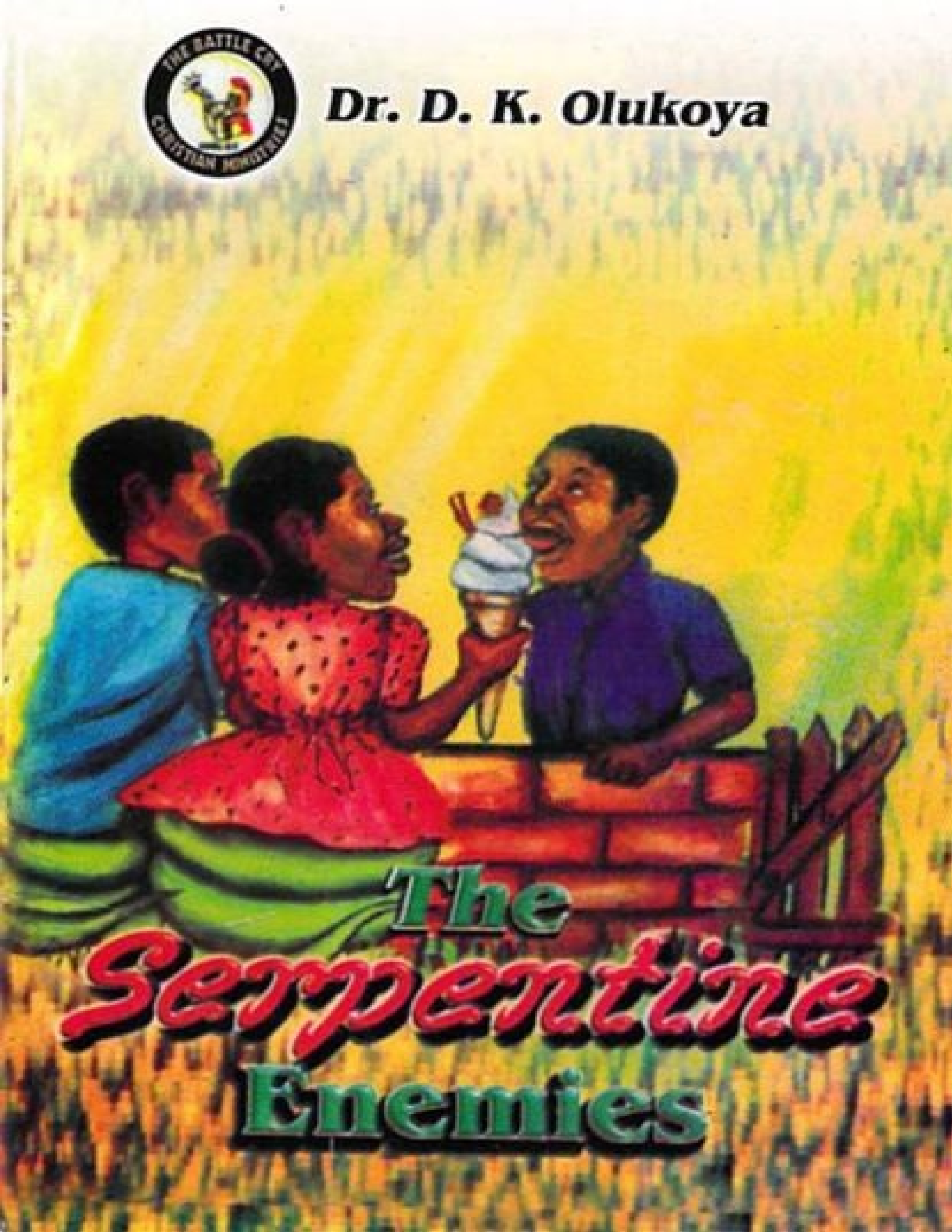
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BACKCOVER

The Serpentine Enemies

We shall take some prayer points before going into this message. These prayer points are meant to transform your life. Specifically, they are meant to remove the yoke of poverty from your life. Nobody can handle these prayer points effectively and still remain the same. The type of result which you will get will be determined by the way you handle them. Therefore, I plead with you to utilize the whole of your spiritual energy and faith to take these prayer points:

1. Angels of the living God, pursue the spirit of poverty in my life unto destruction, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every Goliath of poverty, die by your own sword, in the name of Jesus.
3. Let wealth change hands in my life, in the name of Jesus.
4. Oh Lord, make a hole in the roof for me for my prosperity, in the name of Jesus.
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name of Jesus.

