it takes its' toll on individuals, families, and cities, it reflects on the entire nation.

In the days of Jesus, 824 years later, when He was to pass through Samaria, he met with the strictest opposition he ever met in any city. When he told them the story of the

good Samaritan, they led him to the side of a mountain and wanted to push him over to fall into the valley. Could you imagine Jesus getting to the gate of Samaria and the people saying, “We don’t care who you are, what you are coming to do, the anointing you are carrying, if the spirit spoke from heaven concerning you or not, whether you are baptized in the Jordan or not, what Isaiah the prophet, Zephaniah, Moses, Elijah, prophesied about you, you are not allowed to pass through here!”

There was something in the land shutting the gates of Samaria to even Jesus Himself and it produced a kind of limitation in the heart of the not too matured disciples - James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They said, “Master, give us permission to call down fire from heaven and burn these people up” and He said, “No, that is not the way to do it.” Luke 9: 51 – 55 has the details:

> *“Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.”*

Jesus had to go back without entering Samaria. Later on, He received from the Father another strategy to deal with Samaria, but this time, the strategy meant the 12 disciples would be absent, they had gone to town to buy food, because if they had been there, their feelings about Samaritans may not have helped matters. When Jesus approached the woman at the well and asked for water, she turned the request of Jesus for water to drink into a racial issue. She said, “By your accent, you are a Jew, I am a

Samaritan, we are not on talking terms, why are you asking me for water?" By her foundation, she was being troubled by regional prejudice and tribalism. Tribalism is not just a feeling, it is a spirit, and the root of that spirit is in idolatry. Spiritual blindness and ignorance were also some of the results of her foundations. She did not know who Jesus was and what He could do. Somebody who could make rivers flow in the wilderness and streams in the desert could do anything. In this episode in John 4, Jesus carried out one of the most difficult but elaborate parts of his ministry. This Samaritan woman was a specimen of 824 years of idolatry, a totally complicated person. For those of us who have been involved in the ministry of deliverance all over the continents, it is clear that this case is a complicated one, deeply serviced by a shameless habit of immorality and sexual promiscuity.

The woman later resorted to issues of controversy. Idolatry makes a people proud. The Samaritan woman dove into the issue of religion, talking about the proper place for worship. It should be noticed the woman's idolatrous foundation helped to prevent her from seeing the light of the gospel which Jesus Christ was presenting to her. Jeroboam had laid the foundations of strife and division. They were taught and made to believe they should not go to Jerusalem to worship God. The woman also had another major challenge resulting from her foundation, which was immorality and the inability to stay married to one husband. She began to preach about the religion and culture of their fathers, which could not enable her to love her neighbour, could not deliver her from the sins of adultery, could not maintain her marriages. This was the religion she had. As Jesus ministered to her, the veil over her eyes was torn and she ran and invited the elders and the whole city to come and meet with Jesus.

The elders said, "Whoever can deal with this woman's matter, we will go out and see him." So she became the key

to the gate of Samaria and to her deliverance. Sometimes, God leaves the keys to cities and lands in the most unlikely places. The key to Jericho, He left in the hands of Rahab, the prostitute. The elders now opened to Jesus the gate of Samaria and welcomed Him in. This means there are no impossible places or impossible people. There are keys for each territory, but it takes hard work, prayer, strategies, and an understanding of what needs to be done to discover them.

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He had commissioned His disciples to preach the gospel, after they received the Holy Spirit, in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth. Still the apostles in Jerusalem did not go to Samaria. It seemed the experience of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, which was not very pleasant, somehow hindered the apostles from reaching out to the Samaritans. Again, the idolatrous altars of Samaria checked the initial infiltration of the gospel into the land, until Philip and Stephen went to Samaria and did an outstanding deliverance work. They later sent for reinforcements, this created many disciples in Samaria filled with the Holy Spirit.

The major problems experienced on a land or environment are the manifestations of God's judgments, due to the iniquities in the place, and the destructive activities of demons taking advantage of the prevailing sins coming into the land or environment. The land or a particular environment may suffer devastation, due to a curse from God, Satan or man.

The story in the book of Joshua shows how a curse can manifest as an evil altar speaking over a land and the people.

> "*Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying,* "*Cursed be the man before the Lord who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates*." (Josh. 6:26)

About 500 years later, at the time of King Ahab, an innocent man lost two sons because of the curse spoken over the environment by Joshua.

The curse Joshua placed over Jericho made it a cursed city. It not only affected the people, it equally affected the land. From the time the curse was released, though the city still looked pleasant on the outside, the land was barren and the water bitter. Five-hundred years after Joshua spoke a curse over Jericho, Elisha, the Prophet of God, appeared in Jericho. The elders of the land met him and pleaded with him to do something about their deplorable situation. At this time, Elisha had just gotten a double portion of Elijah's anointing and the first assignment he had to deal with was Jericho, because it had been an outstanding problem for a long time.

The king of Jericho, at the time of Joshua, had resisted the Lord when the people of Israel were passing through his land. As a result, the land was cursed from then till the time of Elisha, even though looking at the city, it was pleasant, the ground was barren, and the water was bitter. Until the foundation of curses was dealt with, Jericho could not be healed.

Now comes a man who had a double anointing of the Spirit of God. The elders of the city had found the facts of the history of the land, and this is what ministers and pastors ought to do. We need to spend time investigating the history for our communities, our cities, our villages, nations and continents.

Elisha asked for a new vessel and salt and asked them to take him to the source of the water. It is important to get to the source of the problem, find out its root, so you deal with it from the root. Such prophetic actions do not need banners and big advertisements. It needs to be done very quietly and discreetly, such that except those carrying out the actions with you, nobody else will know what you are doing until it is done.

Elisha finished the prophetic action and sealed it with a prophetic proclamation that the land and the waters have been healed - and they have remained healed. Till today, some of the sweetest fruits on the surface of the earth come from Jericho. It took a man like Elisha to deal with the problem. Some level of anointing is needed to deal with certain evil altars.

In the case of Jericho, if the elders of the land used prayer warfare to deal with the spirit of death or barrenness without dealing with the underlying cause of death or barrenness, it would not have produced results! This is where many Christians have missed it in their prayer responsibility. We need greater discernment and deeper insights to deal with many problems of society.

The evil altars of Samaria, I believe, may have also affected the foundations of Simon Magus of Samaria, the man who used sorcery to bewitch the whole land of Samaria. The whole of Samaria worshipped him as the great Power of God. Even after he believed, his foundation of Sorcery still held him in bondage to the spirit of Sorcery.

I went to Japan some years back and I asked them to take me to a major tourist attraction in their land. Surprisingly, they took me to a Buddhist temple. I was led to carry out a prophetic action there. On the two sides of the road in front of the temple, I saw beautiful girls lined up. Each of them selling magic accessories from magic necklaces, to magic rings, earrings etc. Each of these charms was for one thing or the other. They had one for good luck, another for long life, another for good fortune; another for children etc. I asked them: “If I want to be a prosperous man, does it mean I have to buy 150 charms, hang them on my neck and waist and hands so I can be prosperous?” Sometimes, we buy these charms for the fun of it or to actually get the things we are told they can offer. Many have bought such charms and as they put them on, they become a serious doorway through which the enemy

accesses their lives and oppresses them. People have messed up their lives with either palm reading or horoscope and have gotten themselves entangled with serious yokes of bondage through that doorway.

These things eventually will become evil altars speaking negative things in the lives of those who practice them.

PRAYER POINTS

- I thank you Lord for making provisions for my deliverance from any form of bondage.
- I renounce every evil altar, covenant and foundation associated with me directly or indirectly in the name of Jesus.
- I command every evil covenant, sorcery, and activities of ungodly altars connected to me directly or indirectly to be broken and flushed by the blood of Jesus.
- I command every operation and manipulations of evil altars to catch fire in the name of Jesus.
- I release myself from any inherited bondage, in the name of Jesus.
- I release myself from the grip of any problem transferred into my life from the womb, in the name of Jesus.

- I break and loose myself from every inherited evil covenant and curse in the name of Jesus.

- I renounce and break all evil demonic holds, strange powers, bondages and curses, and loose myself and all my descendants from them, in the name of Jesus.
- Every curse released by the wicked upon my life, you are revoked in the name of Jesus.
- Every evil altar erected over my life and destiny by anybody or my ancestors, catch fire in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 6
Key-Factors of Evil Altars

There are key factors constituting evil altars in the lives of individuals, families, communities, positions, thrones, continents, nations and even a local church. They have varying consequences, depending on what they are and how they are handled. Some actions of our ancestors or ourselves break the laws of God. We know if there is no quality repentance, and atonement made over such matters, the full consequences will take place and continue taking place, until, in line with the scriptures, they are dealt with in prayer. These factors include idolatry, bloodshed, wickedness, immorality, satanic priesthood, slavery, evil names, curses etc. Let us briefly look at them one by one.

ALTAR OF IDOLATRY

This involves worshipping gods who are not the God of heaven and, as such, breaking out-rightly the first and second commandments as written in Exodus. 20:3-5:

> *“You shall have no other gods before Me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.”*

Idolatry involves making covenants with the devil and worshipping a multiplicity of idols. It also involves giving worship, service or attention meant for God, to anything other than God. Idolatry is not only the worship of graven images or carved things. Your wife, husband, work, assembly, beauty, academic qualification, fame, success or

anything you value more than you value God, could become an idol in your heart. A lot of other sins take their root from idolatry. The sin of adultery and fornication for instance, stem from the desire to satisfy the flesh or the desires of your partner in disobedience to God's laws.

The question of idolatry and its implications could best be viewed from what happened on the mountain before God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. The story is quite familiar. Moses went up to the top of the mountain to wait upon God and receive The Ten Commandments, while the people waited at the foot of the mountain. After waiting for a while, they felt Moses the servant of God had delayed in coming down from the mountain. For them, the absence of Moses meant the absence of God among His people. They demanded from Aaron a god whom they could serve to bridge the gap until Moses returned. Aaron made a golden calf, which they worshipped.

Idolatry affects both the young and old. Due to idolatrous foundations, lives are truncated, people do not fulfil their destinies; they are susceptible to lies, seduced and get into the place of confusion. Idolatry is such a terrible thing, that when it takes its' toll on individuals, families, and cities, it reflects on the entire nation.

So many idolatrous practices are prevalent in many parts of the world, including the worship of dead ancestors, horoscopes, consulting the dead, making incisions and tattoos on the body, observing some demonic festivals, new age religion, satanism, witchcraft, making inquiries from fetish priests, occultism, magic, mysticism, ritual sacrifices, masquerading, pouring libations, ungodly dedications to altars at home, or at waterfronts, worship of any created animal or reptile, erecting and bowing down before any form of image. If, when you are frightened or in danger, instead of calling the name of Jesus, you call your dead ancestors, that is ancestral worship, which is idolatry. Many people wear amulets and rings for protection, fame or power. This

is also idolatry. Some carry out all forms of sacrifices of different animals at different locations or get involved in ritual bathing and washing of their face, head or hands. Some visit certain shrines to eat or carry out sacrifices before the idol. Some visit grave yards to pray or make inquiries from the dead. Some worship the moon, stars and other elements, and even angelic beings. These are all forms of idolatry and they strengthen evil altars to speak negative things over people's lives and destinies. They always attract the anger and judgment of God. God binds Himself by His Word, He has sworn to judge such behaviour and He is not a man that He would lie, or the son of man that He would repent.

Numbers 23:19 ESV

> *God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*

Effects of Idolatry

1. It causes multiplicity of sorrows (Psalm 16:4).
2. It brings about confusion and shame (Isaiah 45:16; Psalm 37:16-20).
3. It causes barrenness and miscarriages (Hosea 9:10-17).
4. It leads people into captivity (Psalm 78:56-63).
5. It brings about poverty and dryness (Psalm 16:4).
6. It leads to backwardness (Isaiah. 42:17, Psalm 97:7).
7. It attracts foolishness (Isaiah 44:9, 18).
8. It invites frequent untimely deaths (Hosea 9:12-17).
9. It causes drought (Jeremiah 50:38).
10. It gives birth to natural disasters (Isaiah 29:6).

11. It attracts God’s anger and judgment on generations yet unborn (Exodus. 20:1-5).
12. It causes spiritual blindness (Isaiah 44:16-20).
13. It puts a covering cast on the people (Isaiah 44:22).
14. It gives birth to heartless, wicked rulers etc.

Idolatry not only corrupts a people, it also separates them from God, because it breaks His heart and so stirs up His jealousy. Leviticus 26:14-39 and Deuteronomy 28:15, enumerate the terrible consequences of idolatry.

ALTAR OF BLOODSHED

Bloodshed or murder is one of the sins with no provision for atonement in the Bible (Numbers 35:29-34). Blood has a voice; it speaks. The blood of Abel kept speaking to God from the ground, demanding vengeance (Genesis 4:10-11). It is a terrible thing to spill human blood. Assuming somebody in the course of his dirty business before getting born again, shed blood through assassination or arranged killings, or shed blood through abortion, it must be properly dealt with, because the spilling of blood has great curses following it.

The penalty for murder is the life of whoever is involved in the murder. Genesis 9:6 confirms this:

“Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man”

Even in the Old Testament times, when the high priest of Israel came to make atonement on the altar of God for Israel, the murderers were not included. They must pay with their own lives, because the blood of an animal does not compare with the value of the blood of man. There is no way you can take the life of a human being and then bring a goat to get forgiveness. The Bible says the life of the killer is required. This is why the only escape we have in the New Testament is the Blood of Jesus, which is also the blood of a

man. This is the only blood that can cover and cleanse the sin of murder.

A major consequence of bloodshed is desolation on the land. The earth has so much potential which God has ordained for her to yield to mankind, but so much of such potentials have been destroyed by bloodshed which has cursed the land and made her people wanderers and fugitives like Cain. Is your father's house like that?

Blood guiltiness not only brings about desolation, it also attracts terrible curses on those involved in it. Examples are Cain in Genesis 4:11-12, Joab in 1Kings 2:31-34 and 2Samuel 3:29, David in 2Samuel 12 (9-12). In 2Kings 21:16, we read that:

> *"Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the Lord."*

Consequently, in 2Kings 24:3-4, it is evident that what Judah suffered was a result of the sins of his father, Manasseh. Thirty years after Manasseh died, the effect of the abominations he committed were still evident and God was still fiercely angry with His people (2Kings 23:36).

Not only is a man who sheds blood guilty but even his brothers are equally guilty and sometimes even his whole lineage to the fourth generation. David, though a man after God's heart, still suffered the repercussions of bloodshed three years into his reign as King over Israel. There was much desolation in the land. As he inquired of the Lord to know why, the Lord answered him saying:

> *"It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites……."* (2Samuel 21:1-6).

You see, it was with the blood of Saul's seven children that God was entreated for the land.

ALTAR OF SATANIC PRIESTHOOD

The writer of Hebrews wrote about Levi paying tithes to Melchisedec through Abraham, because he was in his loins. Levi did not live in the days of Melchisedec, but because of the Godly priesthood running through their lineage, he partook of that which was done by Abraham. Hebrews 7:9-10 confirms this:

> *"Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him."*

Note that Levi is a fourth-generation son of Abraham and the good works of Abraham were accounted to his favor. In the same way, if what Abraham did was evil in God's sight, he would have been a partaker of the evil. In other words, if the above scripture is true for a Godly priesthood, it can also be said to be true for a satanic priesthood. So, if you have in your family a satanic priest, you must deal with it and cut yourself off from it, because by reason of the satanic priesthood, you are a partaker of the sacrifices your fathers offered to idols, even before you were born.

Today, we have shrines with priests and priestesses who service them. Anybody who has a shrine or administers in front of a shrine is a satanic priest. A shrine is an evil altar. So, Shriners are those who go before evil altars. That means anyone who is a Shriner, who offers a sacrifice or goes to altars of darkness, to make sacrifices at any level, his children to the fourth generation are guilty. They are counted before God as people who went to the shrine, even though they were not there. And they will be held accountable in the spirit for the action of their fathers. Children of witch doctors or occultists and others from families where there is some form of satanic priesthood, experience hazards in several areas of their lives. I have seen people who are in ministry today, who's ministries, because they come from such roots, look like they are

running around a circle or practicing crab movements: two steps to the right, three to the left, one forward, two backwards, very busy but barely making any progress. They always tell stories of woe.

ALTAR OF OCCULTIC NAMES

Names are very significant. They can affect our destinies and lives positively or negatively. They carry a positive or negative anointing, which is activated when the name is called. Names glorifying Satan, deities, idols and traditions make God angry, and turn His face away from those who bear such names. They attract His wrath instead of His blessings. Names are given to people and places according to beliefs and encounters. Whoever people are named after, rises to speak on their behalf when their names are mentioned.

There is something in a name. Whatever name a man bears, influences his life and destiny. There are names who have their roots in the worship and praise of Satan, and those names need to be destroyed. God has problem with such names that glorify the devil, and He does not even mention them (Isaiah 65:15). Names are prophetic proclamations of the personalities of individuals. If somebody carries a bad name, maybe your name is the name of a snake meaning cunning or subtle, each time anyone pronounces your name, it means he is speaking the characteristics of a snake into your life. Even if you get born-again, there is a need to change that name. There are names carrying the grace of God while there are names attracting the anger of God.

