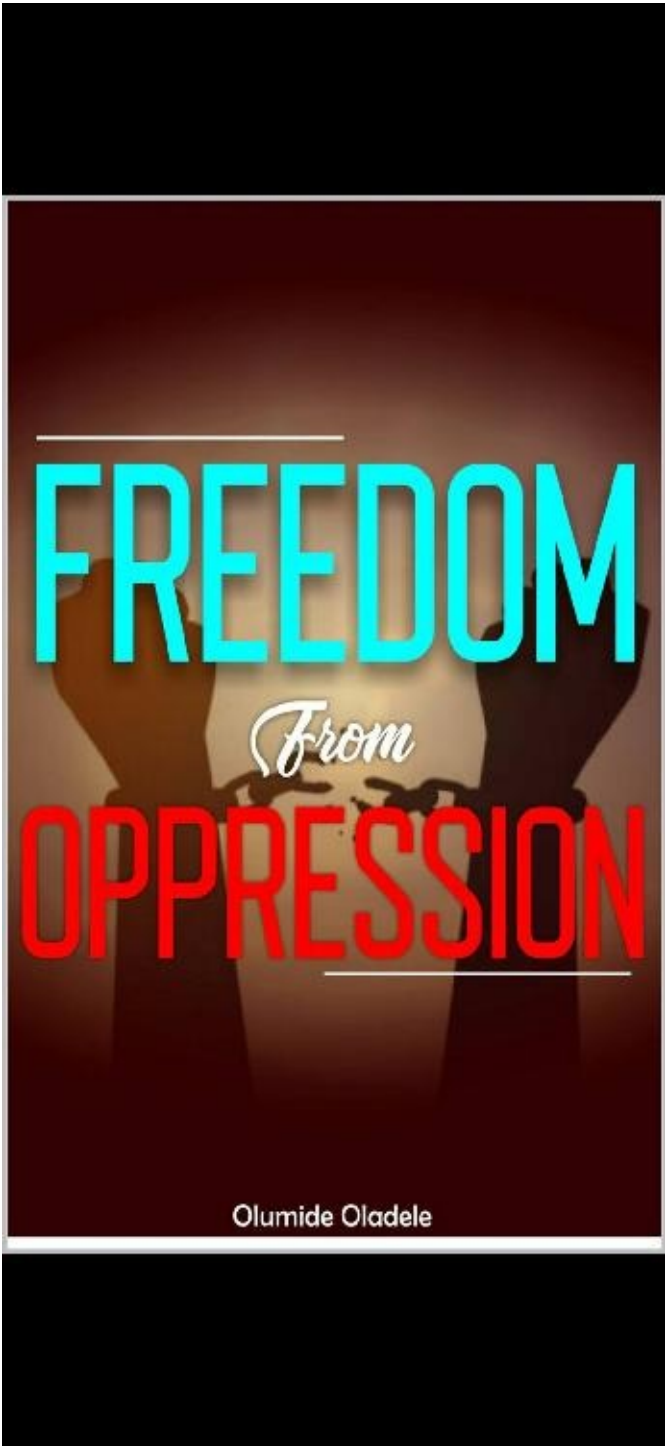



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FOREWORD

The believer's freedom in Christ is a much needed message today. Myriads of believers still suffer the same fate with unbelievers, not because the full price for their freedom has not been paid, but because they are ignorant of this truth. The enemy will always prey on the ignorant believer.

This timely material brings us to a place of full understanding of our identity in Christ and the power and benefits that come with it.

A man is free and free indeed when he gains and applies the revelation knowledge of the redemption package.

Read this book with a receptive heart and boldly confess the truth about yourself as you find them in the book. You will be amazed at how your life will be transformed.

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INTRODUCTION

The scriptures affirm the evil in this world and the ferocious anger of the enemy against man. He is always on the lookout for whom to devour, but in the midst of all his activities in territories, families and lives, the finished work of Christ in His death, burial and resurrection has given the man in Him the victory.

It is on the premise of this finished work that any man can win the battle against demonic activities and enjoy continual victory over oppression.

Satan knows that what gives the believer perpetual victory over him is the knowledge of God and all that He wrought for man in Christ Jesus, so he does all he can to keep men in fear and ignorance of how to break the cycles of afflictions in their lives which is only possible by faith, and this faith comes by hearing of the word.

I want to share with you the truths I have learned from the scriptures through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. I pray the truths in this book and the decrees will bring you to a place of faith and rest from demonic attacks and operations and also stir up in you the boldness to bring freedom to others

CHAPTER 1

THE SAME SACRIFICE

Gal 1:4 "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father"

The death and resurrection of Jesus gave us our freedom from Satan and this evil world. The opening scripture shows us that Jesus according to the will of God our Father died as a sacrifice for our sins and His death resulted in our deliverance from this present evil world. When Jesus gave himself for our sins, he gave himself for our freedom.

In the Genesis story, Adam was placed in the garden by God to reign and govern the earth so that it would be an extension of His government. This purpose was in place until man yielded to Satan. You need to know that the supremacy of Adam over Satan was revealed in the way the latter wielded power from the first man. Satan, if more powerful than man, would have sent them out of the garden but could not. The weapon of battle of the enemy is basically deceit especially with the sons of God. This same truth about Satan not having power over anyone who is of God is also revealed in the temptation of Jesus.

