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BACKCOVER

THE HIDDEN VIPER

*L*ift up your right hand and pray thus:

1. Every conspiracy against my destiny in the heavenly places, scatter by fire, in the name of Jesus.
2. Oh God, arise with all your weapons of war and manifest your power in my life, in the name of Jesus.
3. Thou evil diviner chanting incantations against my name, receive madness, in the name of Jesus.

The Acts of the Apostles could also be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit. Every chapter in it is very exciting and soul-thrilling and records different kinds of occurrences. No chapter is boring and reading the book would show you how the New Testament church looked like. It shows us clearly that the New Testament church was never a boring place but always an exciting place.

In the Acts of the Apostles you will read about the triumph of Christ over the powers of darkness. The book reveals a lot of people who gave the devil headache and the rulers of their days sleepless nights. It is a book that reveals the embarrassment of the highest order. For example, a king locked up certain people in the prison yard and the next day the same people were found in the market place preaching. People then came to the king and said, "Oh king, the people you locked up in the prison are found in market place preaching again!"

The book of Acts is a glorious book. It is a book recommended for all pastors to read before they begin the work of their ministry.

And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita. And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kind led a fire,

and received us everyone, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god. In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary. Acts 28:1-10.

The background to this story is that Paul was being taken to Rome in a ship and there were about 276 people in the ship. Paul warned them not to continue the journey but they disregarded his warning and continued. As a result they were shipwrecked and eventually saw themselves at the island of Melita after several days of suffering, darkness and hunger at sea. The chapter to be studied is the last one. The journey started gloriously, continued gloriously but the enemy sought to end it up in an inglorious manner.

THE HIDDEN VIPER

The viper lay silent in the midst of the sticks and was unmoved by the running up and down of Paul as it was asleep in the bundle of the sticks probably because it was cold. It did not stir until the sticks were set on fire and the heat of the fire penetrated the wood and reached it. Then it came out with fury and fastened itself on the hand of Paul.

The enemy does not fear when you come to the church to dance and do other kinds of things. He would not mind if you look very religious or prophesy.

He would not mind if you always laugh or go about boasting: "I am saved, sanctified and baptised in the Holy Ghost." You may announce your new stature in Christ to the whole world but the enemy would not mind. If you are fond of boasting of your prayer and fasting ability the enemy would not mind, nor would he be stirred. The only thing that moves him is when you are red hot for the lord. He would react once you are on the firing line. When the fire comes he would jump out.

Get it right that there are many hidden enemies in your camp. There are many unfriendly fiends surrounding you. There are many people who smiles at you but their smiles are lined with internal hatred. There are people who come to you and are equipped with charms. There are people who bite and chew things in the morning with the intention of using the powers in those things to harm you when they talk to you. They are the vipers and there is only one thing that can expose them - the fire.

WHEN THE FIRE COMES

When the fire comes, the viper would jump out. Something happened to a member of the MFM church sometime ago. She discovered that all her businesses and that of her husband had gone down and she was worried. She cried unto God in prayer and God instructed her to gather together all members of her household to pray. She gathered them, including the new maid. She said, "Let us join our hands and pray, but before we start the prayer, everybody must have a shot of the anointing oil." Everybody was interested in taking the anointing oil except the maid who said, "Madam, I am not hungry. Therefore I am not taking any anointing oil." The woman said, "You don't have to be hungry before you taste it for prayer." She refused to taste the oil and the woman threatened to sack her if she refused. However, while she was still arguing with the madam, two young men held her and forced her to taste the oil. As the oil touched her mouth, she started confessing her most horrible witchcraft activities. She confessed that whenever the couple brought home a cheque she would take it to her witchcraft meeting. That was why they did not always know what they used their money to do. She was asked, "How did you get here?" She answered, "I was programmed into this place." That is an illustration of a viper that came out after a fiery action was taken.

Sometime ago, there was a medical doctor who had three children. All the modern clinics he opened soon closed up. He was no longer patronised as a result of the evil done to him through his children who were into witchcraft. However, at a time somebody gave him one of our church publications entitled "Pray Your Way To Breakthrough.