15. Oh Lord, be my eternal cashier, in the name of Jesus.
16. I bind the spirit of debt, I shall not borrow to eat, in the name of Jesus.
17. I arrest every gadget of poverty, in the name of Jesus.
18. Let my life magnetise favour for breakthroughs, in the name of Jesus.
19. Every evil meeting summoned against my prosperity, be scattered, in the name of Jesus.
20. Every arrow of wickedness fired against my prosperity, be disgraced now, in the name of Jesus.

Let us consider our subject of discussion by looking into a very revealing passage of the Bible - Psalm 41:9:

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

This is a very striking food for thought for all incisive readers of the Bible. It states a fact of life which many people have experienced times without number. People have learned lots of bitter lessons in life. A lot of people have been surprised when familiar friends and relatives have turned round to perpetrate all forms of wickedness against them.

People hardly expect those who are very close to them to turn against them as enemies but experience has proved that the greatest attacks which we receive in life generally come from the camp of familiar friends and neighbours.

There are different kinds of soldiers in the army. There are soldiers who are well trained, intelligent and skilful. Such people form the elitist squad in the army. Whereas there are illiterate foot soldiers who belong to the lowest rung of the ladder. Whenever there is war between two nations. the most trained corps are always the target of attack.

People have wondered why we have received violent attacks from the kingdom of darkness. The reasons are not farfetched. God has used us to set multitudes of captives free. We have released the enemy's secrets. We have taught, mobilised and motivated men and women to join the end-time army. We have been enabled by the grace of God, to disgrace territorial powers, principalities and wicked ancestral powers. For this and other reasons the enemy is angry. That is why he has decided to face us. It is as if he no longer has any hiding place as a result of the revelations which God enables us to expound before all and sundry. If the devil could have his way, he would prefer to keep you in ignorance as far as the subject you are considering is concerned.

Serpentine enemies who hide and attack their victims unawares will prefer to conceal the activities as a way of prolonging the sufferings of their victims. But God has said that enough is enough to the devil. That is why He has revealed the age-long secrets of the enemy.

The devil does not want you to know the secret wars which he is waging against you. He prefers to continue to attack you while he keeps you in ignorance. He does this because he knows that the man who suffers in ignorance will surely suffer for a very long time.

THREE TYPES OF ENEMY

Somebody has made a very funny but true to life statement in Nigerian English (pidgin). The man said that there are three categories of enemies. Permit me to use his own words:

1. *You no me you dey do me* (a familiar enemy).
2. *You no no me you dey do me* (an unfamiliar enemy).
3. *You dey do me and you de pity me* (a familiar enemy who pities me).

Let me throw more light on this. You have three types of enemies. You have known enemies, unknown enemies and clever enemies who turn around to sympathise with you.

A lot of people go through life as if there are no enemies. They do not have any space in their prayer list for contending with wicked enemies. Some of these people wonder why we teach, encourage and train believers to get involved with spiritual warfare. Some of them are even bold to speak openly against our efforts to train every believer to become mature students in the school of spiritual warfare. I wonder if such people are actually reading their Bibles.

The Bible says: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, rulers in the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. "These are the powers which we are contending against. If there are no enemies in life, the Bible would not have asked us to wrestle against any power. But the fact that there were powers, principalities and wicked spirits, necessitates our taking spiritual warfare seriously. We must not compare ourselves with some soldiers who would not know their left hand from their right hand.

Neither should we decide to take after soldiers who are drivers, messengers, tradesmen, security guards, domestic staff, gatemen and so on in the army. Rather, we should seek to become star studded generals in the army. We should not allow what Christians from other churches are saying to remove us from our duty posts.