Matthew 4:5-7 "Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God,

throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God"

Have you wondered why he needed to ask Jesus to jump when he already carried Him to the pinnacle of the temple? He that could take a man to such a height should also be able to throw him down but he could not because he had no power over him. All he wanted is that Jesus should yield to him. The act of yielding to Satan made Adam a subject of Satan.

Romans 6:16 "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?"

The power Satan has over anyone is that which is willingly given to him simply by the rejection of Jesus. As soon as Adam yielded willingly to Satan, the system operating on earth changed and became corrupted, and then man became a legitimate slave of the enemy. This change in leadership birthed the demonic activities we see till this day.

The enemy then set principals of darkness over nations, cities, families and lives as agents who influence and bring his evil plans

to pass. These demonic hosts act as strongmen in control of lives.

Mt 12:29 "Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house"

The good news is that Jesus Christ died and defeated him. Now He is setting people free today.

Heb 2:14 "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil"

To destroy here means to paralyze; make of no effect; make inactive and reduced to nothing and all these Satan experienced. When Christ died and resurrected, our sins were fully paid for. The forgiveness of sin became a gift for anyone that will believe in Him. That same sacrifice for sins destroyed the legal right Satan had over all men through the disobedience of Adam. It paralyzed and rendered Satan impotent. It is so disheartening because this defeated foe is the most talked about in some Christian gathering. In such gathering his operation is known so much than that of the Spirit of God but the good news now is that, man who was his subject because of sin is now free because of the sacrifice on the cross. Glory to God!

Satan is now a spoil of war stripped of his authority and power (Col 2:15), all for the benefit of the church, the body of Christ. Satan is eternally defeated by the Son of God and cast out of heaven, and no longer has the right to accuse us before the Father like he did in the days of Job when he had the right over the earth. Today, he only accuses believers by shooting arrows of condemnation at them. But glory to God because no more condemnation to us who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)

REDEEMED AND DELIVERED

The same sacrifice that took away sin also broke the dominion of Satan over man.

Col 1:13-14 "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"

From this scripture, it is obvious that when our sins were forgiven, we were redeemed same time and delivered from the grip and rule of the wicked one. All he did were in the past tense: **redeemed and delivered**.

We partake of this victory by receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior. So, at salvation, Satan loses grip on the child of God. Just as sin has no dominion over believers again (Rom 6:14), also Satan cannot lord it over us.

Redemption is to pay a full ransom for an act of riddance. The Greek word for redemption

is 'apolutrosis' which also means riddance. Riddance is to rid of something. At redemption, we were rid of the yoke of the enemy! His dominion was broken!

If you are the redeemed of the Lord, then you are the rescued of the Lord. All by the same 'one and for all' sacrifice.

THE SLAIN LAMB

John 1:29 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Rev 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death"

Jesus was our Substitute on the cross. He was the lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the whole world and same time defeat the enemy. Just as certain animals were used under the Old Testament as offering for sin in the temple to free the sinner from his sins, so was Jesus, the Lamb of God. The sinner lays his hand on the lamb, thereby laying his sins on the lamb (Lev 3,4). The innocent lamb takes on the sins of the sinner who in turn goes back home free of all sin. The lamb also gets slain on the altar.

Jesus the Lamb was slain the same way as our substitute to get our sins forgiven and forgotten. This same shed blood gave us salvation and also defeated Satan. This same drama was played out in Egypt when the Israelites

were preserved from the destroyer by the blood applied on the Israelites' doorpost (Exodus 12:13). Salvation from sin and safety from Satan is guaranteed by the blood of the Lamb.

We are now under the blood of the Lamb and preserved always. By the reason of the shed blood of Jesus, all oppression is terminated in your life right now in Jesus name!

THE NAME OF THE LORD

Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe"

The righteous are those who have received the gift of God's righteousness which is received at salvation. Salvation is believing in the name of Jesus and it is a baptism into that name. The name of the Lord is a place we were brought into at salvation and it's a place of safety. You are in Christ and in a fortified place. To be in Christ and suffer oppression is an error! You have a name that is above every other name in heaven, earth and hell. It is a name that swallows affliction and at the mention of this name, demons are defeated. If there is any discomfort in your body and health now, I decree it's over now in the name of Jesus!

HIS BENEFITS

Psalms 103:2-5 "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's"

The word 'benefits' means the things God has given. So, according to the Psalmist, the things given by God cut across our spirit, soul and body. Many believed that God is only concerned about our walk with Him with little or no interest in our well being. No! He gives healing, deliverance and also satisfies us with good things. The foremost in all of God's benefits is the forgiveness of our iniquities and this gives us a continual access to all other benefits which includes healing, deliverance and long life. It is the same package!

Rom 8: 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (NKJV)

Deliverance from oppression is freely given just as Jesus was freely given by God so the question is 'have you received Jesus?' and if yes, then you have deliverance. Don't struggle with the enemy, the same sacrifice that took away sin took away oppressions.