Unfortunately, many Christians bear names they do not know the meaning of. Please find out the meaning of your name. If you cannot find out its meaning or if it means something evil, negating your life and destiny, please ask God to give you a new name that will help you to fulfill your destiny. If you discover your name means something negative, that empowers the devil to have access into your

life and destiny, renounce it and revoke the powers behind it. Break loose from the power behind the former name and command the powers attached to them to loose their grip over your life and destiny in Jesus name.

The Bible gave us the account of several people whom God called and in the course of their walk with Him, had their names changed, to enable them to arrive at their destinies in God, from Abraham in the Old Testament to Paul in the New Testament. His direct relationship with God notwithstanding, when God called Abram, He changed his name to Abraham. He told him he would no longer be called Abram. He told him, “I am going to make you a father of nations and since your old name does not permit you to be a father, I must change it to get you into your destiny. Your new name which will usher you into fatherhood shall be Abraham.”

Likewise, when God was about to bless Sarai and make her a mother of nations, He changed her name to Sarah. When Jacob was to be delivered from the hands of his brother, Esau, God changed his name to Israel after an encounter with him. God was like, “you cannot carry a deceitful, supplanting name and do my work. I cannot bless or anoint that name. With your old name, you cannot survive the wrath of Esau. You need a change of name to plunge you into your destiny.”

Also, just before Joshua entered into the Promised Land, his name was Hoshea. Moses called him and said, “son, I have a problem with this name, you are not likely to get into your destiny with it. He said, your name will be Joshua.” And it was Joshua who led Israel into the Promised Land.

Before Jesus was born, an angel told Mary, “You shall call His name Jesus. Do not mess with it. It is with this name He will be able to fulfill His destiny.” Also, before John the Baptist was born, in Luke 1:59, God spoke to his father in the temple and said, “You shall call his name John. Do not

mess with it, for the name has a role to play in the assignment destined for him."

The names people bear strongly affect not only their foundations but their behaviors. In 1 Samuel. 25:24, we are told of a man called Nabal. Nabal simply means foolishness. He grew up as a man, he was wealthy but he was stupid. He could not help being foolish because his name meant foolishness.

Do not hang onto a bad name because you desire to maintain your family heritage. It makes no sense to be proud of a family heritage that will not allow you to fulfill your destiny in God.

ALTAR OF SLAVERY

Another factor constituting evil altars is Slavery. Slave trade we know was commonly practiced in Africa and to make matters worse, slaves were buried alive on many occasions, to join their dead masters to continue to serve them in the land of the dead.

Slave trade is an evil against humanity and God. People involved in this bestial act, put God's creatures on the same level as animals. Many of our fore-fathers from Africa, were involved in Slavery for money, fame, and power. Those wicked altars of slavery are speaking over their children now. Any family or nation who has been involved in slavery invariably entangles itself in a yoke of bondage. The penalty for kidnapping and engaging in slavery as outlined in Exodus 21:16 is death.

> *"He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death."*

It is an offense in the scriptures carrying the judgment of death (Deuteronomy 24:7). It attracts curses on those involved in it. Judas Iscariot who sold Jesus for money was cursed (Acts 1:15-20).

Slave trade is deadly. It not only puts the people directly involved under curses, but it equally puts their generations

after them under a curse. A close look at all of the ancient ports in Africa, through which people were exported as slaves, from Calabar, Badagry, in Nigeria to Senegal, all the way to Mombasa in Kenya, Mozambique, Zambia and every port through which slaves were exported, many of them are dead and all the areas around them are abnormally poor. None of them is doing well. They are habitually cursed. They are deserted. Nothing good happens in those places. This is verifiable.

ALTAR OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY

The altar of sexual immorality is a very strong one. Because it is done with one's body, its grip on its victim is very strong. When you start messing around in that area, you begin to see it take hold of you and your entire family. Reuben got involved in it and lost his place before his father. Judah got involved in it and it never left the house of Judah. As years went by, it became worse. From Judah, it went to his children. It went to David. And David would kill to take another man's wife and incur God's wrath upon himself. It went from David to Solomon, who had three hundred concubines and seven hundred wives. Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar and Absalom had affairs with his father's wives on top of the roof before the eyes of the people. One man did it and it began to increase. It is a terrible altar that speaks negatively over the lives of many.

OCCULTIC ALTARS

Anyone who gets involved in occultic activities by his own volition, has opened the door of his life to the occultic world and has granted evil spirits easy access into his life and destiny. This gives the devil a legal right to put up resistance and want to hang on to the person for life. So many blood oaths and covenants are entered into as part of initiation rites into different cult groups. Lots of wicked acts are indulged in as part of strengthening their allegiance to the devil. All these make those involved in such cults mobile evil altars.

ALTAR OF CURSES

In Joshua 6: 26, Joshua cursed Jericho saying

> *"…cursed be the man before the Lord who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates".*

Joshua had a tough time conquering Jericho and after he conquered it, he made the above pronouncements. Do you know Jericho remained cursed for generations after that pronouncement? Such words could have been taken lightly if not for the gruesome happenings following afterwards. The bible records in 1 kings 16:34, that a man, who did not know anything about the curse, who was only doing a philanthropic act for his community, felt like rebuilding the city as a contribution to his community, not knowing the words spoken against the city were hanging in the air waiting to unleash on whoever would venture rebuilding the city. Suddenly, as he began construction, his first son died, but nothing happened to the ones in the middle, because of the particulars of the pronouncement made by Joshua generations before. He had no idea the rebuilding of the city had anything to do with the death of his first son. He may have explained it away as a coincidence or an act of God. He went on and rebuilt Jericho, at the completion of the project, everybody was excited, the day they came together to commission it, to celebrate over the city, his last son, maybe in high school, died. Maybe somebody killed him. Why? Because there was a curse saying the first son would die at the foundation level and his last son would die the day the building was completed. While this philanthropist was setting up the gates of Jericho, his last son died and there was nothing he could do about it. A man's kindness to rebuild a city which had been cursed caused the death of his two sons through ignorance. The man did not know such a curse existed, but his ignorance did not save him from

being affected by the curse. The children did not know. The man did not do anything wrong. The children didn't do anything wrong. So, sometimes the mishaps coming across your path is not because of any fault of yours but because you stepped onto a curse in the ground. And the curse stipulates things which will happen to people who step onto those grounds. The man was a good man, he came from Bethel. Beth–El is the house of God. Bethel has open heavens. He went to Jericho to build and he got into trouble. His two sons, Abiram and Segub, died because of the land.

According to 1 Kings 16:34,

> *"In his days, Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram his first born, and with youngest son Segub, he set up its gates, according to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun."*

The effect of the curse did not end even though the man had lost his two sons. Since no one consciously terminated the curse, it continued running. Every curse has to be broken at some point; otherwise it will continue to operate. Those words were waiting for anybody who would touch the land. If you look at the number of years between the time Joshua pronounced those curses on Jericho and the time those words came to pass, you will discover the passage of time could not disannul the effect and influence of the curses. In this case it was still hanging and waiting for whoever would enter Jericho to rebuild the land. It took a man of God in the person of Elisha to completely heal the land and the waters of this curse. What if he had not come or the elders did not ask questions? There is no doubt the situation would have remained as it was.

According to 2 Kings 2:19-21, the men of the city, when they saw Elisha, the Prophet of God visiting Jericho, they met him and complained to him concerning their land.

They said *“please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the ground barren”*

They understood the curse Joshua placed over Jericho was still speaking. They noticed that though they had water, it was bitter and though the city looked pleasant the land was barren. Thank God for elders who have spiritual insight. They said, “the land is pleasant, everything looks good, people think it’s all right, but it’s not all right.” Today, several people are operating under curses while they think all is well. Only a few people with insight know something is wrong somewhere. The elders of Jericho invited Elisha, God’s prophet into the matter. Thank God they noticed he had a unique grace in breaking curses over the land. We need to know that not everybody in ministry has the grace to deal with particular things.

It is just like in the military, some people are in the Air force, and some are in the Navy or the sea. Some are in the infantry. Some are machinery people. They handle machine guns; they handle big tanks; while some handle rifles. People are trained to handle different things in ministry. Some people’s ministry is Pastoral, they are gifted in caring for people. Some others are for deliverance and God gives them grace to do devastating jobs to the kingdom of darkness. Before you build a house on a land full of trees, you must bring in the bulldozer, because you cannot build your house on trees. So many of us have so many trees in our lives that must be pulled down so God can build something good on us. So, they called Elisha as he was returning from the Jordan. Elisha said, “Get me a clean vessel, put salt in it.” And then he went to the fountainhead, the source of the river, he said, “Thus says the Lord, you will not be bitter again.” As he poured the water with salt inside the fountain, the land was healed, the water was healed. Till today, Jericho is healed and has one

of the most delicious fruits in the world today. It is also one of the most fertile grounds on the surface of the earth. By the prophetic utterance of a man who has the ability and the grace to break curses over lands, Jericho remains one of the most advertised ports in the world today. It was a land which was barren because it was laboring under a curse until a prophetic action was done on it. There are lives which have been barren. You see a young man, tall, handsome, he speaks using good language, clean, has good credentials, has a very long resume, but he has no good job, cannot keep a family, cannot amount to anything, looks handsome, looks good, but is barren, and cannot keep a job. That kind of person needs God's help just like Jericho needed healing before any man could do anything there and succeed.

So many of our church locations have drunk human blood and had many sacrifices offered upon them attracting curses from the Lord. These curses need to be broken. It is important to know how to deal with the things which have bound, limited us, reduced and restricted us.

I had an encounter with a lady who works in one of our government-owned Agencies in Nigeria. Her family has gone through this vicious circle of agony wherein nobody in their family lives beyond 35 years. At this time, she was already 34 years old and would soon hit the "age of death" and so she was very afraid. After listening attentively to her, I asked her to go back home and make inquiries concerning the root of these evil occurrences. I asked her to find details as to when it all began, the last person who lived beyond the age of thirty-five and what happened to put a lasting limit on how long those after them should live. Although we would have gone ahead to probe her foundations from heaven, this preliminary investigation was meant to help us know where to start in handling her case. I gave her to understand that although God reveals all secrets, it is still not out of place to make inquiries from elders in the land.

She went to her village for one week. Afterwards, she reported to me that they were able to trace it to one chief in their family. It was revealed that this chief married many wives but adopted an evil strategy enabling him to eliminate any of his wives who fell out of favor with him and marry a new one. In doing this, he would tie a palm frond on the door to the woman's house to signify by their culture that the woman was a witch.

In his characteristic way, on one particular occasion, he did this to one of the wives in the night, as usual, in the morning all in the village saw see it. The young men of the village were always standing to execute judgment on such as these. They took the woman away to the evil forest as was the custom. But before they killed her, she requested they allow her to make her last speech. This they accepted. The woman lifted her hands to heaven and said, "God if I am a witch, let me die like a witch and be forgotten, but if I am not a witch, let nobody in this family live beyond my age." This particular event happened when the woman was 35 years old. From that time onwards nobody in the husband's family lived beyond 35 years old. The people who came under the influence of this curse did not know anything about it, they were not a part of what happened, but since future generations did not ask questions, they paid dearly as they kept dying young. The effect of this occurrence knew no national boundaries. Members of this family could be in Tokyo, New York, London, but when they turned thirty-five years old, the demon of death would trace them and kill them, and their corpse would be flown back to the village. Demons do not need passports or visas to track down their victims.

Now that it was clear where the lady's problem was coming from, we dealt with it accordingly and today she is close to 50 years old. She is the first person in their family since that curse was pronounced who has lived beyond 35 years old.

Altar of Wickedness

Altars of wickedness attract a lot of repercussions not only on those directly involved, but on their generations, because God stores up a man's punishment for his sons. Job 21:17-20 confirms this:

> *"How often is the lamp of the wicked put out? How often does their destruction come upon them, The sorrows God distributes in His anger? They are like straw before the wind, and like chaff that a storm carries away. They say, 'God lays up one's iniquity for his children'; Let Him recompense him, that he may know it. Let his eyes see his destruction and let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty."*

The following scriptures illustrate the repercussions following altars of wickedness:

Proverbs 3:33, **33***The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked,*
but he blesses the home of the righteous.

Proverbs 10:27, 30*The fear of the Lord adds length to life,*
but the years of the wicked are cut short.
30*, The righteous will never be uprooted,*
but the wicked will not remain in the land.

Proverbs 22:8, *Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity,*
and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.

Proverbs 27:19*, As water reflects the face,*
so one's life reflects the heart. a

Job 18:5-21, *"The lamp of a wicked man is snuffed out;*
the flame of his fire stops burning.
*6**The light in his tent becomes dark;*
the lamp beside him goes out.
*7**The vigor of his step is weakened;*
his own schemes throw him down.
*8**His feet thrust him into a net;*
he wanders into its mesh.

9 A trap seizes him by the heel;
a snare holds him fast.
10 A noose is hidden for him on the ground;
a trap lies in his path.
11 Terrors startle him on every side
and dog his every step.
12 Calamity is hungry for him;
disaster is ready for him when he falls.
13 It eats away parts of his skin;
death's firstborn devours his limbs.
14 He is torn from the security of his tent
and marched off to the king of terrors.
15 Fire resides a in his tent;
burning sulfur is scattered over his dwelling.
16 His roots dry up below
and his branches wither above.
17 The memory of him perishes from the earth;
he has no name in the land.
18 He is driven from light into the realm of darkness
and is banished from the world.
19 He has no offspring or descendants among his people,
no survivor where once he lived.
20 People of the west are appalled at his fate;
those of the east are seized with horror.
21 Surely such is the dwelling of an evil man;
such is the place of one who does not know God."

PRAYERS POINTS

- I renounce every form of idolatry practiced by my ancestors.

- I bring identificational repentance on their behalf in Jesus Name. (repent in their stead – as did Daniel in Daniel 9 – he repented as though the sin was his own – he *identified* with his ancestors)

- I renounce every form of idolatry practiced by me, directly or indirectly, knowingly and unknowingly. Oh Lord, forgive me in Jesus Name.

- I repent of every bloodshed in my lineage in the name of Jesus.

- Oh Lord, forgive in your mercies, the sin of slavery committed in my lineage in Jesus name.

- I renounce every satanic priesthood practiced in my family in the mighty name of Jesus.

- Renounce every occultic name if you have one. Try and find out the meaning of your name. If your

name is not good or you don’t know the meaning of your name, please change it(proverb 22 : 1)

- Oh Lord, I rededicate my life, family and lineage to you alone forever in Jesus Name. I declare that Jesus Christ is, and forever will be, the only foundation of our lives in Jesus name.

- I recover all the precious things I have lost due to evil altars in Jesus’ name.

- I release myself from any inherited bondage, in the name of Jesus.

- I break and loose myself from every inherited evil curse, in the name of Jesus!

Chapter 7
Signs Of Oppression From Evil Altars

There are certain manifestations in the lives of people indicating they are either lawful captives of an evil altar or the prey of the mighty. Some of these signs are the evidences of complete possession by powers from evil altars or indications of oppression by those powers. God's children cannot be *possessed* by the powers from evil altars, but they can be harassed, afflicted and suppressed by such powers till they are dealt with properly.

In this chapter, we will consider those signs. They are as follows:-

Uncompleted Projects

Many people begin projects they never complete. Not that they do not have the money to complete them, but an evil altar of stagnation, that hates progress, is speaking over their lives. They are good at starting projects but never complete them. They always see themselves failing on the verge of their breakthrough. As soon as a miracle is about to happen in their lives, it looks as if hell is let loose over their destiny. Raging and arrows from hell are released against them causing their miracle to abort. Once that happens, every ground they gained is lost and they are forced to start afresh, in this way, they are never able to finish any project. Many times they start a physical building project, but are never able to complete it. Sometimes, it may be the land in which they are building on is a place dedicated to the powers of darkness. They may have bought it or it was given to them as a family inheritance. They just started their building project on it, without bothering to redeem the land from the previous spiritual owners and rededicating it to the Most High. As soon as they lay the foundation for the

house they want to build, the spirits who own the land will protest and ensure the project is never completed. This is a clear indication an evil altar is speaking over their lives.

Divorces And Turbulent Relationships

Wherever evil altars are speaking, there is much disagreement, arguments and misunderstandings, both in homes and in other relationships. These wicked altars release much strife and contention between couples. Men and women who are harassed by evil altars suddenly lose affection for their spouses and start acting strangely towards them. Some go to the extent of separation and divorce. If you ask them why they took such a decision, they cannot give any meaningful reason. They have been manipulated from hell against their spouses. Some of them are under the bondage of a soul-tie with their former partners and therefore have great difficulty loving and relating with their current spouse. Sometimes, couples who have never fought, suddenly begin to quarrel and fight in a shameless way, even before their children. Evil altars stir up great contention in relationships. It twists communication and releases suspicion, lies, and mistrust. It makes it difficult for people to trust one another in relationships.