We must decide to remain on the battlefield for our Lord. Come what may, we must decide to remain at the vanguard of the army of the Lord. We must be part of the fighting army. We must remain in the camp of combatant soldiers.

I have an experience many years ago which made me to know that there are many classes of soldiers. There are some soldiers who are only soldiers by name but occupy no position of prominence in the army. That experience made me to know that there are some soldiers who are so fearful that a little threat from some powerful civilians will make them to shiver as if they have caught a cold.

A uniformed man threatened to lock up a lady who happened to be a civilian. He said, "I am going to lock you up with your ugly face." The man was bent on carrying out his threat until my wife intervened and said: "Do you know the woman you are planning to lock up? Don't you know that there is an invisible X-ray in her eye balls? She can see everything, (your intestine, your liver, your heart, your throat ... everything). You better don't touch her." That was how the uniformed man said, "I am sorry, I won't lock her up again. I didn't know that she is that kind of woman."

The man was an officer, while the lady was an ordinary civilian. She was so powerful that she could scare a man of authority. The man became afraid and he vowed never to touch a woman with such an invisible power.

There are enemies that appear innocent on the surface. When you see them you would think that they are completely harmless. You will only be able to discover their true identity when they show their true colour by attacking you.

The most dangerous enemies are parasitic in nature. They fight against people

like parasites. They hang unto people and attack them like parasites. A parasite is an animal or plant living on or in another. A human being is called a parasite. It means that, that person is living on another and giving nothing useful in return. In other words, parasites cannot live on their own, they specialise in sucking the goodness of other people and rendering them useless. They stay so close to the person. feed on him and harass him sore.

I knew someone several years ago who carelessly played into the hands of the devil. This was someone whom I tried to influence positively but he chose to live a careless life. He came across a lady whom he tried to go along with for a long time. Incidentally, I had warned him against that relationship. He stuck to his gun. By the time he got tired of the girl he decided to dump her thinking that the girl was an ordinary person.

However, the girl became adamant. The girl said, "No I am not going anywhere. If you forsake me, I will deal with you. Let me tell you the truth, I am going to bury your glory. Just go ahead and take up a new girl. You will see." The man decided to ignore what the lady was saying. But by the time he got to work the following day he was shocked beyond his wildest imagination. He was handed a letter of termination of appointment. His official car was withdrawn and he was given one week to pack out of his official quarters.

That was how he packed out of the house, kept his property with some of his friends and started trekking. When he approached one of his worldly friends, he was advised: "You better go back to that girl. If you don't, you will never make it in life.

He quickly ran to the girl's house and apologised profusely. The girl told him. "Did you think I was joking when I told you that I was going to bury your glory? You better go and thank your stars that you came back to beg me. Now that you have decided to trace your steps back to me I am going to exhume your glory from where I buried it. Come back to see me tomorrow."

Strange enough, by the following day, the strange company which terminated his appointment came back looking for him with a letter of a renewal of

appointment. He was reinstated, given back his car and his official quarters. That was how he regained everything which he lost.

It dawned on him that he had no other option than to marry the girl by force. The girl became a parasite who decided to stick to him and drain him of every goodness which he had. Little did he know when he came across the girl that he was getting involved with a parasite. At the end. the man got married to the parasite.

The world in which we live is peopled with unfriendly friends. Most of the people who are close to you today, who appear nice, understanding and helpful may be wolves in sheep's clothing. They are unfriendly friends.

Most of the people who pretend to be your friends are hidden enemies. Most of us are only aware of open enemies. We don't know how to avoid hidden enemies. Open enemies are generally transparent in their deeds. They want you to know that they are your enemies.

A prophet once came to a lady asking her to collect fifty naira currency note from him. He instructed her to pay the money into her account. The lady asked to know why it must be fifty-naira and not something that was much more tangible. The prophet asked her not to argue with him lest the sword of angel Gabriel come upon her to destroy her. That was how she quickly ran to the bank and paid the fifty naira note into her account.