This truth is the message I preach as a minister of Christ and results follows. We don't struggle with demons again. Deliverance is freely given! In our crusades and healing meetings, we have diverse testimonies of people set free from the yoke and oppression

of the enemy and in one of such meetings at Ayetoro Ekiti, a town in Ekiti State, Nigeria, a woman came out to testify of her deliverance. She had an insect moving in her body for a long time and it left her after I decree healings and deliverance to take place. Also another with an invincible heavy load placed on her head was lifted off. We had blind eyes and ear opened in the meeting just because of the sacrifice of Jesus.

As long as your salvation does not take struggling so also is your deliverance from oppression. Just as people receive salvation with ease, so also many are finding freedom from satanic activities today. It is the same sacrifice!

Isaiah 53v7 He was oppressed and afflicted...

Jesus was afflicted and oppressed for your sake. This has made afflictions an illegal manifestation in the life of a believer. In agreement with you upon the infallibility of God's word, I decree, you will not see that oppression again in Jesus name!

CHAPTER 2

WHERE ART THOU

There are plants grown in the northern part of Nigeria that do not grow in the south. The reason is just the nature of the soil and weather of these two different locations. Where a man is located largely determines what he has access to.

There are some developed countries with rare cases of malaria just because mosquitoes don't thrive there and yet there are countries where malaria is an ever present malignant. Your location largely contributes to your experience. As a child of God, where are you?

God asked Adam this serious question while he and Eve hid themselves from the presence of God. We can only be at a place at a time and where we are has a lot to do with what we experience. Adam and Eve sinned and were spiritually dislocated away from where God put them and their first experience was condemnation. It is of note that this is a major tool the enemy uses.

Col 1:13 "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love"

We were under the rule of Satan as sinners but now in the kingdom of the Son. Beloved, just the very moment you got born again, you changed location.

Who had delivered us...

This shows us that there was bondage. Mankind was in certain captivity - curses, limitations and oppressions. Though all of these are real but much more real is the victory we received through Christ Jesus!

God himself delivered us. He cannot be compared with the enemy; He is the Almighty and the creator of all even Satan. So know for certain that God is greater than all your challenges and you will walk in victory. Some believers fear the enemy and his report so much that they put less emphasis on the reality of God in their lives. There are two reports- the one of the activities of darkness and the finished work of Christ for you. Whose report would you believe?

A sister had a medical report of Hepatitis and I ministered to her and declared her not having the disease. She believed and she was completely healed.

Believe God's report that you are delivered and you will walk in the reality of your deliverance. Understand that there is a deliverance already done and any other deliverance is to enforce what you already have. God's word is the truth. It prevails and cannot be changed. It is like the judgment passed by the supreme or highest court of a nation. It cannot be appealed or changed. It is final! Agree with the word of God and see your deliverance as a done deal. Believe this truth because the manifestation of all that God did in us through Christ starts with believing.

Translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son...

Our location has changed. We are no more under Satan, sickness and sin but now under the government of the Son of God. There are two kingdoms, the kingdom of God and that of Satan. God is a king who rules in righteousness, peace and joy.

Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost"

Anything that is outside these three entities is of the enemy, if it's affecting your joy and peace, then you are to reject it. The kingdom of God is the realm of His rule, dominion and authority, and if you are born again, you are in it and it's also in you. You have peace now as an inheritance, God is for you and anything against you is against God.

This transfer is made possible through the redemption by the blood of Jesus.

1Pet 1:18 "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot"

There are traditions, foolish and unprofitable lifestyles passed from one generation to another and these have placed limitations and

curses over people but the word says we are redeemed from them all.

To redeem is to ransom the life of a captive or a slave by paying a price and the price Christ paid is not perishable like silver or gold- though these are durable materials- but His blood. His life took us out of spiritual death into life. Many believers still think the sins of their ancestors have hold over them, No!

Heb 8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

If God has forgiven and forgotten your own sins, what gives you the impression that He is holding the sins of your forefathers against you? It is the deceit of Satan reigning in some churches today! You are redeemed from anything evil passed on to you from your ancestors.

It is an eternal redemption that we have from sin, Satan and all evils (Heb 9:12). They shouldn't dominate you as a believer.

You are redeemed forever!

That sickness and oppression in your life is an illegal manifestation. Reject it. Jesus paid it all. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1Jhn4:4 "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"

You have been made an overcomer. That is your identity as a child of God. Just as it is expected of a lion to roar because of its nature, your nature as an overcomer has empowered you to make manifest your victory over the enemy. Resist Him and he will flee. The 'HE' in you is the Greater One and He is greater than the 'he' in the world. Glory to God!

I remember years ago while in the university, I was praying for a lady when a demon roared out of her and said he wouldn't leave her body. I asked for the name and the demon roared 'draagooon'. It sounded so terrific to make me quake but I said 'dragon get out in Jesus name' and the demon left immediately.

The Greater One lives in you. Believe this truth and you are going to experience victory over all the works of the enemy.

