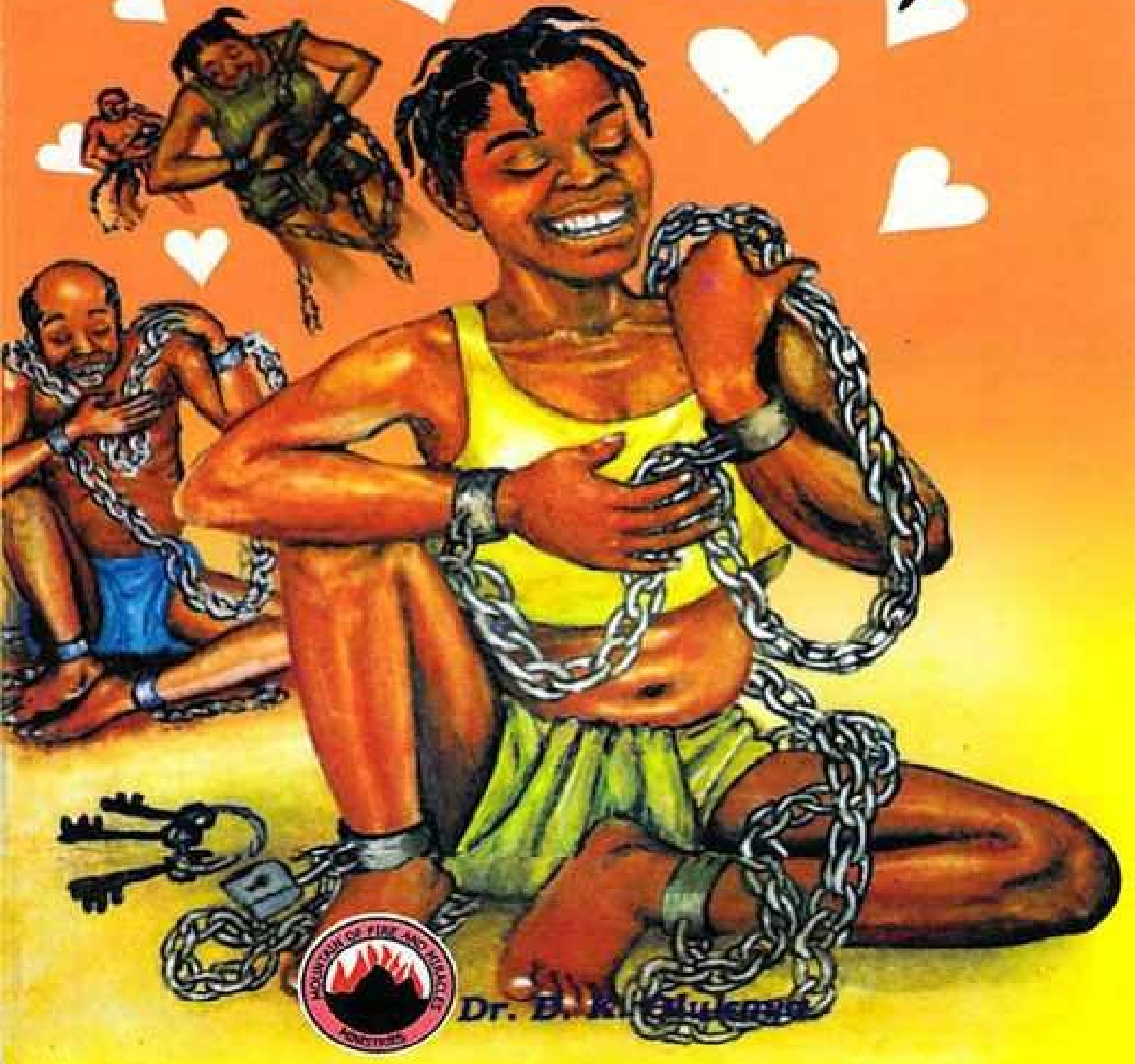
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chapter one

DEALING WITH CAPTIVITY

The greatest thing that can happen to any man is for him to come out of captivity. In the same vein, the greatest tragedy for a man is for him to enter into and remain under bondage. Men and women who live under the shackles of satan and his lieutenants in one form or the other are living outside the will of God.

Jesus said, **"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).**

This makes it very clear that satan is the one who brings men and women into bondage, while Jesus is the bondage breaker. You must, therefore, allow the Lord to open your eyes to one of the most important benefits of His vicarious death-deliverance.