Something happened to her one week after the prophet's money was paid into her account. She experienced a great calamity which drained her entire savings. The prophet's money became a parasite which destroyed all her savings. This is an example of a known enemy.

Serpentine enemies are not stupid. They are very clever, they operate in such a way as to confuse those whom they are attacking. Enemies don't generally come openly to tell us that they are attacking us. They prefer to hide somewhere and give you some poisonous injection. Therefore, they try to use as many methods

as possible to confuse their victims.

There are some friends who would stay with you as long as things are rough with you. They would become your enemies the moment things become alright. In other words, they are happy with you when you have divers problems, but they become unhappy with you whenever it appears that your problems are getting solved. They prefer to see you at the valley. They hate to see you on the mountain top. They are joyful when you are sad while they are sad when you are happy.

The most dangerous kind of enemy to deal with are serpentine enemies. They sometimes come in a subtle manner to attack you. This evil serpent often tries to bite those who want to help or assist you.

There was a brother who was hindered by serpentine enemies when he went for an interview. There was someone among the interview panel who could have helped the brother, but serpentine forces hindered him. The man who was supposed to help him sat down patiently when others were being interviewed. But the man suddenly developed serious stomach problems just when it came to the brother's turn to be interviewed. The brother had banked on the man's influence as a means of passing the interview.

The man decided to rush to the toilet and had to stay there for some twenty minutes because he felt a lot of discomfort. By the time the man managed to come back they had finished interviewing the brother. He was disappointed because the brother whom he wanted to help had been interviewed in his absence. That was how the brother failed the interview.

Do you know that somebody can get into trouble by helping someone? If you give financial help to somebody who is already allocated to a serpent you will receive an attack. There is a story in II Chronicles 19:2:

And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the

LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

This passage shows that it is dangerous to help somebody whom the Lord had cursed. Jehoshaphat was helping the enemy of God, therefore the serpent which normally pursues such people began to bite Jehoshaphat.

If a husband is being pursued by an enemy and the wife decides to help him, she would be bitten. If somebody is supposed to fail an examination because a serpent was pursuing him and another person helped the person to pass the examination, a serpent would bite the man's helper.

If you are reading this and you happen to have helped somebody who was supposed to fail an examination as a result of being pursued by a serpent, if the person passes the examination you might end up experiencing the serpent's bite. A serpent will attack you in anger. The serpent that was pursuing that person will turn and begin to pursue the person helping him.

REASONS FOR THEIR ATTACKS

- ***When you are assisting the enemy of God***

The first reason why serpentine enemies attack men and women is as a result of people's effort to assist the enemy of God. That attempt opens the door and invites serpentine enemies to operate in your life.

- ***When you remove the divine protection***

Serpentine enemies bite when people remove the divine protection. The Bible says: "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it and whoso breaketh the hedge a serpent shall bite him" (Eccl. 10:8). If you allow your enemies to deceive you from your place of power and protection, a serpent will bite you. God does not allow serpents to bite us except we have allowed the hedge to be removed through our carelessness.

The protection which God has built for His people is strong, safe and secured enough. Nothing can tamper with you unless you destroy the hedge on your own. The devil is not strong enough to destroy the protective wall which God has built for your security and safety.

Job was surrounded by a wall of protection. The devil could not penetrate and destroy Job. The protective wall was destroyed because of Job's negative confession. Job used his mouth wrongly. He accused God ignorantly and destroyed the divine hedge. He even cursed the day in which he was born. That was how he carelessly opened the door for the devil to come and attack him.

The problem of most of us today lies about an inch below our nose. The mouth is the greatest problem of man. Our mouth has led to many problems which have remained stubborn in the lives of men and women. God is not responsible for most of what happens to men and women. The truth which must be declared is

that man is the architect of his own problems.

God told the children of Israel to anoint their houses with blood. He told them, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." The blood was sufficient as a strong means of protection for every Israelite. However, if an Israelite decides to go to the house of an Egyptian, a place which lacks the covering of the blood, the angel of death will strike him.

This is one reason why the Bible is against friendship with the world. The so-called Christians who still roam about in the night with unbelieving friends and strange women are inviting the serpent to attack them.

