The CASKET OF SIN

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Topic:
THE CASKET OF SIN
Bible Text: Romans 6:23

Prayer
Heavenly father we Bless You for Your faithfulness, protection, and preservation today and ALWAYS. Thank you for always using your servants to speak your word to us . We ask that fresh grace be released upon Him Tonight to function. Grant us the hearers the wisdom to hear and to do. In Jesus' precious name we pray.

Introduction
Today's study is a sensitive one that requires rapt attention, as it will be speaking to everyone of us, especially those whose focus is to make heaven.

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

Study
I know some might be wondering what kind of topic this is. If we look carefully into this study, we'd see some truths that will surprise us. All through the scriptures, the word of God has always talked about dead people, and it is clear from the word of God that we have three types of death:

- The Physical Death
- The Spiritual Death
- The Eternal Death

Whenever the word "casket" is mentioned, one of the things that runs through the mind is death. This is because a casket is meant for dead people. There is no one living who would just choose to

make a casket comfortable to lie in, except such is seeking diabolical powers. If anyone does so, it can lead to commotion, just like the story I read some time ago where a man took shelter inside a casket. According to the story, it happened in 1994, when an 87-year-old man passed on in a village close to Amai, Kwale, Delta State. The late man's grandson, Ubaka (26 years old and fairly educated), was given some money and asked to travel to Agbor to buy a fine casket for his grandpa's burial.
Ubaka left base early and arrived in Agbor in good time to purchase the casket and make the return journey the same day.
He was fortunate to get an open-back, white-colored Peugeot 404 pickup heading for Amai.

He, however, had to ride in the back of the pickup with the casket because two market women traveling to Amai were already seated in front with the driver. On their journey, they ran into a heavy rainstorm close to Urhonigbe, and Ubaka quickly opened the casket, "laid himself nicely in the well-padded interior," covered the lid, and used the folded newspaper he had with him to leave a small opening between the lid and the main body of the white casket to ensure adequate ventilation. The interior of the casket was very comfortable, and Ubaka soon fell into a very deep sleep.

The rain had subsided by the time the pickup van arrived at Umutu, and during a brief stop, two men traveling to Amai boarded the vehicle at the back. The same happened at Obiaruku, where a man and a woman traveling to Amai also entered the vehicle.All this while, Ubaka was enjoying his "lovely sleep" inside the casket, completely unaware of the new passengers who boarded at Umutu and Obiaruku. The pickup van arrived in Amai just after 5 pm, and the driver, who was now very hungry, stopped in front of a busy bukateria to have a quick bite before proceeding to the next village.

The sudden stoppage and revving of the pickup's engine woke Ubaka, who then opened the lid of the casket and rose up. **Trouble started, danger alert.**The passengers in the back of the pickup jumped out of the vehicle from various points and took to their heels in various directions. The people eating in the buka (including the mama-put and her service girls), who saw the white casket open and a "ghost" stepped out, ran off in all directions, some with balls of eba and akpu in their hands. Ubaka, seeing people running "helter-skelter," was convinced that armed robbers were operating and decided to take off in the direction of three of the passengers. When the three passengers realized that Ubaka was running toward their direction, they increased their speed and shouted, "ghost! ghost! ghost!!!"

To further worsen the situation, Ubaka was dressed in white "up and down" with a pair of white shoes to match that day. With the shouting of "ghost!!!!!!!!!!" other people in their homes came out to see what was going on, and on seeing people at high speed all over the places, they joined in the race for their dear lives, and the number just swelled. The driver and the two market women were the only people who knew what was going on, and they had a hell of a time calming the people down and explaining that he merely needed shelter while it was raining. This is what happens when the living choose to be comfortable in a casket—fear and confusion set in.

This story is both amusing and thought-provoking. It paints a vivid picture of how unnatural and alarming it is for the living to find comfort in something meant for the dead, such as a casket. Spiritually, this has a significant message: when we allow sin to reign in our lives, it is like choosing to live in a casket spiritually.

Sin leads to spiritual death (Romans 6:23), and when we remain in sin, we are like Ubaka in the casket—complacent and unaware of the danger. But unlike Ubaka's situation, spiritual death leads to eternal separation from God if we fail to repent. This story illustrates how sin creates fear and confusion, not only in our lives but also in the lives of those around us. When we are spiritually dead, our choices and actions can negatively impact others, leading to chaos and misunderstanding. It is a wake-up call for us to come out of the "casket of sin" and choose life in Christ. **Sin is not a place to get comfortable**. It may seem harmless or even convenient at the moment, but its consequences are eternal.

Are you following carefully?