Salvation is the principal benefit of the cross. But it is by no means the only benefit. Deliverance from bondage, captivity and curses is part and parcel of what Jesus paid for when he declared; "It is finished." Therefore, you must not allow anything in keep you under bondage. Neither must you allow anything to rob you of your complete rights in the gospel.

There are no questions as to the fact that we are now living in the last days. It is crystal clear that this is the last hour of the last days. God is fully in charge. This is the day of God's power. We have come to a momentous era in human history. The Lord has arisen in His power and majesty more than He ever did before. He has continued to demonstrate His power in an unprecedented manner. He has continued to wrought

great deliverance.

Sceptics have been confounded. Those who previously stood against the message of deliverance and spiritual warfare have changed gears. They have now accepted and identified with what God has been doing. After hearing and seeing remarkable evidences of spectacular deliverance, such people have swallowed their doubts and come to terms with the fact that total salvation and complete deliverance is God's message for this hour.

After I have preached, taught and ministered deliverance to individuals and multitudes for a number of years, the Lord has given me fresh insights into His heartbeat.

The revelation given to me as divine blue-print on deliverance gave me a challenge which made me to decide to offer, in one single volume, the essentials of deliverance to all and sundry. I am confident in the Lord that every sincere soul who goes through what the Lord is saying to the Church today, with a decision to apply the practical details to his day-to-day affairs, will experience complete victory over all hostile demonic forces. The result, no doubt, will be wonderful. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be healthy, wholesome and triumphant Christians will begin to shine as light in a dark world. Saints who love the Lord will experience freedom from nagging, satan-inspired problems.

Situations that border on satanic attacks which many believers have erroneously accepted as the will of God will give way to total freedom. Untimely death, embarrassing poverty, mysterious sicknesses, night attacks, demonic attacks in the family, joblessness, failure and other negative situations, which fill churches and Christian homes will become a thing of the past. Deliverance will set in and saints will possess their possessions. The Lord will do all these "in His time." In sum, the revelation which God will give to you will usher every department of your life into the day of God's power.

A lot of people have remained under captivity today because they do not understand the meaning and consequences of captivity. You cannot be free from bondage unless you come into an understanding of the scriptural meaning of captivity. Let us, therefore, go into the scriptures for

a thorough examination of the meaning of captivity. There is a very scary but apt statement in Isaiah 59:5: **"They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper."**

What a fitting description of what it means to be under bondage. Here, we see a picture of a well-rounded bondage. Anyone under this kind of bondage will be attacked from every angle with no where to turn to. Captivity is not palatable. It is better explained than experienced. Those who go through it know how painful and how awfully terrible it is. It is the worst experience anyone can have on this side of eternity.

Those who go through captivity generally have no breathing space, they are hedged in or hamstrung by multiple chains, to the extent that their total existence leaves much to be desired.

We come across another clear description and explanation of what it means to experience captivity in Job 42:10:

And the Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends. Also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Job's experience clearly demonstrated what it means to be under captivity. He suffered multiple losses. His children died mysteriously at the prime of their youth. His business was attacked and overnight he lost everything he had. Bad news trailed one another - until it came to a point when his wife had to ask him to curse God and die. He was a victim of satanic attack. He went through captivity. However, the Lord visited him and delivered him from captivity.

The Bible clearly teaches that God turned his captivity. He came out of captivity and God gave him everything he lost and more. Towards the end of his life, God lavished stupendous blessings on him.

Psalm 68:18 happens to be one of my favourite scriptures.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

The word "captivity" here connotes bondage. It Is presented as a personality. The highest form of captivity is experienced by people when the oppressor is a personality.

Some people know through their experience that the strongman fighting against them is a high-ranking, demonic personality. Such people generally feel that their cases are hopeless. Are you suffering a terrible attack, perpetrated by a demonic personality? Do you think that there Is no hope? I encourage you to believe God for total deliverance. God will soon put captivity under bondage. He will bind your oppressors with heavenly chains. And you will be free and free indeed.

Someone has said that God has not created a man He cannot tame. No matter how powerful the personality behind your captivity Is, He will strip him of all his powers and make him bite the dust. The enemy has held you captive because he has overpowered you. But the moment the powers of your enemy are taken away from him, he will be reduced to toothless dogs that cannot bite.

I remember an incident that took place many years ago. I was a member of a school relay team. Soon after the race started, the boy on the first leg was far ahead of all our opponents. It was dear that we were going to win. He maintained the lead and passed the baton to the second boy. Again, we maintained a dear lead. When the baton was handed over to the third boy, he ran and maintained the lead. There was a very big gap between him and the boy who was coming In the second position. Members of our house were jubilant They felt cocksure that if the baton should get to me at that rate, our house would win the relay race. Suddenly, the baton fell off from the hand of the boy who was to hand It over to me. He turned back to pick the baton but discovered that It could not be found anywhere on the track; it had fallen far away into the bush.

