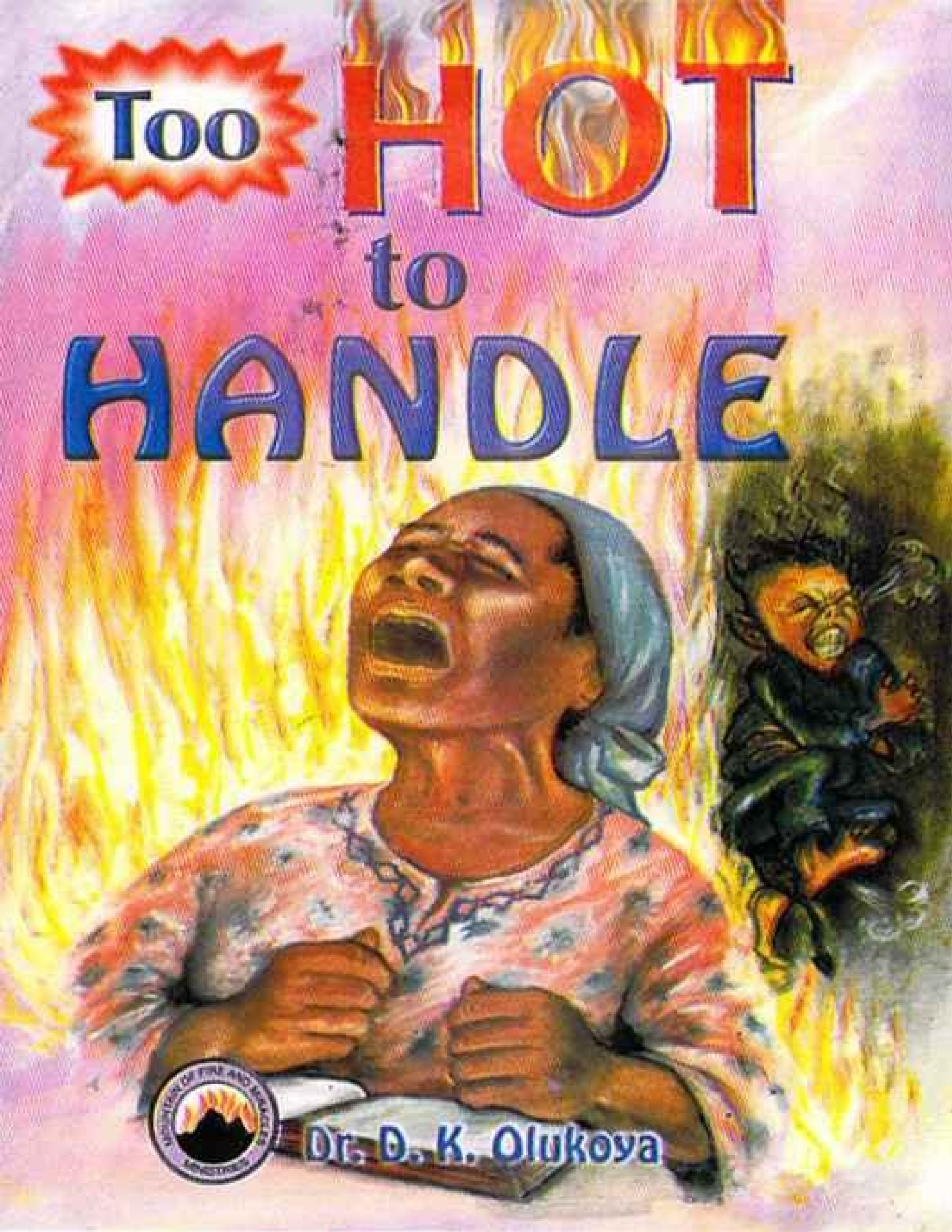
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CHAPTER ONE
TOO HOT TO HANDLE

It is a wonderful thing for us to know that we have a god who has all power and this is what the devil does not like. The Bible says, "The Lord's is the earth and the fullness thereof." It does not belong to the devil. Let as consider for the example of man who was both cold and hot. This man was the head of a church for years. He was going to church but the church did not have any impact on him. One dry, he had a programme in another town: Right there, in his hotel room, he saw people walking in with a coffin and he kept watching them. He wanted to rise from his bed to ask them to go but he found that he could not talk. They brought the coffin up to him and as they put the coffin before him, he saw a pulpit and a pastor preaching his funeral and he was listening to it. The pastor finished his sermon and those that brought the coffin walked out and immediately, he became paralysed in one hand and one leg. He could not continue with the programme. He was rushed back to Lagos. Although he had been going to church for years, he still had a herbalist that he used to consult. He told his driver to take him to the herbalist. The driver drove him from the airport to the herbalist. The herbalist tried all but could not help him, Instead of the herbalist to let go, he said, "Although there is very little I can do, you must not leave me. You must continue to consult me." The man said, "What rubbish. I say you should save me, you cannot and you are saying I should not leave you." He ran away. Then the herbalist colluded with the enemy to deal with him. He went to so many place until he came across a Christian who reached the gospel to him and said: "Mr. Man, you must accept Jesus Christ in to your life. "He said to the preacher, What are you talking about, did you not hear when I said that I had been the leader of so, so church for year?" "The preacher insisted: "I am telling you, you must accept Jesus Christ into your life." "Okay, I have no option, I accept," the man replied. Then he gave his life to Christ.

Many people, when they are in trouble, accept the gospel easily. So, the preacher told him more about the world of God and ministered in healing to him. After the ministration, he was able to stand upon his feet for the fist time in six months. Shortly after, he started walking and could even run. Now the question is: What happened to him?

In the black man's world, nobody needs any serious teaching before he or she is convinced that there are witches and wizards and there are diabolical powers. It is not even important whether you believe that they exist or not, the fact is that the Bible says so, and, the Bible is true. Many of us have listened. to evil confessions, confessions of spiritual killing, drinking of human blood like water, eating of human flesh or frying of bean cakes with human blood. Few years ago, during the 70 Days-fasting and prayer period, a brother gave a testimony concerning secrets behind his problems, He said that he got to know that his mother was the one behind his problems, and that she made a serious mistake. What happened? One day, to find out the source of the brother's power, she decided to follow him to the church spiritually. But immediately she arrived, there was a word of knowledge that somebody was followed by a satanic agent, and that the congregation should call the fire of God upon this evil agent. We called the fire of God and the woman entered into serious trouble. She was taken to the hospital, where she confessed all the atrocities she had committed against the brother who was her son. Unfortunately, she died without knowing the Lord. When things like this happen, then we become convinced that there is power in the blood of Jesus and that this power cannot be overcome by any other power.