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

It's surprising to know that all the three types of dead men have their own specially made caskets. The physically dead make use of physical caskets we can see, constructed by carpenters. The spiritually dead people, however, make use of caskets constructed by demonic carpenters. This aspect is our major concern. Meanwhile, eternally dead men have the eternal casket of the lake of fire prepared for them. Please, follow me carefully. When a man chooses to remain comfortable in sin, he approves the construction of a spiritual casket for himself by these demonic carpenters. The carpenters I'm talking about here are satanic agents from hellfire—demons sent out into the world by Satan to hold men captive. There's something sad about the casket of sin—it is that many people are lying in it currently.

The scriptures are clear about living in sinful pleasures. It says: "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." **1**

Timothy 5:6 (KJV). From this, we see that there are many dead men walking about. Though they think they are alive, they are spiritually dead, lying comfortably in the casket of sin, heading towards being buried for eternal damnation. No matter how beautiful a casket may be, no one would love to lie down in it. If I should ask you

Are you ready?

If you have ever slept in a casket, you'd find my question ridiculous because you know it's not proper for the living to sleep in a casket. But the truth is that many of those reading this now are currently lying comfortably in the spiritual casket of unrepentant sin. There are six pallbearers, also locally known as undertakers, who assist in carrying the dead in a casket to the cemetery for burial. In the same way, I will mention six spiritual undertakers that have succeeded in carrying many spiritually dead people to their place of eternal damnation and, of course, are currently in serious business, ensuring that others are not exempted.

The six spiritual undertakers that carry spiritually dead people to eternal damnation:

1. Unbelief: This is one of the strongest undertakers. It blinds people from seeing the truth and keeps them away from salvation. **Hebrews 11:6 KJV:** "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Unbelief has led many to eternal doom. There are those who are living in unbelief and would not care whatever anyone might say in order to talk them out of it so that they would have faith in God. As a result, this undertaker of unbelief has lifted them up on its shoulder for condemnation.

Romans 11:20 KJV: "Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear."

2. Pride: When the undertaker of pride lifts one on its shoulder, one begins to feel high-minded. Pride makes people resistant to correction, repentance, and submission to God. The Bible says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." **(Proverbs 16:18).** When a man is being lifted by this undertaker, he would say many things that are insulting. He would be filled with his own ego, and the words "we are not in the same class" would always fill his heart and mouth.

3. Lust: This is another undertaker that has to do with the desires of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life, which drag people into sin and separate them from God. **James 1:15 says**, "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Many people are carried away by lust in all its forms; as a result, they are heading toward their eternal doom. You need to check your life if you are not also carried by these undertakers.

4. Worldliness: Loving the world and its pleasures more than God leads many to spiritual death. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." **(1 John 2:16).** It's a clear fact that God has nothing to do with worldliness, and those who are worldly are spiritually dead people who are carried about by this spiritual undertaker. Living a worldly life means living in tune and agreement with the world in every way. There are some who claim to be Christians, yet their lifestyles are nothing to write home about. In fact, the only thing that identifies them with Christ is that they go to church.

Those who are worldly flow along easily with the world. To them, there is nothing bad about mixing with the world. Those who are worldly see the teaching of separation as a threat to them.

5. Disobedience: This is outright rebellion against God's word. Adam and Eve's disobedience brought death into the world**. Romans 5:19 KJV**: "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."Disobedience opens the door to all other forms of sin. As such, it is an undertaker that has carried many to eternal damnation. This includes disobedience in all forms—to God, to fathers and mothers, to authorities, to husbands, etc. God does not delight in disobedient people. What is God telling you to do that you have refused to do? You are already allowing the undertaker of disobedience to carry you toward destruction.

6. Hardened Heart: In fact, this is one of the most dangerous and dutiful undertakers. When someone continuously resists the voice of God, their heart becomes hardened. **Hebrews 3:15** warns, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
But many have chosen to harden their hearts. There's nothing you tell them about God's truths that they will ever hear, for they are hell-bent on doing what they feel is right. Some read clear sentences in the scriptures, yet they say they do not believe.
These undertakers work tirelessly to ensure that those spiritually dead remain in their caskets, eventually leading to eternal separation from God. It's important to examine your life and ensure that none of these are present, as they can hinder your relationship with God and your journey to heaven.

LIt is already getting too late for many, as they are already on the verge of being buried in their dead spiritual states. Do you know where these spiritual undertakers are taking you?