James 3:16 states;

> *where there is envy and strife, there is confusion and every other evil work.*

Some marriages between believers are very turbulent. The spouses may have been very nice, wonderful people when they were single but as soon as they get married, if one or both of them are coming from a foundation where an evil altar is speaking, it will certainly affect their marriage and make it very turbulent. In some cases, they may be living happily in a particular location. As soon as they move to another apartment in another location, if it is a house formerly occupied by a very troublesome, contentious couple, they may now suddenly find themselves quarrelling and fighting which they had never done before. In some

instances, people may move into an apartment located on an evil altar, if they do not redeem the location and carefully dedicate it to God, the evil altar on which the house is resting will rise to attack their marriage. In some families, marriages are always turbulent. Either they are battling with bareness or the issues of divorce or miscarriages which keeps the couple miserable.

Stagnation and Constant Failures

Some people's lives are filled with stagnation and limitations because an evil altar is speaking over their lives. They work so hard, but do not make any meaningful, significant progress. They see themselves always battling with backwardness spiritually, physically and emotionally. They see themselves making costly mistakes that have great repercussions in their lives and destinies. The same problem comes their way repeatedly. After getting a solution, the affliction will come back a second, third and fourth time. Sometimes the failure is in business enterprises. No matter the business adventures they engage in, they keep experiencing failures. They invest monies that are never recovered. Constantly their finances keep going down. They see themselves often borrowing from people when they should be lending to others. At a time when they should enjoy their lives and eat from their sweat, rather all through their lives, they are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Unjustifiable Hatred by Many

Some people suffer from unjustifiable hatred from many people around them. They discover they have difficulty having favor with God and men. Doors that open of their own accord for many others, see them and lock up so tightly they are never able to enter. They battle with disfavor and hatred wherever they go. Not many people want to see them, let alone relate to them or want to do anything with them. They are hated for no good reason. Their voices and footsteps nauseate those around them. It is a strong

indication an evil altar of disfavor and hatred is speaking over their lives.

Movements or Crawling of Things in One's Body

Many people experience objects crawling all over their bodies that are not visible. They just feel them crawling inside their system and experience the discomfort that goes with it but cannot physically see or touch the object crawling inside them. I have been in a crusade with my husband where a woman was oppressed by the devil through a snake that kept crawling all over her body, when she was hit by the Power of God, she vomited a live snake! Everyone was shocked and gave Glory to God.

Barrenness or Multiple Miscarriages

Many people who are laboring under the attack of barrenness in many areas of their lives, are sometimes being harassed by evil altars. They do not only cause infertility and miscarriage, they also make people unfruitful in many other areas of their lives. There are some married women who have issues with getting pregnant. Medically, having gone through all the necessary tests, it is clear they are physically fit to get pregnant and have children. Their husbands are also fit to get them pregnant but they cannot get pregnant because an evil altar of barrenness is speaking over their lives and marriages. These altars do not want to see marriages succeed, so they put them under siege. They also cause miscarriages and a lot of misunderstandings making marriage look like hell on earth. I know a Christian sister who miscarried her babies more than seven times. The most painful one was the miscarriage that took place when the pregnancy was already seven months. Everybody was so optimistic that she would deliver the baby, and suddenly she began to bleed again and delivered a dead baby. It was very clear an evil altar either in her foundation or in her husband's foundation was speaking over her life and marriage. These wicked altars cause serious quarrels between husbands and wives by making mountains out of

molehills. They just do not want to see happy marriages. They delight in seeing broken homes and dysfunctional marriages. They are the ones responsible for so many divorces even in the church. Many have a hard time getting married and staying happily married.

Terrible Body Odour

I have met a few people with such a body stench that it is not ordinary. It is so bad that thirty minutes after they leave you, ‘‘their presence remains’’ because of the terrible stench they leave behind! No matter what kind of deodorant or perfume they use on themselves, the stench remains. There are also some, where others do not perceive the stench or odour following them, but they perceive it and do not know what to do about it. For those who are married, the same stench puts their spouses off and keep them apart from each other for months.

Harassment Of Your Dream Life

A major sign you are being harassed from evil altars is when your dream life is invaded from time to time with strange satanic dreams of snakes, spiders, etc., and sea creatures. Some people see themselves being eaten by snakes in their dreams or playing with snakes in their dreams. Some see themselves eating strange food in their dreams without knowing who cooked it or requested the food. They just notice they are helpless as strange fellows are feeding them with strange foods in their dreams. Some see themselves being paralysed in their dreams and being carried helplessly by strange fellows. Sometimes, they see themselves performing demonic rituals in a dream. They see themselves constantly talking with dead people in their dreams. Others see themselves always living in the past, writing and failing high school exams in their dreams. Some people see themselves flying in their dreams to unknown destinations or swimming in the waters. Some are harassed by vicious spirit husbands and wives who come to have sex with them in their dreams. After such an encounter, they

lose affection for their physical spouse. Sometimes such sexual encounters produce spirit children making it difficult for the people in question to have physical children. Some victims also see themselves bathing in the river in their dreams most times in a company of strangers.

Uncontrollable Sexual Urges

Many men and women who cannot control their sexual urges are controlled or harassed by evil altars. Such altars promote promiscuity and sexual perversions, adultery, fornication, incest, pornography, masturbation, homosexuality, bestiality, sodomy etc. There are so many captives in this sexual prison, including ministers of the gospel. Some may not be physically involved in sleeping with anyone but they are deep into pornography and masturbation. Some sexual urges are so strong they even have sex with their own child or close family relative, in such cases an evil altar is definitely speaking over that life. When someone goes out to patronize prostitutes to satisfy sexual urges, they are a victim of an evil altar. For some, they are no longer attracted to their spouses but to other strange men or women, it is a sign of bondage. When a man will no longer be attracted to a woman as God made them to be and is now attracted to a fellow man in a homosexual relationship, it is a great sign of bondage to evil altars. Many victims of evil altars are very promiscuous. They become so addicted to sex that if nobody comes to them, they go looking for someone to have sex with. Some of these victims cannot stay a day without having sex with someone. They are not in control of their sexual urges. They just cannot help themselves, a power stronger then them propels them into sexual intercourse with anyone who comes their way. They have multiple sexual partners, both physically and in their dreams. Some of these partners are well known to them but some are strangers, they are helpless in their hands. Most times they always have a feeling of someone sleeping on top of them and pressing upon them especially

at night. It could be so overwhelming that they are not able to shout if they want to. Many of the victims of evil altars had their sexual gates opened very early in their lives either through rape or by willingly giving into sexual intercourse. Once it is opened they go all the way in their sexual escapades. Sometimes they are victims of incest, homosexuality, bestiality and lesbianism.

An Angry and Violent Life

If you notice your life and marriage is infested with violence, then evil altars are speaking over your life. Many people struggling with the spirit of anger are very violent. They lack self-control over their anger and behave like a city without walls. They lack self-esteem and suffer from an inferiority complex. If they think people around them are doing better than them, they react angrily and violently towards them. Most times they are very controlling and make a great effort to suppress people around them before they can feel good about themselves. Some people are very jealous and envious about the progress those around them are making and they cover it up by being angry and violent towards them. The spirit of control and intimidation engineers an angry and violent life.

Temper, fear and fits of rage are displayed when evil altars speak over one's life. Those affected by these have no rule over their emotions. They are helpless when their emotions are taken over because of the evil altars speaking over their lives. Proverb 29:22 throws some light on the dangers of anger:

> *“An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.*

Proverbs 22:24-25 also confirms this:

> *“Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go. Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare for your soul*".

Unstable Christian life

Evil altars make it difficult for their victims to be strong spiritually. Prayer and fasting become very hard tasks. Studying the Word of God becomes a burden. Those under the grip of evil altars do not enjoy a personal in-depth walk with God. Their spiritual antenna is disconnected. They cannot receive spiritual signals from the Holy Spirit, and they end up visiting diviners, sorcerers and enchanters to know their future. Because of their weakness spiritually, they become easy prey to spiritist churches, fake prophets and prophetess who hold them bound with false prophesies and spells from the marine kingdom. They are weak spiritually because of the influence of the evil altars, speaking over their lives. They find themselves practicing sorceries, enchantments and divinations.

Depression, Restlessness And Gloominess.

Most people oppressed by evil altars are consistently unhappy. Most times they are sad and gloomy, sometimes depressed and withdrawn. They do not seem to see reasons around them to be happy. They give their ears to voices of discouragement, despair and despondency. They give up on themselves easily because they lack self-worth and self-esteem. Proverbs 17:22 states that:

> *"A merry heart does good like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones".*

God wants us happy and joyful while serving him on earth. Psalm 16:11 states clearly that in His presence there is fullness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures forever more". Jesus told His disciples in John 15:11

> *"these things I have spoken to you that my joy may remain in you and that your joy may be full".*

Joy is not the absence of challenges; it is the Presence of God in the midst of the storm. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. Gloominess and depression are not: have no business with them.

Some human beings suddenly find themselves in the pit of unexplainable depression. They cannot tell how they got there and do not know how to come out of it. They may be happy and excited for a season and suddenly, they become very moody and sad. They cannot explain the reason for their sadness, and do not seem to know how to come out of it. This is an arrow from evil altars. Evil altars suck away every light and introduce so much darkness beclouding the mind, like one going through a tunnel. Such altars release darts and arrows of words, they twist and distort God's Word in the hearts of its victims and fills their minds with doubt and unbelief, until they sink into the pit of depression. Their lives are filled with restlessness.

Exchange Of Stars And Destinies

Evil altars are well known for stealing precious things from people and transferring them to others, like stars, virtues, wealth, positions, possessions, knowledge, babies etc. They can transfer these precious gifts from one individual to another in what they call "satanic exchange". In the same way they can also transfer evil things like death, sickness, and afflictions from one person to another. They can give one person's life as a ransom for another. They can also manipulate stars and the destinies of many. Everyone has a star. The 3 wise men in Matt 2:2-10 followed the star of Jesus to his location. It is with that understanding that the zodiac people bastardised in order to hold people in bondage with their wicked predictions on stars and months when people are born. The devil catches into this knowledge and has his agents, whose assignments are to either manipulate, exchange or steal people's stars. We have many such cases here in Nigeria and have seen it often as we minister in the Nations. Some intelligent children receive gifts from certain people in exchange for their stars - and before they know it, their intelligence is gone, they begin to struggle. Demonic agents can also reduce the life span of their victims. From their covens, they use their sorcery pots

to cook people's lives and destinies, harass them and make their lives miserable. They can suck out the good things in their lives and exchange it with sufferings, afflictions, problems and sicknesses. Priests of evil altars are wicked and heartless thieves just like their father the devil, who only comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. John 10:10. Jesus came to rescue us from these devilish plans and give us all the Joys of His Kingdom!

Suicidal Thoughts And Tendencies

One of the manifestations of evil altars is a releasing upon their victims a desire to terminate their lives. It starts with some depressive thoughts making you unhappy and frustrated with everything around you. Problems are magnified by the devil so you hardly see any solution. Sometimes, such victims constantly dream of dead people or see themselves "lying in state" or being in a coma. Such dreams or feelings of depression and desire to commit suicide should not be neglected or swept under the rug.

Full Of Strife, Contention And Confusion

People who are harassed by evil altars are full of strife, very contentious, argumentative and quarrelsome. They are proud, stubborn, cold hearted and haughty, with very arrogant attitudes. Some are sometimes very judgmental, and legalistic, very disobedient to authority and dishonoring to elders, they have a hard time relating to people unless they are allowed to manipulate and control them. Those who are oppressed by these evil altars thrive in the midst of confusion, envy and jealousy. They believe they know it all and are very unteachable and excessively self-confident. They are full of deception, lying, gossiping and slander.

Evil altars release curses, chaos and confusion upon people, relationships, families and ministries. Sometimes after great victories, evil altars will release confusion, despair and discouragement. It parades the spirit of strife and contention. When evil altars are speaking over a life,

there is confusion everywhere. James 3:16 states clearly that:

where there is envy and strife, there is confusion and every evil work.

This spirit works hand in hand with a critical and competitive spirit. They set believers against one another. Many believers feel good about their relationship with God. They see themselves as perfect in that area, but they do not have good relationships with other people, both believers and unbelievers. Many times, they tolerate enmity in their hearts and quarrel with almost everyone who comes their way. They have no idea relationships with people is the best asset we have in life. When we cannot flow well with our brothers and sisters, and have issues with them, we cannot easily relate with God. Sometimes we bring our gifts to God's altar, when our hearts are loaded with bitterness against people, and we expect God to receive our gifts, without realising He first looks at the heart of the giver, before receiving the gifts from his hands.

Practicing Sinful Lifestyles.

Evil altars make believers not only enjoy practicing sinful lifestyles but to cover them up and pretend they do not exist. This hinders them from experiencing the Power of God in their lives. When we sin against God, and are convicted by the Holy Spirit, the best we can do is not to cover it up and be tormented by guilt. We need to confess it from our heart, receive forgiveness from the Holy Spirit and move forward. David said in Psalms 66:18:

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me".

And in Proverbs 28:13, Solomon said,

He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

If we consciously tolerate sin, we are empowering evil altars to perpetuate their wickedness in and through our lives. Sin creates a barrier between us and God and hinders our prayers from reaching God's ears. Isaiah 59:1-2 confirms this:

> "*Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.*"

Unconfessed sin is not just a weight in the realm of the spirit will slowing down your spiritual walk and journey, it will hinder your prayers from being answered. It will snap the power line between you and God. It is a terrible obstacle to God showcasing His Power in your life. This is why Hosea 10:12 encourages us to:

> *sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains righteousness upon you.*

And in 2 Chronicles 7:13-15 the scripture says:

> *When I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open, and my ears attentive to prayer made in this place.*

This means sin has the power to close the heavens over a person or hinder the rain of God's blessings from locating them. God’s eyes will be closed towards you no matter what

you are going through, He takes no notice of it. His ears will also be closed to your prayers as if He is deaf. You can no longer receive revelation from Him. You are disconnected from receiving prophetic words from heaven. You will no longer enjoy the privilege of knowing God's heartbeat and the secrets of His heart. You will become spiritually blind. Your progress is delayed in many areas of your life. You will experience defeat and disappointments on every side. You will be exposed to all forms of oppression and attacks from different quarters. You and your land will be sick. God's judgment and death are released upon the land without measure and your prayers are not answered.

But when through righteousness you re-open your heavens, God's voice is brought back to you in such a way that you are able to hear Him clearly. When this happens, answers to prayers are received faster than before. People's response to the gospel is quicker than before, for in the day of the Lord, the people will be willing. When the heavens open over you, your zeal and passion for God cannot be fathomed.

God's Blessings pursue and even overtake you. Every covering cast the enemy had put on you is torn to shreds when your heaven opens. The stumbling blocks on your way are supernaturally removed. Divine guidance and direction are received easily. God is powerfully re-introduced to the people through your life and the wicked are brought to their knees. There is an unprecedented, supernatural release from God enabling you to overtake those who have gone ahead of you and to do incredible things.

When we confess and forsake our sin, with a broken and a contrite heart which God cannot despise, we receive His mercy and forgiveness. Instead of having a heart that is hard before God that hardly acknowledges its shortcomings, we need the kind of heart David had that made him constantly go before God in repentance. His prayer in Psalm 139:23-24 confirms this:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my anxieties: And see if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Our walls of self-righteousness and self-defense must be torn down so the light of His word can shine into the depths of our hearts. We must see ourselves through His own light and mirror.

Bitterness In The Heart

Evil altars breed bitterness and release it upon the lives of their victims. Bitterness has to do with hidden hatred in the heart against someone and an unwillingness to forgive the person and let them go. Bitterness does more harm to you than to the person you are bitter against. It goes right to the source of your life and eats you up like a cancer. It does not only affect you spiritually and hinder your prayers, but it eats you up mentally, emotionally, socially, physically and otherwise. Bitterness is a terrible setback. As long as you harbor it in your heart, your relationship with God gets grounded and you cannot make any headway in your relationships or life. It defiles your whole system. Ephesians 4:31-32 enjoins us to consciously put away bitterness:

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Bitterness makes you release words as arrows and darts to everyone around you. It also opens the door of your life to numerous diseases and makes you very impatient with yourself and with other people. Bitterness eats up your joy and indeed shortens your life. As the scriptures rightly puts it in Hebrews 12:15;

“Looking carefully lest anyone man fall short of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled”.

Carnality

Those who are victims of evil altars are more active in the flesh than they are in the spirit. When people are full of themselves, there is no more room for the Holy Spirit to dwell. James 4:6b records that:

> *"God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

Because of how God hates pride, anybody who is proud is useless to Him. When we are active in the flesh, we make every effort to promote ourselves. We look to men for personal approval, recognition and praise. Romans 8:5-8 states it more clearly:

> *"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be". So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Flesh is the greatest enemy to a victorious Christian life. Dying to flesh is an experience anyone who wants to enjoy his Christian life must crave for and seek. You have to die daily like Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:31. John 12:24 also confirms this:

> *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain".*

Spiritual battles are won or lost in the mind. It is the primary battlefield of the devil. 1st Corinthians 2:14 confirms this:

> ''*But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him: nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*'.

The sinful nature cannot perceive the things of God because

they are spiritually discerned. There has to be a renewal that

takes place in our minds and in our hearts.

Unforgiveness

Evil altars release the spirit of unforgiveness on their victims. Unforgiveness is a major stronghold and an enemy to good relationship. It is a weight which makes it difficult for you to travel light. It eats you up like cancer. It spreads from its root to every part of the body. It does not just affect the inside of you; it eats up your whole body.

