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INTRODUCTION

Marriage is an event that occurs in a person's life, resulting in either long-lasting peace or sorrow. Peace, if it is rightly contracted: the marriage partner is the right person, the process undertaken is scripturally lawful and right, and both live in the fear of God and His word. But sorrow, if the marriage partner is the wrong person, the process followed is wrong, and God and His word are not considered.

This book: **THE DANGER OF MARRYING WRONGLY**, is written for those intending to marry in order to make them secure the right marriage partner. The book will also guide them along the right path God has designed for marriage. Obedience to the content of this book will make the intending brother or sister marry in peace, righteousness and joy.

The author takes the unmarried believers to the scriptures, to consider the marriages of some biblical saints, to learn a wealth of wisdom from them.

The author warns the believer against marrying an unbeliever, marrying somebody who is already scripturally married to a partner, but divorced or separated from the marriage partner. The penalty for this is death,

> ***Romans 6:23***
> ***For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

The author stresses that marrying in the will of God requires a disciplined life of righteousness and unwavering commitment to God. The believer must confess this firmly: *"If I do not find*

a true marriage partner from the Lord with clear evidence, I will not marry in this life."

With this determination, he can go ahead to ask, seek and knock at God's door for His will for him in marriage.

> ***Matthew 7:7-11***
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> ***7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:***
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> ***8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.***
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> ***9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?***
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> ***10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?***
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> ***11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your***

children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

CHAPTER ONE



GOD'S WARNING TO HIS CHILDREN

1.1 What It Means To Marry Wrongly

Deuteronomy 7:1-4

When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and

utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following Me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

This was the instruction God gave to the children of Israel even before they went into the land of Canaan to possess it. He told them,

"These people that you are going to possess their land are evil people. They did evil continually from generation to generation until I, the Creator saw that their evil had come up for a memorial. Their evil had mounted up to the

heavens and come to the stage of annihilation, to clear them out from the land. So, I am driving them out, but you will come, and some of them might still be there because my work will be gradual among you. I might not drive them away all together at once, because the wild animals might fill up their places and hurt your life, but I will be driving them little by little. Please do not make agreement with them. They are idol worshippers. They do not know me, the Creator. Do not marry their daughters, however beautiful and intelligent they are. They are a property of Satan. Do not take their sons for your daughters. Do not allow your daughters to marry them. Do not marry their daughters. Do not allow them to marry your daughters. If your sons marry them, see, they will turn away your sons from Me, that they will not serve Me again. And I will be provoked for that and destroy you utterly."

God was speaking to the children of Israel, a people He was bringing up to spread upon the

earth by righteousness. Some heard what the Lord said and obeyed, while some did not obey.

Similarly, in 1 Kings 11, what the Lord said happened to King Solomon.

> ***1 Kings 11:1-4***
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> ***1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;***
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> ***2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.***
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> ***3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his***

wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

Why? He did what God said the children of Israel should not do. *"Do not marry them."* That is God. You cannot be wiser than God. Definitely, Solomon might have thought, *"I will bring them into the land of Israel and make them to serve the living God."* Some of them will deceive you and

really agree, *"I will serve your God."* But when they come in, they will serve their own gods. They can obey you for a little while and then continue to serve their own gods. Some Christians, as today, would say, *"I believe I will convert her. I will bring her to the church, and she will hear the word of God and change."* That is your ignorance talking. You are not wiser than God. It shall come to pass that at the time appropriate, that unbeliever will take you over. You will not be able to stand. You might want to play wisdom, but you do not know that it is to your own detriment. There is great danger in marrying wrongly.

1.2 Marrying An Unbeliever

Marrying an unbeliever means marrying wrongly. This is one of the worst things you would ever do in your Christian life. You see what the book of Deuteronomy chapter seven says in verse one to verse four, as paraphrased? *"Do not marry them, do not exchange marriage with the heathen, the pagans, the unbelieving nations, and the idol worshipers. Let nothing connect you with them,*

because they will make you unreasonable to serving Me, your God and because of that, I will become jealous and angry, and I will destroy you."

2 Corinthians 6:14-18
14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God,

and they shall be My people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Here, the Bible tells us that a child of God is righteousness while the unbeliever is unrighteousness. A child of God belongs to Jesus, and a child of the devil belongs to Belial, which is Satan. Again, the Bible says that a child of God is the temple of God, where God dwells, while a child of Satan is idol, where the idol is planted. So, there should be no agreement, there should be no marriage between a believer and unbeliever. This also implies that you should not marry Muslims. Do not marry a Muslim for any reason. Do not say, *"I will convert her*. Or you as a sister would say, *I*

will bring him to HOREMOW, and once he listens to Pastor Rika's preaching, he will break down in tears and repent."

God who created that Muslim, says you should not marry her. God who created you says, because you are His child, and He has received you, you should not marry an unbeliever. Those people you see in a denomination, that you think they are doing well, do not marry him, do not marry her, except it is proved clearly, and you have investigated well, that that person is a believer. That is what the Lord is saying. So, marrying an unbeliever is marrying wrongly.

1.3 Not Marrying In God's Will

Marrying wrongly means, you have not married by the direction of God, by the guidance of God, by the will of God. It means, you decided to go for that particular sister, not because God is leading you to her or He specifically asked you to marry her. In fact, you did not even bother to ask God whether you should go for that sister, or whether you should accept marriage proposal from that

particular brother. Perhaps, you just saw her shape, height, complexion, and figure and got attracted to her. Maybe, you just saw that he has money, and you decided to accept marriage proposal from him. For your sensual reasons, you did not even pray to know whether she is the will of God for you or not. Some of them who want to claim God spoke to them, would go to false prophets, diviners and enchanters in order to ask whether the lady they are attracted to is good for them. Instead of going to where they will hear the truth about the matter, they would go to false preachers and matchmakers. Some others will formulate dreams and say, God told them.

Jeremiah 23:16, 17, 21, 25, 26, 32

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say still unto them that despise Me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams,

> ***saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.***

Do not formulate dreams and say the Lord has led you to a person who is not a Christian, not born again. God does not give that type of dream. Let not another person come to you and say the Lord revealed to him or her that that person is your husband or your wife, as the case may be. Do not take that. When such a person is not a true believer, do not take that. Why? If you marry such a person, he shall not profit you at all. If you marry such a woman, she shall not profit you at all. That is what God is saying, because God is not involved in the matter. God is not involved in the marriage. God is not the One that gave you the man. He is not the One that gave you that woman.

Proverbs 19:14

14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

If you say you dreamt a dream, or else somebody dreamt a dream and told you, the Bible says, from the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every matter be established, which means one dream is not enough. In fact, even two dreams may not be enough. There are various ways that the Lord will want you to prove that dream, dreamt by you or by another person.

Gideon needed to prove the will of God. When he said, *"Lord, if You are the One talking to me, I am going to lay a blanket on the ground. Let the ground, all the ground roundabout be dry, but let there be water in this blanket. Water coming from the dew of the night, and in the morning."* He came in the morning and raised the blanket, it was full of water, and he squeezed the water, filling a bowl, and it surprised him.

"But what if it happened by chance? What if somebody heard my prayer with the Lord, and came and poured water on this blanket, you know the devil can do some funny things. So, God, I am going to lay the blanket again, let there be no water in the blanket, but let there be water, dews, filling all around it."

The following morning, he came, the blanket was very dry, but everywhere around it was as if it rained over the night. This is when Gideon now believed that the Lord was the One telling him these things. Make sure you check up your marriage with God. The reason Gideon was insistent on getting the mind of God, making sure he was being led by God, was because the Midianites he was going to fight, were like the sand in the seashore. But God has given him only 300 people to go and face an army that is like the sand in the seashore, meaning one soldier might end up facing a thousand soldiers, even more than that. *"Then, if I am not really very clear about the mind of God, the voice of God, the directive of God, and the will of God, I and my people shall*

not come back alive, very surely." That is why he was checking on this, and when God knew that Gideon wanted more certainty, He said, *"Go down to the camp of the Midianites, I will make you hear something."* He went in the night, near the camp of the Midianites, one was telling a dream to his fellow, that showed that Israel was going to conquer the Midianites. The man was telling his fellow, *"I have just dreamed that a cake of barley bread, rolled down from the camp of Israel, into the camp of the Midianites and we were like dead men."* Then Gideon knew, the Lord has given them the battle, the Lord has given them victory, he will win with courage. So, he ordered his people, *"Let's move!"* ***"...In the mouth of two or three witnesses..."***

The reason you must check over and over, is because marriage is a graveyard, marriage is the den of the lions. Marriage is a place of denial, marriage is a place of accident, ambushes, wounds. Marriage is a place of shame, if it is not God that leads you there, you will not know peace, you may not go to heaven, your life will be

destabilized. That is why we say, check up again, ask advice again, ask counsel, go to God in prayer again. If the person is yours, nobody will take her. Maybe, you are afraid, *"If I delay, someone else might come and take her."* Not by God, nobody will take her, because if the Lord has preserved her for you, nobody will take her, no, not anyone. Checkup well, so that you do not marry wrongly by marrying outside God's will.

CHAPTER TWO



MARRYING OUT OF DUE TIME

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from

embracing;

6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

A time to marry, and a time not to marry. Now, there are people who marry prematurely, at the age of 12, 13, or even 14. That is not the time of marriage. It is not going to give you the pleasure of marriage because you do not know what marriage is. You do not understand what marriage is all about. So, you cannot do it well. You will sustain many wounds and suffer many injuries.

A particular lady, who was married to one of our brothers in the 80s, said, when the marriage scattered, and up to today, they are divorced, and

the man has married another woman. I do not know what is of her state in this latter time. They got married in 1989 and I think I preached in that marriage. When I met her, many years after the marriage had scattered, she said, *"The man married me too early. I was just 17 years old when I married him, so, I did not understand marriage. I did not have a sense of responsibility. That was why I gave him much problem. But supposing he came to get married to me at this period, wonderful. He would have gotten a wonderful wife, because my understanding now is mature."* So, do not accept when your parents give you out in marriage at such tender age. Do not accept when your parents bring a wife to you at such tender age. It is wrong. It is not a time to marry. But that does not also say, because you are married at 12, 13, or 14, it is not marriage. As long as your parental consent has been given, and you went to the man, and the man slept with you, marriage has been contracted, and you cannot break it again. You have become one. You say, *"But I didn't know."* The days of ignorance. Your

own case is in the day of ignorance. But this also is an instruction to young men and young women.

2.1 Rejecting Marriage Suitor Because Of Pride

There is a time people are coming to you for marriage. You smell well for marriage as a lady. Do not bring up pride to reject people at that time, just for your pride.