If you examine what is happening to many people today, you will discover that most people's problems are self inflicted. Many who are complaining today actually wrote letters of invitation to serpents to come and bite them. Or how else can you explain the actions of people who bum incense, light candles, allow fetish priests to put incisions in their bodies, collect negative prophecies from fake prophets, hang serpentine ornaments on their bodies, bury crosses in the ground, read occultic books, collect holy perfumes from fake prophets and so on. All those who get involved with these and other abominations will be bitten by serpents.

God can command a serpent to bite a disobedient child. Such rebellious and disobedient children cannot escape the serpent's poison unless they repent. It is very easy to pray against serpentine enemies but there is no true remedy outside repentance.

One of the greatest problems of men is that of chasing shadows. Somebody can pray against an enemy for twenty years without getting any tangible result as long as such a person is living a disobedient life.

It is an exercise in futility for anyone to pray against a serpent which has been divinely mandated to punish offenders. often times, the serpent has become God's weapon of bringing the wayward back home. That is why there are people

who have put serious prayer efforts into life's problems only to receive no solution. God cannot go against Himself. Once He sends a serpent to bite someone who is disobedient, He is not going to stop the serpent unless the person decides to repent.

HOW TO RECOGNISE SERPENTINE ENEMIES

How then can we recognise serpentine enemies? It is quite easy to recognise serpentine enemies. All you need to do is to look for the following characteristics.

- ***Serpents enjoy dark hole***

Anyone who decides to make dark holes his abode in life will also experience the serpent's bite. If you allow any department of your life to remain in darkness you will attract the serpent. If some aspects of your life have not been submitted or handed over to the Lord, the serpent will come in through such avenues to bite you.

- ***Serpents can hide in unexpected places and bite you***

Ask anyone who has been physically bitten by a serpent and such a person will tell you that the serpent was not visible to him before he got close to it. I am yet to see a man who will deliberately allow himself to be bitten by a serpent that is not hidden at all. Serpents are intelligent creatures. They know that they won't be able to bite any person or animal if they do not hide and attack their victims suddenly.

For example, a serpent would hardly come to a well-lit open space where there is much movement. Neither will a serpent stay in a place where it can easily be seen. It looks for hidden holes, dark environments, abandoned items, thick forests and weedy environments.

If you sincerely examine most of the bitter experiences which you have passed through in life. you will discover that you got into most of them by going to questionable places, doing questionable things and entertaining ungodly thoughts. If you fail to stand for Jesus and you continue to hide your identity you

should not complain if the serpent bites you.

- ***Serpents lay very quietly to launch their attacks***

Serpents usually lay very quietly and pounce on their victims suddenly. Serpents generally take their time to study and watch their victims and wait for a time when their victims will come close. Then they will strike. Serpentine enemies generally wait quietly before striking their victims. A serpentine enemy may stay around you quietly for years without complaining. He or she will wait until an opportunity is got. Then the serpent will bite.

- ***They operate in darkness***

Darkness is a necessary condition for serpents to operate. Serpentine enemies are satanic agents. They need an environment that is characterised by darkness before they can carry out their activities. It is unfortunate that the average man or woman finds darkness very convenient. Many people love to do, in darkness, what they can never do in broad daylight. Most criminals carry out their nefarious activities in the night.

Witchcraft meetings take place in the night. Generally, a lot of iniquities flourish in the night. Your best friend can slap you in the night. That is why it is dangerous to have anything to do with darkness.

- ***They grow throughout their life*** **time**

Serpents grow throughout their life time. In the same vein, serpentine enemies continue to multiply problems all through life. They introduce cyclic problems into the lives of people.

There are people who are told to come home for Christmas when those who invited them are only asking them to come for a renewal of their problems. Such home calls are issued for the purposes of renewing the problems of people.

There are people who have formed the habit of ending every year at night parties, recreation clubs and other places where people waste their time, money and energy. That has become an annual ritual for many people. It has become a sort of renewal of contracts for them. Serpentine enemies are behind all these. Their purpose is to inject perpetuity of problems into the lives of their victims.