"He started to pray the prayer points in a section of the book entitled "Know The Secret." He did not understand that something was going on.

One day, all his three children gathered around him and said, "Dad, we have an information for you: it is that we are all witches and we spoilt everything in this family." He said to them, "So, you mean you are the ones responsible for the closure of my clinics? Can't you see that I cannot send you to school again because I have no money to pay your fees?" They said, "Going to school does

not matter in our kingdom. The only thing that matters is the assignment of our master." Then they advised, "Daddy the only thing you can do is to take us for deliverance." He took them to a white garment church where they set before them some meals of bananas and oranges. The children ate after they were given 24 strokes of the cane each and they went back home. The next morning, they woke their daddy up and said, "Daddy, we have come to thank you for yesterday." Their father inquired, "Why do you thank me?" They answered: "Before you took us to that white garment church we had one black witchcraft bird each but now, after going to the white garment church, we came back with another red witchcraft bird. We are more fortified now than before." The doctor said, "Do you mean you will grow more wicked?" They nodded.

The man was confused and took them to another "man of God" who called the eldest child and stretched a closed palm toward the child and asked, "Can you tell me what is in my palm?" The child questioned, "Who is the insect stretching a closed palm towards me? I command you now to put that arm down!" The man of God obeyed and lowered his arm. The little child then told him: "I know what you have in your palm. What you have in it is the sea. "The man of God said, "Yes, you are right. It is the sea." He then told their father to take them away. The doctor was altogether confused, seeing the helplessness of the "man of God". Almost immediately the doctor and his children left for home, but as they got to the bus-stop where they waited to board a bus, a messenger from the 'man of God' who ran after them, caught up with them to invite the little girl to become their pastor because "she has power." It was after this last experience that the man brought the children to us at the MFM. The bottom line of this story is that the Lord delivered the children when they were brought to us and the Lord started to bless the doctor again. I saw him when I was in one of our church branches in New York.

God opened his way by exposing the viper and dealing with it. At this juncture I want you to suspend your reading and pray thus:

> Every hidden viper in the garden of my life, be exposed by fire, in the name of Jesus.

THE EXPOSING FIRE

It was the fire of the Holy Spirit that forced the viper out. The Bible says that God is a consuming fire, a fire that stirs the enemy up, as well as a revival fire. It is such fire that cleanses you and draws you closer to God. It is the heat of the fire that purifies us like gold and brings out impurities from our lives. It is that fire that also changes people. Without fire, the serpent would remain hidden for years. The enemy cannot live in that fire nor can his hold remain within the fire. His authority is broken in the fire and the heat of the fire exposes him.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNT

One of the lessons we can learn from the passage is that the storm can take you to the next level.

To go to the island of Melita was never in the plan of the people taking Paul and other prisoners to Rome. But God had a purpose for the storm which led to their getting there. Your storm can take you to the next level with God.

Paul could have complained about the snake, but he took it as a responsibility and shook it off by himself. You may not be able to control the snake from jumping on you but how long the snake would stay on you is your decision. The snake did not jump on any of the 276 people who came out of the wrecked ship. It looked for the most anointed hand to jump on.

This means that when people go through fire, it is not necessarily because they are sinners. Paul was not a sinner. He was a worker for the lord and yet the enemy attacked him. The people who saw Paul said, "This man must be a murderer." But no, he was a holy man of God. Make this confession loud and clear: "The plan of the enemy for my life shall not prosper, in the name of Jesus."

A CALL FOR WATCHFULNESS

Believers must be careful and watchful as they go about their daily duties because there are vipers hiding in the woods.

For many, satan has hidden the viper of seducers like Jezebel, Delilah and Balaam in the woods of their lives. Be careful not to allow God's anointing upon your life to be devoured by the viper of Delilah.

Satan has hidden the viper of arrogance, pride, anger or strife in the woods surrounding many Christians. It is very unfortunate that many fell to these vipers and never rose again. The devil sang the last song in their lives and wrote the last chapter of their destiny.