Do not say, no, no, no, no. Or you as a man, it is time for you to marry but you do not bother. It might be too late in your life. You may not find one again. Or, you may just become, maybe a spare part, you may become, what we call, Belgium, fairly-used or Tukumbo. Because at the time you were attractive, at the time you were smelling marriage, people wanted to marry you, but you spent time in pride. Not that the Lord did not tell you to accept, or not that the Lord told you to accept, but even you were sure that this man was led by God.

There is a story of a young man. Jesus came to this young man and said, *"Because of the ministry I*

have given to you, I do not want you to marry anyhow. Now that I have visited you, I will leave you. When I leave, the woman I will want you to marry will come in. That is the woman I want you to marry." This is a practical reality and truth. After Jesus conversed with him and demonstrated His power over him, He left. As Jesus left, two sisters came to visit him. One is the woman the Lord wanted him to marry. He knew her but said nothing to that woman. A time came, the woman knew that God was leading her to this young man. In fact, she waited and waited but the young man was not talking. She even came to the young man and said, *"Somebody else is trying to marry me, but I am not feeling led to that person."* She said this just to know whether this person would stand up and do something, but PRIDE did not allow him to act accordingly. And eventually he missed that woman. Where will you find successful ministry? You miss the person God wants you to marry because of your stubbornness? So, there is time to marry, and you should know and make a move. Do not say there

is no money. If you mean business, you will get the money. God will give you the money. God will cause human beings to give you the money. God will open opportunities for you to work out the money.

But you are careless. As you are careless, you may miss your time of marriage and regret later or marry second hand and miss the joy of your heart. Because now you are just patching up. Where is he? Where is he? There is no time. I cannot find another person. Where can I find him? Is anybody there? At the time they brought delicious food for you to eat, you were proud. Now you are looking for food, but they have closed all places of food, and you are just looking for crumbs. You see, because you missed the time of marriage.

2.2 Marrying A Second Wife Or Husband Means Marrying Wrongly

Mark chapter 10:11

11 And He saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another,

committeth adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

Marrying a second wife while your first wife is still alive means committing adultery. And we know that no adulterer has any part in the kingdom of heaven. You have left your first wife and gotten married to a second woman. You are one flesh with your first wife, but not with a second woman. One flesh with only one woman. Adam had only Eve. Adam was not one flesh with every woman. No, only Eve. So, you are to be one flesh with only one woman until the woman dies. So, if the woman is alive and you go to marry another, you are committing adultery. Or else you just drive away the woman and say, *"I can stay, I can stay."* You may not be able to endure. God is the judge. If God knows that you practice stubbornness, He may not give you the grace to endure the

temptations of the devil, because you are proud. Or you leave your husband and say, *"I can stay alone."* Make sure it is because the fault is not with you, and God is witness. Carry the church, a godly church, along with you, to be witness that that is actually an action you can take. Otherwise, you are opening danger for your life, and for the man himself that you have left. Because he can be tempted into immorality, and you carry the guilt. And for yourself too, you may not be able to stand and then, you miss heaven. So, marrying wrongly is marrying somebody else's wife. It is marrying a second wife and marrying a second husband.

> ***Luke 16:18***
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> ***Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.***

If you marry a woman that has married a man before, and the husband has driven her away. You

are committing adultery. Take note that not all the people that attend holiness conference and do ushering, singing in the choir, preaching and other activities, are real Christians. One of the cases we are handling now concerns a sister that was doing ushering, during international conferences. One of our brothers saw the sister and got married to her. They just got married last year and trouble came up in the marriage. He is now discovering that the sister who was doing ushering here, who passed through the marriage committee and wedded in the church, gave a wrong testimony about herself. She had been married before, but when she came to Holiness Revival Movement, she hid the truth. We are still battling with the matter. So, you can find a person like that, marrying somebody's wife. Make sure you verify that person very well. Make sure the church helps you verify that woman or the man. When somebody wanted to marry a person from Chad Republic, I had to send right to Chad, to find out, because the Chad man is here in Nigeria. We do not know whether in Chad you have married

before. You want to come and marry our daughter here, and then send her to hell, because she is marrying a man that has married before. We had to send to Chad, to get to his family and check out what testimony they have of their son; whether the man had married before in Chad Republic or not. Until we got the evidence, we did not allow him to marry our daughter. Make sure you check well. There is danger in marrying wrongly-Hell fire.

You say you did not know. Abimelech said, *"I did not know."* God said, *"Although you did not know, death is hanging on you; except you release that woman."* What about those who did not know and have died? Straight to hell. My people perish because of lack of knowledge. Therefore, my son, my daughter, make sure you make proper investigation. Check it out well. Not just love, go beyond love. Add truth too to your love. Let us love in truth and in action. Let us not love in words only but let us love in truth.

1John 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

2.3 Marrying Without Due Process

Marrying without due process, without parental consent, bride price payment, or defiling yourself on the marital process, are all ways of marrying wrongly. When in your courtship, you are sleeping together, committing fornication. Carrying a woman to stay with, without paying her bride price. Going to a man to stay with him in the name of marriage, and your parents are not aware. Dowry has not been paid. The man has not been taken to your parents, or he went to your parents and did not make any agreement with them. Some men would go to the parents of the lady and make a vain promise, *"I am coming back to get married to your daughter."* He will go and never come back; meanwhile, the lady is living with him. You are not married, but you are there committing fornication. This is dangerous! As a lady, you are living with and opening your legs for

the man who has not paid your bride price. This is very dangerous! You are committing fornication, because he stole you from your parents and eloped with you.

Joseph said, they stole me and brought me to Egypt, but my father is not aware. So, that is what has happened to you. What to do is to go back to your parents and make an agreement with them. Make your father willing to release you to him. And say, I release you my daughter, go and marry him and let him come and pay the dowry later. Then, that becomes marrying on credit. That is acceptable. You cannot send that woman away again. She remains your wife until you die. Even if she stays in your house for one month. As long as there was a release by the parents. Saying, *"Take her. We have agreed. Come back later and pay dowry."* Marriage is sealed. Dowry paid or not paid; she has become your wife. Dowry has become a debt you will have to pay later. However, many years it reaches, you must pay it. But if you do not pay it before the rapture comes or you die, you are not going to heaven. This is

because the Bible says, *"Owe no man anything."* You are negligent.

You say, *"I do not have money."* Do you eat food? You do not have land or property to sell? You do not have work to go and do? You have not taken your life seriously. So, because you have not paid the bride price of your wife, you are going to hell. Owe no man anything.

> ***Romans 13:8***
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> ***Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.***

2.4 Marrying On Contract

Marrying on contract as they do in the Western countries, because they need documents. Somebody will come to you and say, *"If you have the documents of this country, you will be considered a citizen as the law implies. Whoever marries a citizen of this country shall be granted citizenship of this country. So, marry me, so that*

I can help you get the certificate that you have married me. If I get the certificate, you can naturalise by marriage in this country." Many men quickly apply this method, thinking, *"Anytime I want to go back to my country, I will divorce her and leave."* It is very dangerous, because you follow the process of marriage, and you get married. You start sleeping with each other as the court has joined you in marriage. And of course, this thing happens among the blacks who are in the western countries. Also, the whites indulge in this kind of marriage without parental consent because their parents do not bother about their children's marriage. It is still considered as real marriage that has taken place. In the Western world, the parents do not bother what happens in their children's marriage. It is only in Africa that the parents bother on what happens in their children's marriages. Despite that the Western parents do not bother; it is still considered real and legal marriage before God. Despite that the parents' consent was not sought, and the dowry was not paid but the court wedded them, we

cannot say that it is not a real marriage. But then, you are a liar. You have lied to the government of that nation. You must go for restitution. You are a liar.

What shall it profit a man to gain money or profit a woman to gain money and lose her own soul. Because she is a liar. You can lie that you are a nice woman, but you are not; just because you are looking for money. This also means marrying wrongly.

> ***Matthew 16:26***
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> ***For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?***

> ***Ecclesiastes 5:10***
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> ***He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.***

A girl being a concubine or a man keeping a concubine is equally evil. A big and wealthy man comes and picks you, rents a house for you and he is coming to sleep with you as a concubine. And you say, *"He it is my husband."* Which husband, when the man has his wife? That is evil. It was when Solomon backslid that he was doing those concubine business. Was he actually satisfying them? Even the 700 wives, was he not promoting immorality? He could not satisfy them. It means, *"Go and seek your satisfaction anywhere you can get it."* And Solomon tempted those 700 women and wasted the time of those 300 concubines. So, you cannot be a concubine, for that is not marriage. You cannot put a lady somewhere and be visiting her. It is not marriage. It is evil.

1Kings 11:1-4

1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

2.5 The Use Of Charm And Spell To Hypnotise A Suitor

Again, marrying by charm or casting spell on a person in order to induce them into accepting to marry you is equally a wrong marriage.

> ***Acts 8:9-11***
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> ***8 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:***
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> ***10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.***
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> ***11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.***

You go to the witch doctor and collect a charm, in order to charm a person. A spell to use on a person and get the heart of that person to you. That is false and lying love. It will not last. A time will

come when the spell would fade and expire, and that man will come to himself and hate you terribly. The type of hatred that is going to hurt you will be more than the love you received from him falsely or fictitiously.

> ***1 Samuel 13:15***
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> ***Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.***

That woman may come to a time that she will wake up and the spell would neutralize, and she will hate you with the kind of hatred that you will not recover from.

It happened somewhere here in Abuja. A woman came into a man's life who had his wife and children and charmed this man. To the point that the man drove away his wife and the wife was staying in the neighbouring compound. While for years he was staying with this woman he

considered as his new wife. This man never considered his wife nor children, because he had been charmed and bewitched. A spell had been on him. For many years, he had even gotten children also with the evil woman. But one day, the power of the charm faded away from this man. So, as he was in the room and the spell left him, and he saw a strange woman, he screamed, *"Who are you? What are you doing here? I am your wife. What do you say? I have my wife. Where is my wife? Where is my wife? Get out of this place! Get out! You are not my wife. Where is my wife?"* The wife was in the backyard. He went and got his wife. Can you see? Is that how to get married? He brought back his wife and children. An enemy had done this. Is it what you have been going to do? You are visiting herbalists. witch doctors, charmers, soothsayer, fortune tellers, and diviners to give you a husband, or to give you a wife. That is marrying wrongly. God is not involved in such marriage.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

CHAPTER THREE



REASONS PEOPLE MARRY WRONGLY

Why do you think people marry wrongly? Why do you think that among you who are reading this book now, there will still be people that will marry wrongly? Despite an inspired book like this that God has asked me to give you, people will still fall victims of wrong marriage.