You are now in a location; it is called the kingdom of God's dear son, God's very presence. You are now in Christ, all things for you are new, the old is gone (2Cor 5:21). That affliction in your life stops now! Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

Heb 12:22 "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels"

We are not going to come to Zion. It is now your location and know it that Satan can't rule in Zion neither diseases nor any kind of affliction.

You are now in Zion, the very city of God

Isa 33:24 "And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick"; the people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity"

In Zion, God doesn't hold men sins against them, and sickness doesn't prevail there. It is a place of continual victory and deliverance (Obadiah 17). Take advantage of this reality, believe it and let it be your confession.

The children of Israel in Egypt were preserved from the affliction that befell the whole nation because they stayed in Goshen (Exodus 8, 9). We are in the world but not of this world. God's word rules our life and not the god of this world. He has no rule on us because our composition is not of this world but of God. Christ is our life (Col 3:4) so we are not subject again to the principles and rudiments of this world. We dwell in the God-realm which is far above this human-realm.

Is there an affliction in your life or of people around you? Take your stand and correct the error. Don't be afraid but declare your freedom.

PASSED FROM DEATH INTO LIFE

John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life"

Life is a realm where we dwell as believers, it is void of death. It is an inseparable union with divinity. We are now in God's presence, no longer separated from Him. Satan can't operate in this realm. We have passed from darkness into light, from affliction into prosperity and from oppression into freedom. Death is the realm of the first Adam, the subject of Satan. Death reigned over him but the last Adam, our Lord Jesus Christ (1Cor 15:45) is a life giving Spirit. At salvation, you are translated out of the first man into Him. Our root is Christ not Adam. There are two generations, the first and Last Adam, Adam and Christ. Salvation is coming into Christ and this made us his generation.

During one of our healing meetings, as I shared God's word, a lady with an oppression that caused a physical pain in her head and neck which affected her hearing just got healed as she agreed with the revealed word of God.

Curse and oppression is in Adam, reject it and enforce life. When Adam dis-obeyed God all kinds of 'dis' like dis-ease, dis-comfort, dis-ability entered into the world but the last Adam obeyed God and in Him dwell ease, comfort and ability. The 'dis' of life is not in Christ. Reject it all!

A lady was battling with an influence from the spirit of lust. She couldn't control her desires and she tried helping herself in the natural. It all began like a habit until it became a master over her. In the course of prayers, the

demon spoke out and left her. She became free and went on to serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

CHAPTER 3

FAR ABOVE

Paul, the Apostle prayed a profound prayer for the believers at Ephesus, which is as important today as it was then, in fact, more than ever! It was a prayer of revelation, that their hearts be flooded with light so that they could see and know spiritual realities.

In walking in victory over the enemy, we need to see from the view point of God and that is revelation; the ability to see a matter the way God sees it. As we study the word meditatively, light comes and we see.

Eph 1:18-20 "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He worked in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places"

The greatest display of God's power was seen in the resurrection of Jesus. All armories in hell were deployed to prevent Him from resurrecting but they all failed.

Jesus was made sin and he died not only a physical death but also a spiritual death.

Physical death is the separation of the spirit and soul from the body and it happens when a person dies. However, spiritual death is a separation from the life of God. It is the same thing as having the nature of Satan, the sinful nature. The disobedience of Adam ushered in death and anyone who dies without receiving Jesus will die eternally which is a total and eternal separation from God.

Heb 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone"

Jesus was made a sin not just a sinner (2Cor 5:21). He received our nature and on the cross, God the Father who was once one together with Jesus couldn't behold him. He paid all the wages for the sin of humanity both past, present and future. And after this, the power of God raised him up out of spiritual death into life thereby stripping Him of all the powers and hold of hell.

He conquered death for us and we shall also experience the swallowing up of our mortal death-ruled body by immortality.

Jesus was raised not just above but 'far above' principalities and powers. He was raised far above all the structures and cadres Satan has put in place in his kingdom. All demonic agents, including Satan are now under Christ Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

This victory was wrought by God for the benefit of the church-the body of Christ. He died for us, conquered for us and rose for us. The beauty of this redemption story is that we identified with Him in all. We died with Him and were raised also with Him.

Raised with Him

Eph 1:20-21 "Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come"

Eph 2:6 "And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

He was raised and seated at highest place of authority and power. We were also raised and made to sit with him. Where? In heavenly places where Christ is seated far above Satan. You are seated with God in Christ, and this knowledge helps us a lot in prayers. No Prince of darkness can withhold your prayers again. You are seated in the throne room with God and your spirit can now effectively commune with God who is Spirit.

To sit is to rule and to exercise dominion from a relaxed position. Though defeated, Satan still parades himself like a lion looking for who to devour but we as the children of God have been made to sit with God in Christ Jesus to exercise dominion over him and his

works. He is not a lion but a rat with a microphone. Our savior is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is the champion!

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"

You don't trample on something above or beyond you. Satan is under your feet, you have been raised far above him and in the name of Jesus you trample on him.

No battle is too fierce to defy the sacrifice of Jesus. If Satan is under your feet, then his subsets- witches, herbalist and evil agents are all under your feet. That sickness is under your feet now! Healing is yours. Go ahead and do what you couldn't do before!