Many great men and women of God who should have been shakers and movers have ended up being complainers because they were tied to this wicked string of unforgiveness and bitterness. This string wraps itself around the neck of your destiny and potential and chokes life and peace out of you. Most people who struggle with unforgiveness are seldom happy with others, and rarely make significant progress in life. Unforgiveness has broken many relationships and marriages. Unforgiveness opens the door to the enemy. It can hinder you from making it to heaven. It keeps you at the mercy of the person who keeps offending you. Each time you see him, you are uneasy. You are the one being tormented, but if you forgive, you free yourself.

PRAYER POINTS

- Every ancient gate and everlasting doors, closed against my life and destiny, I use the key of David to unlock you in the name of Jesus.

- Every evil covenant, dedications and initiations made with me physically or spiritually, I revoke them in the name of Jesus.

- Every soul tie or covenant made with a human being or a spirit being, be broken in the name of Jesus.

- Every covenant made by my ancestors or parents that is stagnating my life and destiny, your time is up! Be broken in the name of Jesus.

- Every satanic deposits in any part of my body, catch fire in the name of Jesus.

- Every covenant token made on my behalf, buried anywhere, be uprooted and burnt by fire in the name of Jesus.

- You arrows of stagnation and near success syndrome, and failure at the verge of breakthrough, your assignment is over, catch fire in the name of Jesus.

- Every spiritual umbilical cord through which demonic deposits are flowing into my life, I cut you off in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 8
Godly Altars in our lives

The Hebrew word for altar is '*Mizbeach*' from the root word '*Zabach*' which means to slaughter an animal. In the Bible an altar was a place of dying, a killing place, a slaughter house. It was where animals were slain as sacrifices to the Most High. Altars hardly looked beautiful because they were always full of blood, fire, smoke, and burnt flesh. They always had the stench of smoke and death. It was not a wonderful place one would gladly choose to go to except you had a deep desire to worship and please God.

For us as Christians, an altar could represent our killing field, the times in our lives when we had definite encounters with God that brought us to a place of dying; total submission and surrender to God.

God knows His purposes for our lives and what we need to go through to fulfil that purpose. He orders our steps and causes all things to work together for good to us because we love Him. Psalm 37:23 states that

> *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way".*

If we are serving Him in holiness, righteousness, sincerity and in integrity of heart, He orders our steps and ensures that He takes us through the pathway, that will help us to fulfil our purposes in life. When we find ourselves going through some unpleasant situations that bring us to a crossroad in our destinies, we should not struggle but gladly submit to the process of dying so that we may live. God has a killing field which each of us must go through to get to our destinies. If we smartly avoid it or resist going through it, we will limit our usefulness in His hands and cannot prosper

spiritually. In fact we will never be able to get to our fullest destiny.

Whenever you find yourself in a situation that is unpleasant and yet you are powerless to change it in order to do the Will of God, then you are going through a killing field and undergoing a pruning process that must bring you to a place of death. Altars are always uncomfortable because they are places of death and dying. If as a Christian, you find yourself being betrayed by trusted friends, or being maligned or lied against, if you need to take a very humbling decision just to stay within the Will of God for your life, you are facing an altar. The unpleasantness of altars could be avoided if you want to operate outside the Will of God for your life. But if you must stay within His Will for your life, you cannot avoid going through the unpleasant uncomfortable experiences. That is what makes it an altar. It is a place of death to your flesh and absolute surrender to the Will of God. This is what brokenness is all about, dying to live. There are many important places God wants to take you to, many great shelves He would like to showcase you for your world to see you, but the admission ticket is brokenness. You cannot find yourself on those shelves except through brokenness. Once you are broken, you will see yourself elevated to platforms you never dreamt would be possible for you to get to. Brokenness symbolizes humility and total surrender before God. It entails waiting on God's time, laying down your personal ambitions for God. Letting go and letting God have control.

God cannot resist embracing a broken vessel. He is attracted to him. Brokenness has to do with dying to yourself and living a life that has been totally surrendered to the Holy Spirit for purging. Brokenness involves giving the Holy Spirit complete access, freedom and control over every area of our life such that we become very pliable in God's hands and come into an in-depth relationship with Him. We

need to live beyond the surface and dive into the depths of God’s ocean. That is where the hidden treasures are found, inside the deep places. No one ever gets gold, silver or precious stones from the earth surface. You must dig deep to get precious ornaments. The mysteries of the Kingdom are not harnessed from the flesh but from the spirit. Deep calleth to Deep.

Brokenness is gladly stretching out ourselves on God’s stretcher, in His theater; allowing Him to operate on us and remove every junk and debris within and transform us into His image. There is no struggling in God’s theater. Brokenness is likened to a special encounter between the potter and the clay. It literally means to splinter into pieces. There will be nothing to rebuild if there is nothing that is shattered. He destroys or shatters in order to rebuild. He intentionally sent Jeremiah to the potter’s house to use what the potter does with the clay to illustrate what He desires to do in us if we allow Him to. In Jeremiah 18:2-6, it reads,

> *“Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words."* *Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:* "*O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?*" *says the Lord.* "*Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!”*

There is no struggling with God in the school of brokenness. Total surrender is needed to enable Him to do what He must do in our lives. We need to gladly submit to God's pruning process. John 15:2 confirms this:

> *“Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, He takes away and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes, that it may bear much fruit”.*

It is interesting to mention here that those branches who are fruitful are the ones pruned so they can bear more fruit. We also need to know pruning does not necessarily mean removing what is bad. It involves cutting away the good to get even better so that we might enjoy the best. God prunes to redirect and channel growth, that He might gather a greater harvest. As He prunes, He removes dead branches and trims back living branches. Pruning hurts. It causes pain. The way a veteran gardener prunes his vine is very shocking to a novice. He leaves the vine butchered. The onlooker is tempted to feel the vine will die. Pruning is like an organized destruction. Many times God has to destroy before He can construct. That is God's principle. He first scatters all those things you think you have or are and own, which do not conform to His pattern. He will in His own organized way, pull down your carnal strengths, your abilities, and your achievements that make your head swell, gather your bits and pieces together, and bring you to a yielded state. As He gathers you together, He will construct you into the glorious righteous person He wants you to be. It is on the altar that pruning takes place. When you are going through a pruning time, you feel like screaming out to God to ease the pain. Sometimes you are tempted to cry out "God why are you so hard on me"? He is being hard on you, not because He is a taskmaster but because of how off tangent you are from where He desires to take you to and the preparations you need to get there. You can never get to your ultimate in God except you go through the school of brokenness. It is like watching the eagle rejuvenating. It looks ugly and awful. But if the eagle is to live longer and have stronger wings, it must shed off the old wings so new ones can emerge. The word pruning can be substituted for chastening in Hebrews 12:11 to read,

> *"Now no pruning seems to be joyful for the present but painful, nevertheless afterward, it yields the*

peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Pruning is not what we can do by ourselves. God must do the pruning, ours is to enroll into His school and submit ourselves to the pruning. According to Job 5:17-19:

"Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects: therefore despise not the chastening of the Almighty: For He makes sore, and He binds up: He wounds and his hands make whole. He shall deliver you from six troubles: yea in seven there shall no evil touch thee".

God is the sole proprietor in this special "School of Brokenness". There is no mass promotion in this special school. If you fail your test, you are given the opportunity to take it again and again till you pass it. As you pass your test, God promotes you from one grade to another. All we need is to patiently go through our training. It is only when God begins to carry out a work of brokenness in your life that you will see how much excess luggage you have been dragging along.

Every one of us is loaded with precious potentials to make meaningful impact and to rule our world. No one is a nonentity in God's hands. It is important to mention that some vessels end up being passed through a more painful, thorough and rigorous pruning process than others. This is due to the nature of God's calling upon their lives. Some have higher assignments God desires to use them to accomplish. Therefore, there is no point comparing your experience with someone else's in this matter. The fact remains the more broken you are, the more of a vessel of honor you become the more fit you are for the Master's use. It is better to fall on the stone than to allow the stone to fall on you. According to Luke 20:18

"Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder".

God knows what to do to beat you into shape. Like He did to Jacob, He can get you limping if it will take that to help you move forward.

Secondly, in God's special squad, His children have several ranks. While He trains some to become generals in His army, He trains others to become colonels and sergeants. The kind of pruning process you are exposed to corresponds to what rank the Lord wants to give you and what kind of stars He desires to put on your crown if you are faithful. If you understand this clearly, your attitude will be very different as you go through your pruning process.

Though pruning is painful, it is still much better than its alternative, which is judgment. If you refuse to be pruned, your usefulness will be limited. You will not be able to ooze the sweet aroma hidden as a treasure inside you. When you cannot ooze out, you are good for nothing except to be thrown away as useless, worthless, rotten and irresponsive. In that state, you could be very dangerous and can minister death instead of life. In Isaiah 5, God refers to His people as His vineyard. He says He did everything possible to make Israel a fertile vineyard.

> *"I put you on a fertile hill, and cultivated you carefully, but all you produced was wild grapes." Therefore, He said, "I am not going to prune you anymore but I will take away your hedge and it shall be burned and break down your walls and it shall be trampled upon and lay you waste".*

When God no longer prunes, it is a sign of judgment. The consequence is desolation. Therefore, let your heart-cry everyday of your life be "Lord, even if it hurts, please do not stop pruning me. Dust off all the dusty areas of my life and polish me one more time".

The pruning process is done most times in a wilderness kind of situation. The 'wilderness' is a place of dying to self, where all the things that exalt themselves against the

knowledge of God in your life are killed. It is a place where God says, “I’ve been working so hard to get your attention, I’ve finally succeeded in getting you to where I can talk to you one on one and do definite works in your life.” It is a place or period of life through which every Christian must pass as he draws nearer to God. The wilderness is a place and time of preparation, it is a time that God brings you into an inner place where you can seek Him and allow Him transform you and produce great strength of character in you. It is a time of passing you through God’s fire of purification that you may come forth refined as gold. It is a time when God allows you to walk on your two legs instead of always being carried on His back for the purpose of building strength, character and stamina into you, for victorious living on earth. We learn absolute dependence on Him in the wilderness. It exposes the real person of a hypocrite. It is God’s killing field, His special altar, and it weeds out the fake from the real because the fake cannot stand the adversity of the wilderness. It weeds out those who really have a passionate love for the Master from those who were just completing a number in the church. If you desire a victorious life, you must be willing to cross over to the other side, and you cannot cross over except you go through the wilderness. It is the darkest hour of one’s night, which breaks into that person’s morning. It is your period of frowning providence during which God is somewhere hiding a smiling face. It is a time of loneliness and isolation, when you find yourself at a breaking point, when you have been deserted by loved ones and left to face God all alone; a time when you feel unloved and ignored. It is a time of weeping and screaming out, “God where are you?” But God is still seated on His throne during your wilderness experience. He knows and understands all that you are going through. He allowed it, not to kill you, but to train you and bring out the best in you. He intends to pass you through His fire of purification so that you can

confidently say like Job: “But He knows the way that I take: when He has tried me, I shall come forth purified as gold” (Job 23:10)

The wilderness season is a season of training and pruning that no serious Christian will escape. If you have a longing for God and desire to get to your ultimate in Him, you cannot afford not to go through the wilderness. If you run away from it, then you just want to be a loose, worldly Christian. If you have any desire to reach the height God wants you to reach, you can only postpone your wilderness experience, but you cannot run from it. The earlier you submit and start, the better, because as you postpone it, you delay your destiny. It is a good experience to go through, not because it is palatable but because of what it produces in us at the end of the day. If you desire to live a victorious life, if you desire to reach your destiny in God, then you must cross over to the other side where your destiny package is waiting for you. The bridge that takes you across is the wilderness bridge. When you cross the wilderness bridge, you will see that life is different on the other side.

Your reactions as you go through your wilderness determine what you get from it and how long you will stay there. If you go through it with a good heart attitude, you will reap its benefits and get it over with faster than you think. But if you continue grumbling and complaining like the Israelites, you will see yourself making an eleven day journey take forty years like they did.

God never promised us any exemption from the troubles and challenges of life. Since He appeared to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego as the fourth man in the furnace, He will go through the wilderness with you. He will keep you from the scorching of the flames. He was with Daniel in the lion’s den. He will comfort and carry you in His arms. It is for your own good that you pass through the wilderness. The earlier you go through it, the better. Once you take Him

along with you into your wilderness, you have nothing to fear. It will be worth the price at the end. But if you lack understanding in a season like that, you will be busy grumbling and complaining and you end up offending God, if not throwing in the towel. Note also, that the wilderness experience is different for each person. The circumstances and events launching you into your own wilderness may not be the same that would launch me into my own wilderness. Isaiah 43:2. There is a "when" for every Christian to go through the wilderness. The Israelites lingered in their wilderness and could not enter into their rest because they did not understand why God allowed them to go through the wilderness. They were busy grumbling, complaining, whining, murmuring and pining because they considered their wilderness experience a time of punishment instead of a training time. They put God to the test and made Him angry because of their unbelief, making Him swear in His wrath that they will never enter into His rest (Hebrew 3:18). Their reaction in the wilderness is clearly shown in Psalm 106:13-15:

> *"…But they soon forgot what He had done, and did not wait for His counsel. In the wilderness, they gave in to their craving; in the wasteland, they put God to the test. So he gave them what they craved for but sent a wasting disease upon them…."Furthermore,"…they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the Lord. So he swore to them with uplifted hand that he would make them fall in the desert, make their descendants fall among the nations and scatter them throughout the lands…" v. 24-27*

God said to them:

> *"…As surely as I live, and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, not one of the men who*

saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times, not one of them will ever see the land which I promised an oath to their forefathers. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it... As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very things I heard you say. In this desert, your bodies will fall."

What you do and say as you go through your wilderness is very important. it determines what you get from the altar experience. It is an experience that no serious Christian can run away from.

Altar experiences cause some emotional pain. Most times, they are experiences we wish we never had to go through. They pierce through our flesh and get right into our souls. It is meant to kill everything that signifies flesh in our lives. It could be very painful and agonizing. It is a process that is compulsory if we must get to our ultimate place of destiny in God.

Experiences we go through on the altar can either produce the best out of us or get the worst out of us, depending on how we handle them and what we allow to be crucified on the altar. Two things could be killed on the altar, either our flesh or our spirit, the choice is ours. Some altar experiences can bring our spirit man to a point of death and disconnect us from God. It could also kill our flesh and bring it to a point of death and connect our spirit man to God. It could bring us to a place of brokenness, where we are brought into a deeper walk with God. It is not necessarily because we have sinned against God that we find ourselves having altar encounters. It is just a necessary phase of our lives that will act as a bridge to launch us into our destinies in God. Do not see any unpleasant experience you are going through as God's punishment to you. It is His love that takes us to the altar, to die to our flesh that we may be more

useful to him in the things of the spirit. Through these unpleasant altar experiences, we are brought to the end of ourselves and taught submission and absolute dependence on Him. Through them, our hearts are purified and our characters made better.

Altar experiences are a very major part of our Christian experience and spiritual growth. It is part of the package for successful Christian living. Paul said in Philippians 3:10

> *“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;”*

We are not to enjoy only the power of His resurrection without the fellowship of His suffering. If you refuse to submit to altar experiences, you will remain a carnal Christian, whose flesh is ruling and dominating over your spirit. The more you submit to those unpleasant, painful wilderness experiences, your spiritual strength and commitment to God is renewed daily.

The flesh constantly fights against the spirit as we see in Galatians 5:16-17,

> *“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”*

We are enjoined by Paul in Romans 12:1-2 to consciously take ourselves to the altar as living sacrifices:

> "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*"

Altar experiences are never pleasant or comfortable. God does not force them on us. We choose to go through them willingly. We are living sacrifices that have the right to take ourselves to the altar to die or refuse to go. We need to willingly take ourselves to the altar and submit to God’s surgery in His theatre, where our flesh will be killed and our spirits brought back to life.

PRAYER POINTS:

- My father I bring repentance before You for any way I allowed the altar of my spiritual life to break down. Please forgive me in the name of Jesus.
- Today I enrol afresh into your school of brokenness. I take myself willingly to Your altar. Let every fleshly desire in my life die in the name of Jesus.
- Father prune me and take away all that You do not need in my life in Jesus name.
- I break all agreement with the enemy who would ask “Has God said…” in the name of Jesus
- I break off every form of discouragement in the name of Jesus
- My Father I embrace every altar of purification You have placed in my life and I break all agreement with any false altar placed in my life in the name of Jesus
- Father I receive Your pruning and purging in the name of Jesus
- Father I ask for endurance and perseverance to remain on any altar You have placed in my life for Your purposes in Jesus name
- Father forgive me for every place of complaining against You in my life in the name of Jesus - I repent and receive Your forgiveness in the name of Jesus
- Father forgive me for every place of murmuring and asking You “Why?” I repent in the name of Jesus. I trust You are ordering my steps for my good in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 9
Rebuilding Godly Altars in The End-Time Church

The Church of Jesus has been invaded by those who had no business coming into her. Many who could not succeed at any other business in life called themselves into altar ministry and opened cult groups in the form of churches, where all forms of abominations are perpetuated. Some of these occultic people, who pose as Pastors, go to wash their eyes in some occultic rivers, so that they can hold their members to ransom with the spirit of divination. All they are interested in is to hold the people in bondage with false fearful prophecies, while they extort money from them to enrich their stomach.