3.1 Scarcity Of True Believers In The Church

We have scarcity of true believers in the Church, among the men and the women. True Christians are very few. They are in high demand but in short supply. That is why some go for unbelievers. If you want to marry a true Christian, it is not easy. Many claim to be real, but in the real sense they are hypocrites and pretenders. This is why you should pray earnestly and fervently, for God to pick the right one for you. As a virtuous woman is

very hard to find, so also a faithful man is very hard to find.

> ***Proverbs 31:10***
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> ***Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.***

> ***Proverbs 20:6***
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> ***Most men will proclaim everyone his own goodness: <u>but a faithful man who can find?</u>***

It is not everyone you see in the Church who is good for marriage. Do not think that all the men and women that proclaim Jesus, should be considered for marriage. This is why I earnestly plead with you to earnestly pray and pray through, until there are irrefutable proofs and confirmations that, it is God speaking concerning that sister you want to propose to or concerning that brother you want to accept proposal from.

True believers are very scarce in the Church. Every young man wants to marry a good woman but not all the men are good husbands. Also, every young lady desires a caring and wonderful husband, but most of the ladies are terrible. Many women end up running to a man, *"Just accept that you will be my husband, so that I can bear a man's name..."*

> ***Isaiah 4:1***
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> ***And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.***

The people are conscious of their reproach. *"People are asking me, how are you Madam? How are your children? This is embarrassing. They are calling me Mummy, thinking that I am married."* So, you are looking for every means, because the men are very scarce in the Church.

Therefore, many women end up considering unbelievers for a husband. Or else, it is the women that are rarely converted. There are many women in the Church, but only very few of them are truly born again and sanctified. The converted few are not enough for the men. So, the men are often tempted to marrying unbelievers. As a result, you will not even be thinking to wait and marry in God's will. You will not think about it. *"Which one is God's will here now? There are only three sisters that are here."* Therefore, everybody is struggling to be the one who will marry her. So, this is one of the things that turns people away from marrying in God's will. But why few men? Why few women? The church is not evangelizing. The church is not going out to bring in the men. The church is not going out to bring in the women. They are there in the unbelieving and sinful world, in the offices, marketplaces, and schools. You are not going out to evangelize them. That is why we do not have them in the Church. And the implication of this, is that you do not have a wife to marry, that is truly born again. You do not have

a husband to marry, that is truly born again. And it becomes a temptation to you. That is why we must obey God in the church. Go and preach the gospel and win souls. You will be bringing husbands and wives to the Church, for the Church members.

3.2 Undue Hunger And Thirst For Marriage Among The Youths Due To Sexual Drive

Undue hunger. You want to marry now. *"It is now. I cannot wait till tomorrow. God, if you do not give me a wife today, I will backslide. God, if you do not give me a husband today, I will backslide."* Your body is yearning for a man, or you as a man, your body is yearning for a woman. For this reason, you do not even have patience to hear from God, you quickly pick one and present to the Church, and you want the marriage process to be completed within two days. You want to marry now, now, now, now. That is why you can easily get off the way.

Proverbs 27:7

The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

If a person is satisfied, he is under control. He will need a choice of what to eat or what not to eat. By the way, he is under control of himself. But the hungry, can eat anything. Because of hunger, Esau lost his birthright, but he did not even bother.

Genesis 25:29-34

29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

"...Thus, Esau despised his birthright." Because of the drive for sex, you want a woman, or you want a man. *"Is she sexable? Does she have the body of a woman? Can the man have strength to sleep with a woman? That is all I need. Forget about her age. Forget about his age. Forget about any sickness that is in his life. Forget about the fact that he is suffering from epilepsy. I want a woman now. My body wants a woman now."*

That was the case of Esau. He despised his birthright because of food, and you remember how he cried bitterly afterward, but could not recover it. This is how it might be for you who are rushing into marriage without considering your faith and eternal journey.

> ***Hebrews 12:16 & 17***
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> ***16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.***
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> ***17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.***

Those things you are eating now may affect your health tomorrow. Your stomach is looking for it now, but it might affect you tomorrow. That is how you go to marry a very old woman, so that

you will be able to satisfy yourself immediately. You go into agreement with any man, and you force your parents to open the door for you. If they do not accept the man, you run away with him. You do not consider the future of the decision you are taking now, just because your body is yearning for sex.

What are the things causing this bodily tension? Internet-pornography, nudity, and the corrupt environment we live in. The things you watch on the internet. Pornography and nudity you watch there. Sometimes, it is actual display of sex that you watch. You put your body under tension. That is why you are looking for marriage now. You are looking for any person. Some of you, the place where you have your accommodation is risky, because there is a woman that men always come to visit, because they play harlotry in that place. There is a wayward woman living there. And whenever men come in to her, they disturb you with their amorous noise. For this reason, you are looking for your own now. They are stirring you up. Instead of leaving that place, you are

hastening to marry, *"I want a wife. I want a husband."* You are watching pornography, so you are contaminated. You are doing masturbation, and it has corrupted your mind. All you are looking for now is marriage. You do not have time to investigate, that is why you marry wrongly. You say, *"Ah this woman is beautiful, she is a graduate. The man has a car, he has a house, he is an international businessman."* Like mosquitoes blowing your ears, you rush and marry and end up carrying a bitter thing. Within a few weeks, you have started regretting your actions, but it is already too late, because there is no divorce and remarriage, while your legitimately married spouse is still alive.

> ***Proverbs 19:2***
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> ***Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.***

Romans 7:2 & 3

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

3.3 Parental Pressure On Believers

Judges 16:16-21

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict

him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Can you see? Pressure! You are passing through pressure from your parents. *"Your colleagues have all gotten married. You, what are you doing here? Leave this house! You are a big girl enough to get money of your own. Leave!"* Your mother is the one driving you out. Your father is the one mocking you. You can no longer go to his sister's

house. You go there and she says, *"Look at you, sister. You are saying you are a sister, sit here and be doing sister while your mates are out there getting married."* The people are mad at you. Instead of holding yourself, their pressure is overcoming you. Instead of taking their pressure to God in prayer, you are yielding to their pressure. Now, you wait on the roadside. *"Who is passing you? I need a husband"* Because of pressure, you are picking anyone, picking any neighbor, any madman, picking any wizard. You are picking just to relieve your pressure.

Except you know how to overcome pressure, how to esteem God above man, and how to despise the voice of man, you will go off. This is why people marry wrongly. Many parents have pressurized their daughters into making wrong choice in marriage, and the children are left to endure the pain. Some who could not endure, end up backsliding, divorcing and remarrying-Doom, hell fire. If you allow your parents, colleagues, friends and relations put pressure on you, for you to marry an unbeliever or for you not to consider

very well before making decision, they will push you into that wrong marriage, but you are the only one to suffer it. You are the person to marry that young lady, if you listen to your parents, relations, friends and colleagues, and you go and marry Delilah, Jezebel, and Athaliah in long gown, you will understand clearly what the Bible meant by, it is better to live in the wilderness than to live with a nagging woman.

Proverbs 21:9 & 19

9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

3.4 Bewitchment

Bewitchment is another reason people marry wrongly. When you play carelessly into a man's hand and the man bewitches you, you are just following now. Whatever he does with you is okay. You cannot say "No" again. He has bewitched you. You are going into the wrong marriage. It may be a man that has his wife, but you were not careful as a believer, as a Christian, but played into his hand. Because of your carelessness he caught you. You played into her hand. You started opening up love for an unbeliever, laughing, beating and rubbing her. And then, she says, *"It will work on him. Go and shake him. Go and give this fruit to him. Open your body to him. Go and do this."* And this is how they catch you. You are gone, just following sheepishly.

A story was told of a professor, that a small girl in the university got hold of. The professor became her boyfriend, and this small girl could drag the professor with her amorous behaviour. They were writing exams in the class, but because of the love

of this girl over the professor which had overwhelmed him, he went and wrote the answers and came through the window and passed it over to the small girl; and they caught him. They caught the professor giving answers to a small girl. Hey, professor! Do you know who a professor is? If somebody has got a First Degree, he goes back again and gets Master's Degree. After that, he goes back again and gets Doctorate Degree. And to get Doctorate Degree is not an easy thing. As a Doctor, he has to serve for many years before he becomes an Associate Professor. All these he passes through before he becomes a Professor. Hey! A small girl: not just a small girl but a small girl plus demons, equals Professor. That small girl disgraced and humbled the professor, and people laughed at the professor. A great man came into a wastepaper basket because of immorality. Because of a small girl.

Proverbs 6:26-28

26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the

adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

Bewitchment! You dance into their hand. You dance into that lady's hand. You did not remember Jesus. The Holy Spirit was ministering to you, *"Son, leave this environment, stop this conversation, dissociate from this lady, stop calling this man, flee from all appearance of evil..."* But you paid deaf ears to the warning of the Spirit of God. Then, the Holy Spirit left you and then her charm took you, his spell hypnotized you.

Proverbs 6:23-25

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

Proverbs 7:6-14,18,21-23, 26,27

6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,

14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

> ***23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.***
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> ***26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.***
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> ***27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.***

The danger, sorrows, and the griefs of marrying wrongly are very great. I heard a story long ago, that a Christian sister, a believer, known to be a child of God. Whatever was her reason, she got into the hand of an unbeliever and married this unbeliever. The torture, suffering, and regret was much. She started speaking to people, as one speaking through the window,
"My people, hold yourself and be patient. Do not rush into marriage. Do not say you are getting old. The sorrows of marrying an unbeliever are too great. It is better you never marry at all than

marry an unbeliever. I am suffering here, and I cannot break this marriage. I have married until the man dies, and I am not a witch to kill him. I am in trouble. Sisters, listen to me. The sorrow of marrying an unbeliever is greater than the sexual satisfaction you are yearning for."

What a pity! Despite these warnings, there are still young men and women who have set their idols in their hearts, waiting to experience the horror of marrying wrongly. I pray that you will not be the one.

CHAPTER FOUR



THE RISK OF BACKSLIDING FROM THE TRUTH

The risk of backsliding from the truth and the righteousness of God. If you marry wrongly, there is every possibility that you will not continue in the faith and in the righteousness of God. Due to what you will pass through in the marriage, you might not be able to continue in this heavenly race.

> ***Deuteronomy 7:1-4***
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> ***1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations***

greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following Me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

4.1 Do Not Marry An Unbeliever

"...They will turn you away..." But some of you boast of your strength, and say, *"No, I can marry even a Muslim, an herbalist, a witch or wizard and still maintain my righteousness. My unbelieving partner cannot do me anything. I will remain in Christ; I will continue in the church service, evangelism, and prayer."*

If you can marry an unbeliever and maintain your righteousness, then you have overcome the word of God.