Running without the baton was useless. So, he made frantic efforts to locate the baton. I did not know what to do. Although I was the fastest runner In our team, I had to wait for the baton. By the time he found the baton, and made a spirited effort to pass It to me, the race was over. We-lost out The baton became our undoing. Although we were to come first, we came last The whole school was surprised.

That is exactly what happened when Jesus overcame satan. The table was turned against the enemy. The baton, the symbol of power, found its way into the bush. That is exactly how God will take your captivity captive and give you total freedom. Your captor will lose his baton and you will walk out of captivity. Can you say Amen to that?

Captivity is synonymous with bondage. These two words have something in common. Both can be used to describe a situation in which your freedom is hindered or taken away outright. For example, a man who is imprisoned in Lagos, Nigeria, cannot decide to go for shopping in England. Neither can he enjoy his liberty. Why? He is under captivity. The devil is subtle and cunning. He places people under bondage without allowing them to know what is happening. Such people might even feel that they are free. It takes God to open their eyes and set them free.

Recently I listened to a white woman on the television. She narrated her own kind of captivity, saying, "If I wanted to go to the shop to buy something, I would spent four hours applying make-ups. Whenever I had an evening outing, I would normally start in the morning to make up. I would apply cosmetics, and special make-up effects for eight hours before I go out But it never dawned on me that I was under bondage." Her confession shows that there are many levels of bondage.

There is no true freedom outside Christ. Those outside Christ, who claim that they are free and open-minded, are deceiving themselves. Free-thinkers, agnostics, atheists and the so-called philosophers are manipulated by the devil. They are under captivity. Those who are afraid of guns, threats, death, accidents and noise are not free. They are living under bondage. When your mind and soul are bound, you have lost everything. That is why the devil always targets the human mind. Once that is captured, he has got everything. If you allow the devil to tamper with your mind and your soul, he has captured you completely.

Only those who are truly free can experience and enjoy abundant life. However, freedom is not cheap. This fact is illustrated by the story of the Philipian Jailer and Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were arrested and punished, having committed no crime against the state. Their feet were chained in the dungeon. Instead of complaining and crying, they turned

the prison into an arena of praise and worship concert.

The Bible says "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God." God was so moved by the music that He caused an earthquake in the prison. It was such a violent tremor that every prisoner's chain was loosed. The prison warder was so nonplused that he came trembling and asked Paul and Silas: "What shall I do to be saved?" The earthquake was God's instrument for setting the captives free. The deliverance of Paul and Silas was so amazing that everyone around knew that something great had happened.

LEVELS/TYPES OF CAPTIVITY

Some people are so bound that they would attempt to attack those who are free.

Many are walking upside down all through their life time.

A lot of people suffer from what I call inherited captivity. Such people became bound right from the womb. They started their lives on a deficit note.

A group of people also go into captivity as a result of personal decision.

Apart from these groups, there are people who are made captives by force. They hate captivity, yet they are forcefully held under bondage.

This reminds me of the story of a particular sister who hates cassava meal in real life. But she had a dream in which she saw a strange face who forced her to eat cassava meal. She protested but the evil "night caterer" tied her hands, overpowered her and fed her until she felt like vomiting. By the time she woke up the next day, she was as heavy as lead. That was the beginning of a number of mysterious sicknesses. That is an example of what it means to be forced into captivity.

There is also accidental captivity. A particular person was supposed to get into trouble, but another person altogether walked into the situation and became a captive by accident. How do you explain the plight of someone who came to work everyday and did his job excellently but

came late accidentally on the very day his boss decided to sack all late comers? That is an example of accidental bondage.

There is also ignorant captivity. Some people are under captivity but are completely ignorant. All these examples of captivity are true life situations.

It is better to starve and be free than to be a fat slave. Lean liberty is better than fat slavery. Unknown to most people, what they refer to as freedom is merely a form of bondage.

This is not a popular message. Undoubtedly, it will cause commotion in the kingdom of darkness. You cannot read this book and remain the same. The problems in your life will bow before the word of God.

Many people are going through pain, agony and terrible suffering in spite of the fact that they are always fasting and praying. For such people wonder why their prayers have remained unanswered? The reason is not farfetched. God cannot waste His blessings on a man who is inside a cage. He will rather prefer that you first get out of the cage before He gives you His blessing.