God wants you to showcase Him to your world through your life. Be a model of Righteousness and Holiness, that men may see your good works and give God all the glory. Righteous people are the greatest weapons in God's hands to confront the devil and to depopulate hell. The devil hates them with passion, and he is doing his best to ensure he suffocates their prayer lives and releases compromise into their lives. He wants to add them to other religious people who have become liberal and tolerant to sin and unrighteousness. He makes us feel as though everyone in Church has compromised their faith and no righteous man still exists in the church. God still has righteous vessels, righteous prayer warriors and intercessors, who have not bowed their knees to Baal.

God is looking for rebuilders of the walls of the Church that the devil has broken down. Make up your mind to be a rebuilder of the broken walls of prayer, holiness, fasting, righteousness, studying and preaching the true Word of God. We must rebuild the Altar of walking in the spirit, so

that we will not fulfil the desires of the flesh. We must allow flesh to die on the Altar of Brokenness. God is looking for true worshippers who will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. John 4: 23-24

> ‘‘But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.’’

If you are a true worshipper, you are not alone in this fight. Receive strength in your spirit to confront the Ahab’s and the Jezebels of our time. You are among the thousands God has reserved for Himself, who have not bowed their knees to Baal, but are consciously rebuilding God’s altars both in their lives and in the global Church, depopulating hell while populating God’s Kingdom.

Many believers have been through severe altar experiences. God allowed us to go through them so that He can use us mightily as part of His end time squad. 2 Timothy 2:19-21 is still as real today as it was in the time of Elijah:

> *“Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.”*

Lots of pressures are coming from the devil and from the world to cause us to compromise our faith and succumb to ungodliness and unrighteousness. Instead of throwing in the towel and succumbing to the schemes of the wicked, we must strengthen our altars of prayer and fasting. We must

consciously renew our commitment and consecration to God.

Consciously begin to renew your personal relationship and intimacy with God by strengthening your prayer, fasting and Bible study life. Make time to go on retreats and tarry in His Presence to renew your spiritual strength. Spend time studying the Word of God for therein lies your strength. There is no other way you can keep your ways pure, except by guiding them according to the Word of God. It is by purging your mind and renewing it with the Word of God that you continually remain a vessel of honour, fit for the Masters' use. We are to bring salt to the bitter world, making them thirsty for Righteousness and to shine as bright lights amidst the darkness of society. Matthew 5:13-16 confirms this:

> *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

However thick the darkness in the world, if we see ourselves as God's Altar, our light can overwhelm the darkness.

Isaiah 60:1-2 confirms this

> *"Arise, shine, For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you."*

In the days of Elijah, Jezebel introduced idolatry, immorality and all forms of abominations in Israel with her Baal worship. Lots of strange things were imported into Israel defiling the land and breaking the heart of God.

Elijah bemoaned the situation in 1 Kings 19:14

> *"And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.""*

Lots of false prophets at that time infested and polluted the land with their false prophecies. While Jezebel was feeding them and servicing their wicked altars, God's Altar was being desecrated. The worship of the true God of Israel was exchanged with Baal worship. So much whoredom, wickedness, ungodliness, false prophecies and all forms of abominations filled the land of Israel. The landmarks of the true worship of God in holiness and righteousness were removed. The true Word of God became scarce, because the abominations associated with the worship of Baal closed the heavens over Israel.

Paul made reference to Elijah's his heart-cry in Romans 11:2-4

> *"God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, "Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.""*

God's response to Elijah shows there are still many living, Godly Altars globally who have not bowed their knee to the devil. When God made that boast, He had you in mind. He

trusted that even if others deny Him and submit to the devil, you will stand strong for Him as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. He wants you to shine in the midst of darkness.

Matthew 5:16

> *so that let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

He wants you to confront the Ahab's and the Jezebels of our time who are desecrating His Altar and importing so many abominations into His house.

Today, there is much pollution in the Church of Jesus Christ. Many false prophets have invaded the Church, prophesying from their stomach lies and deceit. There is a scarcity of the true Word of God. The heavens over many congregations are closed, because the Presence of God is not there. The gospel preached from many altars today is polluted, it is loaded with tantalizing words to tickle the ears of the hearers and keep them comfortable in their sin, to the damnation of their souls. The devil is having a field day in many congregations today, tearing down Godly Altars of Righteousness, Holiness, Prayer, Intercession and Bible study. He has replaced God's Word with entertainment by unbelieving comedians, who come to church, to make a mockery of the True God that we serve. Many people are window shopping for congregations where they can hear preaching their itching ears want to hear. The devil is working hard to attack true sons and daughters of God, who preach the undiluted Word of God. He sees them as a threat to his kingdom. He has released lots of his seductive agents to the church to seduce the ministers of the gospel to water down their messages and drain the Power of God from their lives.

God wants us as the Elijah's of our time to repair the broken altars of our lives, homes, church and societies, where we are called to shine as light. Refuse to be silenced

like Jezebel tried to silence the true Prophets. She intimidated them so much so that they were hiding in caves, living on bread and water. She took care of her false prophets and prophetesses and fed them from her table. She amplified their voices so they could fill Israel with their lies and pollute the land spiritually and physically.

At the contest on Mount Carmel, before Elijah raised an altar to God and called on Him to consume the sacrifice with fire, he first of all repaired the Altar of the Lord which had been desecrated by the worship of Baal. 1 Kings 18:30 confirms this

> *"Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So, all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down."*

God's Altar had broken down and been scattered by negligence and total abandonment. The people were seduced or coerced to worship Baal. The Fire of God was no longer burning on His Altar. Ashes of sin and unrighteousness were everywhere. Elijah took away the ashes and repaired the Altar. He must have brought repentance before God on behalf of the people and all the abominations they practiced in the land. He took up twelve stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 1 Kings 18:31-33 confirms this:

> *"And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four water pots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.""*

God does not just appear on our behalf if we do not make a way for Him by building an altar to Him. When Elijah did what he ought to do in preparing a platform for God to showcase Himself, He appeared as the consuming fire and consumed the sacrifice. God still consumes sacrifices when He sees them laid on correct altars. His eyes are still moving to and fro the earth, seeking for Godly mobile altars, through whom He can showcase His Power and make them couriers and carriers of His Fire of Revival. He desires to set the Church on fire again. He is counting on you to be one of the fire carriers in this generation. Are you available and willing?

Isaiah 1:9

"For if ye are willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.".

It is time to get the ugly hands of the devil off the Church! It is time for the Church to become the True Church Jesus laid down His life to birth. It is God's desire to raise a Warrior Company He will use to show principalities and powers His manifold Wisdom through. Jesus boasted in Matthew 16:18:

"I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it".

He was seeing a transformed Church, a formidable, unconquerable, unintimidated, unstoppable, irresistible, unmovable, invulnerable and unsinkable Church! He saw a Church, whose impact will be felt in the land, a Church who will cause devastation in the camps of the enemy and bring jubilation and excitement to the camp of the Righteous. He foresaw a Church easily recognized by the host of hell, bulldozing their way through the land, like warhorses, moving into the battle courageously and fearlessly! Jesus saw a Church as a Recovery Army, unseating the devil from lives, homes, the Church and society, and taking back from him all that he had stolen! He saw a bold, courageous Church who would refuse every form of intimidation from

the devil! He saw a Church who would be a solution to her world and an answer to the questions around her. He saw a Church who would not only be His Flames of Fire but would distribute that Fire to everyone they meet! A Church too hot for any demonic fly from hell to perch on! This is the Church He will use to confront and deal with the Ahab's and the Jezebels of our time in this season.

Creation is waiting for us to manifest the Power, Will and Purposes of God in our communities. According to Romans 8:19

> *"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God".*

Jesus bequeathed Authority to us in Luke 10:19

> *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you".*

This authority is not for decoration. We are to use it set the captives free and to break the bonds of wickedness in our cities. We are a Kingdom of Priests and Kings unto our God. Revelation 1:5-6 confirms this:

> *"And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 2:9 also confirms this:

> *"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light".*

As royal Priests, we are to show forth the praises of He who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. It is our responsibility to tear the veil of darkness over our

cities and communities, and to usher in the Light of God. God expects us to build up the old waste places in our cities, to repair cities that have been destroyed long ago by wicked altars. He wants us to repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

This is the season of the outpouring of His Spirit. This is the season of Revival Fire!

Joel 2:28-32 confirms this:

> *‘‘And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. ‘‘And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.”*

God is looking for the “7,000” who have not kissed Baal, to rebuild His altar in their lives, homes, schools, Church and in the society. So much has gone wrong in the homes, in different congregations and Altars of Worship, in the society, in the nations of the world. Iniquity is abounding and the love of many is waxing cold. Abominable things are happening everywhere, as if God is on holiday and does not even see what is going on. But Jehovah is still seated comfortably on His Throne, still ruling in the affairs of men; with His eyes going to and fro, seeking for those whose hearts are perfect towards Him, so that He may show Himself strong and powerful on their behalf. He is still as strong today as He was of old. Would you like to be a

showpiece of His power? Repair the Altar of your life and become a courier of His Revival Fire!

PRAYER POINTS

- Every evil record against the land and the people speaking from evil altars, be destroyed in the name of Jesus. Let the blood of Jesus wipe out every satanic handwriting against the land and the inhabitants in Jesus name.

- Every pollution upon the land from the altars of darkness, be destroyed in the name of Jesus.

- Every trade mark of evil altars, speaking over the land and the people, influencing their lifestyles, be destroyed in the name of Jesus.

- Every spiritual trap, contract, covenant and agreement signed between the people and the priests of the evil altars, be annulled in the name of Jesus.

- Every siege of the enemy, holding the people in captivity, be dismantled in the name of Jesus.

- Every natural phenomenon, used by the evil altars to harass the lives of the people, we take away the evil powers assigned to you, lose you grip on them in the name of Jesus.

- Every Ahab and Jezebel spirit, that have polluted the altars of many believers and the altars in different denominations, your time is up, your assignment is over, be disgraced in the name of Jesus.

Chapter 10
Spiritual Mapping

Introduction

Lack of knowledge has destroyed many people (Hosea 4:6). Issues pertaining to altars cannot be thoroughly dealt with without an adequate knowledge and understanding of spiritual mapping. In this chapter, we will look at how to carry out effective spiritual mapping and use the information received in dealing with altars.

What Is Spiritual Mapping?

Spiritual mapping is an attempt to see our families, neighborhoods, communities, cities and nations as they really are and not as they appear to be, it involves

identifying satanic/demonic entities, their activities, names, areas or territories of operations, taking into consideration their characteristic manifestations.

Spiritual mapping is not all about finding out the activities of Satan. A lot of what God has done or is doing in a land is also discovered through spiritual mapping. It also involves knowing how far the gospel has penetrated or impacted on any given land.

It also involves knowing the reason for certain occurrences in a land, which could be a result of rebellion against God. Such occurrences could lead to devastation in the land.

Spiritual mapping empowers the intercessors the same way x-rays serve doctors. It makes for a better understanding of the state of things in a given place, or among a group of people. The knowledge gained from it makes for more effective and strategic spiritual warfare.

Biblical Basis for Spiritual Mapping

Spiritual mapping is not a new thing. God was the first person to introduce it and He still wants us to carry on with it because the benefits deriving from it are enormous.

In Numbers 13: 17-26, we read the account of how Moses sent out

twelve spies from Kadesh to survey the land of Canaan and bring back a report. Joshua also sent two men to go and spy out Jericho secretly (Joshua 2:1). In the book of Nehemiah 2: 11-18, we read an account of how Nehemiah took a few men and went to survey the damage done to the walls of Jerusalem before embarking on rebuilding the walls.

Preparations For Spiritual Mapping

There are both spiritual and physical preparations needing to be made before carrying out Spiritual mapping.

As spiritual operators of the kingdom you are sent to investigate, enemy agents will see you as an advanced party of an invading army and so, they will not treat you

kindly. We are therefore wiser and safer if we take some necessary precautions.

- Be sure God is sending you by spending time in prayer and group discussions to ascertain His approval.

- Do not send inexperienced, immature and flippant persons to do the job. Moses sent leaders. Jesus sent His chosen disciples. Nehemiah did it by himself. Though twelve men spied Canaan, went to the same places, saw the same fellows, had exactly the same experiences, ten out of the twelve gave a different interpretation than the remaining two – Joshua and Caleb. The report of spiritual mapping is influenced and very much determined by the level of maturity of the persons who carried out the mapping exercise. While the report of the majority made Israel decide to turn back, the report of the minority demanded they move forward. The fallout of the spiritual mapping landed the people of Israel a sentence of forty wandering years in the wilderness, accompanied by doubts, and a denial of the promised land which flowed with milk and honey.
- Ask the Lord to know the specific persons He may want to send on the assignment.
- The selected team should spend a day or more, to pray together and agree on the chain of command and what to look out for, the recording and reporting format and who gives the final report.

Principles of Effective Spiritual Mapping

Those engaged in carrying out spiritual mapping must ensure they are living in holiness. It is a type of warfare and those involved must live holy lives.

- It must be done in obedience to the instructions and guidance of the Holy Spirit, because He knows all things and will lead us into all truths. Do not do your own thing (2 Samuel 15: 22). Obedience makes the work faster and easier.
- It must be done discreetly or secretly. Do not go about announcing your mission. Nehemiah did not go telling the people in Jerusalem his mission. When he went out to rebuild the damage on the walls of Jerusalem, he did it in the night and went with only a few people (Nehemiah 2: 11-18). Keep God's secrets. Avoid giving information to the enemy.
- Spiritual mapping must be done with prayer and fasting. Gathering information about the enemy and his activities in any place is not a light matter. The enemy will not take it kindly. Those involved in the exercise must first bind the strong man through fasting and prayers (Matthew 12: 29). Prayer will also bring covering over them and fasting will help put them in shape for the exercise. Prayer is our power base. (Luke 18:1)
- Research must be done without personal opinions or biases.
- Those involved in spiritual mapping must do it in absolute unity. There must be unity of purpose. In that way, we will have results, for in unity lies our strength (Amos 3:3; Matthew 18:19)
- It should be done by mature Christians and not by young converts.
- It must be based on God's word and no strange practices should be brought in.
- It must be done in boldness and faith. The enemy will want to intimidate you with fear and anxiety. We do not need to be afraid because greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

- It must be done in humility. Let not the information you are gathering enter into your head and make you want to display your knowledge by talking. Lie low and do the work secretly without noise-making.
- Those carrying out spiritual mapping must keep a positive attitude and not be depressed by the negative results of their research.

The Dangers Of Doing Spiritual Mapping Without Preparation

- There could be “backlash”. Satan will look for loopholes through which to attack those who carried out the spiritual mapping, if they are living carelessly.
- You might become overwhelmed and begin to live in fear.
- You could be tempted to begin to magnify the power of Satan more than the power of God.
- You could also go into error, by condemning the people in the land, instead of being compassionate and seeing their need for deliverance.

Instructions To Guide You

- Pray, asking God for directions and revelations.
- There must be effective intercession with fasting in preparation by members of your prayer team or those carrying out the spiritual mapping.
- The team should undertake identificational repentance for the past and current sins of the land.
- At least three days fast or more is recommended in preparation for the exercise.
- Members of the team must be in a prayerful attitude throughout the period of spiritual mapping

of the area.

- As much as possible, the members of the team should have a full understanding of the exercise; gather first to pray before setting out for the exercise.
- There should be agreement among all members of the team as to what God wants done in the city. Do not enter into anything the Lord has not asked you to do.
- Obey the Lord totally and do not touch ANY accursed thing (I Samuel 5: 22)

Physical Preparation: Materials Needed In Spiritual Mapping:

- Inquire ahead of the appointed time the attire to wear, without causing an offence or attracting undue attention in the area being mapped.
- Take with you enough money to cover travelling, lodging, meals, research and incidental expenses and purchase of other necessary materials.
- Have enough writing materials, stationeries such as note pads, pencils, erasers, and drawing books.
- Take along still and video camera ability, Portable audio tape recorder – modern phones many times provide adequate recording abilities for personal interviews.
- Measuring tapes.
- Carry along with you first aid materials and basic medications for common diseases in the area.
- Arrange for someone very familiar with the region to accompany or go ahead of you to prepare the ground.

Helpful Sources Of Information

- Holy Spirit (Psalm 32: 8-9; John 16: 12-14; I John 2: 27)
- History books of the people.
- Oral interviews of experienced and educated elders of the land.
- Personal objective observations.
- The architecture of the building.
- Cultural practices e.g. children dedication, weaning a child, maturity rites, marriage practices, festivals etc.
- Marks and incisions on their bodies.
- Types and sizes of the altars in the land.
- Maps.

Do research and gather data about the area by:

- Going to the libraries, internet to gather information (where possible).
- Read history books.
- Ask questions without divulging your intent.
- Interview elders, traditional rulers, lawyers, and other custodians of history, culture and artifacts of the land.
- Survey the land by taking a tour round it to see things for yourself. This will help corroborate the information you have gathered from interviews.
- Take note of physical features.
- Record and write down the information, to avoid loss of information. Take photographs and video-record events, objects, areas or people under survey where necessary.
- After collating the data, you must do data analysis. Prayerfully analyze your findings and draw conclusions.
- Finally, you must send the properly documented findings to the appropriate quarters if need be.