"...And it came to pass, when Solomon was old..." No strength again. Do you think you will be having strength all the time? The roads that you pass through to distant places, are they all small? Or they climb hills and descend valleys. They climb mountains and descend? That is our life. Sometimes in your Christian life, you may be weak and dry. What about such times? Sometimes in your Christian life. You may not pray as much as you used to pray. What about such times? Sometimes in your Christian life you may be low

in reading the word of God. The devil in his evil does not get weak in your time of weakness. When you become weak, the enemy takes over. Jezebel dealt with Ahab and taught him how to kill the Lord's prophets-Jezebel. You do not know what that unbelieving woman will do in your life. She will siphon God from you. She will turn you to an angry man. She will turn you to a thief in the workplace, by her demand and bewitchment. You will even forget that you were a believer, as a result of the level of decay you will experience. Please, do not marry an unbeliever, I plead with you in the name of Jesus. The Lord is saying to you, *"Do not marry an unbeliever, she is not My daughter, he is not My son. I am not in her, My Spirit is not in him."*

He can be a drunkard to your shame. She can be a smoker of Indian hemp. And on the street in her drunkenness, when she sees you, *"Oh my husband, come let me embrace you."* You feel embarrassed that your wife is a drunkard, falling on the street. For the unbelieving man, he can leave you and marry another woman, even three.

You will be sharing your husband with other women, and you are not expected to divorce him because the Bible says you should submit to you husband, though he be an unbeliever because he might be born again tomorrow.

Peter 3:1 & 2

1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

1Corinthians 7:13, 14, 16

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the

> ***unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.***
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> ***16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?***

This means, you will have to wear the cloak of patience, eat patience, drink patience, and endure whatever you pass through. People who married unbelievers when they themselves were unbelievers before they repented, have little words of comfort which they take to God that, *"If I had known this before now, I would not have married him. If I had known Christ before marriage, I would not have considered her for marriage."*

You, who have known the Lord, and have even read this book, what will you be comforting yourself with? What shall be your strong

argument which you shall bring before God for Him to show you mercy? Will you tell Him that you did not know? You are inexcusable! Do not marry an unbeliever.

4.2 You Might Miss Marital Pleasures From God

The danger of missing marital pleasures from God is there. This is the word of God. When you are married to an unbeliever, all you wanted was sex, but the man is no longer interested in having sex with you. He has finished with you, and he is going after other women who are younger than you. He starves you of sex, which your body yearned for.

The rule among Muslims is that their men should marry four and now you are married to a Muslim, remaining three wives. You are among them that have been abused. A child of God, born again is now among three Muslim women. This happens because you are careless, standing in a queue with your co-wives to collect from one husband. Again, because your husband is an unbeliever, he jumps

from one woman to another, he may contract HIV/AIDS (Human Immune-Deficiency Virus, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), or other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), and he inffects you with these diseases. An unbeliever can eat dung, and sleep with a mad person because of money. An unbeliever can be a homosexual, lesbian, or gay and do every other abominable thing; just because he is an unbeliever. You are not born for sorrow, wait patiently for the Lord, so that you can enjoy sexual pleasure from the man God will give you. Why will you not enjoy the real sexual life with your spouse, enjoy intimacy and marital pleasure as God meant it? You can only enjoy these God-given marital blessings when you marry a child of God. Not the one that will say, **"Turn your anus, lick my private part..."**

Isaiah 48:17-19

17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to

profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

O, that you had waited for God by not marrying an unbeliever, your peace in marriage would have been wonderful, your righteousness would have ascended high; but corruption, anger, malice, fight, and tearing of clothes have filled your life because you are living with an unbeliever. This is

what people who have married wrongly are suffering. Therefore, you, who are not yet married, take this matter very seriously. You may say, oh, unbelievers are not suffering like that. Not unbelievers, who have heard what you are hearing now. God knows how to judge people. You abuse God and despise Him; even when He told you the truth, you laughed at Him. Will you have the same judgment with unbelievers who did not even know Him? Some of them will repent later and plead with God to forgive them. *"I did not know, Lord, had I known this, I would not have done it."* God can show them mercy, because in the days of ignorance, God winks at… but what about you who have heard, you have the full knowledge of the danger of marrying a sinner, and you went ahead and married him or her? What will be your strong point before God?

You will have to bear with their sins. You will suffer from the sins of your spouse. Maybe, ordinary drunkenness. We do not know the grade of drunkenness. What happens to the mouth of the drunkard? And that man wants to kiss you

with an oozing mouth of alcohol, kai-kai, ogogoro, brukutu, etc. With a mouth full of bad smell, he would say, *"I want to kiss you, bring your mouth, bring your mouth quickly."* You will be busy turning left and right in discomfort. If you do not cooperate with his demands, he gives you a dirty slap. You will continue to live in regret and marital displeasure, ***"O, had I known."*** I pray the Lord will help you not to marry an unbeliever, in Jesus' name, amen.

Somebody told me a story of a woman who got married to her husband, whatever happened, she went the next door and married another man there too. So, she was serving her husband and that man in the same compound. And she was sharing nights between her husband and the man. Quite unfortunate that this husband of hers is a member of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide. I have been hearing of polyandry, but I did not know that it existed in reality. The second man the woman married does not have money. So, it is this our brother's money she is using to take care of the other man; and cook food

for both of them. You have married a woman, but this woman said one man is not enough for her because she is an unbeliever. And the brother has learned scripture that says, ***"Do not put your wife away..."*** Therefore, you will have to manage. But what if you had married in Christ, would you have suffered this? I pray you will not be a victim. But that is why the Lord is telling you to be prayerful and careful. Make up your mind and ensure that you do not marry an unbeliever. Check him well, check her very well. Make sure she is a Christian. Do not run and pick one who will not give you any marital pleasure.

What about the diseases of her body? What about the diseases of his own body? You will inherit them. They will be transferred to you. Or else, you will spend your time and money treating a sick person. The marital pleasure you really need in a woman, you cannot find. The marital pleasure you need in a man, you cannot find. He does not even have a strong body for you. She does not even have a desire for a man. But God would have given you a partner from Him if you had waited

patiently. God would have given you the right person if you had waited patiently.

Your unbelieving partner might have contaminated genes that she inherited from her parents. These contaminated genes shall now be transferred into the body of your children. Maybe her parents carry a particular sickness and trait that is bad, your children will inherit it from their mother, and you suffer. This is because you did not allow the Lord who sees everything and tries everything to choose for you. He tries the heart, the blood, the bones, and He knows everything. He knows which one shall be compatible with you. He knows the person who shall satisfy all your marital needs and give you pleasure. But You did not allow him. You ran ahead of him. You have got what you were looking for, but now you cannot have the pleasure. Why did you not wait patiently for the Lord, so that you will love best? Why did you not control yourself and wait, and wait again?

Luke 21:19

In your patience possess ye your souls.

4.3 The Danger Of Marrying A Witch Or A Wizard

This is another dangerous thing. With all our descriptions, we have not yet fully described who a witch or a wizard is. Because a lot of their activities are still in darkness, in secret; how will your life be? You are told your wife is a witch. Your husband is a wizard, how will that be? These witches initiate almost all their children, except the ones that God Himself is protecting, otherwise, they want to bring all of their children into witchcraft. Your precious children become witches and wizards through their mother or their father. Your witch wife will be cooking human flesh in the same pot that she is cooking food for you. Terrible! Your wizard husband will be using your children to renew his covenant with Satan. He will be sacrificing them in their kingdom. You gave birth to snakes and scorpions because you

could not wait for Jesus to do good in your life. You could not wait for Jesus to order your path.

> ***Psalms 37:23***
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> ***The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in His way.***

> ***Proverbs 4:18***
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> ***But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.***

You never waited, so, the devil took you over and directed you to where you will suffer, in fact, except mercy, forever. And there is the possibility of losing your God-given gifts and calling. Because this unbeliever is always on you. The devil himself is the one now that is giving him instruction. Satan is the one dictating to your wife what to do, how to live with you, and how to handle you. This is because you are in-law to Satan; you married his daughter, the deed of her father she shall do,

and the deed of her father is to ensure that she removes everything called God in you.

> ***John 8:44***
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> ***Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.***

It is better to patiently wait long, in the time of God, and get the right person than to rush into marriage and cry later; wishing you were single. Many single people are threatening God, *"I cannot wait any longer, God if You do not give me a wife, a husband next month, I will drop my faith. My body is yearning for a partner, I can no longer wait."* While many people who have already made mistakes and are suffering, keep

lamenting, *"I wish I patiently waited for God's time. The suffering I am undergoing now is greater than the pleasure I thought I wanted. How easier it would have been for me to wait on God and get the right partner, than what I suffer now."* Wait on the Lord and He will make everything beautiful in His time.

Psalms 27:14

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalms 37:4

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light,

and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He hath made everything beautiful in His time: also He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

May God give you understanding and help you on this matter. Amen.

CHAPTER FIVE



THE DISCIPLINE OF MARRYING IN THE WILL OF GOD

For one to marry in the will of God, he or she must be disciplined. There are different qualities you need to have for you to be able to marry in God's will.

5.1 Waiting On And For God In Your Life

Waiting for or on God means, relying solely on and trusting wholly in God. If you say that you are waiting on God, it means that you are not in haste, you do not fret your spirit that your desires are delaying, you are patient and peaceful. Patience is a great virtue that every child of God who wants to marry in God's will should acquire. It takes patience and perseverance to get the right partner from God. You need to travail in prayer, wrestle with God through prayer, and be determined to wait patiently for Him to bring it to pass.

Psalms 37:4-7

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

6 And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Wait on God and for God until something happens, until God moves, until the miracle of God appears. We see this in the life of Elijah on the Mount, when he was praying for the rain to come, after three and half years of drought. Elijah said to his servant, “Go and look to the sea, keep

on looking towards the sea because I am not going to change in the position I have taken until something happens, and until the cloud of rain appears. I am determined to continue praying and waiting till God brings my desire to pass.

1 Kings 18:41

41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

It takes discipline to be in the position Elijah assumed and stay in it until the rain comes. Let children of God know that although it is the will of God to bless them, He wants commitment,

perseverance, and determination from His children. He wants us to discipline ourselves. Fasting is a sense of discipline, something that is paining you and you undertake it because you desire something from God. So is the discipline of marrying in God's will. Wait on God and for God in your life until He gives you a marriage partner. Discipline in Christianity means patiently waiting in case a longer time is involved. In case the matter involves a longer time, then wait more. If truly you want a blessing from God, wait more. The delay as you consider it is not for naught. There is a reason the delay came into the matter. If you therefore tackle the matter well, you will see the goodness of the Lord in your life.