I know a minister in Nigeria who had a wife that was a singer. At the start of any of the crusades of his church the wife always ministered in songs. At such ministrations, the blind would see, the lame would walk and other diverse miracles would take place. But where is the woman today? She has become a Muslim, an "Alhaja" for that matter. The first thing the devil used to plot her downfall was to get her landlord into a relationship with her. After sometime the landlord got her pregnant. A viper had attached to her life. The viper made her a negative testimony. The viper made her history even when she is still alive. What a terrible testimony!

THE DEVIL'S PERMUTATION

That girl friend you are keeping is a viper. The spirit of lust and fornication that has gripped you is a viper. The goal of the viper is to make sure that he writes the last chapter of your life. You need to cry unto the Lord so that the viper would not make you history while you are still alive.

The devil carefully selects people in whose presence he would like to disgrace you. Paul would have died in the presence of those he prophesied to in the ship. He would have died before the barbarians. The viper's attack on him was the

13th attempt of the enemy on his life. He was stoned, beaten and thrown down, but yet he remained alive. He was shipwrecked, yet he remained alive. Then the enemy thought, "Now, I will write the last chapter in his life. I will disgrace him before all the people."

The devil made a careful plan and disgraced Samson before the Philistines that he once destroyed. The viper he delegated succeeded in the life of Samson.

The devil plotted and disgraced Moses before the people he led out of Egypt. The viper he delegated succeeded.

The barbarians concluded that Paul must be a bad man. He was about to be disgraced. But thanks be to God that the viper lost the battle in his life.

You may not know the kind of people that the enemy has stationed against you in life. But if you are watchful and prayerful, the enemy himself would be disgraced. As he lost the battle against Paul, he will lose the battle against you too, in the name of Jesus.

THE VIPER'S HIDING PLACE

The viper was hiding in the cold bundle of wood. In the same manner, the spiritual viper hides in cold spiritual lives. That is, it hides in lives without fire, lives that are like sculptures. Do you know that about go percent of Christians do not read their Bibles? And about 80 per cent pray for less than 20 minutes a day. If your fire is dying out, it is better you cry unto the Lord because if care is not taken, the viper will soon move in. My prayer for you is that what would be the means of your deliverance would be the enemy's defeat, in the name of Jesus.

THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU

The same fire that brought out the serpent killed it. Paul shook it back into the fire that stirred it out. The same Red Sea that allowed the passage of the children of Israel drowned Pharaoh and his men. The den of lions that killed the enemies of Daniel was the instrument of Daniel's promotion. The fiery furnace which because a cool atmosphere for Shedrach, Meschach and Abednego was used to

kill those who threw them there. The same sword that Goliath boasted to cut David's head with was used to . cut off his head.

THE VIPER'S INTENTION

The viper had the intention of ending the ministry of Paul. How do we know this? The Bible says that the viper fastened itself on the hand of Paul. The hand that Paul lay on the sick for healing was its target. The hand that represented Paul's calling and effectiveness was its target.

I may not know which part of your life the viper has fastened itself unto. But if Paul could shake the viper into the fire, then you too can do the same.

Make this confession now, loud and clear: "1 shake the viper into the fire of judgment, in the name of Jesus."

KIND OF PRAYER THAT EXPOSES HIDDEN VIPERS

There is a kind of prayer that reveals the secret of the enemy's cleverly conceived plan. There is a kind of prayer that forces the viper out of the wood.

There have been situations when, after the offering of prayers, people that were friendly before suddenly became unfriendly because the viper has come out of the wood.

What kind of prayer forces the viper out of its hideout?

1. A prayer that your destiny should be too hot for any power of darkness to play with. It is the prayer that the fire of God should answer any power that seeks to play with your destiny.
2. A prayer that asks the Holy Ghost to arise and expose every hidden darkness.
3. A prayer that the serpent should be wasted by the fire of God.

4. A prayer that commands swallowing powers to vomit what they have swallowed. This was the kind of prayer that Jesus prayed for the little boy, that made the enemy to be angry and as a result took the boy and killed him. But thanks be to Jesus who restored life into the boy.