Crucial Questions To Ask In The Spiritual Mapping Of A Place

Physical Factors:

- Zone the city, state or the area
- Are there many monuments such as obelisk, statues, pyramids, Asherah poles in the area and what do they represent or what is their significance? How many are there?
- Are there pornographic centers, abortion clinics, illicit drug purchasing centers, brothels or areas where prostitutes stay, police stations, markets, hotels, clubs etc?
- How clean is the area, city, or state?
- Are there lots of abandoned projects there? If there are, it could be a sign of a curse over the land.
- Are there primary schools, secondary schools and higher institutions- such as universities, colleges of education, Polytechnics, Nursing schools and Schools of health and technology?
- Are there lots of mentally-deranged people in the area? Mentally-deranged people are “step down transformers”, who the enemy uses to pull down the strength of the church. They are satanic mobile altars.
- Are there lots of abandoned houses and criminal hideouts?
- Are there law courts such as secular and religious (ie: Islamic) courts?

Historical Factors

- What is the name of the village, city or state under survey? What does the name mean? For

instance, Kaduna in Northern Nigeria in Africa means “many crocodiles”.

- Is there any relationship between the name and the attitude of the people or events there? For instance, the city of Kaduna which means “many crocodiles” is a city that has witnessed a lot of religious violence. The crocodile is a violent animal; a predator, and may be the reason there is often religious violence there.
- Who are the founding fathers of the land? Who was the first governor of the state or the first traditional ruler/king of the place?
- When was the city, village or community founded? When was the state created?
- Are there points of defilements such as bloodshed, broken contracts (broken covenants) and racial prejudices having old laws attached to them, which remain binding on the people even without their knowledge?
- What kind of leaders have ruled or are ruling presently in your community, cities and state? Are they godly leaders or ungodly leaders or shepherds fleecing the sheep?
- Is the city planned according to Masonic or occultic symbols?

Spiritual Factors

- How united is the church in the area?
- How much impact has the church made in the area?
- What is the spiritual history of the State or city?
- Was the State dedicated to idols?
- What are the territorial spirits assigned to the city or state? For instance, in Nnewi, a village in

Anambra State of Nigeria, the territorial spirit is known as Edo and it is a spirit of mammon.

- What are the many gods worshipped in the land?
- What are the satanic strongholds and altars in the land?
- Are there covens of witches and wizards there?
- How many sacred trees, herbalist centres, native doctors' clinics are in the area under survey?
- Are there temples and meeting places of the Free masons, AMORC Rosicrucian Order, Eckankar and other occultic groups?
- Are there places where Satan is worshipped and Satanism practiced?
- What kinds of gatekeepers are manning the gates of the land or state?
- How open is the heaven over the state?
- Is there a difference between the spiritual atmosphere in the city and in other cities?
- What is the redemptive purpose of the state or area?

Social Factors

- What are the most common social problems prevalent in the area being mapped? For instance, some areas are known for drunkenness, heavy idolatry, high divorce rates, violence, drug addictions, alcoholism, etc.
- Has there been bloodshed in the state or area?
- Was there slavery in the land?
- Are there inter-tribal or communal clashes?
- What characterizes the schools in the land? For instance, is there cultism, violence, examination malpractices and other social vices in the schools?
- What is the chief money earner for the land, city or state? For instance, the chief money earner for

Rivers State of Nigeria is crude oil.

- What is the “nickname” for the city or land? For instance, Port Harcourt, the capital of Rivers State, Nigeria is known as the oil city. Nnewi in Nigeria is known as “Anaodo” (land of gold) which is money or wealth. Because of this, the land is being controlled by the spirit of mammon.
- What are the traditional and cultural beliefs and practices of the people in connection with marriage, burial, naming ceremonies and other ceremonies like “New Yam Festival”.

Benefits of Spiritual Mapping

Good spiritual mapping provides knowledge, enabling us to see things as they really are and not as they appear to be. Detailed information sustains fervent prayers. Seeing things as they really are stirs us to fervency and perseverance in prayer, which leads to extraordinary results. Thus, spiritual mapping increases our burden for intercession.

Spiritual mapping gives us a picture of what we are really up against which helps us to effectively deal with them in spiritual warfare.

It makes it easier for us to do target praying and abandon the hit-and-miss approach to spiritual warfare. This is precision, or strategic warfare.

- It helps us to properly manage our resources, save time and energy, which otherwise could be mis-spent without achieving any result.
- It helps us to use the right type of weapon and carry out effective prophetic actions.
- It can lead to large-scale conversions because through spiritual mapping, we can discern the nature and origin of obstacles to revival.

Conclusion

Spiritual mappers are like the intelligence force of the army. As Kjell Sjoberg says “they do spiritual espionage”.

As we carry out spiritual mapping, we can see what is beneath the surface of the material world and be able to respond appropriately to it.

PRAYER POINTS

- Father download to our hearts deep revelations about this spiritual mapping assignment in Jesus name.

- Lord, give us blueprints and strategies for this assignment in the name of Jesus.

- Father help us to locate useful information that will unveil this assignment in the name of Jesus.

- We put on our war regalia; we put on our weapons of war. We cover ourselves with the Blood of Jesus as we go forth to carry out this assignment.

- Father please give us all the needed insight that will enable us carry out effective spiritual mapping in Jesus name.

Chapter 11

Destroying Evil Altars and Raising Godly Altars in their place

We are mandated to utterly make an end of the altars of wickedness in our lives, in the lives of members of our families, in the Church and in our nations. In Jeremiah 1:10 the Lord says:

> *See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.*

We are to spiritually, and if and when possible, physically root out, pull down, destroy and throw down altars of wickedness wherever we find them, so righteousness would reign in our land. The Scripture clearly states that until King Uzziah died, Isaiah could not see the Lord (Isaiah 6:1). It is only *after* we have dealt with the “King Uzziah’s” in our lives, church and nations, can we begin to see the Glory of God manifesting in those places.

To set up an altar, the old existing contrary altar must first spiritually and if and when possible physically, be pulled down. This has to be done by those who are knowledgeable and skilled in spiritual warfare.

In Judges 6:25-27, Gideon tore down the altar of Baal.

> *“Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; and build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the Lord had said to him. But because he feared his father's*

household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night." (Judge 6:25-27).

Righteous and unrighteous altars cannot be joined to each other. You cannot raise a godly altar to God without first spiritually demolishing the ungodly altar raised by the devil.

Begin with personal altars:

Evil altars come in different forms, dimensions and shapes. They do not respect your physical or ministerial age. Neither do they respect your anointing. Altars are very powerful. They can bless and they can curse. They can kill and they can make alive. Altars have a voice speaking for generations yet unborn. They can stand as a memorial on behalf of those who raised them, speaking for generations. If they are godly altars, they will speak continual blessings, protection, wealth, provisions, favor, health and everything good for you and your generations. If they are evil altars raised by the wicked, they will speak negative things upon you and your children forever. Altars do not decay, their powers do not die. Altars are doorways and highways to the land of the spirit. A lot of spiritual trafficking takes place on altars. Holy Altars are trafficked by Holy Angels. Ungodly altars, are trafficked by demons. Altars legislate either for good or for evil, depending on the kind of altar they are. Altars are effective when networked with other stronger altars. You can work hand in hand with godly city, community or national altars, to either enthrone the righteous in your city, or to dethrone the ungodly in your city, and bring judgment upon them.

Evil altars must be consciously dealt with before their voices are silenced over their victims. If they are not dealt with properly, they will rear up their ugly heads one day and disgrace you at the verge of your breakthrough. Moses is a good example of a man whose life and ministry was cut short because of the evil altar speaking against him from his

root. The spirit of anger was in the lineage of Moses. Though he had a very special encounter with God early in his life and ministry, it continued to speak but it was never consciously addressed. He neglected it and it finally messed up his life and ministry and made him to not finish well. It cost him so much - but it came from his roots. Genesis 49:5-7:

> *Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.*

Moses came from this lineage of anger. He did not deal with his root of anger, either because he was not aware of it or felt it did not matter. Because of the great power behind altars, whether evil or godly, this altar of anger stopped Moses from entering the Promised land he fought so hard to lead Israel into. If you must finish well and strong, do not neglect your root. Deal decisively with whatever is speaking in it that does not glorify God.

In many communities, there are demonic altars, speaking negative things over the land and the people living in it. Some of these altars are spiritual like the altar of immorality, abortion, witchcraft, divorce, sexual perversion, violence, bloodshed etc., Some are also physical altars of statutes erected to certain gods, who speak over the land. It is time to start dealing with them and stop them before they stop us.

The Church has entered a season of war, a season for the strong and diligent. It is not for the complacent, who sit at ease in Zion. It is not a season for drinking milk, eating bread and butter or chocolate and cheese. Not for the sluggard but for nut crackers, for warhorses who are ready

to lay down their backs for the master to ride on them into the nations. It is a season for the survival of the fittest. The battle is getting fierce because the devil knows he has a short time. We must shoot to hit our targets. It is a season inviting those who are strong and ready to fight for the Lord, to arise and step out to the frontline of the battle and confront and pull down evil altars. It is a time calling for everyone to be kitted in their war regalia, ready with their instruments of war at all times. Every idle civilian is transformed into a soldier in this season and whatever instruments they have are transformed into weapons of warfare. We need to prepare ourselves to man the different gates of our nation namely the religious, academic, media, entertainment, economic, medical and judicial gates. Plowshares are turned into swords in this season. Hooks are turned into spears. Horns are turned into iron; hooves are made of bronze (Micah 14:13). It is a time for our horns to be made the horns of the unicorn, our faces made like flint, and our eyes opened to boldly gaze at the devil in an intimidating manner. It is a season of turning the dry bones in the church into a mighty army. It is not a time for weaklings. Every weakling in this season must receive strength. It's a season of wasting the enemy and his sword and pushing him out of our lands and our borders. It's a season of possessing the gates of our enemies. You cannot possess the enemy's gates if you have not overcome him. We were born to overcome the powers of darkness, to show principalities and powers the greatness,

might and the manifold wisdom of God.

We are being raised in this season as a great army. (Joel 2:1-11), We are God's trump cards and His weapons of warfare, to march to the frontlines and silence the devil forever. We are God's mobile altars to devastate the enemy and his kingdom. God will use us as His battle-axes to deal with kingdoms, empires and armies. Jeremiah 51:20-22. We are a confrontational army, raised to confront sin and the

devil, first in our own lives and then in the lives of men, in homes, in the church and in the nations. We are God's instruments to carry the battle to the gates of the enemy and challenge his satanic altars and agents. Jeremiah 51:20, Isaiah 28:6, Joel 2:2-11.

We are His Battle Axes and Weapons of War

(Jeremiah 51:20-22). God is looking for those He will use to pull down, to tear down and to destroy evil altars fighting against His Kingdom globally. (Jeremiah 1:10), those who will build and plant righteous altars strengthening His work upon the earth. These will be informed warriors, who will know the danger zones and the strategies of the devil. God needs sharp threshing instruments, who will use His sharpened sword to slay iniquity in the lives of many in the Church and in the nations. God needs a militant, powerful, confrontational army, who will take the battle to the gates of the enemy, quench his fiery darts, and fight his kingdom. He wants a formidable, fighting force. Are you enlisted into this army?

Confronting Counterfeit Altars of the Enemy

There are counterfeit mobile altars of the devil all over the church and our nations. We must arise and confront them. They know what they are doing, they are agents of darkness, working hard to depopulate God's Kingdom and to populate their kingdom. They are there to pollute the church. By the token of the anointing God is putting upon us in this season, we will challenge them and pull down their kingdom. God is putting the spirit of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah in us, to confront wickedness wherever we see it. Sacred cows will be confronted in this season. We will operate with the boldness of prophets and speak God's mind and counsel without fear or intimidation. Our messages will not be sugar-coated. We will not mince words (Acts 13:19). We have been called to set the captives free, loose the bonds, give sight to the blind and to declare Jubilee for the Church (Luke 4:18). No time to negotiate with

the devil or be intimidated by him. We must execute God's vengeance over him. Psalms 149:6-9. We will terrorize the kingdom of darkness. We are fully loaded with atomic bombs as God's own terrorists against the enemy.

Sexual immorality in all shades and forms, is becoming the greatest weakness of many ministers. Many apostles, prophets, teachers as well as "fire spitting" evangelists and Pastors are being trapped by the daughters of Jezebel the devil has distributed to different assemblies. He has positioned them as agents in the churches to seduce unsuspecting ministers and ruin their lives and ministries. Many of these ministers have a genuine call from God but they have become defiled and polluted by the activities of these daughters of Jezebel. God has made us a confrontational army, to confront these mobile satanic altars. We must also pray and obtain deliverance for these captives of the mighty.

To carry out warfare against Evil altars, we are to do the following:

Maintain A Right Attitude

As you carry out warfare, maintain a right attitude in your heart. Have confidence in your weapons of warfare. Understand the Word of God and the situation at stake. We are winners. God has made us victorious but your attitude is important. Your mentality is important. The way you think about warfare is important. It should not be taken lightly. Control is the last thing evil powers ever want to lose. They can only lose control to superior forces. When there is a confrontation, they struggle hard not to lose their grip on their victims. The force you come with must be greater than theirs, before they allow you take the control. This is why it is important, as children of God, we must operate with such force and spiritual violence we can set every person free from the hold of demonic influences. This is our role.

Kenneth Hagin in one of his books, related how he was talking with Jesus and suddenly a demon came in between

them and he could not see Jesus again. As the demon stood in between himself and Jesus, a cloud started to develop between them and he could not hear Jesus well again. He said he began to wonder, if he was not mistaking something else for Jesus. He had thought Jesus would drive away the demon to enable him hear Him well. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit just reminded him that the Lord said, “in my name they shall cast out devils” and he decided to try it. As he did, the devil flew. And then he asked Jesus why He did not command it out. Jesus said, “because I gave you the power.” From that time, he learnt his lesson on how to deal with evil spirits.

We also have a lesson to learn from this. When God expects us to do something, we should not wait for Him to do it, because if we do, we may have to wait forever. Jesus said, “In my name shall they cast out devils!” In doing this, it implies we must operate with a force greater than the force of the enemy to be able to overcome the enemy and take control out of his hands.

Life is full of warfare. Even if it were an ordinary game; it would not be easy to win. This warfare is a do or die affair. Some of us have been involved in physical warfare and we know what it looks like to be on the war front. It is not a joke. As a Christian, I know that to face the devil is also a very serious business. It is warfare and we must not take the devil for granted we must give him a real fight. Be Courageous!

The victory has been given to us so we must not be afraid. David said in Psalm 27:3,

> *“Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.”*

Courage is the ability to confront and conquer your fears and be able to effectively carry out your tasks in spite of your fears. Do not focus on your fears but on the task and

how to accomplish it. Do not allow your fears to paralyse you from accomplishing your task. Be ready to question and fight the systems and status quo that are not right. Do not be afraid to take the road less travelled. Courage is the ability to forge ahead and still fulfill your destiny in spite of your fears or challenges. Face your task with determination to do it well. Instead of allowing fearful situations to throw you off your balance and intimidate you, confront them and give solutions to them. It takes courage to be different and stand alone. It takes courage to smile at the storm and be strong when going through hard times, knowing full-well that His Presence is with you.

Courage is an ability to press on even when our feelings do not agree with what we know. When David said “his heart would not fear,” he was looking at a situation whereby his body could react or respond to what it sees or feels but his heart will remain permanently fixed on what it knows about God. It is warfare, therefore we must fight. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. A stronghold is not usually built with grass. It is strong but could be overcome by courageous people, who can smile at the storm.

Be on The Offensive

What holds your enemy off is a resistant spirit. You must approach warfare with an aggressive spirit. Once you are weakened in the spirit, you are already defeated. This thing is warfare and what you want to pull down is a stronghold. If the Lord leads you to couple your prayers with fasting, please do. Some spirits are more stubborn than others.

Be Observant

Apart from asking questions, one would need to observe closely the trends operating in the family, neighborhood, community, nation or continent he comes from. The observations should be directed to knowing why certain things have happened in certain ways, why certain things

have remained in particular places, what certain objects represent and so on. After careful observations, it is still necessary that you ask for explanations to certain things that you do not understand. Job encourages us to ask questions if we want to live long in the land of the living. Observe and find out why certain cultures are practiced in certain communities, why they carry out some ceremonies at certain seasons in the year, why they carry out certain rites when a child is born. Why they must do certain things during burials etc.

Bring Identificational Repentance

One could ask, why do we need to bring repentance? The answer is, it is done to open the doorway for God to come in and show mercy. God told Solomon in 11 Chronicles 7: 13-14, that,

> *"When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

We can see from this scripture that when God is angry with a people, He is angry with their land also and so the land would require healing. When they pray and bring repentance before God, He will heal their land, business, families etc. God says, "f I lock up the heavens and bring pestilence and trouble upon a people, if they come back to Me and repent, I will hear them from heaven, and I will open to them the door of mercy, grace and restoration. I will speak to the land to yield her increase to them." Repentance opens many doors. Bring genuine repentance, the type that will move God to arise on your behalf. It must be a thorough, heartbroken repentance. Your repentance must be accompanied by absolute obedience to whatever

God tells you to do. It must be followed up with commensurate action. If you need to make restitutions, please go ahead and do so. You must understand the weight of the matter so that as you repent, it will come out of godly sorrow.