A brother was given charms to bury in his shop for the purpose of promoting his business but his life didn't change until I met him and He got born again after which we exhume the charms and things turned around for him. In fact, he had sales he hasn't had for a long time that same week. Glory!

In the above scriptural text, power is used two times but with different root words. The Greek word for the 'power' given to us is 'exousia' and that of the enemy 'dunamis'. Exousia means authority; a legal right, freedom and liberty to use power. The power of Jesus is now delegated to us. Dunamis means inherent power. From this we can denote that:

- The enemy does not have exousia (authority). He has no legal right to use his power against a believer. Satan afflicting a child of God is an abuse and overstepping of his boundary.
- The believer has exousia (authority). He has the right to destroy Satan's works and paralyse all his power with the backing of God. We are now equipped to make him impotent whenever we encounter him. And as we do this, we are shielded from any attack.
- Our security is sure as we go about destroying Satan's works. So, we don't have to be full of the fear of attacks. God's got your back!

I was ministering in a crusade when a masquerade-carrier in the village came out for an altar call and unknown to me, I laid my hands on him and he went down under God's power and became unconscious for some minutes. He came up later to receive Christ. The question is, where was Satan all along? He can't do anything because we have authority over him.

You have been raised above curses no matter how long it's been in operation. Your case is different. You are the child of God and no influence of darkness can stand the presence of your Father.

You have been blessed beyond curses. Curses are words released and established in the demonic realm which have effects in the physical. The realm of God is far above all other

realm in the spirit and that is where your blessing was pronounced. It cancelled all curses.

Eph 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"

Instead of generational curses, you now have generational blessings.

Ps 112:2 "His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed"

You are the upright and out of you begin a generation of blessed men. Believe this truth, declare it, and pray it. It is the new life you now have.

Goliath taunted the people of God for 40 days until a man who understands his position as the circumcised of God came. Darkness can prevail for years but changes comes the day light appears.

A man had an infirmity in his throat for over 30 years and within minutes of prayers got healed in one of our meetings. Glory to Jesus! This book is a conduit of Gods power and right now I agree with you that the sickness in your body is gone! Be healed!

Circumcision placed David above any gentile man not to talk of the one defying the people of God. David fought Goliath on the strength of his stand in Jehovah. His victory had nothing to do with his age or the weapons he

possessed, he had nothing! It doesn't matter how long the problem has existed. As a child of God whose circumcision is not of the flesh but of the Spirit, you are already placed above powers and principalities.

The God who backed David up is strongly with you and in you as you confront any activity of the enemy.

I once looked at a witch and asked her if she was a witch and she began to make confessions of their operations in the kingdom of darkness! It is the authority we have in Christ Jesus. It is all on the finished work of Christ. God is with you and He is your back up. Look up to Him and the victory of Christ on the cross will bring to you your desire.

John 3:31 "He that cometh from above is above all..."

You are seated above and above all the powers of Satan. You are born of God and therefore now a carrier of divine ability to destroy the works of the enemy.

CHAPTER 4

STAY FREE

It is of great concern that today we still have believers suffering perpetually in the hands of the enemy and they don't even know when the oppression is going to stop. Some have come to accept their situation believing that life is full of ups and down. They say we can't have good always without evil. Beloved, this is not the plan of God for you. He planned beforetime that you have a journey full of life and success here on earth.

3 John 2 "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers"

We are not to prosper in few things but in all things. The victory of Christ is our victory and we have overcome the enemy. Any warfare we engage in today already has an end and it is victory

Prov 14:19 "The evil will bow before the good, And the wicked at the gates of the righteous"

This promise must be a reality in your life and as you believe, no longer will your life be opened to the attacks of the enemy. Your gate is also your mouth. Use it well to destroy satanic activities by speaking forth the word of God concerning you.

Sickness and demons don't only bow at Jesus' presence but now in our presence because we are clothed with Christ. We are now in Him (1Jhn 4:13).

It is time to walk free and enjoy this freedom we have received in Christ Jesus. Therefore it is needful to take into consideration these things:

SIN

Eph 4:26-27 " Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil"

The enemy is looking for whom he may devour and we have to be vigilant and resist him. A life of sin gives him room to operate. It opens one up to the attack of the enemy.

James 5:14-15 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven"

There are believers experiencing sickness and afflictions because of sins committed, so to continue in sin is to give the enemy opportunity to afflict. Don't give him any room in your life; come out of your disobedience and strife. You might have concluded that your experience is the consequence of your past lifestyle and you are lawfully in captivity but the bible showed us that even the law-

ful captive will be delivered and the prey of the mighty will be set free. The moment you receive the forgiveness for your sins, you receive your freedom from captivity.

YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS

Rom 5:17 "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ"

Our reign over Satan and his cohorts is tied to our walk of righteousness. We have been made righteous not by what we have done or doing but what Christ did on our behalf. Righteousness is a gift! It is imparted at salvation and it is the ability to stand before the Father God, the creator of heaven and earth without fear, guilt and inferiority complex.