Luke 21:19
19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Psalms 40:1

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

What is most important is not that blessing but your eternal life, your wholesome blessing, the wholesome will of God in your life. The Lord is doing other things, not it. He is doing other more important things in your life. That He has not responded to that particular prayer point, does not mean that He is not working, or that He does not hear your cry. He wants you to trust Him, believe, and wait patiently for Him to bring it to pass.

When the Lord told Abraham he would give birth to a child, it took 25 years. In those years, many things happened according to the will of God, except when they left the course of God as Sarah did and brought in Ishmael. Many trainings were going on by God in their life. So, some things are going on by God in your life in the interval of waiting. If you can really wait, you will possess your soul. That good thing will come at the right time and add to the blessing of your life. But he that maketh haste, and will not wait, will be like King Saul whom the kingdom was removed from. Of course, you may have the blessing but not the

total blessing because you could not wait. King Saul could not for Samuel. Although he got the victory over the Philistines, he got the kingdom removed from him. So, learn to wait because other blessings and matters of life are attached to your waiting.

5.2 Be Truly Born Again And Faithful

Some of you are not truly born again. In your prayer, *"God, give me a wife, give me a husband."* You never consider your own Christian life, that you have backslidden. By keeping quiet, God will wait for you until you recover yourself. The Syrophoenician woman was crying after Jesus, *"Have mercy on me. My daughter is grievously tormented by the devil."* Jesus kept quiet and said nothing. She turned the matter into a cry, *"Oh Lord, have mercy."* He did not say anything because He wanted to develop the faith of that woman. He wanted not only the healing of her daughter but the wholesome recovery of that woman; the woman would come to realize that He was loving over her life and would do more than

just heal her daughter. Take note of this. Until actually, the woman said, *"Have mercy on me, Jesus, son of David."* Jesus said, *"If you are talking of the Son of David, then I came only for the children of David, the children of Israel. You are a Syrophoenician, a stranger. If you are trying to come in through the window or the door of David, then you are not qualified. You are not an Israelite. Then I am sent only to the children of Israel."* It continued till the woman said, *"Have mercy on me, Lord."* Jesus then exclaimed *"Yes you get it. I am the Lord of all. I am the Lord of all the nations of the earth. I am the Lord of all the kingdoms of heaven and earth. I am the Lord over all good and evil, I stand Lord. But then, you have succeeded in that area. I want to know your humility. I want to train you in humility. healing is children's bread. I will not cast children's bread to dogs."* Then the woman came in humility. and said, *"But the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the children's table."* Jesus now exclaimed, *"Yes, woman, great is your faith. It is done unto you according to your faith."* Did

the Lord hate that woman? No. He was developing that woman. He was going to bring that woman's record to the eternal book of record. So, you can see the delay. Wait upon the Lord. This is great faith. But see the reward that followed. The woman's daughter was healed. The woman's name entered the record of eternity, the record of heaven and earth, the record of humanity to the end of all generations.

> ***Psalms 27:14***
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> ***Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.***

The Lord is not going to forsake you. The Lord is not going to do you evil. The Lord is not going to forget you. Although everything seems as if nothing is happening, as if He has forgotten you. Have you truly been born again? Are you truly righteous? The business of your life, is it clean? The way you live, is it pure? We were praying for a particular brother, for God to give him a wife.

God said, *"A person helping himself in immorality, you are saying I should give him partner. He is already helping himself."* What do you do now that you are not married? How do you live your life in secret? Some of you, If God gives you a husband now, you will never come to heaven, because heaven is not your focus. Yours is only husband. If God gives you a wife, you will never make it to heaven, because heaven is not your goal. Yours is just to get a wife, and you are gone. That is why God is quiet. God is saying, *"Seek Me in the right area."* Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things shall be added; wife shall be added, jobs shall be added, and children shall be added. These things are not the main things in life, but they are your focus. *"God, if you do not give me a wife now, I will backslide."* Have you been in faith by the way? Somebody has poured oil on the ground, and he is coming to you to say, *"If you do not do these things for me, I will pour oil on the ground. Which oil again? Oil is on the ground already."* Which backsliding are you

talking about, when you are already a backslidden person? You are not in Christ. Why are you forcing God that He must hear you? How important are you? More important than the Nebuchadnezzar who became an animal in the bush? More important than King Saul who was rejected? More important than Judas Iscariot who was with Jesus, saw His works, ate with Him, but is in hell now? It is humility the Lord needs from you. He got it in the Syrophoenician woman. He must get it from you. Come to God and be righteous and holy, then demand what you are looking for. Healing is bread for children. *"Turn away from your sins and call upon Me and I will answer thee."* That is what God wants you to know.

Christian discipline is trusting that God will do it even when there is no hope in what is seen. God will still do it even when you can see no hope. That is a Christian discipline. As a result, you are not going on your own way. You are not seeking your own alternative.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Genesis 22:1-8

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his

young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said,

My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Isaac saw no lamb, Abraham saw no lamb, but there shall be a lamb. You look around all the women in the church around you, where you sit, but you have never seen the woman to marry. Do not be discouraged, there shall be a woman for you. You look round all the quality of men, the grade of men you are looking for to marry but you have not seen the man. All you have looked at, there is none. Do not give up and go on your own way and say, *"God, how will you do it?"* There shall be a man for you. So, discipline yourself and wait. Are you a child of God? Do you believe that

God answers prayers? Have you really prayed? And have believed that God has answered you? You shall have whatsoever you have prayed for.

> ***Mark 11:24***
> ***Therefore, I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.***

Do not use your sight to disturb your life, the Lord will always bring it around. That is the discipline. Abraham was speaking by faith when he was telling his son Isaac that God would provide Himself a lamb for sacrifice. His faith was counted to him as righteousness and his expectation was not cut short.

> ***Genesis 22:13 & 14***
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> ***13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the***

> ***ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.***
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> ***14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen***.

At the time of the Lord, you will see that man come around. At the time of the Lord, you will see your wife come around. All the people you have seen, you say, *"I have not found the man. I have not found the woman."* But at the right time, she shall appear. At the right time, the man shall appear. Therefore, wait upon the Lord. Do not be moved with your eyes, for we walk not by sight, but by faith. Take the Lord's word by faith, follow Him and wait for Him. When the Lord sent Samuel to go to Jesse and anoint one of the sons of Jesse, he went, and Jesse brought all his sons before him. He passed through all of them and the ones that Samuel even thought, the Lord said, *"No, no, no, not these ones."*

Do not think, "If I leave this one, I do not see any other person." Wait for God. The one you say you have got in the struggle, somebody has carried it from you, please wait for God. It is not the one, that is why they carried it away.

When the will of God comes, nobody will carry it. When the Lord brings your own and puts you in a corner and says, *"This is your own,"* nobody will carry it. So, Samuel checked, and there was nobody else. Then he said to Eli, *"I was not mistaken when I heard the voice of God saying, 'Come and anoint one of the sons of Jesse to be king instead of Saul.' Are all here your children?" "No, there's still one more." "I am not going to sit down until he comes."* That lady will come by transfer to that place. The Lord will do it. You have not seen that but believe God and wait for Him. There shall be a transfer. Also, ladies, that man that God has destined for you shall come by transfer from another place. God is an excellent God. In fact, Samuel waited by standing until the destined king of Israel appeared, then the Spirit of the Lord said, "That is him." You have not yet

heard the voice clearly. You have not yet gotten the leading clearly because the situation has not matured. The person has not yet come. You have not yet come to where the person is. So do not grumble. Do not be ransacking in all the dreams. When the time comes, that dream will be very clear.

5.3 Have Hope Against Hope

Romans 4:17-22

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith,

he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

God said, he has given you a wife, wait for it. Hope against hope. *"But it is getting late, God has not come, I have not gotten it clear. I am waiting but I cannot see anybody."* You are in a place where Christianity is not there, and you are bothered how are you to marry? Do not worry, you will marry. Just wait for God and keep on praying. Do

not mind your age nor pressure from people. When the time comes, from whichever country you are, marriage shall pick you up from there. The spider knows his webs because he spin it, so also God knows His creation. He knows the nations of the earth and where anybody is, where His children are. God that looks with more than the eyes of an eagle will pick you from the ground, right from the sky. He picks it. Do not say you are not in the right position. You are in the right position. He shall pick you as He picked David from the forest. Therefore, wait for Him. The vision is yet for an appointed time. Yes, though it tarries, wait for it. It shall surely come and it shall not tarry. This is what we call discipline.

Habakkuk 2:3

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

5.4 Refuse Contrary Alternatives That Result In Defilement

Refusing contrary alternatives that result in defilement is also an aspect of discipline in marrying in the will of God. Refuse to manage, because it is costly if you choose to manage. You will lose many things in your life; maybe heaven too might be lost. Wait for the real thing.

> ***Daniel 1:8***
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> ***But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.***

Do not defile yourself. Do not lower yourself, woman, for an unbeliever. Do not make an assumption. Abstain from all appearance of evil. That man has not been proven to be a Christian, born again, child of God. Though he is a member

of a church, he is not proved by you to be a genuine Christian. You have not taken counsel to check whether that person is of God. Do not manage, it will affect your future. Why manage, when your own is coming, when the real thing is coming? You went to a restaurant for food, you asked, and they told you all they had, you placed your order, and they were bringing your food, but you saw the remains of food left by someone who had already finished eating, instead of waiting for the waiter to bring your ordered food, you decided to be eating the remaining food left by the customer. You say, *"I do not know whether my ordered food is coming. Let me manage this one left by the customer till my own comes. Besides, this man left plenty of food. I will be satisfied.* Why are you doing that? Why are you losing your dignity? Why are you embarrassing yourself before the hoteliers or those people who are providing the food for you? Why are you embarrassing yourself? Do you know the person who ate the food? Do you know the sickness he has? Do you know the cough that he has coughed

into the food? Do you know the covenant he had with demons, that he will always remain food for them? Why do you want to have a problem? You requested for food, your own is coming, and you say you will manage with somebody's remnant. Do not manage marriage. Children of God, if the children of the devil are managing marriage, please do not manage it. Do not embarrass God. He prepared your life for eternity. He told Abimelech to return Abraham his wife, for he is a prophet. God had chosen Abraham and Sarah, and they were going to give birth to the Messiah. So, their marriage had a plan, but Abimelech wanted to affect it. Why do you want to affect your marriage? Do you know your future? Do you know what God has planned for you through your marriage? Do you want to destroy it by yourself? Do you want to tell God to choose another man for you? So, refuse alternative opinions that result in defilement. Keep yourself and wait for your God-given wife or husband. Do not commit immorality while you are waiting for your own spouse. If you have defiled yourself, what is the need to wait

again? Do not go for immorality. Repent of it! Stop it! Do not ease yourself by going into masturbation. Report yourself if you have done that. Get prayers. Come down in humility and you will get the answer. Yes, be faithful unto death. Esther said, I will go before the king, which is not according to law. I know if he does not accept me, I will die, but though I perish, I perish.