When a believer becomes too hot to handle, all these things we are talking about will become foreign materials to him. A certain Christian girl was in a boarding house. A boarding house is a dangerous place to be. This is why you ought to become born again and also teach your children to know our Lord Jesus Christ. The best legacy you can give your children is to lead them to Jesus Christ. If you do not give that to them, you leave them in great trouble. This girl was taught to pray at home, So she always prayed in her dormitory. One day, at about 11 p.m., she noticed a strange presence in the dormitory where many other girls were sleeping. All the girls started to wriggle on their beds. So she knelt down and started to pray. She had not prayed for more than five minutes when she noticed that a bird had flown into the dormitory and was flying about. She jumped up from where she was praying, pointed at the bird and said, "I bind you, in the name of Jesus." To her amazement, the bird fell down. She picked it up, and threw it inside a tin and continued her prayer. But she noticed that immediately she put the bird inside a tin, the whole dormitory became quiet, and nobody wriggled again on the bed and she continued her prayer till 3.00 a.m. before going to sleep. At 5.30 a.m. everybody-in the dormitory woke up except one girl. They tried to wake her up but could not, At 8.00 a.m. they called all the teachers and the principal. They shook the body, and poured water on her but she

did not wake up. She was breathing but did not wake up. Then the Christian girl stepped out and said, "In the night, when I was praying, a bird flew in and I bound the bird in the name of Jesus and it fell and I put it inside a tin. Let me go and fetch it." Meanwhile all the 21 teachers in the school had assembled and were trying to find a solution to the problem. The girl brought the tin and immediately it was opened, the bird flew out, and went directly to the sleeping girl, pecked her mouth and disappeared and the girl woke up. Most of the teachers shouted in fear because the experience was strange to them. Other girls in the dormitory gathered round the Christian girl and started calling her names and saying, "See what the funny prayer you say every night has caused." They made life hard for her but that made her pray harder and as a result of the prayers, some left the school for her. This is an example of somebody who was too hot to handle. Matthew 28: 18 says, *"And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth"*. The Bible also says that all power belongs to the believers. A popular verse in Luke 10:19 says, *"Behold, I give unto you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* Let this be very clear in your spirit.

A believer who is born again can make a decision either to become a danger man for God or to be a weakling. It is a personal decision. You can decide to play religion and you can also decide to be supernatural and a dangerous person for God. When you are dangerous, you become too hot to handle.

Ephesians 6:10 says, "*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might."* It means that it is possible to be strong, it is possible to be weak too. When it says be strong, it means that some people are weak and some are strong, and it encourages the weak to be strong. You have the opportunity and it is by decision that you transport yourself from the position of a spiritual insect to God's danger man. God loves red-hot people. He does not want lukewarm people. God prefers that you are either on the cold side or on the hot side. Let us look at the example of Brother Stephen in Acts. 6: 8-9: *"And Stephen, full of faith and power did great wonders and miracles among the people. Then there arose certain of the synagögue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines and Cyrenians, and Alexanderians and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. "*All these people were disputing with just one person. Verse 10 says, *"And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake."* They could not withstand Stephen. He was too hot and too

dangerous for them. Some people wonder why God has not committed His work into their hands. It is because they are too cold for God. You will not give a gun to a 6-year old child. It will be too powerful for him. When there is a competition between schools, you do not field the dull students. You go for the bright ones because you want your school to be properly represented. The devil and his armies fear those who are strong in the Lord. Many times they are even hared by members of their own families.

LEVELS OF STRENGTH

The Bible says, "Be strong in the Lord." Strength has levels. The light supplied by the candlestick is different from the light supplied by fluorescent tube but both are forms of light. Rain is water, the flood in the gutter water, but when you take the water in the gutter and compare it with the one in the sea you will then know the difference. Two people may have money but one person may have more than the other. The early Christians were not weaklings like many of us are now. That is why we must go back to our root, which is the Acts of the Apostles. They gave demons headache. Their shadows chased away evil spirits. If somebody's shadow drives away evil spirit, there is no way the spirit would enter the person. God wants us to be danger men for Him but unfortunately many people are not like that. Many of us are not as strong as we should be because we are weak in several areas.

HOW TO BE GOD'S DANGER-MAN

1. Live a life of holiness: Live a life of holiness so that the enemy would not be able to accuse you. Holiness is When you live a holy life, most of your problems would be over. The reason the enemy is working so hard against many people is because they have bed to live holy. A holy man cannot be touched by evil spirits because he has nothing they can hold on to. If your holiness is weak, it would be difficult for you to become a danger-man for God, for when you come against the devil, he would look at your weakness to see where he can stand. He would check your love form money and all kinds of things.

2. Become an aggressive prayer warrior: The importance of prayer in the life of a believer tremendous. You are as powerful as you prayers are.

3. Let your life be filled with the Holy Ghost: Apart from speaking in tongues, seek the gifts of prophecy, diverse tongues discernment, etc. When somebody is

filled with the Holy Ghost, the anointing will be in his sweat, clothes and anything he touches.

4. Live a life of faith: The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God. In the face of unfavorable circumstances, even if everybody was saying, "It is not possible, there is nothing we can do about it," you would say, "No, it is possible, in Jesus' name."

5. Live the life of obedience: When God says, "Go," you do not stay there arguing, you do not start saying, "Excuse me sir, I know that you said I should go, but, however, perhaps, not withstanding." When He says go, He means go. If God tells you that you are not growing, you need to sit up and not begin to compare yourself with other people. Comparing yourself with other people is an indication that you are not wise. Obedience is an important thing, and it starts from little things that God tells you every time. God can tell you to stop wearing a particular dress and instead of obeying, you say, "Well, there is nothing wrong, He sees my heart." It is amazing to note that when Gad speaks to some people clearly, they would still looking for people to interpret what He has told them.

A certain friend of mine got converted but before then, he was a very good friend of palm-wine. After his conversion, he refused to abandon palm-wine totally. He only reduced his level of consumption. Instead of bottles, he was now taking a few glasses. One day, as he was drinking his few glasses an unbeliever came and said, "Brother, were you not one of those who preached to us in the open field that this thing is bad? Why are you drinking it now?" The brother received an inspiration from the devil and said, "I am drinking palm-wine because there is yeast in it and the doctors have said that yeast is good for the eyes.? The unbeliever said, "Shut up. If you want yeast, you can get it from the chemist. Go and buy yeast." Somebody then said, "God has used an unbeliever to teach you like in the case of Balaam." Then it dawned on him that he had been disobedient to God. He tried to vomit the palm-wine but he could not. Then he started to shout, "Oh God, I promise I will never drink palm wine forever and ever, I will never touch it again." God does not like doing that to people all the time. He prefers obedience to sacrifice. The reason obedience is better than sacrifice is that, the person you are offering the sacrifice to is already angry, so he will not tell you the correct sacrifice to make. He may also refuse to be appeased. Obedience is important. Are you disobeying God in any area of your life? Are you self-opinionated? If you are raising your on opinion above God's opinion, better repent.

6. Be addicted to the word of God, i.e. the Bible : A lot of Christians are lazy readers of the Bible. Some people have a calendar to assist them learn some memory verses. Let the world of God dwell richly in you, then your spirit would become strong.

7. Live a life of aggressive witnessing: Not all Christians can preach, but they can be witnesses. You can tell other people: "I was like this before and this is what I am now. This is what Jesus has done for me."

When you apply these seven areas to your life, you will automatically become too hot to handle. And when you are too hot to handle, one of God's most powerful laws in the Bible comes into play, which is called the law of substitution. When you are too hot to handle, God's law of substitution will begin to happen on your behalf. What do I mean by that? Proverbs 11: 8 says, *"The righteous is delivered out of trouble and the wicked cometh in his stead. "*When a bad thing has been initiated in the spiritual world, it must happen to somebody.