If you can stand before God, then you can stand before Satan to resist him. On the cross, Jesus became us and the father couldn't bear looking at him; He was so full of sin and unrighteousness to the point that He was separated from the Father. All these Christ went through so that we can now be united with the Father. We are now in His presence.

Righteousness is the solution to sin and the sinful nature. It is the nature of God at work in us now that enables us to do that which is worthy of our salvation.

2 Cor 5:21 "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him"

We are now the righteousness of God. We are trees of righteousness (Isa 61:3) and this has enables us to bear fruits of righteousness (Phil 1:11)

Roman 6:14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace"

Sin has lost the grip over you, it shouldn't rule you again. We are now under grace, and grace is a divine influence on our spirit that reflects on the outside. It empowers us to say no to ungodliness. It gives us ability to lay aside the weights and sins that easily besets us. Sin, Satan or sickness shouldn't rule over you again. The ability of God is now in you to yield your body as an instrument of righteousness. Christ dealt with the sin issue so that henceforth, we should not serve sin but righteousness. God expects us to honor him with our daily lives. You are to walk worthy of your calling as a child of God.

GOD KEEPS NO RECORD OF SIN

I've met with believers who think God is far away from them just because of what they did years ago. See, as saints, if you sin you have an advocate with the father and that is Jesus. God doesn't record sins. Stop weeping for the mistakes of the past.

Heb 10:17 "...their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more"

Heb 8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more"

God chose not to remember our sins anymore. That sin has lost grip over you and your future because it was laid on Jesus.

God will not bring it up anymore. No more record for your sins. So, forget about its consequence too. Though there are sins committed with physical consequences like contacting HIV through sex, having one's reputation damaged due to a life of deceit etc. A child of God can still suffer as a sinner according to human laws and justice. But it is an error to believe that the things you did in the past will still come back to haunt you. The world calls it the Law of Karma but God says "I have forgiven and forgotten". It is wiped clean by the blood of Jesus.

Whenever the enemy brings up accusation against you based on your deeds, it is good to tell him that the blood of Jesus cleanses you from all sins. Never allow his condemnation to make you lose the consciousness of your righteousness before God. Righteousness is a gift and it makes us stand before God always without guilt or fear.

2 Cor 5:19 "...that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their tres-

passes to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation"

Rom 4:8 "Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin"

To impute is to account, lay or reckon sins against. The word of God says God is not doing that again. So God is not the one killing sinners with natural disasters.

The coming of Jesus has shown us the true nature of God. He is good and NO evil is in Him. A believer once told me that she made a covenant with God to kill her if she does certain things. The enemy can take up such a promise and get her killed. You don't need a covenant to prove your commitment to God.

Eph 1:6 "To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved"

You are already accepted in Him.

Col 1:12 "Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light"

You are already qualified before God. Jesus took the test on our behalf and passed and we don't need a vow or promise for God to accept and love us.

IGNORANCE

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

Ps 82: 5-7 "They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in

darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes"

Men and women ordained by God to reign and rule as gods are now dying as mere men, why? They rejected knowledge. They lack understanding. What you don't know limits you. A continual life of oppression and suffering stops when light comes. People wallow in satanic oppression just because they are void of the knowledge of their victory over Satan in Christ Jesus.

You will keep doing deliverance and praying from one place to another with no permanent freedom until you know by the word of God that you have been raised far above the enemy.

See the ministry of Jesus: ***Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;... to preach deliverance to the captives..."***

Deliverance is not something you do but preach. If people do not see their freedom by the word of God, they will keep being ruled by the enemy.

A man of knowledge is a man of stature. His growth in spiritual things is a product of encounters with the living word.

Ignorance puts men in darkness and the solution is light which is produced by the word God. There are saints that see themselves as

grasshoppers in life. They see themselves living at the mercy of the enemy.

Ignorance is banished as we study the word of God. The word opens our eyes to our freedom. Reject the experiences of people that antagonize the word of God. The knowledge of the truth alone sets free.

Jesus already defeated the enemy on our behalf. Being ignorant on what has been done on your behalf keeps you under the enemy.

There are demonic activities in families that are passed on from one generation to another but the good news is that the death and resurrection of Jesus had begun another generation with an entirely new experience. Such evil patterns have no legal right over you.

Jhn 1:12-13 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God"

I know you were born in that family but NOW, you are born again and your birth is of God. You are now His offspring and no curse is permitted to rule over your life. He is the vine, you are the branches; if the vine can't be defeated, then the branches cannot be defeated. If the vine is blessed, the branches are blessed.

The life of God is now in you and you are enabled to put to death any activities of the enemy in your life.

To be ignorant of your victory-realities is to give the enemy access to infiltrate your life as a believer and make your journey here on earth filled with sorrow.

SATAN HAS SCHEMES

Don't be ignorant of the devices of the enemy (2 Cor 2:11). Satan has no rule over a child of God but he comes with schemes and deceptive suggestions. Just like he did with Peter until Jesus rebuked him.

The knowledge of God's word empowers us to detect his suggestions and we should be quick to recognize his arrows of thought fired at us. Thought that portrays the enemy or any situation as bigger than God. He attacks the mind with lies that will make us doubt God and submit to him. He rules over believers that mind natural things and draw their conclusion from the natural point of view. There exists a realm beyond and above the natural; a place where all things are possible. We are to function from this realm.