> ***Esther 4:16d***
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> ***...So will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.***

Make that covenant with yourself, *"Though I never marry in life, I will stay until I see clearly that which is the will of God for me. Hey, your period, your time of giving birth to children is passing. It is not children but the will of God. Children do not take to heaven. It is the will of God that takes to heaven."* Therefore, wait! Do not mind that you are approaching 40 years or you are even passing 40. There are many ways God gives children. Yours is righteousness. *"My*

righteousness will I not let go. I took righteousness and it clothed me. Though worms consume this body, my eyes shall see the Lord undefiled. Let them be calling me daddy, daddy. Yes. If I have come to the age of daddy, call me so. Mummy, mummy. If I have come to the age of mummy, call me so, but I will not turn it into shame. I will inevitably wait for the appointed time of God."

Job 27:5-8

God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

> ***8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?***

This is discipline. Hold fast unto death and God will give you the crown of life. Be steadfast unto death. When the rapture happens, there will be many unmarried that will make it to heaven. They had waited for the Lord until it was rapture time. Is that not better, than removing themselves because they were in haste? When Sarah was in haste and brought Hagar to Abraham, did it go well with her? The whole world is still suffering from the singular mistake and impatience of Sarah. Therefore, do not make haste, because he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

> ***Proverbs 19:2***
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> ***Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.***

5.5 Tell God Your Fears Through Prayer

Give yourself to prayer. Your situation might be a spiritual problem. The marital delay in your life might be as a result of spiritual manipulation, but prayer will clear those things out. Why are you crying that God has not given you your marital partner, when you are weak in prayer? Do you not know that Satan is also interested in you marrying wrongly? Satan is always trying to mismatch children of God with his children, so that he can frustrate the plans of God, but with prayers, the children of God will discover the schemes of the enemy. Are there challenges facing your marital journey? Take it to God in prayer.

> ***2 Corinthians 2:11***
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> ***Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.***
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> ***Philippians 4:6 & 7***
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> ***6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and***

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Tell God what people are saying, the mockery of people, tell the Lord the burdens of your life. Tell the Lord the dreams that trouble you. There are people who say, this thing you are feeling is because you have not known a man. In fact, you have not met with a woman, and so, the accumulated thing you have in your body is reacting. Demonic messengers, preaching demonic gospel. Do not listen to them. Nothing happens like that. The God of righteousness that made man will never put man in a condition that because He mis-made man, man would sin. That at the particular age, because he did not sleep with a woman, she did not sleep with a man, and that she would suffer sicknesses. Then, it means there

was a miscalculation, the arithmetic of God was wrong. But God has done everything perfectly. God has created man wonderfully, and nothing is lacking.

> ***Psalms 139:13 & 14***
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> ***For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.***
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> ***14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.***

There is nothing like that. Do not listen to lies. All those dreams that are coming, fight them. All those emotions that are coming, fight them. Resist them! Cast down those negative thoughts and emotions through prayer.

> ***2 Corinthians 10:3-5***
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> ***3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the***

flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Bring back that thought of lust, handle it, bind it, destroy it, crush it, plead the blood of Jesus on it, and command it to die. That mermaid spirit visiting you and causing you to be releasing semen in the night, bind and destroy it. Come to me and let us pray together and bind it. The prayer warriors are waiting for you. Let evil people be deceiving you, saying that it is because you have not married and you have not known a man. No, it is the battle of life, the battle for your soul.

There are people who have kept themselves and are still keeping themselves. Even if your wife has died, at the right time you will remarry, but you can keep yourself till the right time.

> ***1Corinthians 10:13***
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> ***There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.***

You can be holy and perfect in the presence of any situation. God will remove the sense of womanhood from you and keep your heart pure and perfect. Are you a medical doctor, examining women in the hospital? Do you have access to seeing the private bodies of women? You can still be righteous and holy; with no lust nor immorality. If you see lust coming, something has

happened to you. You are unfit for medical work. Woman, you are examining men as a medical doctor or nurse, you can maintain your righteousness. Those who are fit for the work have grace. The people that pack excreta from the soak-away, have the grace of smell. Otherwise, how could they do that? They stand there and talk freely with one another.

> ***6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.***
> ***7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.***

But in everything, including your marriage affairs, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. You are of age, but you are peaceful. Whatever condition, you are peaceful.

CHAPTER SIX



LEARNING FROM BIBLE SAINTS THAT MARRIED IN THE WILL OF GOD

We shall consider how some people married in the scripture so that you can be prepared to marry like them in the will of God.

6.1 The Marriage Of Adam

Genesis 2:7, 8, 18

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should

be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

God had told the man when he was created, that he should be fruitful and multiply, and bring forth fruits of his kind. What can Adam do to be fruitful, multiply and get of his kind? Nothing. But there was something Adam could do; 'dress the garden and keep it.' That is the work Adam was doing. The Bible says, ***"He that watereth shall be watered."*** Adam was watering, dressing, and keeping the garden, as the Lord instructed him. As for the wife, it is in the hands of God to handle it.

As you are doing the work of God faithfully, God, who is the rewarder, who knows you, will definitely bring your desires to pass. Did not Naomi say to Ruth, *"My daughter, will I not find rest for you?"* When Ruth was busy working to bring food to Naomi. God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which you have done to the brethren and are still doing. He

will provide for you the provision of the Lord in marriage. For I know the thoughts I have for you.

> ***Hebrews 6:10***
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> ***For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.***

> ***Jeremiah 29:11***
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> ***For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.***

Therefore, Adam went ahead doing his work. And as he was doing his work, the thought came to God.

Genesis 2:18-20

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

"...but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him." Maybe there was a sign,

but there was not a concern because his brain did not imagine it. He was busy at work and his brain did not imagine it. God thought by Himself, **"It is not good for this man to be alone..."** God will do it in your life. He knows the thoughts that He thinks towards you. The Bible tells us,

> ***Genesis 2:21 & 22***
> ***21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;***
> ***22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.***

While the man was busy working, facing the work, the Lord was busy for, thinking of the man's marriage, getting ready for his marriage, working out his marriage, and finally bringing a redeemed woman to the man. Hear the joyful exclamation of the man,

Genesis 2:23

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Whether the Lord told Adam or he sensed it, Adam was happy and satisfied. *"This one completes me. This one is compatible with me. I love her"* My brother, go and work for God. Sister, be working for Jesus and let God plan out your marriage.

That was what happened to me. When this Movement started, I was busy in my work. Did I even know that the rapture would not come up at that time? We were working seriously until the Lord brought Mummy Linda and said, ***"God does not want you to be alone. He did not bring Linda only for you to teach her in ministry, but to also be your wife."*** The thing caught me by surprise. It shocked me. I asked, He said, *"Yes."* I asked again, He said,

"Yes." And it became vital because, truly as I was going with them from place to place, without a wife, some people were accusing me. They did not know my righteousness. They thought that I was like other people. *"Oh, are they not messing up themselves?"* The Lord knew and He said, *"I will give you a wife. So that when you move together, nobody will be concerned about you anymore."* May the Lord do the same to your life, in Jesus name.

He who knows the need for a wife in your life, let Him give it to you. He who knows the need for a husband in your life, let Him give it unto you. That is what you need to understand. Then, you will be marrying in God's will.

6.2 The Marriage Of Isaac

Genesis 24:1-4

1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said unto his

eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

"Do not marry an unbeliever. Do not marry people who are idol worshipers and are of another religion. Do not bring such to be my son's wife, in case I have died. Do not do it. The Lord has said it. I am telling you. In fact, swear unto me that you will not do it. Because the environment we are in is not suitable. The

environment has no one. Do not manage anyone you see. You are in the university environment. Maybe, you are in your final year, and everybody is grabbing. Do not join them and grab. Nobody there is fit to be married by you. Leave that university environment and do not have one, because nobody there is fit for you. No child of God there. Then, why are you grabbing? *"I want to grab a degree."* Is it degree that will take you to heaven? *"I want to grab fresh beauty."* Fresh beauty are in their categories. Another set is soon going to replace those ones. You are in the NYSC, now, this is the final year of service. The final year for rapture or the final year for marriage? Do not bother about any of those girls there. If none is righteous, holy, dressing godly, godly in the heart, and godly in the in the body, do not consider any of them for marriage. Abraham told his servant, *"You are going to get a wife for my son from among my people that have the fear of God. God called me when I was still among them. My father and brother were aware of it. There is a sense of God there, although, no total*

commitment among them, but there is a sense and worship of God there."

Remember, at that time, Noah was still alive. So, there was a sense of God, a preaching about God was still going on. People knew God, although, there could be some sins as the period was going. *"So, do not take anyone from among the Canaanites. They do not know the covenant God had with us. They are far from God. I did not know the people Noah cursed."* Abraham said, ***"But thou shalt go unto my country, unto my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac."*** *"My people know God. They are aware of my special call by the God of heaven."*

> ***Genesis 24:5-7***
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> ***5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?***

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

"The Lord has sent me to Canaan, I am going to possess it in the future. So, I am not going back to Padanaram, Mesopotamia. Do not take him back there, because something may frustrate him. He may not come back here because of marriage. It is better he stays without marriage, but the Lord will give him a wife." See, is it not God that promised you? Is it not God that says, if you are righteous, you will ask what you will. It shall be done.

Is it not the God that you are serving with all your heart? You have won souls for Him, you have given sacrifices for him and rendered services to Him. Is it not to this God? Have faith in Him. As you desire to marry, trust God, He will give you a wife. Trust God, He will give you a husband. Let not your eyes deceive you. *"Hey, look at this sister, she is forty-something years, but she is not married."*

Did the Lord tell you that sister is genuinely born again? Did the Lord tell you that she is an original Christian? Did the Lord tell you when the sister truly came to Christ? Do not judge with human judgment and allow human judgment to affect your faith in God. What if the Lord purposely kept the sister you are pitying, for another man of God whose wife shall die and the sister would take over for great gospel exploit? Why are you falling from faith because of somebody else? Do not put your eye on another, but deal with yourself and with God and see whether this God will fail you. Do this righteousness and commitment with God and see whether the Lord will not surprise you at

whatever age. Give God real righteousness, and do not look to the left or to the right. Do not bother because this person is married, this other person is not married. Deal with yourself and your relationship with God.