Ask For Forgiveness

Having identified these things, another important thing to be done is to ask for God's forgiveness. Leviticus 26:40-42 confirms this:

> *"But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me, and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt, then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land."*

God made a promise here that if we remember and confess our sins and the sins of our fathers, He will remember His covenant with our fathers, and also remember the land. So, go to God in prayer and ask for the forgiveness of your sins and the sins of your fathers and ancestors. Confessing the sins of your fathers and repenting on their behalf is what we call "Identificational Repentance". You need to bring prophetic lamentations before God, whose heart was broken by the abominations committed by our forefathers and plead with Him to show mercy and to withdraw His sword of Judgement from us. You have to do that for God to bring healing upon your foundations and upon the land. Nehemiah also identified with the sins of his fathers in Nehemiah 1: 6 – 7:

> *"Please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I*

pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned. We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses."

He confessed his sins and that of his fathers. He knew it was not only his sins that brought punishment upon them but also those of his fathers. Since it was obvious God was punishing them for the sins of their fathers, he could not afford to give a deaf ear to it. Daniel also did the same thing in Daniel 9: 5:

"We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:"

Make Renunciations

After bringing repentance before the God of heaven for the evils done, the next step would be to renounce those things before the Lord. This should be done both for yourself and on behalf of the people involved. Making renunciation implies withdrawing your allegiance from the pledges, vows, commitments, etc., made by you or your forefathers to the strange spirits.

Break Every Covenant

When the renunciations have been done, it becomes necessary that you cut off yourself, family etc, from the old covenants made, by breaking and nullifying them. Command every token exchanged to be destroyed. If there are evil altars like trees, artifacts, tokens, representations, idols that can be seen, they all need to be destroyed in the spirit. According to Jeremiah 1:10, the Lord said:

"See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the Kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to

destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant".

Some altars can be physically destroyed. After Gideon realized the harm the altar of Baal in his father's house had done to his destiny, he got clear instructions from the Lord on what to do and he went ahead and did it. You may not have the authority to physically destroy an altar, as Gideon did, as they may belong to the Government or an individual and you may not have their permission or authority to destroy them. If you destroy an altar without permission, you are a trespasser – we cannot enforce the Laws of the Kingdom of Heaven as Law-breakers – therefore *some* altars will be destroyed in the spirit realm and the Lord Himself will see to it they are physically destroyed. Gideon destroyed not only the altar of Baal but even the groves near it were cut down, as a way of making an end to the speaking of that altar.

> *"And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that was beside it…" (Judges 6:28)*

If these altars are not destroyed either physically or spiritually, they will continue to speak and will short-circuit the flow of God's anointing and blessing upon your life. They may ultimately stop you from coming into your destiny in God.

Build and Plant

Note that Gideon did not only destroy the altar of Baal, but he took time to raise a new altar to God in its place. This was an invitation to God to take ownership of the land and be empowered to defend it. Destroying the altar of Baal is not enough. It only makes it a neutral ground. Nobody owns it, but when you raise an altar there for God, it becomes His and He is attracted to come and defend it. So many times people go through deliverance without dedicating their lives to the Lord afterwards. Their lives become a barren, empty

place owned by nobody and with access to everybody. When the devil comes around and sees it empty, he goes and gets more demons and comes to occupy it. In the same way, after you have redeemed a place, you need to dedicate it to God, and raise an Altar to Him in that place in order to give Him a legal right to defend the place. It is only when a life or a land is dedicated to God that He begins to bless it. There is a need to carry out intense warfare against anything that may have held the land and the people in bondage. Gideon, after raising an altar to the Lord, was ready to go to war and God was with him. God could not identify with him until the land was dedicated to Him. There is a need to bring repentance on our behalf and in behalf of the land and the people, to reconcile it back to God, anoint and dedicate it afresh to Him. Then we can go with God into battle against everything defiling the land and moving around to cause problems and hinder the progress, growth, healing and prosperity in the area. This principle is applicable at the personal level of deliverance and all other levels. We have seen individuals, families, cities, liberated quickly across nations and I have piles of testimonies, life testimonies of these things. I want you as an individual, to do a spiritual check of your own foundations and use some of the information above to deal with it. If you do not deal with your personal foundation and the evil altars of your father's house and those of your community and nation, you may become a casualty in the battle.

A few years ago, I (Mosy) began talking to God about the need for me to go to my own village to liberate my people from the strongman holding them captive. I was conscious of the fact that no matter how many lives are affected by the call of God upon my life globally, my joy will not be complete if my own people are not liberated. Finally, in 1995, the Lord gave me the permission to do that. Of course, you know the most difficult place to do ministry is in one’s own village and to one’s own people because they

know you so well. “A prophet is not without honour except in his own country and among his own kinsmen.” Well, I proceeded with this task and asked God to give me Wisdom. I first went to my village, called the Christians there for a meeting, and narrated to them my encounters with God and the need to do something about our land. We agreed to take up a seven days fast in preparation for the meeting. I also organized a dinner involving the Elders and Chiefs of my community. In the course of the dinner, I made them understand that I am interested in what happens in the village shrines and would want them to teach me how to make sacrifices in the shrines and its implications. One of them got up and thanked me but said, “Son, we know that you are a man of God, how come you are interested in doing these things?” The others concurred. I got up and said, “Thank you my fathers, I am interested because God is a spirit and since I am His servant, I want to learn to handle the spirits you worship as well, unless you are saying the spirits you worship abhor the living Creator-God.

There was silence after my speech and later, one of them responded and said, “Well son, the two spirits do not go together. God is a Holy God and the spirits we worship are evil spirits.” In reply I asked them, “Do the evil spirits help us more than the good God? How did they come? Did we invite them and have they done us good? Is their presence not affecting the way God relates to us as a community and must we continue with them?”

After a while, one of the elderly men said, “It is not that they are good or that we derive anything relating with them but the fact is, if we do not appease them and handle them with care, they do terrible things and cause so much harm to the land and the people. And sometimes it does not seem like God can deliver us from their hands.” He went on to say: “The ancestors have put them there and nothing can be done about it”. I asked them, “Can I be mandated to do away with them?” One of them got up and said, “You

cannot, these are the things our ancestors put together, they were there before you were born, they are very wicked, you cannot toy with them".

Most of the Christians from the various denominations in my village who had participated in the fasting and prayer in preparation for this encounter were present, praying silently.

After some deliberations, one of the community elders asked me "Have you seen any human being who fought and defeated these spirits and survived?" My response was, "Yes, I am one of such human beings". They asked for incidences where I had done such things before then. I gave them the names of three communities. They asked me to return to Port Harcourt where I live and come back for a feedback after two weeks. They went to those communities and confirmed what I told them.

The summary is, they unanimously accepted that we should destroy these evil altars. We did. Ancient evil trees in our village were uprooted and fell on their own from by the next day. Some men still loyal to Satan went and tied white clothes around the fallen trunks of those trees mourning that their gods have been stripped naked.

The next time they went to consult with these evil spirits, they were no longer there. The number of people and families who suddenly showed up in the various churches in my village the next Sunday was amazing. The Pastors from those churches who were all aware of the spiritual battles the Lord fought on our behalf, rushed to my residence after their Sunday worship to testify of the sudden release of the villagers resulting in the overflowing of the churches the next Sunday. It gave us open heavens and a new season of Revival broke out. Children in various compounds built pulpits and began to preach to one another. Most of them when asked what profession they love in life, they confessed they would love to be Pastors. This was a great turn around for a predominantly idolatrous community.

Reconcile The People And The Land To God

It makes sense to reconcile yourself, the land and the people to God by the Blood of Jesus, after breaking every covenant. We are mandated to do so from Paul's epistle to the Colossians.

> *"And by Him to reconcile **all** things to Himself, by Him, **whether things on earth or things in heaven,** having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled."*(Colossians 1:20-21).

By the Blood of Jesus, all persons and things, including the land, are reconciled to God. This passage does not refer only to human beings, it includes the whole of creation, including lands and objects, they can all be reconciled back to God. Creation, according to Romans 8 has been waiting for this redemption, for they were subjected to corruption against their will. After reconciling them, dedicate them to Him. He does not defend what does not belong to Him.

Let me give you an illustration. Jeroboam rebelled against God and built an altar of Baal in Dan and told Israel, "This is the god that brought you out of Egypt, worship him." He did this because he did not want them to go to Judah to worship." He later went to Bethel to build an altar and offer a sacrifice to Baal. God in 1 Kings 15 sent a Prophet to rebuke him. So why did God not send a Prophet to rebuke him in Dan? Dan was not dedicated to God, but Bethel had been dedicated to God by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They had already built their altars to God and God could not stand anybody coming there to raise an altar to the enemy. God resisted because it was land given to Him.

Call forth the speaking of the Blood of Jesus, to silence the speaking of the old Covenant. Nullify their effects over the land and the people. Whatever words were spoken by our forefathers or the priests supervising the evil altars, to rope us into unholy covenants with them, need to be

retrieved. Words are very powerful, whether they are positive or negative. As you retrieve them, cancel them from the devil's archives.

God has made us unto Himself Kings and Priests and where the word of a King is, there is power. 1 Peter 2:9 states:

> *we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people.*

The declarations made by Priests whose hands are clean and who know their rights are powerful in the realm of the spirit. Deuteronomy 21:5 states:

> *"Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the Lord your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the Lord; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled."*

It settles every controversy over your life. Their words silenced and settled the speaking of former satanic priests, who had been servicing that altar. Let atonement be made by the Priests of God with the Blood of Jesus. According to Daniel 9:24:

> *"Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy".*

By the words of the priests, there shall be an end to transgression, there shall be a reconciliation for iniquity, there shall be a bringing in of everlasting righteousness, he shall seal the vision and prophecy over your life and he shall exalt the Most High in your life. Definite changes will be established spiritually after speaking these words.

Dismiss The Supervising Priests Behind The Altars That Were Raised by the Occultic Agents.

There are normally satanic Gatekeepers watching over these evil altars. De-robe them and remove their crowns. Sack them from their duty posts. Cut them off from their source of strength and power. Terminate their satanic assignments. Ignite fire on their altars. Demobilize their kingdom and destroy all their monitoring gadgets. It is important that you bind the strongman and his demons giving strength to this altar. Blind their eyes and render them impotent. Ask the Lord to release His carpenters to fray their horns. According to Zechariah 1:17-21:

> *“Again proclaim, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts: My cities shall again spread out through prosperity; The Lord will again comfort Zion, And will again choose Jerusalem. Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. And I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these? So he answered me, These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. And I said,* "*What are these coming to do?*" *So he said,* "*These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.*"

There are horns in the land that scatter, these horns were brought in by the elders and they need to be frayed. The watchers have a say in the land and their decrees are not to be toyed with. Daniel 4:17 states it clearly:

> *“This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men.”*

Speak the word to cause some things to be cut down, dethrone the priests supervising the altars of wickedness. If

you have such satanic priests in your family or compound, sack them from their assignment. If they went somewhere and planted an altar in your name or your family's name, destroy it. Do not allow any token, any altar, any stone, anywhere they dropped your nails, hair, blood to still be speaking over your life and your destiny. Deal with those things, cut them off. Satan keeps records; he keeps them in his archives, so address every documentation in the spirit. That's why some people get harassed in the night, they have men who come to have sex with them, some men have women who come to have sex with them, because somebody opened you up to the water spirits, they laid claim over you. Sometimes, they even marry you without your knowing and sometimes people have children in their dream, they are real children in the spirit and until they die, you will be having problems either conceiving physical children or training the ones you have. And until you cut off every tie to your spirit husband or wife, your spouse here will never enjoy you. Sometimes you will never marry. You need to deal with these things. Rededicate yourself, your family, your property back to God. Establish a framework to sustain a godly

life-style because if you go back to the enemy's camp, he will bring seven more demons stronger than himself, to make sure that this time around, there will be no escape for you.

The Lord is ready to liberate any of us who have been a prey of the mighty or a lawful captive. It could be spiritual bondage or it could be addiction. It could be some secret sin besetting you. There are some people who look very great outside, but inside, they have moral weaknesses. Late in the night, when they think no one is looking at them, they watch pornographic films on the internet. They do not go out to the open places to do it, but in their closets. If you have such a problem, you need help. There are some men who are nice and good people, with seemingly good

marriages, but any time the opposite sex passes them, they have a problem removing their eyes. Some men have wrecked their cars, just looking at a girl! There's a terrible demonic spirit of lust holding them captive. The Lord can break that yoke. The Lord can deliver you! The prey of the mighty can be delivered! Does anger make you do things you do not like or behave the way you do not want to behave? Anger brings disgrace, for it rests in the bosom of fools. When you are angry, it makes you do stupid things. Are you going through a "near success syndrome" situation? Each time you climb to a high level and it looks like you are going to have a great breakthrough in life, suddenly something will happen bringing you down to the valley to starting over. It happens at your work, it happens in your prayer life, it happens in your spiritual growth, it happens in your relationships, it happens in ministry. You begin very well and get to a point where you stagnate. Even if you are the prey of the mighty, the Lord will set you free in the name of Jesus. Isaiah 49:24-25 says:

> *"Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of the righteous be delivered? But thus says the Lord: Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, And the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children."*

It is not you contending with the forces that have held you under bondage, the Lord will contend with anything contending with you. He will fight for you and deliver you because you have invited Him into the matter. He has come to heal and to deliver. He will heal your life, your marriage, circumstances, finances, businesses and your social life

War A Good Warfare, Aim At Recovering All

It is important for us to understand all of the things the enemy has stolen from us need to be recovered through strong spiritual warfare. When the Amalekites came and

took away the things belonging to David and his men, after he encouraged himself in the Lord, he rose to action. The fight lasted from the evening of that day to the evening of the next day but David recovered all. We need to recover all the things, which our forefathers have sold to the powers of darkness.

Dealing with Altars in the land

Stand In Your Priestly Office:

Before setting up a godly altar, you need to stand in your priestly office and bring quality identificational repentance before God.

1 Peter 2:9 confirms your priestly office:

> *‘‘But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that you may shew forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.’’*

and Revelation 1:5-6 also throws some light on it:

> *‘‘and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.’’*

Bring Quality Identificational Repentance Before God.

Repentance is a major key to bringing deliverance upon a city or a people. God values repentance greatly - it gives you easy access to many doors. Repentance opens the door of mercy, forgiveness, grace, healing, restoration and total recovery. It attracts God to the situation.

Steps of Preparation:

- Find out the origin of the altar in the land.
- Find out the influence and power released by the altar and the thrones serviced by the altar.
- Find the altars networking with the one in question.
- Are there ceremonies and festivals as well as rituals done in connection with the altar?
- What is the historical background of the kings and the land?
- Seek the face of God concerning the assignment. Do not move without clear instructions from the Holy Spirit (you may be eligible but if you take off at the wrong time, it is dangerous)
- We have to ask for battle strategies from God. Each battle has a different strategy.

Prepare Yourself

- Take time to pray concerning the pulling down of the altars.
- Wait on the Lord through fasting and ask God for specific revelations and battle strategies.
- Repent over your sins.
- Take identificational repentance for your home, family and leaders as the case may be (Daniel 9:3-19)
- Clothe yourself and loved ones with the armour of God (Ephesians 6)
- Pray for boldness (2 Timothy 1:7; Proverbs 28:1)
- Cover yourself and loved ones with the blood of Jesus.
- Pray the Holy Spirit will equip you with necessary weapons of warfare.
- Ask for angelic assistance.

Steps for Pulling Down an Altar

- Repentance (Personal and identificational)
- Renounce every association with the altar.
- Declare you are pulling it down not by power or might but by God's spirit and not in your name, but in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Declare you stand as a priest even as Jesus Christ has ordained you and you are doing it in His name.
- Take authority over every altar in the whole environment spiritually, and in the case of a physical altar, pull it down like Gideon did, if instructed by the Lord to do so, and if you have the permission of the authorities who own it to do so.
- Speak to every aspect of creation involved or connected with the altar, command them to repent and stop releasing their strength for evil.
- Reconcile them with the blood of Jesus back to God.
- Bind every demonic spirit along with Satan in connection with the altar.
- Disrobe and evict every priest serving the altar.
- Dethrone every ruler sitting on any throne serviced by the altar.
- Dismantle every altar or evil influence, networking with the altar. Stop every reinforcement.
- Disrobe and disgrace every priest servicing the supporting altars.
- Set on fire every paraphernalia of office of the satanic priests, tokens or totems connected with the altar.
- Command them to be exposed day and night.
- Command the altar to be pulled down with your words i.e. address the altar like the young prophet did in 1Kings 13:13

- Silence every voice of accusation, litigation, sanctions and evil utterance emanating from the altar.
- Make the habitation of the altar desolate.
- Where there are people involved, lead them to renounce everything connected with the altar and lead the people into a new covenant with the Lord. Then dedicate the place, people or family to Him.
- Raise an altar to God and name it ie. Altar of righteousness, life, warfare etc.
- Link the altar to the Lamb's altar in heaven.
- Ask for angels to man the altar.
- Ask for a record to be kept of the altar in the annals of creation.
- Request for the witnesses in heaven and earth to bear witness and seal it with the blood of Jesus and declare it is irreversible and irrevocable (1 John 5:7-8).
- Afterwards, dust yourself from the smoke and dust of war and afterwards take off the garments of war and put on the garments of Praise.
- Cut off every trailing spirit; declare out loud "No backlash, no boomerang will come to me, my business and family as a result of this assignment."
- Give thanks to God and hand everything over to the Holy Spirit.