HOW DOES GOD'S LAW OF SUBSTITUTION IN PROVERBS 11: 8 TAKE PLACE?

Consider the following testimony. One day, as a certain. woman sat down and was about to start eating a meal of pounded yam and melon soup, she saw a frog jumping on the pounded yam and she said, "Nonsense, what kind of thing is this?" She tried to smash the frog in to the pounded yam, it jumped out and made straight into the soup. Surprised, she decided to destroy both the frog and the food. She slammed the soup on the pounded yam and pressed them together and waited for a few minutes. She thought that whatever power the frog had, by the time it was pressed with the pounded yam, it would die. She waited for that to happen but when she removed the plate of she could not find the frog. From that day, one of her hands and one of her legs became paralysed. This took her to so many hospitals. She did all kinds of tests but there was no improvement. Then she was brought to a gospel meeting where somebody preached to her about Jesus. She gave her life to Christ and was healed. She went back to the hospital and was told that she was 100 percent okay. The following day, a woman came to her at her home and said, "Who healed you?" Shortly after, she learnt that the woman that came to her had developed the same paralysis. What happened was that the demon went back to the sender. There must always be a replacement

according to the law of substitution. You may ask: How can God allow that kind of thing to happen?" we Bible says in Isaiah 43: 1-2, *"But now, thus saith the Lord that created thee, Jacob and he that formed thee O Israel, fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called you by thy name, thou art mine. When thou passest through the water, I will be with the and: through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."* Verse 3: *"For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy one of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee." Our main verse is verse 4. It says, "Since thou art precious in my sight and you have been honourable and I have loved thee, therefore will I give men for you and people for thy life."*

God had to replace the Israelites with the Egyptians. Some people were meant. to die on that day and the Egyptians happened to be the available enemies of God. They died and the Israelites lived. When a situation arises and somebody just has to experience a disaster, God does a replacement for those who are red hot. He says in Deuteronomy 7:15, "I will not allow any of the diseases of the Egyptians to be upon you, I will put them on the body of those that hate you." When Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego were being compelled to bow to the king's idol, they said to the king, that they did not need to think about it. They said: "O king, we have a straightforward answer to the question you have asked us. Concerning your idol, we prefer to be burnt than to bow. Even if you throw us inside the fire, the God whom we serve is able to deliver us from that fire but if He decides not to save us, all the same, throw us into the fire." Those men were red hot. They were thrown into the fire. Did they die? No. The Fourth Man in the fire was there to deliver them and those who threw them in the fire died instead. God gave lives for their own lives. The wicked ones who wanted to throw them in, got inside and the children of God walked out.

Daniel was a man of God and people did not like him. It is glorifying to read that they looked for all kinds of reasons to track down Daniel. They could not find one. The only thing they found against him was that he was too prayerful. Prayer was his offence. The king issued a decree that anybody who prayed within 30 days would be thrown into the den of lions and Daniel was caught praying and was thrown there. The king was sorry and at night he went to the lion's den and said, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, is the God whom you serve able to deliver you from the lion's mouth?" Daniel answered him. "O king, live long, my God touched the lions and shut their mouths so they were unable to

touch me." Those lions could not touch Daniel. Rather than touch Daniel, they constituted a comfortable bed on which he slept. Then the king asked that Daniel be released and his accusers and members of their families be thrown into the den. The Bible says that when they threw them into the lion's den, the lions broke their bones before their bodies even touched the ground. The law of substitution comes into play when you are too hot to handle.

When you become dangerous for God or too hot to handle, another law that comes into play is the law of the wind. John 3: 8 says, *"The wind bloweth where it listeth and hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell where it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."* When you become too hot to handle, no demon can predict you. You would become the wind. Any wind that is not blowing is not wind. No one can predict you. Evil spirits won't know how you operate. They will not know what the Holy Spirit would tell you to do. They will not know what kind of prayer you would pray. Another law that comes into play when you are too hot to handle is he law of divine immunity. Isaiah 54: 17 says, *"No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteous is of me, saith the Lord."* They will turn against the enemies themselves. God is looking for such danger-men today.

THINGS TO AVOID TO BECOME GOD'S DANGER MAN

1. Somebody who wants to move in God's power must not harbour hatred against anybody in his spirit. He must avoid it.
2. You must avoid fear. Fear is the opposite of faith. You must not allow fear to take hold of you.
3. You must avoid guilty feeling. When you have committed a sin and you have asked the Lord to forgive you and He has even forgiven you, do not play it back again. When you do that God would begin to wonder who is talking, whether it is you or the devil.
4. Avoid inferiority complex. If you see yourself as somebody who is not good enough, then you would not be good enough.

It is time for you to wake up and instead of complaining that witches are pressing you down, they are doing this to you or they are cheating you, let them be the ones complaining that you are tormenting them.

When you become too hot to handle you would withstand the enemy and defeat them. The problem is that a lot of people lack spiritual consciousness to do that. A lot of people are being defeated in the dream everyday. They lack the power to fight back. It is after some people have woken up that they start saying, "I should have taken some action." It is time we ceased from all these weak activities and got to the level where our shadows would chase them away. You must pay so that you do not remain a weakling after reading this message. Remember all the defeats you have experienced in dreams and begin to reverse them, n Jesus' name.

THINGS THAT CO-OPERATE WITH THE ENEMY IN OUR LIVES

For some people, it is their temper that is cooperating with the devil. For some it is their appetite, while for some, it is pride. For others still, it is laziness. Right now, very slowly and assuredly in your spirit, and with the mice of authority, remove the seat on which your enemies are sitting down on your life. Make the following confession:

"Father, I confess every sin of unforgiveness, I confess every sin of bitterness, and I confess every sin in my life. O Lord, You are faithful and just to forgive me my sins and to cleanse me of all unrighteousness. I now forgive the following people. (If there are people you have already made up your mind not to forgive, you better mention their names because, if you do not, that will block your blessings. Mention their names and forgive them). I truly forgive all those who have offended me. Thank you Father for freedom from the load of unforgiveness, in Jesus' name." (Take a deep breath and call the holy angels to bind all satanic forces around, so that all the evil spirits will not reinforce.) I take authority over the strongman, in the name of Jesus. Spirit of laziness, spirit of death and spirit of confusion, depart, in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Everything that is cooperating with evil in my life, cease your cooperation, in the name of Jesus.
2. My life, begin to cooperate with the Holy Ghost, in the name of Jesus.
3. All the negative things that I have been feeding, I refuse to feed you anymore, in the name of Jesus.
4. I refuse to feed sickness, I refuse to feed poverty, I refuse to feed the devil, and I refuse any negative thing, in the name of Jesus.
5. I refuse every activity of the devil, in Jesus' name, and I close any door, which I might have opened to the devil, in the name of Jesus.
6. I break any curse from the womb, in the name of Jesus.
7. I release myself from any bondage to any dead person and I command satan and all his demons to loose their hold on any area of my life, in the name of Jesus.
8. I break any curse placed upon me by witchcraft now and I command all spirits associated with that problem to depart now, in the name of Jesus. (Say depart, in Jesus' name three times.)