- ***They are very deceptive***

Serpents shed off old skins and put on new ones. In the same vein, serpentine enemies are very deceptive. They are always looking different each time. They are deceptive enemies.

- ***They can swallow their prey alive***

Serpents can chew but they can sometimes swallow their prey whole or alive.

Serpentine enemies are wicked agents who can swallow human beings up. They envelope the lives of their victims totally thereby eliminating him or her.

A sister went to the market to buy a few items. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit told her to go back home immediately. At first, she decided to ignore the voice of the Holy Spirit reasoning within herself that there was no cause for alarm. She thought within her that the person whom she left at home was her mother.

She was very sure that nothing would go wrong as long as her mother was at home. However, she discovered that she had no rest. That was how she decided to abort her trip to the market and go back home in obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

As soon as she got back home, the Spirit of God told her to check up where she dumped her used menstrual pad. She became alarmed when she could not find it there. Since the only person who was at home was her mother, she decided to ask her. "Mum, please, can you tell me what happened to the menstrual pad which I kept inside the trash bin?" The mother told her to search

very well that she would find it. She went back and discovered that someone had tampered with it and hid it under some of the trash. She brought it out and discovered that the blood which was there previously has been completely removed.

She, therefore, decided to threaten her mother until she discovered the truth. Out of fear, the mother confessed what she had done. You wonder what it is? The mother confessed that she licked all the blood and invoked terrible curses on her. The mother's purpose was to kill her daughter. She attempted to use her demonic power to swallow her daughter alive.

That tells you how far some human beings can go in submitting themselves for the devil to use. The sister never believed that the mother could have attempted such wickedness against her. What saved the sister was the fact that she was a fire brand Christian who never Joked with prayer. This is a perfect example of the activities of serpentine enemies.

- ***They inject poison to kill***

Serpents kill their victims by injecting poison into them. In the same vein serpentine enemies generally introduce spiritual poison into people's lives. They operate like the proverbial green snake under the green grass.

Spiritual enemies introduce spiritual poison into people's lives. Immediately that is done, they disappear. That is why a lot of people today are walking about with spiritual poisons in their lives.

These serpentine enemies generally come to attack their victims in the night by giving them palm oil, coke, and other red liquid to drink. They also give people meat to eat. They are serpentine enemies. They sometimes put on the appearance of your best friend and then go ahead to attack you.

- ***They kill by constriction***

The serpent can kill by constriction. In other words they suffocate their victims thereby expelling life out of them. Serpentine enemies attack their victims with problems that are enough to ebb out their victim's life. They would also turn around to symphatise with their victims. They would even go ahead to make seemingly helpful suggestions. After consoling their victims a little, they go back to their hidden places and instigate another attack until they succeed in suffocating their victims.

- ***They are deaf***

Serpents are completely deaf. Serpentine enemies are also deaf. You cannot appease them neither can you persuade them to stop attacking you. They are very stubborn. Once they start attacking a person, they become deaf to every effort made to stop their activities. That is why I pity those who try to consult fetish priests, fake prophets and other satanic agents who make wonderful claims pretending that they are out to help victims of satanic attacks.

No one can appease the devil neither can any amount of pleading or begging assuage him. Serpentine enemies are as wicked as their master. They turn deaf ears to all the pleas and entreaties of those who are afflicted by them.

There was an experience which happened in the life of a brother when we started the ministry. The brother happened to come to the fellowship for the first time that day. God identified his problem and singled him out through a word of knowledge, "Somebody has been followed here by an enemy. However, the person should rejoice because the arrow of God has landed on the evil pursuer. The evil follower has received an arrow of judgement from the Almighty."

The brother did not even know that the word of knowledge was given concerning his situation. Somehow, he managed to claim the word of knowledge for himself just like most people did that night. The brother was so poor that he was reduced to a beggar. For thirteen years he was walking up and down begging for money to eat.

By the time he met me that night, he confessed that for the first time in thirteen

years I was the first person to give him any tangible money. The enemy dealt with him seriously, he couldn't find any job in spite of the fact that he was highly qualified. What he discovered by the time he got home shocked him.