5. A prayer that disgraces the serpents of magicians. There are powers that can send serpents into people's lives. These powers can be disgraced by the acidic prayer points of God's children.

6. A prayer that shakes off the viper into the fire of destruction.

7. A prayer that asks for the assistance of the angels of war to pursue the pursuers.

8. A prayer that baptises an environment with. purging fire.

9. A prayer that asks God to render the diviners mad.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Thou serpents and scorpions in my environment, be exposed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every negative covenant made by my parents on my behalf, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Everything swallowed up in my life by the vipers of darkness, be vomited by fire, in the name of Jesus.
4. My glory, refuse demotion! Arise and shine, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every power searching for my destiny in the mirror, die, in the name of Jesus.
6. Thou viper of poverty fastened on my hand, I shake you into the fire, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every serpent power in my father's house, die, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every serpent power in my mother's house, die, in the name of Jesus.
9. I shall not die in this position; the Lord must move me forward by fire, in the name of Jesus.
10. Every power that wants me to die in this position, die, in the name of Jesus.
11. My stolen virtues, hear the word of the Lord: locate me by fire, in the name of Jesus.
12. Every power mocking my prayers, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.
13. Oh God, arise and perfect everything that concerns my life, in the name Jesus.

THE MINISTRY OF SERPENTS

There are scripture passages that will be brought to focus here.

The first is Eccl. 10:8 which says: "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."

The question in this passage is: What kind of serpent is being referred to? In His no-nonsense manner Jesus says this in Luke 10:19:

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19.

A particular power is needed to trample on serpents and scorpions. If you are not with this kind of power and you start to trample on serpents and scorpions, then you become a casualty. The power is meant not only to tread upon serpents and scorpions but also to tread upon all the powers of the enemy. The implication of this is that the devil has some levels of power. There are churches that teach that the devil has no power. These churches have missed it. They make Jesus a liar, who confirmed that the devil has power.

THE HOT BATTLE FRONT

The world is not a play ground, it is a hot battle field. In this battle, it is not possible to be neutral. It is either you fight or you perish.

Whether you believe it or not, the devil has a highly organised kingdom with headquarters in the second heaven. If you are truly a Christian you must, of necessity, attract satanic attention.

The enemy of our souls does not grant freedom. He does not yield to begging either. Hence, you must demand your freedom. He is a stubborn fighter who only releases what he is forced to release.

There is no one who is excused from the battle of life. When the battle rages in the spiritual realm, there is no such thing like decency in it. There is nothing like civilised warfare or fairplay. The fight goes on fiercely in the spiritual realm and there is no umpire that calls for the maintenance of any rules and order.

THE MINISTRY OF SERPENTS

There is a department in the spiritual realm called the ministry of serpents. The physical serpents were created by God. In the Bible, they were characterised as being very subtle, clever and crooked. They are unclean hence they are unfit to be eaten. The Bible goes further to make us realise that serpents can be found everywhere. They can be found in the desert, in the forest and in the water.

It is clear from the biblical view that there are serpents that take commandments from God. These serpents can be commanded by God as we are told in the book of Amos. Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them. Amos 9:2-3.

There is a mystery about serpents. Serpents are produced from eggs. God cursed the serpent above all other creatures according to Genesis 3:14.
And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: Genesis 3:14.

God cursed the serpent to crawl on its belly all the days of its life. God cursed it to make dust its food all its life.

The Bible makes us to understand that there are a lot of poisonous snakes around.

The Bible refers to the devil as a serpent because he assumed the form of a serpent in Eden. The serpent is normally seen as the image or symbol of evil.

In the wilderness when fiery serpents began to bite the Israelites, God had to make a life less serpent to combat the misery caused by them. God uses serpents! The devil is a serpent and he uses serpents too. There are various

activities of serpents.

The ministry of serpent started from the book of Genesis. Of all the creatures that God made, the serpent has caused the most destruction and is still causing alarming destruction today.

The first sign God gave to Moses had to do with turning a rod into a serpent. Why d id God not command the rod to become a lizard, or a lion? Why serpent? The answer to this quest ion is mysterious. Why was it that serpents bite Israelites and God had to stop the harm done by the serpent bites through a lifeless brazen serpent.