CHAPTER TWO
THE FIREMAN, THE FIREWOMAN

The time for empty religion is fast disappearing The devil knows those to fear, and those not to fear. Or did not that demon say to the sons of Sceva, "Paul I know, Jesus I know, but who are you?" (Acts 19: 14). Also the Jews could not withstand the power with which Stephen spoke. He was too hot for them to handle. If you are in a Pentecostal church, you must have a Pentecostal experience and there must be a touch of heaven upon your life that other would see and they will know that you have been dinning with the Almighty. It is not possible for the Almighty to be in a life and it will remains the same. No, something must happen to you. The Bible says that when the disciples were gathered in the upper room, cloven tongues of fire fell on them. The men and women watching them knew that something had happened to them. They said, "How hear we our language spoken by these people who are Hebrews?" Some who wanted to deceive themselves said they were filled with new wine, But the men answered, "We are not drunk, this is that which was written." That which is written must come to pass in our lives, in Jesus' name. Amen.

It is not an easy thing to confront Goliath. It is also not an easy thing to cut off his head but as a fire person, you must desire to go beyond these stages. So, you have to confront Goliath, cut off his head and display it as a trophy. David said, You Philistines, this is the head of your champion. Please pray like this: "Every evil champion harassing my life, I cut off your head, in the name of Jesus."

Beloved, you cannot read this message and pray the prayer points and not have fire. In 1 Kings 18: 36, we have the description of a Fireman. It was a terrible period in Israel, Jezebel the witchcraft woman had taken over and the alter of God had been broken down. The worship of Jehovah God had been abandoned, His prophets imprisoned and were fed with bread and water. It was a time when God was put at the tail and the people of Israel where doing what they wanted by themselves. It was a period of darkness. There were time in the past when the people of Israel backslid, but they were not as bad as this time. It was a terrible time. In the midst of their backsliding, came the Fireman and he called for a contest. I King 18:36 -17 says, *"And it come to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of*

Abraham, Isaac and of Israel, let it be know this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou at the Lord God, and that thou has turned their heart back again." That prayer did nor last more than a minute. Verse 38 -39 say, *"Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord he is the God."* There was no controversy again. They saw it because the fireman performed. Verse 40: *"And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.* (None of your enemies shall escape today in Jesus' name). *And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the the brook Kishon, and slew them there."* The Fireman.

In 2 Kings 1, there was trouble again. The king had a sickness and he went to consult demons. So, Elijah said to the messenger of the king that the king shall die. The king heard it and said, "Me? You will die first." He decided to arrest Elijah. Verse 9-10 say, *"Then the king sent unto him captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. And Elijah answered and said to the captain of the fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty."* Fifty-one people roasted on the floor. The enemy still did not give up. The enemy does not go on sabbatical or leave. You would have thought that after fifty-one people roasted, they would leave the man alone but look at what verses 11–12 say, *"Again he also sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of god, thus bath the king said, Come down quickly. And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and fifty."* Another fifty-one making a hundred and two people roasted on the floor because someone said, "If I am a man of God, let fire from heaven come down". But they did not give up but sent a third group of captain of fifty with his fifty. But this third captain had some home training, He went on his knees and fell before Elijah. Your enemies shall bow down before you, in Jesus' name. They did not bow down in a hurry. The man came and saw soldiers like roasted beef on the ground He was there when they were sent and he knew that if he was not careful, he and his own men would go like that so, he bowed down

before the man of God. He besought Elijah and said unto him, "O man of God, I beg you, let my life and the life of these fifty men be precious in thy sight." It does not mean that the lives of the previous people were not precious but they wanted to insult the man of God. Verse 14–15 say, *"Behold there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties, therefore let me the life now be precious in thy sight. And the angel of the Lard said unto Elijah, Go down with him, be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king."* Verse 16: *"And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the God of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? Therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shall surely die."* The man of fire.

For over 250 times in scriptures it appeared as if the devil was in control because of his noise and revival but on each occasion, God showed up. Sometimes, it looked as if everything was gone, as if there was no hope at all. God showed up and said, "Mr. Devil, I am still here you cannot go ahead with what you are doing.

HOW DO YOU LIVE IN A WORLD THAT DENIES THE POWER OF GOD?

What do you do in order not to humiliate yourself in the hands of the devil? What do you do in order for the devil not to use you as a broom for weeping the ground? There something the white-man calls a Hoover. It is used for cleaning carpets. What do you do so that you do not become a human Hoover in the hands of the devil? How do you refuse all these suggestions that the enemy is passing into your ears every night? How do you refuse all the satanic insults you receive? Those people wanted to disgrace Elijah just before the Lord took him. They wanted to ask Elijah where is the Lord your God? The answer to not being insulted by the enemy and not being used as a broom to sweep the ground is become a fireman or a firewoman. Say to yourself: "I must become a fireman or forewoman."

There was a certain woman who was pregnant seven times and lost them all at the fifth month. She would have a dream where a cow would run into her, she had the 8th Pregnancy, which was 4 months old when a close friend of hers invited her to a crusade and she attended it. At the crusade, they prayed and said

all kinds of things but one thing she never forgot was the scripture that was read. It says, "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will ground him to powder". That registered in her brain and someone there, gave a prayer point based on that scripture. The prayer point was, Oh Rock of Ages, go and smite my enemies, in Jesus' name." The pastor shook hands with all those who attended the crusade as they were leaving. When the woman and her friend got to the door, the man said to her friend, "That thing you have been doing for many years do not do it again," and she answered yes. The sister whom she invited did not understand, instead, she got home meditating on the scriptures she had heard. She prayed, "O Rock of Ages, smite my enemies, in the name of Jesus." At night, she dreamt again and saw a cow come rushing at her but suddenly, a stone came between her and the cow and the cow smashed into it and broke its horn. By 7 a.m. the followingmorning, there was a knock on her door. The guest came in and informed him that her friend who invited her to the crusade was dead and that she was founded dead with her head smashed physically but they did not know who did it.

If you do not know your God, the enemy will use you as a broom to clean the ground. Elijah was a fireman. He manhandled him enemies. He humiliated them. After dealing with 102 of them, the others knelt down and apologized to him. He made his enemies to depart in a hurry. The man upset the world when he was here. He worried the devil apostles and gave rulers sleepless nights. Elijah cried unto God before those people saying, "Oh God, if you are still there, show it." What did God do? He showed it. Elijah said, "If I be a man of God, let fire fall." What happened? Fire fell and they respected him. Elijah did not need to demand for the respect They knew that they were not to move close. There is no time for negotiation with the enemy. If you stand against your Goliath this day, and you ask God to show Himself and decide to be a fireman or a firewoman, He will place the head of Goliath in your hands, Elijah did what no man had done before. He defied the host of hell. He turned Israel upside down. A single man can turn an entire nation upside down.