A woman was crying and shivering making unbelievable confessions concerning what she had done against him. "Please, forgive me, I am sorry for every thing I have done against you for more than thirteen years. Can you remember that you had three commercial buses before. I want to tell you that I am the one who destroyed all of them. In fact, I urinated on the three buses. That was how no mechanic was able to repair any of your buses. I made sure that you lost everything through the use of my evil powers. Do you also know that I am also the one who made all those who would have helped you to lose interest in you? I am sorry for everything which I have done.

'The fire of God's judgement is burning me. That is why I am confessing all my evil deeds. Please, forgive me. Please, forgive me." She concluded.

Do you know that the evil agent would not have made those confessions if she had not experienced the judgement of God? What happened to that brother, gives us lots of insight as to the reason why many people are going through all kinds of attacks today.

Many people's problems can be traced to the fact that serpentine enemies laid so many eggs which turned into problems in their lives.

Some people's problems begin immediately they come back from an anointed service where the Holy Ghost deals with their enemies. When such people get home, their enemies go to them to say. "Where are you coming from. Why must you attend that church? Why must you abandon your traditional church?" Their purpose is to drive you away from your place of refuge. What they hope to do is to persuade you to run away from the place where their secrets will be discovered. They will even go ahead to tell you that the church you are attending is filled with men and women who turn religion upside down.

If you allow them to persuade you, they will succeed in removing you from where you can receive the free of God's protection and take you to a place where they can kill you. If you really pray prayers that disturb your enemies, some of them will not be able to look at you eyeball to eyeball not to talk of talking to you. When the fire of God comes upon you in the real sense of the word the enemies would no longer be able to look at your face. When some of them see you passing through one way, they would avoid you by passing through the other way.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN

Now let us look at the steps which everyone who wants to get rid of serpentine enemies must take. Steps are necessary . for anyone to experience total victory over all enemies that are serpentine in nature.

• ***Get rid of fear***

Do not allow fear to hibernate in any comer of your life. You must wage war on fear until it is completely expunged from your life. The Bible says: "God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of a sound mind." You must say bye-bye to the spirit of fear if you must experience victory over all serpentine enemies. Whenever fear is allowed to operate, faith will escape through the window.

Fear and faith are parallel lines which will never meet. If you read our booklet titled. 'Students in the school of fear', you would have come across a story of a man who almost killed himself when there was no cause for alarm. The man happened to be inside a thick forest when he heard some sounds of movement. He quickly rushed to take his gun thinking that a wild animal was coming towards his direction. He was still fearful even after he had succeeded in taking his gun. His heart was so filled with fear that he couldn't be able to shoot the animal. He decided to hide somewhere in the bush.

A few minutes, later he discovered that there was no animal in sight.

The person who was making the movement turned out to be his own brother. That was how he discovered that it was indeed foolish of him to have allowed fear to make him take such foolish actions. That is exactly how human beings kill themselves. It is clear that many people actually die because of fear not because of real physical dangers. Wherever fear is found, serpentine enemies will also be present there.

A woman was washing her car where she parked it in front of her apartment. Suddenly, she had a voice of a prophet jingling a bell and shouting: repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.

The white garment prophet moved towards the woman and said, "Good morning, madam. Although I know that you are washing your car, God has given me a message for you. You lost your father recently. Is that not so?" asked the prophet. "Yes," replied the woman. Then the fake prophet asked, "You have three children. Is that not so?" "Yes," the woman also replied. The woman became afraid. Then the prophet came up with his message: "God said I should tell you that you must offer some sacrifices to your dead father. If you fail to do so, this car you are washing will become your coffin."

The woman was frightened. She told the prophet "Please, tell me what to do, I don't want to die neither do I want to lose this car, since I have just bought it." The prophet decided to help her to carry out the sacrifice. Then she gave the woman a long list of what she must bring if the sacrifice must be carried out.