So, Abraham's servant went down to Mesopotamia to really go and get a wife for Isaac. Now, consider what he did,

Genesis 24:10-14

10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, O LORD God of

my master Abraham, I pray Thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that Thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that,

> ***behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.***

See the prayer of Abraham's servant. Learn to pray. You are free to give God conditions if you want. Learn to pray, for He is prayer answering God. He that promises you will answer you. God of Abraham, answers prayers. Remember the song,

He answers prayers,
He answers prayers,
God of Abraham, God
of Abraham,
He answers prayers,
He answers prayers,
God of Abraham. He
will answer you...

He will answer you. Child of God, it is you I am talking to. I am not talking to rebellious children but to people like faithful Abraham. I am not

talking to people who do not know God, but to people who know Him, who want to obey the word of God, and who are committed and disciplined. Abraham instructed his servant never to take Isaac back to Mesopotamia, nor give Isaac a wife of any of the Canaanites' women. This was why God had to answer his servant's prayer.

God will answer your prayer if you are determined to marry in His will. Now, as the servant stood in the name of Abraham and said, *"Oh God of my master Abraham,"* the ears of God were attentive. *"Bless me and give me a wife for my master's son Isaac, to continue his progeny. According to your word, according to your will. Now I am in a strange country. I have never come here before. I know no man, and I know no woman, but I have found a well here. I know women will come here to fetch water in the evening, according to the culture of the people in the East. Now, oh Lord, the woman I say fetch water for me to drink, and she will answer, I will fetch water for you to drink, and after that, I am also going to fetch*

water for your camels to drink also. Let that be the woman that you have chosen for Isaac."

Immediately, he was just about to finish his word, a lady ran down. God is hasty to answer you, when you pray according to His will. May the Lord, at your time of marriage, be hasty to show you the woman, to show you the man in Jesus' name. The woman came down, and there was no confusion because she was the first to come down. Then he said, *"Ah lady, can you give me water to drink?"* There was wonderful cheerfulness. Be cheerful in your life, because you might be doing yourself a favour. You might be showing kindness to your destiny helper. Do not be arrogant and tough to people, because you might be blocking your blessing. Some of you have blocked your blessings due to your bad attitude towards people. God sent your destiny helper your way; to bless your life but you missed it because of your arrogant and bad attitude. Who knows whether your delay in marriage is as a result of your attitude?

Galatians 6:9 & 10

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Hebrews 13:2

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Quickly, she said, *"I am fetching not only for you to drink, but for your camels also."* As the man was drinking, she was fetching for the cattle to drink. The man was wondering at her actions and was surprised. *"God, so you can answer prayer like this? So, God can lead perfectly like this? But*

let me confirm whether it is the will of God, whether God has answered my prayer."

Genesis 24:21-27

21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

In the same way, you must bring yourself to the way of God, the way of righteousness. They told you that if you are righteous and committed to Christ, you will not find a husband. They told you that if you are righteous and committed to Christ, you will not find a godly wife. In fact, they told you that you cannot even find a godly wife or husband

now, that you just have to manage. It is a lie, godly men and ladies are still there, only be on the way of God, and He will lead you to the godly partner. Be on the way of righteousness. Follow the way of truth not the backyard way of going to tell a lady, even bribing her; *"I am taking your name to marriage committee. Do not go and disappoint me. If they ask you, say yes, that it was an angel that met with you."* Is that the way? Are you not marrying for your damnation? No wonder you could not find God because your heart was not right before Him. Why are you demanding from the Holy Ghost when your heart is not right in the sight of God? Holy things of God cannot be given to dogs because you are not committed, and you are not disciplined.

In backyard roads, people that always follow the backyard and are sitting in the corner, they sell Indian hemp, hard drugs, and illegal things. They are not original people.

John 10:1

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

If somebody is climbing through the window and is coming to you, he is a thief. If you follow him, you are following a thief. Then you are not a child of God yourself. Birds of the same feather flock together. otherwise, you will refuse everyone who does not follow the due protocol. If it is of God, whatever shifts, he will still stand for you. If it is shaking away, then it has no foundation. It is built upon the sand. Better let him go or you will suffer it. Stand on righteousness and marry in the Lord. That was how Isaac married Rebekah; in the way of God.

Genesis 24:57 & 58

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her

mouth.
58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

When the will of God is so plain like this, will you not go? Go and get your father ready then. When the Lord gives you His will and you are bringing him, they should never talk about alcohol, snuff, or anything that is ungodly, because you want to go. When the will of God comes, be ready to go. Go and prepare your parents, because very soon there shall be a downpour. There shall soon be a rain in your life. There shall soon be divine visitation in your life.

Genesis 24:59-61

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.
60 And they blessed Rebekah,

and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.
61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

When you marry in the will of God, what a blessing. What fruitfulness for the kingdom of God, what victory over the devil in all his ways. Therefore, discipline yourself to marry in the will of God. And Rebekah was taken to Isaac and he received Rebekah joyfully.

6.3 The Mariage Of Jacob

We have much to learn in the marriage of Jacob. It cost Jacob something to marry in the will of God.

Genesis 26:34 & 35

34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

Has not the Lord told you that marrying an unbeliever, a godless woman will block you from being of help to your father and mother, and to everyone? You marry someone who does not want to see any of your siblings, or your parents visit the house; she is very angry with you because your father, mother, brother, sister, or even friend visited the house. You want to go and marry such people that will be a grief to your family? They do not have the heart of mercy and love. They prefer to waste their property than share it with anybody. They say, *"My family is my family."* Maybe, he learned it from his mother. She learned it from her mother. Or he learned it from his

father. You did not wait for God to give you a husband or a wife. You went and carried somebody who has a bad gene, to go with you. She is a grief to your parents. They do not see eye to eye with your mother, no greeting. You become afraid in your own house. And you know that your family is in need, but you cannot help. These old people suffered to bring you to who you are, but here is a lady who grew from the bush or even riverside, coming to block you from being a good man to your family members and others.

What about you woman? The Lord has given you the heart to be kind to people and to sympathize with them, but you cannot express yourself because you have a tyrant for a husband. He cannot even give you money for yourself. He calculates the money, comes back, and says *"Bring the oil you went to buy in the market and measure it. How many bottles? Bottle one for one week, bottle two for two weeks."* No provision for you to show kindness to others, hence, your kindness is dead. This is because you married wrongly. You did not ask God for it. Those who

have married and come across this accident have comfort. *"I did not know, because I was ignorant."* And because of mercy, the Lord can visit them. But what will you say, you that knew the danger of marrying wrongly? What if the Lord decides to delay before showing you mercy because you practice stubbornness? What if He decides not to even show you mercy? So, be careful whom you consider for marriage. Deal diligently with the Lord your God.

> ***Genesis 27:46***
> ***And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?***

While Isaac married at forty years, Jacob stayed in the land of Canaan and never married until he was more than seventy years old. A young man never married because there was no woman, and

he would not manage. He controlled himself. his body, and eyes, and he disdained the sinner. He stayed there for more than seventy years, but he did not marry in that land. Esau who could not control himself quickly went and married too. And they gave him, his mother, and his father a serious tough time. For Jacob, *"Never! I would rather stay unmarried than marry any of these strange women"*

> ***Genesis 28:1-5***
> ***1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.***
> ***2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.***
> ***3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and***

multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;
4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.
5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

And there he married, and the blessings of the Lord followed him. The children of Jacob became the twelve tribes of Israel that continued and produced the tribe of the Levites that sought the Lord, the tribe of the king, Judah from whom Jesus came. Jacob waited for seventy years because he was determined to marry in the will of

God. *"I must marry in the will of God, or never."* The one that has strayed, did we hear of his children? Did we hear of the children of Esau? Where are they and what are their names? I can tell you the name of Jacob's firstborn, Reuben. I can tell you the name of Jacob's lastborn, Benjamin. But then where is the name of Esau's firstborn? Hasty in marriage, because I am old, forty years. But this one that disciplined himself, see what followed. Will you wait and wait further? In this generation of backsliders in the church, a generation of occultism, and witchcraft, almost every girl is a witch, and you cannot find who to marry. Will you wait until the days of revival, when the Lord shall visit and liberate people from the bondage of the devil? When the Lord shall bring in new ones that are sanctified, holy, made for the Master's use? Will you wait? Or do you want anyone? Do you want anyone? You want to marry like Esau? Not in the will of God, but because of your flesh? *"No, I cannot wait, my body is burning and yearning for sex."* Have you taken that flesh to God in prayer? Or do you want

to do what you want to do? Remember the danger of marrying against God's will.

6.4 The Marriage Of Ruth

Ruth's heart was on God and fellowship with the people of God. She was a Moabitess, but she had known the God of Israel and wanted to serve Him. She had known the people of God and their lives and decided to be among them and be like them. She wanted to have fellowship with the people of God.

> ***Ruth 1:15-18***
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> ***15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.***
>
> ***16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will***

lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Ruth was determined to go to Bethlehemjudah with her mother-in-law Naomi. She was never bothered because Orpah had gone back, but she was determined to do the will of God. Are you determined to remain in Holiness Revival Movement, where the truth is being taught to you, or you want to go to those cheap churches, where they line you up and match-make all the unmarried youths? The pastor would call all the unmarried people out and say, *"All the unmarried people, can you come forward? Men, take the*

right-hand side while women should take the left. Jesus is saying that all of you will marry here today. Hey brother, come here, sister come here. Okay, brother and sister, go and marry. I bless you." That is where many of you want to go. What shall it profit a man or a woman, if he gets a wife, or she gets a husband but misses it and goes to hell? You will even lose two places: both earth and heaven. This is because the woman cannot give you everything, neither can the man give you everything.

I learnt that the wife of this businessman who is popular in Nigeria, every business is his own, that the wife divorced him. Because she would not see him anywhere. He is not in the house. Rich house, money in the bank, and you can do whatever you want, but the man is nowhere to be found. He is always on business trips. I learned that he carried the woman to America and forgot her there, and was found in another country, because of business. This is the kind of man some of you, ladies desire, *"If I marry this man, Africa number one rich man, I will enjoy life, and my marriage*

will be sweet." That is your fantasy. Do you think that is how it is in real life? You might eventually marry such a man, but you will regret it, because the joy of marriage you will not get. What is the benefit of the riches?