Whatever abominations have been perpetrated in the community ranging from idolatry, to violence, bloodshed, immorality, abortions and all other forms of wickedness, through the evil altar, consciously repent of them. This is the best way to attract God's attention to the situation.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says,

''if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from

their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.''

Plead with God to forgive the abominations released upon the land through the evil altars. Bring identificational repentance before Him on behalf of the land. Nehemiah did the same thing for his people in his time. Nehemiah 1:4-8 confirms this:

''So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. And I said: ''I prayed, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments, please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned. We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

- Acknowledge the fact the evil altar in question was empowered by some satanic priests to speak over the land and the people. Repent on their behalf for erecting such an evil altar.
- Plead with God to show mercy upon the land and the people.
- Plead the Blood of Jesus and let the Voice of the Blood of Jesus silence the negative things being released over the land by those evil altars.

Renounce Or Break curses And Covenants

Renounce all the tokens, commitments, agreements entered into or promises made to the god that owns the evil altar. Every covenant entered into with the gods behind the evil altars still speaking abominations over the people and the land, renounce and break its hold on them.

Find out if there are curses speaking over the land and the people, as a result of the evil altars speaking over their lives. Such covenants or abominable deeds can release curses upon the land and the people affecting their progress in every area. Such was the case in Jericho. The men of Jericho noticed, despite all the natural resources God endowed their city with, the land was still barren and their water bitter. They knew the problem was more spiritual than physical. They went to Prophet Elisha and begged him to come to their rescue. Elisha took them to the source of the river and there carried out a prophetic action bringing healing to their land. 2 Kings 2:19-21 confirms this:

> *"Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad and the ground barren". And he said, "bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it". So they brought it to him".*

Reverse any sanctions that may have been placed on those who refused to worship the evil altars.

Destroy The Evil Altars

In many communities, there are demonic altars, speaking negative things over the land and the people living in it. Some of these altars are spiritual like the altars of immorality, abortion, witchcraft, divorces, sexual perversions, violence, bloodshed etc. Some are also physical altars of statues erected to certain gods speaking over the land.

You can carry out prophetic actions as led, in certain parts of the city as a way of spiritually demolishing these

wicked altars speaking over the land. It is always important to receive from God specific strategies and prophetic actions needing to be done to bring healing to the land. God has different blueprints and strategies for different battles. Be sure what God is telling you and obey Him. If He gives you a specific battle cry or scripture for that battle, it is important to obey Him and do exactly what He instructs you to do. God gave Israel specific strategies or blueprints to win their battle against Jericho. Joshua 6:5 tell the story:

> *"It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat.*

- Where possible physically destroy the evil altars together with all artifacts connected to them, if not possible, deal with it in the spirit asking the Lord Himself to physically deal with it. Where possible burn their tokens and all the symbols associated with the evil altars. Spiritually and where possible physically dismantle every evil structure that has been put in place to shape the lives and destinies of the people. Spiritually put a stop to cultural festivals and traditions that honor the dead and the devil and where possible put a stop to them. Isaiah 44:24-26 could be used for this judgement.

> *" thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb:' I am the Lord, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself; who frustrates the signs of babblers, and drives diviners mad; who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge*

foolishness; who confirms the word of His servant, and performs the counsel of His messengers; who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,' to the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built, and I will raise up her waste places."

- Sack the demonic priests manning or supervising the wicked altars. Take away their priestly regalia, their staff of authority and their priestly mandate in the spirit. Terminate their wicked grip over the community through the altars.
- Command creation to bear witness to the pulling down of the evil altars. They were also present and bore witness when they were raised in the first place. Let everything that has breath bear witness to the demolition of the evil altars. Command them to listen as all wicked covenants are being reversed, all curses broken, all vows and promises annulled.
- Raise a new altar to God by pouring anointing oil on a particular spot where you are standing. Consecrate that spot to the Lord. Name that altar whatever the Lord lays in your heart. It could be an altar of warfare, holiness, total recovery, restoration, peace, mercy, consecration etc.
- Ask God to supervise His altar. Connect the altar to the lamb's Altar in heaven. Ask the Lord to release His Angels to traffic back and forth on the altar day and night. Ask those that bear witness in heaven to also bear witness concerning this altar. Release the Fire of God to continually burn on the altar day and night. You can physically mark your altar with

something memorable, enabling you to locate the spot years after.

- Put a sanction on the altar. Should anyone dare go to reenact the evil altar that has been destroyed, let the new Godly Altar rise up in strength and fight that person.
- Call forth a recovery of everything the community has lost in the past because of the activities, operations and speaking of the old evil altar that has been pulled down. Speak healing into the lives of the people. With prophetic prayers and declarations, reverse the curses and evil trends that were earlier seen in the land, and plant seeds of success, prosperity and progress.
- Reconcile yourself, the land and the people back to God. By the token of the new altar, invite the Lord afresh into the land, to a new relationship with the people.

> *"For it pleased the father that in Him all the fullness should dwell and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself by Him whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled."* (Colossians 1:19-21).

With the word of God and prayers, rebuild the broken hedges in the lives of the people and the land, that created the doorway through which the evil altar has been biting them. Ecclesiastes 10:5 confirms that:

> *"He who digs a pit will fall into it, and whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent."*

Command a rebuilding of their lives and the land with precious spiritual and even physical substances. Call forth a discovery of precious natural resources God may have endowed the land with, but which had not yet been discovered because of the evil altars holding them captive. Isaiah 58:12 confirms this:

> *"And they that shall be of thee, shall build the old waste places: thou shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou* shall be called; *the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."*

Command the Light of God to begin to shine into the land in Jesus name. Call forth open heavens and divine visitations upon them in Jesus name.

Every Godly Priest has the spiritual authority to pull down ungodly altars in his immediate environment, church, family, street and office. Pulling down altars that have communal, territorial, continental, national and international influence requires spiritual maturity and strong anointing. To pull down the communal altar in the house of his father, Gideon needed a special ordination. God commissioned him to do it and gave him the needed unction for it. Even at that, he raised a team of ten men to enable him carry out the assignment.

Some altars may serve as family and communal altars at the same time. Some families are priestly families. Such altars need special dealings. There has to be spiritual as well as physical preparations before destroying them. There is a need to gather information about the location of the altar. Get the information about the people affected by the existence of the altar by following the steps outlined in Spiritual Mapping.

In summary:

Evil Altars must be consciously dealt with. Quality repentance needs to be brought over every evil altar speaking against our land or our lives. Renunciations need to be made. People who know and have understanding what

to do, need to be invited to deliver and redeem any location. Colossians 1:12-13 tells us that Jesus by the Blood of the Cross, reconciled all things unto Himself. It is the ministry of The Church to enforce this reconciliation, so we can enjoy every piece of land or settlement we get into, because its price has been fully paid for by Jesus. For, “The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.” Every humiliation and stripe Jesus received on the cross was a price for one form of reproach or another that we could have suffered. That is why according to Isaiah 53:11, Jesus desires to see the travail of His soul in the victorious lives we are living, as a result of His sufferings - then He will be satisfied. You cannot deal with the ground without mentioning the Blood of Jesus. You need to also break curses on the ground. Be practical in dealing with evil altars. Be sure deep repentance stemming from the heart is taken, because repentance covers about seventy percent of the job. Do not be not light-hearted and light-headed about this matter. It must be taken seriously and thoroughly dealt with. It involves spiritual warfare. There are spirits who have 300 – 400 years of interest in a place. Moving them out is not child's play but it is possible!

PRAYER POINTS

- God, open my eyes to see every altar which must be torn down in Jesus’ name

- I renounce every occultic, idolatrous, immoral foundations speaking against my life, family, destiny, ministry, marriage, health, finances etc., by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

- I renounce every ungodly foundation that I am ignorant of, which is responsible for the misery I have been going through in the name of Jesus Christ. Let the Blood of Jesus silence them forever.

- I break every curse speaking against my life and destiny as a result of evil foundations in the name of Jesus.

- I break and destroy every yoke placed upon me my family and finances by the devil from evil altars in my root. I renounce every evil dedication in the name of Jesus Christ.

- Every form of imagery, symbols, statutes, pictures and effigies representing me at any evil altar, catch fire in the name of Jesus!

- Lord Jesus, from today onwards, I make you my overall foundation.

Chapter 12
Warfare Scriptures

Exodus 15:3-4

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

Exodus 15:6-8

Your right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces. And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble. And with the blast of Your nostrils, the waters were gathered together; the floods stood upright like a heap; the depths congealed in the heart of the sea.

Exodus 15:11-13

Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You in Your mercy have led forth the

people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.

Numbers 10:35

Rise up, O Lord! Let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You."

Psalms 11:4-7

The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. The Lord tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup. For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

Psalms 37:14-15

The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

Psalms 37:17

The arms of the wicked shall be broken; But the Lord upholds the righteous.

Psalms 17:13

Arise, O Lord, confront him, cast him down; deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,

Psalms 46:9-10

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I

will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalms 47:2-3

For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. He will subdue the peoples under us,and the nations under our feet.

Psalms 58:6-8

Break their teeth in their mouth, O God! Break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord! Let them flow away as waters which run continually; when he bends his bow, let his arrows be as if cut in pieces. Let them be like a snail which melts away as it goes, like a stillborn child of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

Psalms 58:10-11

The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked, so that men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely He is God who judges in the earth."

Isaiah 42:13

The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies.

Numbers 23:23

For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor is there any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!'

Deuteronomy 1:30

The Lord your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes.

Joshua 3:10

By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail, drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites

Joshua 23:9-11

For the Lord has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but as for you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. One man from you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you as He promised you

1 Samuel 2:9-10

He will guard the feet of His saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; from heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed."

2 Samuel 22:40-42

For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me. You have also given me the necks of my enemies, so that I destroyed those who hated me. They looked, but there was none to save; even to the Lord, but He did not answer them.

Job 5:12-14

You frustrate the devices of the crafty, So that their hands cannot carry out their plans. You catch the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them. They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope at noontime as in the night.

Job 15:34-35

For the company of hypocrites will be barren, and fire will consume the tents of bribery. They conceive trouble and bring forth futility; their womb prepares deceit.

Psalms 2:2-5, 9

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His anointed, saying, "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

Psalms 7:6

Arise, O Lord, in Your anger; lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!

Psalms 7:9-13

Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. My defence is of God, who saves the upright in heart. God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day. If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready. He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

Psalms 7:14-17

Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. He made a pit and dug it out and has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown. I

will praise the Lord according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

Psalms 10:15

Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; seek out his wickedness until You find none.

Psalms 12:3

May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things

Psalms 18:32-34

It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. My God makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places. My God teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

Psalms 9:6-8

O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; even their memory has perished. But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. He shall judge the world in righteousness; and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

Psalms 143:12

In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant.

Psalms 109:1-5

Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful have opened against me; they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with

words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, but I give myself to prayer. Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Psalms 140:6-7

I said to the Lord: "You are my God; hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord. O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

Psalms 109:29

Let my accusers be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

Psalms 140:1-7

Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their hearts; they continually gather together for war. They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; the poison of asps is under their lips. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from violent men, who have purposed to make my steps stumble. The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set traps for me.

Psalms 144:5-8

Bow down Your heavens, O Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Flash forth lightning and scatter them; shoot out Your arrows and destroy them. Stretch out Your hand from above; rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of foreigners, whose mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Psalms 149:6-9

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment, this honour have all His saints.

Psalm 144:11-14

Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks lying words, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood, that my sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that my daughters may be as pillars, sculptured in palace style; that my barns may be full, supplying all kinds of produce; that my sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; that my oxen may be well laden; that there be no breaking in or going out; that there be no outcry in my streets.

Ecclesiastes 10:8

He who digs a pit will fall into it, and whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.

Isaiah 10:27

It shall come to pass in that day that my burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and my yoke from my neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

Isaiah 29:7

The multitude of all the nations who fight against me, even all who fight against me and my fortress, and distress me, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

Isaiah 31:8

Assyria shall fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of mankind shall devour him. But he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become forced labour.

Isaiah 44:25

You frustrate the signs of the babblers, and drive their diviners mad; You turn their wise men backward, and make their knowledge foolishness;

Isaiah 49:24-26

Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of the righteous be delivered? But thus says the Lord: "even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; for You will contend with him who contends with me, and You will save my children. You will feed those who oppress me with their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know that You, the Lord, is my Saviour, and my Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Isaiah 50:11

Look, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with sparks: walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled, this you shall have from My hand: You shall lie down in torment.

Isaiah 51:9-10

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Are You not the arm that cut Rehab apart, and wounded the serpent? Are You not the One who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a road, for the redeemed to cross over?

Isaiah 54:15

Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake.

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against me in judgment I shall condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord, and my righteousness is from You.

Isaiah 59:19

So shall I fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

Isaiah 60:14

Also the sons of those who afflicted me shall come bowing to me, and all those who despised me shall fall prostrate at the soles of my feet; and they shall call me the City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Jeremiah 17:18

Let them be ashamed who persecute me, but do not let me be put to shame; let them be dismayed, but do not let me be dismayed. Bring on them the day of doom, and destroy them with double destruction!

Jeremiah 23:12

Therefore, their way shall be to them Like slippery ways; in the darkness they shall be driven on and fall in them; for I will bring disaster on them, the year of their punishment," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 30:8

'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says the Lord of hosts, 'That You will break his yoke from my neck, and will burst his bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave me.

Jeremiah 46:10

For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; it shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; for the Lord God of hosts has a sacrifice In the north country by the River Euphrates.

Ezekiel 33:28

For I will make the land most desolate, her arrogant strength shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through.

Hosea 13:7-8

So You will be to them like a lion; like a leopard by the road You will lurk; You will meet them like a bear deprived of her cubs; You will tear open their rib cage, and there You will devour them like a lion. The wild beast shall tear them.

Micah 3:6-7

"*Therefore you shall have night without vision, and you shall have darkness without divination; the sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be dark for them. so the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners abashed; Indeed they shall all cover their lips; For there is no answer from God.*"

Micah 5:9

Your hand shall be lifted against my adversaries, and all my enemies shall be cut off.

Zechariah 9:3-4

For Tyre built herself a tower, heaped up silver like the dust, and gold like the mire of the streets. Behold, the Lord will cast her out; He will destroy her power in the sea, and she will be devoured by fire.

Matthew 7:17-19

Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Isaiah 8:9-10

Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from far countries. Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; speak the word, but it will not stand, for God is with us."

Psalms 78:26

He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens; and by His power, He brought in the south wind.

Ezekiel 13:13-15

Therefore thus says the Lord God: "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it. So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it.

Then you shall know that I am the Lord. "Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered mortar; and I will say to you, 'the wall is no more, nor those who plastered it.

Psalms 109:6-10

Set a wicked man over him, and let an accuser stand at his right hand. When he is judged, let him be found guilty, and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few, and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; let them seek their bread also from their desolate places.

Isaiah 14:15-17

Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. "Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

Isaiah 14:23

I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the Lord of hosts.

Micah 5:10-15

And it shall be in that day," says the Lord, "that I will cut off your horses from your midst and destroy your chariots. I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds. I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no soothsayers. Your carved images I will also cut off, and your sacred pillars from your midst; you shall no more worship the work of

your hands; I will pluck your wooden images from your midst; thus I will destroy your cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury on the nations that have not heard."

Micah 4:13

"*Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hooves bronze; You shall beat in pieces many peoples; I will consecrate their gain to the Lord, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth*."

Psalms 35:4-8

Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonour who seek after my life; let those be turned back and brought to confusion who plot my hurt. Let them be like chaff before the wind, and let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the angel of the Lord pursue them. For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, which they have dug without cause for my life. Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, and let his net that he has hidden catch himself; into that very destruction let him fall.

Psalms 149:6-9

“*May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands, to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron, to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints*”.

Psalms 71:13

Let them be confounded and consumed who are adversaries of my life; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour who seek my hurt.

Psalms 144:5-6

Bow down Your heavens, O Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Flash forth lightning and scatter them; shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.

Jeremiah 20:11

But the Lord is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten.

Psalms 11:6

Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.

Isaiah 10:16

Therefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts, will send leanness among his fat ones; and under his glory, He will kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

Isaiah 34:5

For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; Indeed it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment.

Isaiah 29:5-6

"*Moreover the multitude of your foes shall be like fine dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones like chaff that passes away; yes, it shall be in an instant,*

suddenly. You will be punished by the Lord of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.

Ezekiel 14:4-5

"*Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Every one of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols*."

Isaiah 27:1

In that day, the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; and He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

Job 5:12-15

He frustrates the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot carry out their plans. He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them. They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope at noontime as in the night. But He saves the needy from the sword, from the mouth of the mighty, and from their hand.

Jeremiah 1:10

See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down to build and to plant."

Zechariah 4:6-7

So he answered and said to me: "this is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain before Zerubbabel, you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!

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