The woman went inside, brought out all the items plus a large sum of money and gave them to the prophet out of fear. However, the woman almost lost her life in a ghastly accident when she was driving her car on a popular bridge in Lagos, Nigeria. Thank God, the woman did not die. She would have lost her life if God did not intervene in her situation.

The fake prophet wanted to send her into an untimely grave through manipulation and the use of the spirit of fear.

Somebody rushed to my house early in the morning some years ago and narrated a strange experience which she just had. She said, "G.O., please, help me out. I woke up this morning to find a pot of sacrifice in front of my apartment. The pot contained a human skull. I was scared and jumped over it. That is why I came to see you." I asked her why she did not plead the blood of Jesus over the sacrifice and set fire on it.

She said, "That was exactly what I wanted to do. I actually started pleading the blood of Jesus over the sacrifice. I brought out kerosine and matches in order to burn it. Somehow, I became scared when I wanted to carry the sacrifice to a place where it would be easy to burn it. Immediately I touched the sacrifice I heard the shrieking cry of a bird which was nowhere in sight. Then I decided that it was more than what I could handle on my own. That is why I came to a man of God who Is highly anointed like you."

After listening to her, I made her to know that she would have been able to deal with the satanic attack if she had refused to allow the spirit of fear to come into her. This is exactly how some people have allowed serpentine enemies to usher problems into their lives.

• ***Be filled with the Holy Ghost***

Do not be satisfied with the level of speaking in tongues. That is the initial experience. Go higher. Study the Acts of the Apostles and you will discover that each time a miracle takes place we are also told that the believers or the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let me give you some practical hints on how you can be filled with the Holy Ghost. Spend ample time everyday speaking in tongues. You must cultivate the habit of praying in tongues regularly every day of your life.

• ***Pray against all serpentine enemies***

Give them quit orders. God had already disgraced the serpent. When the serpent was biting the children of Israel in the Old Testament God decided to set up the brazen serpent. All the children of Israel had to do was to look and live. God's serpent nullified the string of the evil serpent.

Today, Jesus is the antidote to all serpentine venoms. Look and live.

We are not supposed to fold our arms and allow the enemy to do whatever he

likes. Why should you ever fold your arms allowing Pharaoh's magicians to display their serpent and scare you to death? You must pray until your serpent swallows up Pharaoh's serpent. You must attack them fire for fire. You must not be a victim, you must experience victory over the enemy.

Serpentine enemies must not be allowed to attack you. You must make your life a forbidden territory to the enemy. You must surround the territory of your life with the fire of the Holy Ghost. And the fire must be kept burning until all serpentine enemies decide to flee from your life. You must pray until you become a threat to all serpentine enemies.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I recover my blessings from every satanic bank, in the name of Jesus.
2. Let the ground open up and swallow every serpentine enemy, in the name of Jesus.
3. My blood, reject every spirit of infirmity, in the name of Jesus.
4. Let God arise and let all my stubborn pursuers scatter, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every attack by evil night creatures. be disgraced. in the name of Jesus.
6. Let the wings of every spirit flying against me be dashed to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
7. Angels of the living God, search the land of the living and search the land of the dead and recover my stolen properties, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every gate of frustration, be dashed to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every curse of lack, be broken into pieces, in the name of Jesus.
10. Every spirit drinking the blood of my peace, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
11. Oh Lord, create new and profitable opportunities for me, in the name of Jesus.
12. Angels of the living God, bring favour to me, in the name of Jesus.
13. Any child of the devil occupying my seat of prosperity, clear out, in the name of Jesus.
14. Oh Lord, make a way for me in the land of the living, in the name of Jesus.
15. I bind every spirit of fake and useless investments, in the name of Jesus.
16. Oh Lord, embarrass me with superabundance, in the name of Jesus.
17. Every financial failure. be converted into success, in the name of Jesus.
18. Every strange money affecting my prosperity, be neutralized, in the name of Jesus.
19. Every power bent on witnessing my disgrace, fall down and die, in the

name of Jesus.

20. Every household witchcraft, drink your own blood, in the name of Jesus.
21. O Lord, among the wealth which You have deposited into this country, give me my share, in the name of Jesus.

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