Many Africans spend their entire life time inside all forms and shades of cages. That is why many Africans are backward. The rain of blessing may be falling but a man who is in prison will not benefit from it. Even if he sees it through the window he cannot get out of the prison. He is under bondage.

At this point, I want you to make this powerful confession. It is also a powerful prayer point. The aggressive manner with which you say it will determine what will take place in your life from now on:

I refuse to be caged, in the name of Jesus.

You must repeat the prayer point until the anointing that delivers from bondage comes upon your life.

Jesus is a specialist in reversing the work of the devil. Where He finds darkness He turns it to light. He changes poverty to prosperity. He cancels curses and turns them into blessings. He sets the oppressed free

and makes him an overcomer. He replaces fear with peace. He removes ill-luck and brings in divine favour. He is a specialist in destroying captivity and setting the oppressed free. No matter what kind of captivity you are in, Jesus will set you free. He has declared, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the eyes to the blind and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Unfortunately there are people who find themselves in helpless situations. They may not be responsible for such ugly situations, yet they suffer.

Recently, I came across a pathetic situation. A young girl happened to be very brilliant, but she had to stop schooling because her parents were poor. As the parents were wondering what to do about the situation, a 45-year old man came around and promised to help them. The rich man promised to sponsor the girl if her parents would give her out to him in marriage. They had to give their eight-year old daughter to a 45-year old husband.

The man began to finance the girl's education. She finished secondary school and continued her education. However, she never liked the man. But the man had spent a lot of money on her. She discovered that her parents' situation imposed captivity on her.

Another lady battled with a stubborn problem. Her sexual organ was damaged permanently. What happened was that a 50-year old man raped her when she was two. That is another form of captivity.

A man found that because of his background, he was unable to keep any of the four women he married. He never grew up to know his parents and he stayed with four groups of foster parents at different times. He developed a negative attitude as a result of what he was exposed to. He was therefore harsh and wicked to everyone he came across. Every woman he married discovered that he was a strange fellow and packed away. That is another kind of captivity.

Are you in any form of captivity? What kind of captivity? Perhaps you can recollect, right now, that you were once intelligent, successful and

prosperous but now everything has turned upside down. That is captivity.

Perhaps you were once so wealthy that you could sponsor ten people in the university. But today you can't afford one decent meal in a day. That is satanic captivity.

Maybe your situation has become so bad that you feel like dying. That is captivity.

Perhaps you were once robust, ebullient and healthy but today you are sickly, haggard and unkempt. You are now suffering from two or three incurable diseases. That is captivity.

Perhaps something went wrong with your husband and he suddenly lost every interest in you. That is also captivity.

Who knows? You might have made several efforts to improve your situation. It is also possible that you have battled with negative thoughts. You might have been dissatisfied with yourself wondering why you ever existed. If you are always fond of having a low estimation or negative opinion about yourself, then you are under captivity.

If things are getting worse in spite of all the efforts you are making, you are under captivity.

If you are always oppressed by the spirit of confusion, then you are under captivity.

Perhaps, you have been having terrible nightmares and you are scared by ordinary ants or cockroaches, then you are under bondage.

If you see what others do not see, like images and apparitions, then you are under serious captivity.

Recently a man came to me for counselling and talked for one hour non-stop. He painted several pictures of what he had been going through. When he stopped, I gave him some prayer points and told him to pray them with all his energy. I expected him to pray for a long period, judging from the way he had talked with me. To my surprise, he slept off and was snoring loudly not quite five minutes after he started praying. I

discovered that he was under bondage.

What makes a man sleep off when he is supposed to pray some very serious prayer points? Captivity.

What is behind hatred and bitterness towards other people? Captivity.

A lot of things which we often take for granted are evidences of captivity. Irrational or violent anger by people who appear so gentle that they cannot hurt a fly, is an evidence of captivity. When such people are confronted by those they offended they become awfully sorry.

Those who suffer from restlessness are also under captivity. Those who cannot stay in one place for two minutes without being restless are under captivity.

What of extreme sluggishness and slumber when handling important things?

Why do people go into coma and lose consciousness?

Why do certain families go through regular mysterious attacks?

Or why are some people complaining of unseen objects walking all over their bodies? The only explanation is captivity.

Morbid fear, heart-rending anxiety, over-eating, excessive murmuring and grumbling, uncontrollable sexual urge, wickedness and all forms of irrational behaviour are evidences of captivity.