Sometime ago, I was talking to a prophet who wore no shoes and did not comb his hair. I asked him if it was because he was a prophet that he wore no shoes and did not wash his hair. He said, "Well that is true. The needle is small but it is not for the hen to swallow." He said further that he has prayed for a lot of important people in Nigeria even presidents. He also said that he went to the capital of every state and collected sand from them for prayer. That was no

prayer. It was sorcery and witchcraft. Many people would prefer to luck themselves up if they see what the host of darkness are doing today. Elijah defied them. He challenged backsliding nations. He came out from the presence of the Lord and gave a living demonstration of the God of Israel. He overthrew the powers of darkness. He exhibited earth-shaking faith.

There was a battle to fight and one man placed himself at the disposal of the Almighty. He wanted to be used as a battle-axe. That is why John Wesley said, "Get on fire for God and people will come and watch you burn with holy boldness." He proposed the battle plan and they all agreed to it. Then, he prayed that prayer of fire: "Oh Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, let it be known, in case they do not know that I am thy servant and I am doing all these things at thy word. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that they may know that thou O Lord art God and that you have turned their hearts back." That was all he said and fire fell. All Christians must pray that prayer. When the fire fell, they had no option. They fell on their faces and cried, "Jehovah, he is God."

FIRE

Fire is the mark of these last days. The anointing too of the last days is the anointing of fire. It is a proof accepted by God and also a proof accepted by men. The present age is bored and sick with our programmes and pretensions. This generation is looking at us from the sidelines to see if the fire of God is burning in our midst. Fire in the Bible always symbolizes the presence of God. Fire alone will convince the unsaved of the reality of the claims of the church.

OPEN CONFRONTATION

A brother went to preach somewhere and the inhabitants of the place cautioned him abut a major shrine in town and warned him not to pass by it again. They threatened to kill him if he did not stop coming there. The brother ignored them and continued to preach the gospel around there. They got annoyed and came out with whips that they have soaked in charms and concoctions and started beating the brother. As they were beating him, they were expecting him to run mad or to begin to urinate in his trousers but the brother started to speak in tongues and all those things had no effect on him. They rained incantations on him but he kept on speaking in tongues and they could not understand what he was saying. If he was speaking in a known language, they would have replied and ordered him to

stop. But they did not know what he was saying. When they found that everything used was ineffective, they stopped and asked him the type of God he was serving. Why? Because he was a fire person.

A person who spends one hour painting his or her face in the morning and another one hour trying to take a route where his or her church members will not see him cannot withstand that type of confrontation. If your eyes were open, you would notice that gradually, there is open confrontation now. Recently, somebody in a witchcraft group confessed that a national steel company is kolanut plantation to them. Others may be calling it a steel company, but to them, it is kolanut plantation and they have the key to the prosperity of the place. This open confrontation is going to get worse before Jesus comes. It is pity that there are some people who are still dancing in the church instead of becoming fire people. You may not believe it now but what will make you believe is coming upon the world soon. Unless you become a fire person, you are not going anywhere.

THE PAST IS GONE

John the Baptist came with the spirit and power of Elijah and he did marvelous things. Today, we are being challenged on every side and the world is demanding for proof from us to show that God is in our midst, Practitioners of false religions have a right to demand from us a fight. They could demand from us a sign or decide to fight unless we can show that we have the evidence of the supernatural. You may call yourself a pastor, go to a Bible college and become doctor of this or doctor of that, that has no value with the devil unless there is that fire inside of you. It is not enough to be telling stories of what you were in those days. In the world, they want to see the demonstration of the power of God and until we show it to them, we are joking. All those evidences from the past, we cannot inherit. We must create the evidences of now. That past is dead and buried and there can be no resurrection again. What we are doing now is the determining factor. When Elijah saw those captains and their fifties, he did not begin to tell them about the past. He did not ask questions such as "Did you know that in those days, the Lord panted the Red Sea? Have you ever heard about Goliath?" That was not a time to tell the stories of past wonders. Those stories would not have convinced the prophets of Baal. Dwelling in the past would not solve the problem.

People want to experience the God of the now. So the cry, "Whereis the God of Elijah?" is still relevant now. We must have God in our midst. The Church of God was born inside fire, and it is only fire that can make it to live and to conquer. Without the fire of the Almighty, the world would be looking at us as jokers. Without that fire, the church would be carnal, and we would be using carnal methods to camouflage. Without that fire, the church of God would be poor and sickly. Without that fire we are helpless in the battlefront.

There was a man who went to a university campus to pick up young women of not more than 25 every Friday night. Under his bed was a serpent. When he got on the bed and began to vomit money under the bed. When they finished, he would give the woman about three thousand naira out of over half a million naira the snake would vomit. So, spiritually he was sapping the virtues of the young women. It is a tragedy of our environment. The man who was about 52 years old could find a young woman of 25 and below every Friday to sacrifice to his powers. Much latter, the snake died and the man eventually gave his life to Jesus and said he wanted to do deliverance, but how about those women? Please close your eyes and take this payer point: "Every satanic power drinking my virtues, vomit them, in the name of Jesus."

THE CONSEQUENCE OF FIRELESSNESS

Without this fire of God in us the church will lose its note of authority. Without this fire of God in us, the church lose its secret wisdom. Without this fire, the church will lose its nights of miracles. It is useless a to advertise a party when there is nothing to eat. How could you be born again for five, ten and twelve years and you cannot do exploits for Jesus. You are still being preached to you to stop getting angry and control your temper. Five years in Jesus and you are still like that. It means there is no fire in your life. If you have been a Christian for sometime and you cannot speak one word of tongue, there is no fire in your life. Where do you go from there. Some find it difficult to love others. It is because there is no fire. If there is fire in your life, you will love everybody. Then you understand people. It is when you do not understand people that you get angry with them.

The energy of the flesh can promote amusement. It can organize programmes. In the church, those who organize a programmes often sleep off during the time of the word of God. They have worked so hard, that at the most crucial moment,

they would be sleeping. No matter how beautiful our programmers are, it is only fire that would bring souls and ignite the signs and wonders. Oh, for that fire to fall upon our lives today. That vital need that we have is fire. Without that fire nothing else counts. We must have the fire of God in our midst. When believers have the fire, they do not need to pray long when they gather before things will begin to happen.

Do you want the fire of God in your life? That fire does not fall on an empty altar. There is an altar before everyone of us today If you have not completely abandoned yourself on that altar, your fire cannot descend. Therein is the trouble. God is looking at you. He can see areas of your life that are not on the altar! Your enemies too are looking at you to see areas in your life where they are in control. You did not put them on God's altar, so they have access to them and your fire cannot descend.

There is an altar before you today. Do you want to completely abandon yourself on the alter so that the fire can descend on you? Or are you the kind of person who would come up with excuses when a fast is declared? Or are you trying to deceive yourself or you are trying deceive God by offering partial surrender? Are you saying, "I surrender all," when there are secret, hidden and unsanctified places in your life? Are you desperate enough in your prayer to invite divine fire?

We need that fire today and when it falls down for you, it will triumph, it will penetrate. It will then possess everything and your colleagues would look at you and wonder what has happened to you. They would say to you, "Why are you looking like this? You are not like us again, something has happened to you."