In the spiritual realm, the devil manipulates the serpents and uses them against people.

Some years ago, there was a family of seven in which only one boy attended church programmes. The father was a fetish doctor and the rest of the children and their mother despised the worship of God. One day, we suddenly discovered that all the children were present at the church service and we were very curious to know why.

What happened was that one night a big serpent entered into the only room where they all slept. It was the kind of serpent that coils round a person and snuffs life out of the person. As the serpent entered, the children woke up and ran out leaving behind the boy who was attending church services regularly, as he was fast asleep. They gathered at the window and waited to see what would happen.

The serpent saw the brother, crawled to him and began to coil around him. He then woke up when he felt the serpent surpressing his breathing. When he looked and saw the serpent, he d id not show any sign of fear, rather he smiled and said, "You serpent, hear the word of the Lord: You are an animal; I am a man and a child of God. When God created man in the beginning, He gave him dominion over all creatures, including serpents. Hear me, you serpent, if you are an ordinary serpent, crawl away now and go back to the forest or wherever you come from. But if you are not an ordinary serpent, let the thunder and fire of God come upon you now." Straightaway, the serpent shouted in a dialect: "Do

not kill me."

The brother said, "It is too late:" Then the thunder struck and the snake went flat and died. The brother turned over on his bed and continued to sleep. His brothers, who were watching from the window, were dumbfounded. That was why they came with him to the church that service day.

In 1995, there was a sister who usually came for prayers during our meetings. A time came when she was promoted five times. Immediately she was promoted, the next person to her came boldly to her and said, "Madam, you will not enjoy this promotion because I am more qualified and better than you are." The woman replied, "You know that I did not lobby for it, God gave it to me."

A day came when the women started to feel a chilly object on her leg. When she looked, it was a serpent and it had started to coil around her leg. She said, "Let the electric power of the Almighty come upon you." She said she could see fear in the eyes of the snake and soon it went flat on the floor as if electrocuted and died. A week later, the man who threatened her died. These are facts that show that there is a ministry of serpents against men.

There are places in Nigeria where snakes are not killed but move about unharmed. The snakes have entered into a covenant with the people of the land and so are not killed.

There was a sister who came from a village where snakes were not killed, a village where covenants had been made with snakes. She came to one of our prayer meetings in the city of Abuja, the Federal capital territory of Nigeria. At the prayer meeting, a word of knowledge came: "There is a sister here who is married to and is being harassed by a snake. As from this day, you will not see the snake again." The sister just said a dry Amen because she did not know she was the person the Holy Spirit was talking about.

At that time she was 39 years old and still unmarried. No one had asked for her hand in marriage before. Little did she know that she was married to a snake which was why suitors had refused to come to her.

The sister left the prayer meeting and got back home, where she lived at the

fourth floor of a building at the centre of the city of Abuja. She entered into her bedroom and discovered to her amazement that something was lying on her bed and underneath her bed sheet. She was afraid, but after sometime, she summoned enough courage, went to the bed side quietly, put aside the bedclothes and saw that on the bed was a mighty python. The head of the snake was on her pillow but it was dead. For the first time in 39 years, the sister understood that she was married to a snake that slept on her bed every night. I want you to pray this prayer now before you continue to enjoy your reading:

"Serpent of my fathers house, be wasted, in the name of Jesus."

SATANIC AGENTS

People that worship snakes have a covenant to break. If snakes used to play with you by coiling around you without doing any harm to you, it means your family worships snake, hence you need to break the covenant between you and snakes. There are many weapons in the satanic armoury. The serpent is one of them. There are different kinds of serpents. There are crawling serpents, there are flying serpents, there are swimming serpents and there are walking serpent. All these kinds of serpent are satanic agents sent to the world to cause havoc to the children of men.

There are several shrines in Africa where snakes are worshipped. This tells us that there are serpentine agents and serpentine priests all over Africa. There are communities that people serve snakes. These snakes are all agents from the department of serpents in the satanic armoury.