Jesus saw beyond death and Lazarus was raised (John 11). See beyond the pattern of sickness and oppression in your life and family and the change will come. To stay free, reject the thoughts of the enemy, the thoughts of lack, limitations and weakness. He fires arrows of deception against us to make us believe we are nothing and powerless.

He that is not ready to reject the suggestions and experiences that negate the finished work of Christ is not yet ready to enjoy fully his freedom in Christ.

1Jhn4:4 "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"

The One inside of you is greater than any witch, herbalist and even Satan himself. Teachings that focus mainly on the one in the world and not on the greater One in you will do you a great disadvantage.

Ignorance keeps men in fear while the knowledge of the word energizes our faith for a victory walk in life.

Faith takes delivery of all the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. The just shall live by his faith. We received this faith at salvation and it puts us over the enemy and also manifests as we know more (Rom 12:3).

Faith cannot be exercised on what you don't know is yours. A believer who doesn't know he has the name of Jesus as a possession for answers to prayers and in casting out demons will not fully enjoy the benefits of the name. Our confidence is in the name of Jesus as we cast out demons. His name is above every other name.

Reject laziness and embrace the study of the word for in it are inestimable treasures for a continual reign over the enemy.

CHAPTER 5

RESIST HIM

James 4:7 "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you"

The character of the enemy is that though defeated, he will still want to come back to check if there are in-roads for him to come into operation again.

Luke 11:24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'"

The greatest deliverance tool a man can possess is the word. Get filled with the knowledge of your victory and when Satan comes back you will have enough to crush him with.

2 Tim 2:24-26 "And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will"

People will on their own walk out of the snare of the devil when they come to acknowledge the truth. Nothing sets free like the truth. The anointing upon us is also for preaching deliverance (Luke 4:18). It must be preached. The truth of redemption from satanic afflictions must be strongly preached or else the church will be full of demon-ruled believers and fearful kings that cannot exercise their authority.

The oppression you are facing now does not mean Satan is more than you nor has a legal right over you, it is just about knowledge and you putting into work what you know.

I showed you earlier that you have been raised far above the enemy, and to be far above means you have received an authority over the enemy. God said we should resist him. And to do that you have to let it settle in your spirit that you have been made bigger than Satan, because it is difficult to resist someone bigger than you. For God to have said we should resist him, and he will not only walk away, but flee shows that we are more than what we ever thought we are in Christ. Halleluyah!

Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"

We, as the heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ share in the same authority and power given to Christ Jesus by God.

The Spirit of Christ dwells in us because we are joined with Him (1Cor 6:17) and clothed with Him (Gal 3:27). So all the authority and power of God is vested in the believer and with this enablement, he resists Satan and he flees.

TO RESIST

To resist is to stand, command and speak against; to declare and enforce the will of God as a king representing God's kingdom.

Luke 7:7-8 "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it"

You must know you are under the authority of the Living Christ. We don't do our thing. We live His life.

This man gave a description of the expression of his authority and we can learn from it too.

And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes

You are enabled to command demons to leave or stop their operations in your life or anywhere. There are delays in life that are as the result of Satan using certain people against us. At such times, we need to function by the wisdom of God and command

Satan to take his hand off. As you do this in the name of Jesus, changes appear.

Mark 11:23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says"

The mountain limiting your progress may be sickness or failure, you have to speak to it and declare it to go. Many are full of pleading with God to take away the affliction they are faced with when the word says we should speak and command.

...and to another, 'Come,' and he comes

This is declaring what you want to see. At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus didn't rebuke death but declared life. He called forth Lazarus. He declared money to be in the mouth of the fish.

Heb 11:3 "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible"

God spoke all we see out of nothing. So as His sons, we imitate Him same way and declare what we want to see.

Prov 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit"

Make the decrees now!

...I say to my servant do this...

This is engaging the angelic in destroying and resisting the activities of the enemy.

Heb 1:13-14 "But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"

Angels are ministering spirits sent by God to minister for and unto us. They are released as we speak forth the word of God concerning our lives. We can declare that they should bring in the result we want to see. Also they are put to work as we speak in tongues.

1 Cor 13:1 "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels..."

Angelic ministrations can be activated as we speak in this divine language. Imagine you speaking your dialect outside your native country unknowingly beside someone of your nativity. He will gladly associate with you and both of you will start communicating. That is how tongues stir up angelic interventions. Speaking in tongues is of great value as we break satanic powers over our lives and territories. Don't joke with tongues. It is far higher than any incantation or divination.

1 Cor 14:15 "What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I

will also sing with the understanding”

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Praying in tongues is praying with the spirit. In scriptural order, unknown tongues come before any known language and it should be like that in your prayer life. Forget about the controversy over speaking in tongues. If Peter and the believers at the upper room spoke, Paul Spoke, yours must not be an exception. Jesus said we will speak with new tongues (Mark 16: 17). Blast in tongues and blast away negative influences over your life and environment. Praying in tongues strengthens and builds us up against satanic attacks and activities (Jude 20, 1Cor 14:2)

Right now, you can be filled with the Spirit and speak in tongues.