HINDRANCES TO THE FIRE

When fire falls upon you, all those things that you take so serious would become insignificant. We need to get rid of the useless things we are attached to so that fire can fall upon us. Many have left in place those things that they need to get rid of in their lives so that that fire will come on them. Some people attach all kinds of things to their hair, nails and body, some put all kinds of marks on themselves and they want fire. It is not possible. To worsen the case, some of those who are being pursued by power of darkness and should be very serious, do not know yet and it is very sad. They think that people are harassing their lives when they try to correct them. But a time will come when they will search

for deliverance ministers but the will not find them anymore Some people would say. "I cannot come for deliverance now because I cannot joke with my stomach and fast for three days. A time will come when they will look for the deliverance ministers and they will be nowhere to be found.

Oh, how much rubbish there is in the lives of so many believers. Whatever is not of God in our lives is rubbish. When there is a tiny speck of insubordination or rebellion in our lives, the fire will not fall. If your all is not on the altar, the fire will not fall. We need to pray down this fire upon our lives today. The Bible says, "In the last days, I will send to you the prophet Elijah, he shall turn the heart of the fathers back to the children least I come to smite the earth with a curse." What does the Bible mean by that? It is saying that in the last days, there is going to be a company of holy people who would be raised up with fire. An example of that kind of people is John the Baptist. He came in the spirit and power of Elijah. He was not Elijah but he came in his spirit and in his power.

Elijah was called a troublemaker. He was referred to as the troubler of Israel. He was not like some people today who write anonymous letters when they have a point to make. Those are sinners going to hell fire. They do not have boldness. The spirit of fear is in their lives. That way, a person cannot correct anything. If the zeal of the Father's house has eaten you up, you will come out in the open and declare what is bad and need to be changed. That is what the prophets of God do.

Nobody can harm you if you are on the right path of truth but when you are on the path of lies or you have a hidden agenda, then you harm yourself the more. The Bible says, "The fearful shall come to the bottom of hell fire." If you write an anonymous letter you qualify under the fearful or backbiter. Who is a backbiter? Somebody who bits from the back because he is afraid to face the person at the front. Those kinds of people cannot have this kind of fire we are talking about.

It is time for us to know that the enemy has stolen many things, marriages, jobs, careers, good health, sound mind, finances, etc as a result of lack of fire. Sometimes, when the enemy is doing this, we say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord," Close your eyes and take these prayer points:

i. Every waster and killer fashioned against me, die, in the name of Jesus.

ii. Oh Lord, put the power of 'it is done' in my mouth, in the name of Jesus.

HOW TO GET THE FIRE OF GOD

1. Disinfect your life and place it on the altar of God: If you want the fire in your life, you have to first disinfect your life and place it on the altar of God. A holy and clean life always annoys the devil. Disinfect your life. A Christian with a pure heart, mind, life, and body is surrounded by fire, which burns very bright. Naked eyes may not be able to see the purity in you but satan and men with occult eyes can see you.

A brother had a problem and was taken to a herbalist. The herbalist requested that he be taken away, saying that he did not wait any contact with him because he had 'that thing' inside. He said, "The people with 'that thing' do not come here, rather we go to them." So the man could not see the fire inside the brother but the brother could not see it himself. Satan can not stand virgins that are dedicated to God. Unfortunately, the devil is using immorality to remove the fire of many people. Many are going out with unbelievers and children of the devil. All the foul words, foul thoughts, etc, defile people's temples. You must disinfect your life if you want that fire.

2. You must be humble: A humble man is the stronger man of the Bible. The humble man occupies a high place in heaven. The Bible says "I am the Most high, the high and lifted up and I dwell in the heart of the humble." The Lord hates proud people because that is the character of the devil. If you see anyone who is proud and gets angry, demons will not leave the person alone. The easiest way to force satan out of his stronghold is to be totally submitted to God, be humble.

3. Make sure you keep the right company: We are a separated people. You must make sure you keep away from all sorts of contamination. A Christian's closet friend cannot be an unbeliever. The Bible says, "Avoid them." If you have been delivered from a drinking group, do not go back to them.

When you are determined to live the kind of life God wants you to live, He too will be determined to do great things in your life. We need to cry to God today, cry for that fire to fall on us. We need to continue to cry for the fire all the time and everywhere.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Tell the Lord to remove anything in your life that will not make His fire to fall on you, in the name of Jesus.
2. If I be a man/woman of God, let fire fall, in Jesus, name.
3. (Lay your hands on your head and cry to the Lord like this:) Fire from God, fall upon my life, in the name of Jesus.
4. (Stretch forth you hands as you say this:) Lord, put the head of my Goliath in my hands, in the name of Jesus.
5. My enemy shall bow down before me, in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER THREE
FOOLS ON FIRE

This message is a direct one from the Lord to all those who are expecting something great from the Lord concerning their spiritual lives. It is entitled "Fools on fire," The message is for those who want to rise above the level they are now; those who are tired of traditional Christianity which carries no power. It is equally for those who want to turn things upside down for Jesus like the apostles of old did. As you read this message with deep concentration, there will be a mighty outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit This out-pouring will shake many things to their roots. Then the fire of revival, signs and wonders will begin to manifest in your life in a new way. Through this message, that Spirit that gave flesh to dry bones would overshadow your life if you are ready. When this begins to happen in your life, no matter who you are, you would be able to operate by the Spirit of prophecy and witches and wizards would find it impossible to come close to you let alone move in to do anything. By the time you get to this level, by simple command of the word of faith, mighty miracles would begin to happen and you would experience the raw power of God like Elijah did.

Household wickedness or whatever they are called will fall flat before your face and confess with their own mouths what they have been doing against you. If you release yourself to the Holy Spirit as you read this message, just by staring at sinners, they will rush and give their lives to Jesus. You will pray and never get tired. When this mighty outpouring begins to happen, you will shake people's hands and they will lose their demons immediately. You who were regarded as a Mr. Nobody or Mrs. Nobody will suddenly become somebody to be reckoned with because of the power of the Almighty that would come upon you. The question is: "Are you ready?" This is the main focus of this message.

It is very important for you to be ready because during the outpouring, the Holy Spirit will do deep works in your life. He will take you to the depths, roots and foundations of so many things. And you will begin to experience fulfillment. But if you are not really ready for the shaking, you shall be shaken off. These are the words of the Lord.

Perhaps you think that you have reached your peak spiritually and that the level you are now is the best you can get but the Lord is saying that those things are crumbs and you should not be satisfied with crumbs because there is something better. The question is, "Who will qualify for this?" The Lord gave me an answer. He said to me clearly, "It is only fools on fire who will qualify."

WHO IS A FOOL?

A fool is a silly person. He is somebody who lacks the sense of judgment or somebody who lacks commonsense and behaves unwisely. A fool is a stupid person who lacks mental sanity, discernment and understanding. He is a dull and sluggish person. That is the world's description of a fool. But who is the best person to describe a fool?

WHO ARE FOOLS IN THE BIBLE?

If fellow human beings are calling you a fool because you are a Christian, you have nothing to worry about. After all, they called Jesus Christ a fool and a mad man, and Paul too. But if God decides to call you a fool, then you must be really foolish.