Some years ago, a National Youth Service Corp member found out that her colleagues were living well and had enough money. So, she asked them to show her how they were making it. When they agreed to, they told her to dress up and follow them. They went and stood by the road-side waiting for men to give them lift. One after the other her friends were picked up and taken away. Later, somebody picked her. They made a bargain and she asked for N5,000. The man took her to his house. While they were on the bed the man excused himself to go to the toilet. Soon he reppeared to the lady in the form of a large python. The lady could not run away as something had pressed her down to the bed. The serpent crawled on to the bed and began to sleep with her. After some time, the snake crawled away from the bedroom and entered the toilet. Then the man reappeared and gave her the N5,000 that they agreed. The lady is still suffering from the problem she had through this incident. Because of money she entered into a blood covenant with the serpent. If you have had a similar experience, you must pray fervently to break the covenant.

I still find it very hard to believe how people continue to go to a church whose leader confessed that it was a serpent that asked and assisted him to start the church.

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY

If there is a community that serves serpents, the following things will be noticeable in such a community

1. Stagnancy.
2. Poverty.
3. Marital failures.
4. Untimely death.
5. Low level of development.
6. Low level of evangel ism.
7. Plenty of ritual killings.

The enemy has used the weapon of serpents to destroy lives one way or the other.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SERPENTINE SPIRITS

1. They are resistant to command.
2. They operate with terrible anger.
3. They threaten and boast. When a lady starts to threaten a man and say, "I will deal with you," she is having a serpentine spirit.
4. They speak strange words into people's ears.
5. They operate dream attacks.
6. They respond to incantations by their masters.
7. They implement curses and covenants.
8. They are spiritual armed robbers.
9. They have no respect for geographical locations.
10. They have the mission to steal, to kill and to destroy.
11. They are battle-ready spirits that are responsible for waging war against people at the edge of their breakthroughs.
12. They are swallowing spirits.
13. They organise all kinds of attacks against people.
14. They are stubborn, pursuing spirits.
15. They have agents all over the place.

Many years ago, when a brother who wanted to get married went to his past or to inform him about it, the pastor asked him, "Have you prayed?" He said, "Yes."

The pastor told him to go and pray again. When a man of God tells you to go and pray again, especially in the area of marriage, what he is telling you indirectly is that what you are saying is wrong. The brother went away and came back to say, "She is still the one."

The pastor said, "Go and collect a letter from her church that she is a serious member." Of course, he was given a wonderful letter that qualified her. Eventually they wedded. Soon after, any time they were in the house the lady would slap him at the back and say, "And you called yourself a prayer warrior." It took the brother time to understand what the action of this woman was all about.

One day, they were in the room and the sister locked the door, put the key under the bed and then transformed herself into a big snake. This is not fiction. It is a reality because I know the concerned parties. The brother jumped out of bed and shouted, "Blood of Jesus." Later, she transformed back into a human being.

The man came and reported to me and said he would run away. I said, "When you were sleeping together, you d id not know who she was and now that you have known, it is too late to run away." But thank God, the woman was later delivered.

A lot of potentially wealthy people are not making it because sometime in their lives they made covenants with serpents.

Many women who have slept with serpents have the saliva of the serpents inside their wombs. These people need to pray a serious prayer. These serpents are called internal swimmers. If something moves in your body, that thing must be a serpent taking advantage of the water in your body to move about.

Serpents are spiritual assassins. They bring hatred to people. They are evil followers that cause heart attacks. When snakes strike, they introduce their poison into the victims. The venom of snakes can attack three places in the body: the nerves, the blood or the heart. Spiritual serpents also afflict spiritual nerves (courage) they attack the heart which is one's service to God and attack the blood (the seat of salvation and deliverance).

Serpents can disguise. Sometimes it is difficult to see them because their colour usually resembles that of the grasses where they hide. That is why they can bite without someone seeing them. They can protect themselves through camouflage.