> ***Psalms 37:16***
>
> ***A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.***

Your husband, who is righteous but poor, is greater than the president. Marrying him is the best thing, rather than marrying a president. Because your life shall be filled with peace. When Jesus was born, the angels ascended and descended, shouting, *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will be to men."*

> ***Luke 2:14***
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> ***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.***

All you need is peace in that marriage, but you cannot find it in the hand of the wicked. He cannot give it to you. She cannot give it to you. But the righteous with the presence of Jesus, will give you peace. Why did Jesus choose Joseph, a poor man, to come through? Why did Jesus choose a poor family, Joseph and Mary that did not have money to rent a hotel? Jesus decided to come from a poor family because life is not in money, nor property, but in the peace of Christ.

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

Ruth was committed to serving her mother-in-law because Naomi was already old, and Ruth would be the one to care for her.

> ***Ruth 2:11 & 12***
>
> ***And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been***

shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

The God of heaven that you chose to commit yourself to, may He reward you fully. May He add more blessings to your life; to the children of God, born again, righteous, and committed to righteousness in this life, in Christianity, in Holiness Revival Movement. May the windows of heaven be opened upon your life. May the angels be on your right hand and on your left hand. May

the desires of your life be granted. May the Lord make you mother of children. May you have grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. May your name enter into the Book of records of righteousness kept by God forever; the blessings of righteousness, of staying and ignoring wrong marriage. Orpah wanted marriage and children, and that was why she went back. But because you are determined to continue with Jesus, whether married or not. You have even told yourself that there is nobody over there for you to marry, for me to marry, neither will you be able to give birth. You have bundled marriage and issues of children and thrown them into the sea. You are determined to hold your righteousness and move forward. The Lord is determined to bless you with the best marriage.

> ***Mark 8:35***
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> ***For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.***

Ruth 3:10 & 11
10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.
11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

You heard what Boaz was telling Ruth? *"All my people know that you are a virtuous woman. They know that you are holy, and you follow neither young men nor old, to satisfy your flesh like a hopeless widow. My people know, therefore, your desires shall be granted."*

Righteousness and holiness was the lifestyle of Ruth, though a widow. Never say, let me take pleasure at least for a time since I know I will not marry. When your body knows that you do not bother about marriage, it shuts off itself. Except you begin to say, you begin to force your body to open, then, it will open to embarrassment. That is how God made man. Your body will respond to your heart. If you want immorality, your body will open, but if you do not want to, your body will close. You are not the first widow, neither are you the first widower. But that is how it works in life.

6.5 Take Godly Counsel As Ruth

Ruth listened to godly counsel.

Ruth 3:1-6

1 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens

thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.

3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according

to all that her mother in law bade her.

Ruth was not a proud and rebellious woman, but a humble and obedient one. This eventually resulted in marriage, to the point that Boaz never rested until he concluded the issue of marrying Ruth.

Ruth 4:9-12

9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his

brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem.

12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

What a Community blessing, because they saw a holy woman. *"Boaz, you are lucky to marry this holy and righteous woman. woman."* Boaz was a married man, but whoever he married is not

known. He has had some children of himself, but whoever were those children, their names are not in Scripture. But look at this one, because Boaz married in the will of God, by accepting Ruth, knowing that God led him that way, see the pronouncement, the popularity, the fame, and the connection to the book of eternity. Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse, the father of David, and David after the flesh, the father of Jesus Christ. What about Ruth who denied herself of following street boys, counted marriage as lost, despised children for God and for the fellowship with the righteous? What became of her?

Ruth 4:13-17

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD,

which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth. God is full of wisdom and is working in your life. Your

end shall be good. Say to the righteous man, it shall be well with him, for the vision is yet for an appointed time, though it tarries, wait for it, for it shall surely come, and it shall not tarry.

You will tell God you repent of the murmurings against Him because of marriage. You murmured and even spoke foolishly. You did not know that God's wisdom and plans were for your own good.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

As the Lord visited Ruth, may He visit you. You will marry and give birth to children. More than marriage, other doors that have been shut shall open for you.

2Corrinthians 13:14
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

6.6 Horemow Marriage Committee (Mc) Guidelines

1. A form should be filled out by everyone who comes for marriage, and a file opened by the Marriage Committee.
2. Each person should obtain these messages and listen to them:
   i. Christian Marriage: From Knowing The Will Of God To The Wedding
   ii. Marrying In The Will Of God And Believer's Commitment
   iii. The Travail Of Marrying In The Will Of God
3. Be interviewed in line with the form filled out and the three messages listened to.
4. Obtain a written report from the chapter Coordinator to the MC certifying his or her membership in HOREMOW and commitment to the faith.

5. Medical tests should be done at approved Hospitals or Laboratories, and the results collected directly by the MC, not by the Brother or Sister involved.
6. The sister involved should be called separately and passed through the same processes without disclosing the identity of the Brother.
7. Note that the leadership, such as the administrative officer in the FCT, Zonal, State, or National Overseer, should be notified by the MC of their action at each stage of the process.
8. Where the results of the medical test are okay, the MC should arrange for the brother to make marriage proposals to the Sister.
9. Where the results of the medical test are not satisfactory, the process should be discontinued without bringing them together.
10. After the proposal, the sister should pray for God's guidance and inform the MC of her answer before telling the brother.

11. If the answer is negative, the process should be discontinued, and the MC shall call them for counselling and prayers.
12. If the answer is positive, they will be directed to seek parental consent.
13. Introduction to each other's respective parents should be done in the company of at least another Sister or Sisters and Brothers.
14. Written consent of the parents should be submitted to the MC, in addition to the verbal report of the delegates that accompanied them for the introduction.
15. In case of successful parental introduction, the parties should be given orientation and guidelines for courtship by the MC.
16. The process of courtship ranges from six to nine months, depending on the circumstances. Peculiar cases will require the approval of the International Director.
17. On completion of courtship, the payment of dowry/traditional marriage shall be done with the supervision of the MC

18. Traditional marriage does not consummate the marriage process except on the request of the parties' concern. In this case, they should receive the blessing of the Church to stay together as husband and wife
19. Wedding ceremony conducted by the Church completes the marriage process of believers who are obedient to the word of God
20. Intending couples should be interviewed to ensure they have maintained purity. The sister shall undergo a compulsory pregnancy test a week before the wedding. The wedding garments should be examined to ensure that they conform to the Holiness standard
21. The MC should ensure that the brother has suitable accommodation in preparation for the marriage
22. A forum should be organized by the MC a week before the wedding for the intending couples to interact with the leadership – the Admin Officer, Zonal, State, or National Overseer

23. The arrangement of wedding cards, gown, ceremony, and reception should be supervised by the MC to ensure Holiness and righteousness
24. The MC should visit the couple three weeks after the wedding, and thereafter monthly for six months
25. After the wedding, the MC shall submit a report on the proceedings to the appropriate leadership and do the same after six months.
26. Where a suitor is coming from another denominational church to propose to a sister in HOREMOW, HOREMOW shall ask him to listen to at least 20 HOREMOW messages and at least 3 books, to be intimated to our doctrine and lifestyle. He is to do this before approaching our sister for proposal.
27. If the sister gives consent to him, she shall be requested to firmly advise such suitor during their courtship, to join HOREMOW which is non-denominational, whichever denomination he belongs. This will protect her faith after marriage.

6.7 APPENDIX

1. Anyone who makes the intention of marriage known to a person directly or indirectly before coming to the MC should be made to pray for three months
2. Anyone who accepts or conceals such a wrong proposal should be made to pray for three months
3. The above misbehavior should be examined to know whether it was due to ignorance, foolishness, or disobedience that requires Church discipline. Such cases should be forwarded to the Overseer for direction
4. After these circumstances, the MC will check up on their convictions.
5. If a HOREMOW brother or sister brings the name of someone from outside HOREMOW to the MC, an investigation should be carried out to know whether the person is a child of God
6. There is a need to contact the Church of the person if not a member of HOREMOW
7. Where clumsiness and ungodliness are noticed, then the MC should discontinue the

proceedings and discourage such. The case should be reported to the Overseer.

8. Every member who belongs to a denominational church is given the liberty to decide on his/her marriage, either for HOREMOW MC or his/her denominational church to oversee the marriage process. This should be clearly stated by the individual in the beginning so that there be no struggle between HOREMOW and the denomination over the marriage.
9. Where they chose HOREMOW, then, it will be done without regard to their denominational Church doctrinal process. If he/she chooses a denominational Church, then, HOREMOW will only be an observer. However, concession will be given to Churches that are in HOREMOW who desire the assistance of HOREMOW MC to do it.
10. Note that the marriage process could also be initiated by a sister bringing the name of a brother to the MC, in which case, the same procedure prescribed above should be followed

11. The Church wedding should be announced in all meetings in the state(s) concerned for at least 3 weeks before the date of the wedding
12. Counsel should be sought from the International Director for cases not covered by the points above, or where it requires enlightenment for righteousness and orderliness.

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The Aims and Objectives.

HOREMOW is a non-denominational Ministry having the following aims and objectives:

1.To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).

2.To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).

3.To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.

4.To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of

the faith once delivered unto the Saints. (Eph. 4:12-15).

5.To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isaiah 65:1).

6.To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their lives to Biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches and in the society around them. (2 Timothy 2:2).

7.To establish Christian bookshops in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in the church of Christ in the world. (Romans 1:17).

8. To establish a body of believers called Holiness Revival Movement in every nation who will sponsor the production of the holiness materials

of the Ministry and other recommended holiness materials. (Acts 4:36; 2 Cor. 8:1-7).

9. To translate or interpret the Ministry materials into as many local, national and international languages as may be possible. (1Cor. 14:9-13).

10.To place the Ministry's book: Escaping Hell Fire and Entering Heaven Made Simple by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prisons and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers. (1 Cor. 9:18-22).

11. To own Satellite Channels for the publishing of the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival Movement to the world.

12.To establish Bible colleges where believers and ministries can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry. (2 Tim. 2:2).

13. To have campgrounds in various quarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Hebrews 10:25).

14. To hold zonal, national and international holiness conferences regularly for the promotion and spread of holiness in the lives of believers and in Christ's church. (Colossians 1:28, 29).

15. To mentor churches registered under the Ministry on sound doctrine, holy living and ministerial establishment. (Titus 1:5-14).

16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local governments, states and nations, holding regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to the central administration. (Philippians 4: 8, 9; Hebrews l3:17)

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3. Daily Devotional

4. Marriage In Biblical Perspective

5. Pure And Corrupt Dance In The Bible

6. Delightful Revelation Of Heaven And How To Get There

7. A Generation In Quest For Miracles

8. The Peril Of Ignorance Among Christ's Followers

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11. Marital Sex, Childbearing, Adoption And Family Planning

12. Purify Yourself

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