The Bible recognises two kinds of fools. Let us look at the first category of fools in the Bible. These are the negative fools. Psalm 107: 17 says, ***"Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities are afflicted."*** So, the first fools you find in the word of God are those who are afflicted because of their transgression. Those who are unable to realise that the source of their problem is sin. Sinners who do not know that the way of transgressors is hard. In Proverbs 1:7, we see another category of fools. It says, ***"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*** That is, those who despise wisdom and correction. Those who hate knowledge and those who follow their own opinions. They may be professors or have long chains of degrees but as far as God is concerned, they are fools.

Proverbs 12: 15 talks about the third group of fools. It says, ***"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."*** If your own ways are always right in your own eyes and you always feel that you are spiritually self-sufficient, you are a fool according to God. You have to drop your own opinion and take the opinion of the Almighty. For example, the Bible

order of marriage is that the husband is the head of the wife. So when a wife begins to claim equal right with her husband, she disorganises the divine order.

In Proverbs 14: 9, we see another group of fools. It says, ***"Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour."*** These are those who take the issue of sin lightly. They say, "Well, there is nothing wrong. It's okay. Don't worry. It is not too bad!" The Bible calls them fools.

Proverbs 15: 5 tells us about a fifth group of fools, It says, ***"A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent."*** Despising a wise instruction amounts to foolishness. Children who are disobedient to their parents are first-class fools, according to the Bible, because it says that their days will not be long. Such children come under a curse.

In Proverbs 20: 3, we see another group of fools. It says, ***It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling."*** So, meddlers are fools. They deliberately stir up strife, knock heads together, interfere with what really does not concern them and cause trouble. They are the ones who are fast to hear and are fast to speak. The Bible calls them meddlers.

In Proverbs 18: 2, we have the seventh group of fools. It says, ***"A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself."*** The Bible calls those who lack understanding and knowledge fools.

In Proverbs 18: 6, we have another group of fools. ***"A fool's lips enter into contention, and his month calleth for strokes."*** All those who use their mouths wrongly and bring, contentions are fools according to the Bible.

Proverbs 26: 11 tells us about another group of fools. It says, ***"As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly."*** All backsliders are fools for they return to their sin.

Proverbs 10: 18 has another group of fools. It says, ***"He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool."*** The Bible calls all liars and slanderers fools.

Psalm 74: 22 says, ***"Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily."*** So, those who blaspheme the name of the Almighty are fools according this verse.

In Luke 12, we read about the prosperous fool. Luke 12: 13 – 20 says, ***"And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or***

a divider over you? And he said unto them, take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thin ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Therefore, a great fool is somebody who has no plans for heaven, and is depending on his money, wealth or influence not knowing that all worldly things will flee away. In the foregoing, we see a man who God blessed and he abused it because he shared the world's idea of happiness. He thought he was going to live for many years without knowing that he would quit this world that particular night. In that parable too, we can see that the man did not know about the possibility of a sudden call. Also, he did not recognise that riches and profits would not help on the day of God's wrath. This is why the Bible enjoins us to lay up our treasures in heaven. The fool in the above passage could not take his goods to heaven. He could not take anything with him. He had come naked into the world and he had to go out nakedly. It is better not to have been born than to have been born and then fail to make eternal life. The greatest fools are those who are not making sure of eternity. They neglect their divine opportunities.

In the Bible, you will find disbelieving fools, disobedient fools, sexually impure fools, self-centered fools, short-tempered fools and fools who make no spiritual plan for the future. You will also find the rich fool who assured himself that his life would continue indefinitely. These are the negative fools.

POSITIVE FOOLS

The Bible talks about another kind of fools in Isaiah 35:8. These are the people that will experience the out-pouring that we have been talking about Isaiah 35:8 says; ***"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."***

I Corinthians 4: 10 says, ***"We are fools for Christ sake..,"*** This is the second

kind of positive fools. If a person is a fool and is moving from church to church, he is only changing labels on an empty bottle. It is possible for some of us to look at the lives of our forefathers in the faith and call them primitive people or ancient people but they had a fire that makes us look like kids beside them. They were fools for Christ's sake. There are the kind of fools that God will set on fire. When you become a fool for Christ, things will happen in your life. It is then God can depend on you.

WHO ARE FOOLS FOR CHRIST'S SAKE?

A fool for Christ sake is a person who gives the Holy Spirit free access to every area of his or her life. It is a person who has surrendered every department of his or her life, spirit, soul and body to the Holy Spirit. Such a person would ask himself or herself questions like: "This my hair, is it the way the Lord wants me to wear it?" "Does the Lord want me to scrape my eyelashes?" "Is my nose the way God wants it to be?" "These my lips that are supposed to proclaim the fire of God, did God ask me to paint them up?" Go right down to the type of clothes you are wearing. Are they the kind of things the Holy Spirit wants you to be wearing? Are you giving free access to the Holy Spirit?

A certain woman of God was walking in a street and somebody parked a car beside her and said, "Madam, Can I give you a lift?" The woman said, "Oh, I'm sorry, I don't take lifts." The woman kept going. The car owner drove close to her again and parked and said, "Madam, I say enter." I said I don't take lifts. I teach over there, in that school and that is where I am going. So I don't need a car. I will walk across," the woman said. The woman kept going and the third time, the man parked again and said, "Madam, enter." "Ah, what is the problem leave me alone," she cried. And the man drove away. But this set her thinking. She began to wonder why the man was running after her. When she got to the school where she was teaching and started praying and thinking the Lord for bringing her to school that day, she heard the voice of the Holy Spirit saying, "Look at your dress. Just look at it. The way you dressed was the reason that man was running after you. So, don't wear this dress again." Later, she threw the dress away. This is the kind of peoples that God is looking for. They are the fools that are going to be on fire, not those who will be saying, "Well, I don't want to be looking like an old person." Since you have been looking like a young person, and dressing like that, what has happened to your spirit? Nothing. You have only been going from one deliverance to another, and you could not realise what is

happening. All the tight clothes exposing every area of your body including your underwears and everything prevent you from being on fire because you are not ready. You do not give free access to the Lord.

Many of our sisters have to check their wardrobes. All those demonic skirts should be burnt if you want the great outpouring of the power to flow through you. Whatsoever the Holy Spirit tells you, you must be ready to do it. You should give Him free access to your dressing, free access to your thinking, free access to your business, free access to every area of your life and free access to you finances. If you hold your tithe and the Holy Spirit says, "Sorry, this is not what I want you to give, bring more than this," you must listen to Him. It is because the Holy Spirit does not have free access to so many lives that during offering time, some people put their hands into their pockets and their hands would be shaking, or there would be a sorting out in the pocket of what kind of money to bring out. Such people will not be set on this fire that we are talking about.

You should also give the Holy Spirit free access to your mouth so that no matter how badly you are provoked, no matter what people are saying about you, you would not respond. The fools we are taking about are those who, if somebody offends them, instead of taking offence, they would even prostrate and beg saying, "I am sorry." The offender would say, "But I am the one that offended you, I should be the one apologising."

The question again is, "How many people are ready?" The type of fools we are talking about are those who are ready to let go and let God work in their lives. They are ready to release everything to God and then allow Him to do what He wants with their lives. These are those who have dropped their personal ambitions and have released themselves into the hands of the Almighty. They would say, "I have left all to Jesus. I have surrendered all to Him. Now, let Him do what He wants to do with my life."