Some serpents can puff up themselves to appear bigger in order to terrify. They make threatening sounds. They can also rattle and strike very fast. They can wrap themselves around people and snuff lives out of them. Some times they bite people and leave their teeth in the bodies of their victims. They grow teeth very quickly. A serpent can detect a person easily by picking dust on its tongue. The dust gives it information about where the person is.

WHAT TO DO WHEN ATTACKED BY THE MINISTRY OF SERPENT

1. Know your enemy.
2. Wear your spiritual armour.
3. Avoid areas of temptation. This is because the serpent is a tempter.
4. Wage war against the serpent's power.
5. Stay in the light of God. A snake avoids direct sunlight.
6. Control your flesh and guard it.

Once spiritual serpents attack someone, many things start to happen. They can inhabit any organ of the body. They can be in earrings, make-ups and sculptures. The serpents that are programmed into these objects can cause havoc to the possessor.

WHY YOU MUST TAKE THIS ISSUE SERIOUSLY

1. Many people incubate serpents unknowingly.
2. Some people are controlled by internal serpents without their knowing it.
3. Devil has discharged millions of serpents into the world to destroy man.

Many are fighting men who are serpents in their places of work. Many have signed covenants with serpents when they were unbelievers. Many have listened to prophecies by serpents. Many have been to churches where the leaders, the prophets and the prophetesses are serpents.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Serpentine power in my father's home, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. I fire back every arrow of the serpent, in the name of Jesus.
3. Serpentine poison in my body, come out now, in the name of Jesus.
4. Dream serpent, die off, in the name of Jesus.
5. Serpent from the waters assigned against my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every secret covenant with any serpentine power, be broken, in the name of Jesus.
7. Environmental serpents, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every dream animals assigned against my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Serpent of infirmity, die, in the name of Jesus.
10. Oh God, arise and let my stubborn pursuers scatter, in the name of Jesus.
11. Serpentine power of my place of birth, die, in the name of Jesus.
12. Inherited serpents, die, in the name of Jesus.
13. Powers to kill serpents and scorpions, come upon my life now, in the name of Jesus.

SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

There are many people who have never experienced breakthroughs in their lives. These people can have their breakthrough if they will carry out only a simple spiritual operation of spiritual environmental sanitation. The Lord will amaze such people with what He would do for them as a result of their simple obedience of carrying out spiritual environment sanitation.

Many people who were demoted for years can pick up strength and begin to move in obedience to the spiritual instruction

Many who had their virtues stolen and buried can begin to experience bombarding favour from every angle if they will yield to God's instruction on spiritual environmental sanitation.

REASONS FOR THE SPIRITUAL ACTIONS OF SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

The reasons for this spiritual actions are pivoted on seven lamentations of the Almighty.

1. My people have not worked to their breakthrough level. They are still operating below.
2. The network of witchcraft and graveyard spirit has caged many people.
3. A lot of people, even Christians, are living a life of silent oppression. My prayer is that such people shall receive their freedom, in the name of Jesus.
4. Environmental prison has dispossessed many people and they need to repossess their possession.
5. Many virtues remained buried underneath the earth.

6. Many are living in environmental graveyards. Many are building new houses there.
7. Many princes are trekking while servants are riding on horses.

We need to pray a somersaulting prayer to get the servants off the horses of our destinies.

PROPHETIC ACTIONS

I asked the Lord, "What is the way out of these mess?" He answered me, "We should carry out prophetic actions and teach God's people spiritual environmental sanitation."

Why should we carry out spiritual environmental sanitation?

It is because our fathers were inspired by the devil to dedicate our lives to idols. Many of our lands are already dedicated to idols. Our fore fathers built altars for their idols and in so doing brought covering of darkness over our lands. It means that our lands have been sold to satan. For us to completely possess our-possession, we need to break the band of wickedness over our environment.

Lasting prosperity can only take place on lands where the genuine power of God has dismantled the covering of darkness.

The reason many people struggle in so many places is the environment in which they live and operate.