To experience this, you have to be filled with the Holy Spirit because He gives the utterance (Acts 2:4) and this is so easy because at salvation, the Holy Spirit made your body his home.

Salvation is the indwelling of the Spirit.

Rom 8:9 “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”

It is the same Spirit in you at salvation that you get filled with who supplies this language of the spirit.

If you are not yet born-again, and you are ready to turn from sin unto God, it is my pleasure to lead you as you say this prayer:

"Lord God, I believe Jesus died for me to save me from my sins and I believe You raised him from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Thank you for forgiving my sins and washing it away by the blood of Jesus. Thank you for saving me. I am born again in Jesus name. Amen"

It is a glorious thing to have you in the family of God. Congratulations!

Now that you are saved, you can be filled with the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, you will have to do the speaking as the Spirit gives you utterance (Acts 2:4) and what you will speak is unknown to your human mind but yet is known to God (1Cor 14:2)

Say this prayer now:

"Father, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, I declare I'm filled with the Holy Spirit and according to your word I speak now with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives me utterance in Jesus name. Amen"

Speak forth now! Glory to God!

Even demons tremble!

Satan has lost his hold over your life, so respond to every situation the enemy puts up with a confidence that your victory over him and his agents is settled. This consciousness of our victory over Satan in prayer dispels the power of darkness.

We are also empowered to resist satanic activities in the lives of others by using the name of Jesus to drive out demons and break demonic holds.

Mk 16:17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons..."

James 2:19 "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!"

Some believers dwelt so much on the activities and manifestations of demons to the point that their heart is filled with the fear of demons. The problem is that just as faith activates the blessings of God, fear also activates satanic operations. It is not right to think demons don't exist or that a demon is behind every problems of life.

Satan and his demons are not all-knowing, all-powerful nor present everywhere. Demons shiver and get fearful in the presence of Jesus and believers.

Acts 16:18 "And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus

Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour"

The same way Paul drove out this demon, you are empowered to do the same. I was ministering in a campus crusade and suddenly a demon started manifesting in a lady and kept saying "I won't release her certificate", I responded by saying "I will punish you for that" and immediately the demon shouted fearfully "I will release it" and left her immediately. Glory! Jesus Christ is Lord!

Be dominated by the word.

James 1:23- 25 "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was, but he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does"

The mirror of God is the word of God. In it we see our perfect image. Just as you look into the mirror in your home and believe what you have seen and won't forget how you look, so also you must believe what you see about your new life in the scriptures.

This is who you are in your spirit, it may not be manifesting now in your natural life but the manifestation starts from believing the image you see in the word.

Now, let this picture dominate:

-Your thoughts

Think on what you have seen. Meditate on these realities. If the enemy can get you to a place where you think always about what he can do or doing in your life, then you can't enjoy your freedom in God

1Tim 4:15 "Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all"

What you think on is what you will give your life to and it's the change of life that will appear to all men. That beauty in your spirit will manifest outwardly. To meditate is to ponder on the word, to mutter it under your breath and imagine it. Do this continually and your progress as a believer will be evident to all. You can't by the word meditate on your victory in Christ Jesus and fail in life. Go over this book again and think on all the words and you will see changes in your life.

-Your words

It is not enough to believe but also to confess. You speak forth what you believe and the results will appear. Many are snared by the words they speak. The power of life and death is in the tongue. Use your tongue rightly in directing your life on the path of success. What you are not bold to speak forth, you are not ready to enjoy.

Joshua 1:8 "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,

but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success"

God said the word must not depart from our mouth. Let your mouth agree with your heart. This is how to put our faith to work. It is not enough to believe but to also speak forth what you believe (2Cor 4:13). Faith speaks!

-Your prayers

Resisting the enemy is effectively done as we pray. It is pathetic to see so many believers pray today with no results. They pray not knowing or certain of the will of God for them. Some believe their affliction is from God to humble them and it will stop when God deems fit. This is not in line with the nature of God. He is your father! We have leaders leading terrible prayer points that are fashioned from demonic inspirations and human experiences for their members to pray just because they sound religious. Reject prayers that exalt the works and operations of Satan and belittle the finished work of Christ.

1Jhn5:14 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, and if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know

***that we have the petitions that we
have asked of Him"***

Prayer becomes a waste of time when it is not according to the word of God. Let the will of God, which is the revealed word of God for you, dominate your prayers. The will of God is your healing, deliverance and prosperity.

Are you oppressed and under the affliction of the enemy? Take hold of the word like the stones of David against Goliath and pray now. Declare you have been made free by the blood of Jesus from every negative pattern. Declare you are no more in the kingdom of the enemy and now in Christ Jesus. Declare you have been raised far above Satan and any bewitchment, and now seated with God. Command any satanic activity to stop.

I see that mountain moved now! That sickness is leaving your body now! I declare miracles now. Eyes be opened and if you cannot walk, rise and walk in Jesus name.

The oppression is over in Jesus name. You are freed!

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