The song of an ancient hymn writer says, "In the warfare that is raging for the wrong and for the right, will the Lord depend on you?" You have to let go and say, "Let God take control" Those are the fools who say, "Yes Lord," no matter what He is asking them to do, no matter what it is, If He says, "Go and apologise," you do not say, "No, I cannot apologise, I was right. They were wrong, so I cannot apologise." The fools for Christ's sake will say, "Yes Lord. Is that what you want me to do? I am going to do it" And you will go ahead and do it. Those are the people that are going to be involved in the mighty outpouring of

the power of the Holy Spirit.

WHO ARE THESE FOOLS?

They are those who God is going to set on fire. They are not the kind of people who say, "Well, is it me that you are talking to like that? Do you know whom you are talking to?" The question is, 'Who are you?" because once God says, "Stop breathing," that is all. A man has nothing to glory about except the glory of the living God. If God says, "That is it, stop walking," it is finished. Nobody will say, "Oh, this man was a very proud man, therefore, when you are digging the trench for his coffin, make it 24 feet." No, it is six feet for the rich or the poor. That is if the person is allowed to be buried because nobody knows how he or she will go.

Those who are ready to be completely emptied of pride, God will set them on fire. And when God begins to work, they do not claim any glory. They know that it is not by their own power. Just like what is happening at the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries now. It is all God's work. There is no human explanation to it. It is wrong for a person to think that he is indispensable. As far as God is concerned, nobody is indispensable. If the Lord tells you what you should do to further His kingdom and you say, "I don't want to do it," there is no problem. He will set you aside and bring somebody better. Judas was one of the 12 apostles. He worked miracles, healed the sick and raised the dead but sold his virtues for 340 shekels of silver and so, God threw him out. He committed suicide. When God wanted to replace Judas, He replaced him with a man who worked harder than all the other apostles put together, that was apostle Paul. So, when you allow God to kick you aside, He will bring a better person that will take over your position. That is why we pray this prayer point: "Oh Lord don't replace me with stones, in Jesus' name." When God decides to replace a person with stone; it is not a physical stone. God can grab anybody, even the worst herbalist, fill him with the Holy Ghost, throw him inside Jesus and that would be it. And those have been born again for 20 years will have to take instructions from him. That is what He means by replacing people with stones. Hardened people you never believed could come to the house of God would come and replace the ones who have been there but are not serious. He will replace those who have been put in the position of responsibility and they do not see it like that. Instead they are busy complaining that people are winking at them, pulling there clothes or looking at them somehow. It is very sad. Completely empty yourself of pride so

that God can use you. When you pray and miracle happens and you take the glory instead of ascribing it to God, the spirit of pride is inside you.

Who are fools for Christ's sake? They are those that the world has lost its hold upon. The world has many people in, its terrible grip. But it has lost its grip on fools for Christ's sake. When you are a fool for Christ's sake, you are no longer interested in what the world is doing. Their enjoyment is no longer your enjoyment, their society is not your society, the way you reason is not the way they reason, the way you dress is not the way they dress. They have lost their grip upon you.

A certain sister came to me and said, "Sir, my husband told me that the day I accept Christ, that would be, the last day that I will see him." I wondered what kind of husband he was. One day, the sister went for a Christian meeting and by the time she got home, she could not find her husband and lier four children. They had all disappeared into thin air. Everything in the house was left intact-dresses of the children were there, shoes of the man were there, the wedding certificates, pictures and everything was in place, but the man and the four kids were no where to be found. Nobody saw them again. And now she wanted another husband. She told me this story four years after the incident happened and as at that time, nobody had seen them. They just disappeared from the face of the earth. She told me she wanted another husband. I explained to her that she never married a normal man but a satanic agent who had gone back to where he came from because he warned her not to accept Jesus and she did. I told her that she needed to pray for it was strange for that kind of a person to have married her. I gave her some prayer points and asked her to pray and fast for seven days. She started and on the third day, she had a dream in which she saw the man telling her: "These are the children. Did I not warn you not to accept Jesus. We have gone, we would not allow yow to injure us." The reason is that the man and the four children were not normal human beings. After the seven days, she came to me said said, "I hope this is the last fasting programme that I will do?" I said, "No You have just started because now you know what has happened. You know that you have given birth to abnormal babies so now you have a lot of fasting and cleansing to do." She said, "Well people are looking at me somehow. They say that I look dull and that I am getting lean." I said, "It is better for you to get lean and be free than for you to get fat and robust with a very bright skin and be in bondage. "What was her problem? The world was yet to lose its grip upon her.

The people in darkness cannot be dictating to those in the light how to dress or

what to look like. We cannot copy them or listen to them. They are in darkness. We belong to different kingdoms. We are travelling along parallel lines that cannot meet unless they get born again. So, why should we listen to them. Why should we worry about what their opinion is. There are many sisters who add attachment to their hair without knowing that with the simple attachment, the enemies can transfer their glory to somewhere else. They cannot understand until they become deliverance cases. This is why sometimes, when deliverance gets hot, people begin to struggle with their hair as if they want to pull it off. It is because they have attached strange things to it. The people of the world had told them that their hair is too short, they should make it longer. The same people would tell them that their fingernails are too short, that if they are longer, they would become more beautiful. So they look for ways to make them longer. It means that the world has not lost its grip upon them. Some people would say, "I don't want to be coming like this again to church because I have only three shirts and three pair of trousers. I wore one on Sunday, I wore one to the spiritual clinic and the remaining one on Wednesday, meaning that I have worn all three within one week. So, I will give a gap of one week before I come again so that people will not be looking at me strangely. This shows that the world has not lost its grip on such people.

Some people look so holy and sanctimonious in the church but when you see them at a family meeting or a made, reception, they dance like insects. Then household enemies who do not have access to their foreheads ordinarily would have the opportunity to touch them as they pretend to be stamping money on their foreheads. That way, they deposit things into their heads. This is the problem. The Bible says, "My people ate destroyed for lack of knowledge." Not the devil's people but God's own people are being destroyed for lack of knowledge. God may accuse some people of killing themselves by foolishness.

When the world has lost its grips upon you, you kill know, Their system is not yours. Some Christians keep alcohol, in their refrigerators because they have friends who drink it. It should not be so. When they come to your house, they should know that you are a child of God. Although you were drinking it with them before, now you ate no longer doing that. If they are not ready to take soft drinks, they should go to their houses and drink their alcohol. Believers do not serve alcohol, to anybody no matter the circumstance. We do not dance to the tune of the world. If you do that, then God cannot set you on fire.

Who are fools for Christ? They are those who are completely slain on the altar

of God. They are of one mind with God. They hate what God hates and love what He loves. They shun every known sin and strive to be like Jesus.

Beloved, are you for this mighty outpouring? Then pray the following prayer points aggressively.

PRAYER POINTS

1. O Lord, crucify me on Your altar now, in the name of Jesus.
2. O Lord, set me on fire by the Holy Ghost, in the name of Jesus.
3. Holy Ghost fire, fall upon me, in the name of Jesus.
4. O God, make me a vessel of Your power, in the name of Jesus.

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