METHODS OF CARRYING OUT SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

1. Schedule a period between 10:00 p.m. and 1.00 a.m. to carry out the operation. The operation should be carried out at the site where the problem ensued from. If you cannot have accesst9the place, within those hours, you can carry out the operation where it is convenient. But you must transfer the power to the place in the process of prayer. This kind of operation can cause a lot of chaos and havoc in the kingdom of darkness. This spiritual exercise can release unbelieveable breakthroughs to God's people. Fasting may not be necessary fort his kind of operation.

2. When you are strategically located for the operation, spend some minutes to praise the Lord and worship Him.
3. After the praise and worship, get your Bible, open to Psalm 91 and read the whole chapter loud and clear.
4. The next thing is to pray the following prayers that are meant for this purpose:

1. "I silence the speaking of every demonic blood upon this land by the voice of the blood of Jesus."

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. **Hebrews 12:24.**

On many lands sacrifices were carried out before people located there. The blood sacrifices would speak against your operation there until you pray the kind of prayer that will silence them.

2. I destroy every satanic priesthood that is manipulating this land, In the name of Jesus.

The satanic priests that operate on many of our lands need to be destroyed.

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. **Hebrews 8:1-2.**

3. I dethrone all satanic rulers in this land, In the name of Jesus.

Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the

LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, the princes of the people. Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city: Which say, It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh. Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. **Ezekiel: 11:1-4.**

4. Every strength of darkness over this land, die, in the name of Jesus.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. **Isaiah 9:5.**

5. Let the instrument of darkness operating upon this land be roasted with the fire of God, in the name of Jesus.

6. Let every power of witches and wizards upon this land die, in the name of Jesus. 2 Peter 5:12-15.

7. Every meeting place of darkness upon this land, scatter, in the name of Jesus.

8. Every altar and caldron of darkness upon this land, be broken, in the name of Jesus.

"For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver." **Ezekiel 21:21.**

9. Every veil of darkness over this land, clear away, in the name of Jesus.

10. Every cloud of sin and iniquity over this land, clear away by the blood of Jesus, in Jesus' name.

11. Gates and high places of marine spirits upon this land, scatter, in the name of

Jesus.

"And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them." **Amos 9:3.**

12. Every demonic covenant and initiation over this land, be destroyed, in the name of Jesus.

13. Every power of divination over the land, be broken, in the name of Jesus.

14. Every power of satanic festival and feasting over this land, be broken, in the name of Jesus.

15. I revoke the power of charms and libation upon this land, in the name of Jesus.

16. I loose the angels of God all over this land, in the name of Jesus.

17. I soak this land with the blood of Jesus.

18. Every strange visitation upon this land, be broken, in the name of Jesus.

19. Oh God, arise and track down the wicked in this land, in the name of Jesus.

20. Every curse upon this land, be broken, in the name of Jesus.

21. Prison doors of the enemy upon this land, I open you with the keys of David, in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS

1. My Father, repair and make my foundation to carry uncommon breakthroughs, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every power destined against my life, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every evil handwriting working against me, I cut you off by the blood of Jesus.
4. You enchantment, hear the word of the Lord: you shall not swallow me, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every person ordained for my blessing, appear, in the name of Jesus.
6. Thou power of infirmities, die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every foundation that empowers my enemy, be
8. That which kills my neighbour shall not kill me, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every power assigned to eat me up, die, in the name of Jesus.
10. There shall be a new oil on my head henceforth, in the name of Jesus.
11. Any power hunting my life, be cut off, in the name of Jesus.
12. Darkness shall not rejoice over my life, in the name of Jesus.
13. Whether my situation likes it or not, Pharaoh, let me go, in the name of Jesus.
14. Every power from my place of birth assigned to waste my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
15. Every arrow of witchcraft fired against my brain, backfire, in the name of Jesus.

These prayer points will break up any land, however hard they may seem to be. They are prayers that should not be taken lightly. They should be prayed with full concentration.

Round these prayer points off with another session of praise and worship. Then the deed would have been done.

This prayer action is a means of repossessing our land from the powers of darkness and getting those breakthroughs of ours that were buried. You would be making it impossible for the devil to operate and for destiny quenchers to live on the land.

This kind of prophetic action will effect great breakthroughs uprooted, in the name of Jesus.

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