- To an eternal state of hopelessness
- To a land without mercy
- To the city of doom
- To the lake of destruction
- To the valley of fire
- To the home of sorrow
- To burning lava, where a man would be eternally boiled like meat

It is time to get up from that casket, lest you become buried. **Ephesians 5:14 NKJV:** " Awake before it is too late! Jesus Christ wants to give you light. The moment you die physically inside the casket of sin, then it is finished! There is no more remedy. This is a call to all those lying comfortably in the casket of sin to rise up before it is too late. The interesting thing about this casket is that it is always made to the size of the spiritually dead man. There's no undersize, for it is capable of keeping the person hostage in their sins. There are signs you'd see in your life that will prove to you that you are already lying comfortably in the casket of sin.

These are the signs:

1. You are not genuinely born again. When you don't have a definite and clear encounter of how you got saved, and you do not feel anything new in you that shows you are at peace with God, that is a danger sign.

2. When you continue to repeat a particular sin and repent over and over again until you stop repenting of the sin and then choose to continue in it.

3. When you hate hearing the truth because you feel attacked by it.

4. When messages such as this no longer have meaning to you, man,ahh! You are dead, sir/ma.

5. When you attend a spiritual cemetery which you call a church, and you are comfortable there—it will only make your burial easier and faster.

6. When you see nothing serious in committing sin, and you don't rebuke those who do so around you.

7. If you discover that your prayer and study life is dead, it is clear that you are already in the casket of sin because there's no way you can live uprightly without prayer and study.

8. When you value your relationship with friends more than your relationship with God.

9. When your job does not allow you to have time for God.

10. When it becomes easier to speak ill of fellow brethren and ministers of God.

11. You are always called upon to play dirty games wherever you go.

12. When you can't lead your home spiritually as a man and can't support your family spiritually as a woman.

13. Spiritual things now become so boring to you.

Check your life now—which one is manifesting there?

How to Awake from the Casket of Sin

1. Acknowledge Your Spiritual State – If you were spiritually alive before, then remember where you missed it. How did it start? Identify the cause and correct it. The first step to awakening is realizing that you are spiritually dead. Admit that you have been living in sin and need God's mercy. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." **(Romans 3:23)**

2. Genuinely Surrender Your Life to Jesus Christ – Stop playing church! Religiosity is not godliness; get a personal encounter with Christ. True repentance is not just feeling sorry for your sins but turning away from them completely. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." **(Acts 3:19)**

3. Separate Yourself from Dead Men – The living have nothing to do with the dead. When Lazarus was called forth from the grave, he departed from the tomb amidst the dead and began to associate with the living. Stay away from sinful associations and habits—sin thrives in the wrong company. Separate yourself from worldly influences. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." **(1 Corinthians 15:33)**

4. Start Building Your Prayer and Study Life Again – Please note that it may not be as strong as before immediately, but steadily and slowly, you will grow. Prayer strengthens your spirit and keeps you connected to God. "Pray without ceasing." **(1 Thessalonians 5:17)**

Study and obey God's Word—it is your guide to staying out of sin. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." **(Psalm 119:11)**

5. Attend a Living Church Where the Word of God is Preached in Truth – Surround yourself with godly people who will encourage you in righteousness. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." **(Hebrews 10:25)**

6. Instead of Getting Angry at the Truth, Apply It – When the truth is preached, don't resist it. Instead of feeling offended, take steps to apply it in your life. At first, it may not be easy, but keep asking for grace to obey.

7. Do Not Keep Any Sin Secret or Unconfessed – "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." **(Proverbs 28:13)**

8. If You Still Find It Hard to Wake Up from That Casket, Seek Help – Look for a genuinely anointed minister of God to pray for you and guide you back to life in Christ.

If you do all these, you will come alive and secure your soul from eternal damnation! but be aware that the **casket of sin** is not just a metaphor—it is a spiritual reality that many are trapped in without even realizing it. Just as no one in their right mind would voluntarily lie in a physical casket, it is utterly dangerous to remain spiritually dead while physically alive. Sin numbs the conscience, blinds the soul, and chains a person to a path of destruction. Yet, God's mercy calls out, offering a way out. The greatest tragedy is not physical death but dying without Christ, locked in an eternal casket from which there is no escape. Right now, the door of mercy is still open. Jesus Christ stands as the resurrection and the life, calling you out of the grave of sin. But there is no repentance in the grave—once a person dies in sin, their fate is sealed forever. If you have found yourself lying in the

casket of spiritual death, **do not delay your awakening.** God's grace is sufficient to lift you up, cleanse you, and restore you. But you must act now—tomorrow may be too late.

Choose life over death. Choose Christ over sin. Choose eternity with God over eternal separation. The decision is yours, and the time is now.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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