SATANIC STRATEGY OF CAPTIVITY

The devil has his strategy or methods of putting men under bondage. The same old devil is still using the same old methods. Nothing has changed. What the devil did in the garden of Eden is exactly what he has continued to repeat time and again.

How did satan start his captivity business?

- **IN THE BEGINNING**

Let us take a journey into the beginning of mankind's history. God created Adam. The name Adam means "red earth" or "of the ground" or "taken out of the ground".

The location and the climate of the Garden of Eden suggests that the first occupiers were blacks. Bible scholars have told us that Adam did not resemble the white man. Again, the Bible and science agree that the first man was of African origin and that all languages originated from Africa.

Adam was a unique person. If he had continued in that manner he would have turned the whole world into Eden. The name of Adam's wife, Eve, means 'life' or 'living'. The first couple entered into captivity through satanic strategy.

The first strategy that the devil used against Adam and Eve was to make them ***listen to his lies.*** Eve listened and the whole family got into trouble.

The second strategy used by the devil is that, he ***put a question mark on what God had said.***

The third strategy? He made Eve to ***doubt God and believe the devil.***

What is the fourth strategy? Satan tempted Eve and made her to ***nurse an unholy ambition - to be like God.***

Then the devil went ahead to apply the fifth strategy by ***appealing to their appetite.*** That was how they got into satanic captivity.

Sometime ago, a man was given a delicious food by his neighbour. The aroma of the food was so inviting that he decided to keep it until he had time to savour the sweetness of the special meal. Somehow, he felt satisfied and decided that the special meal would wait for a longer time. After all, the food was his own.

Somehow he was awake until midnight. He decided to open the food flask in which he kept the food. What he discovered gave him the greatest shock of his life. Immediately he opened the flask a bird flew out. He did not know when the flask fell off from his hand. The food had disappeared. In its place was a bird. Unknown to him the food had been

given to him with the sole aim of initiating him into witchcraft. Had he eaten the food he would have become a witch exactly at midnight.

Satan's strategy has not changed. ***People get into bondage by listening to the devil, doubting what God has said, nursing unholy ambition, appetite,*** **etc.**

I had an experience many years ago, in far away Zimbabwe. I went there to attend an international conference on the latest technology in medical research. I noticed that there was a lady participant who made sure that she sat in front of me whenever we went for our meals at the cafeteria. She always stared at me.

One day she took up courage and told me: "Dr. Daniel, I just like you. I admire you." I told her that she should not admire me unless she was ready to admire fire. She was surprised. She looked at me again and said: "How can somebody admire fire?" She kept on telling me that she admired me until one day when she said: "What about this fire thing?" I told her that she had to take some prayer points to understand what fire means.

The first prayer point she took was, "Oh Lord, rain the fire of the Holy Ghost upon my life and let whatever is against You in my life manifest and be destroyed, in the name of Jesus." She had not prayed for more than two minutes when she began to react violently. She began to scream, "Pastor, I want you to stop this prayer. I can't stand the fire. It is hurting and destroying my beautiful demonic bodyguards. These girls are my attendants. I am their queen. Please, stop the fire." That was how the Lord exposed the satanic agent.

That lady must have captured many innocent souls. I feel sorry today for the men who are still running around her and committing immorality with her. Unknown to such captives they are dealing with a wicked demonic queen.

Another incident took place recently. A man died and was wheeled to the mortuary. The hospital attendants noticed some signs of life in him and wheeled him back to the ward. Later, he sneezed and came back to life. He got up immediately and said "Please, discharge me. I am going

back to my house. I will never commit adultery again." What really happened to the man who rose from the dead was that before he died he had committed adultery with a married woman, who, unknown to him, was a demon agent.

Immediately he died, the woman appeared to him saying, "Foolish man, did you think that I was a human being? You made the greatest mistake of your life by sleeping with me. You have slept with a demonic agent, that is why you died." Now, he has vowed that he will never commit adultery again.

It is good to obey the word of God. Whenever we preach and tell men and women to maintain moral sanctity, there are people who feel that pastors are trying to curtail their liberty. Sin leads to bondage. It is easy to commit sin. But facing the consequences is a terrible experience.

• DISOBEDIENCE

The greatest cause of captivity is disobedience. All those who travel on the highway of disobedience have deliberately chosen the expressway that leads to bondage. That was what the devil used to lead Adam and Eve into bondage.

• HOUSEHOLD EVIL ACTIVITIES

Later, Adam and Eve gave birth to two sons known as Cain and Abel. Cain means possession or acquisition. Abel, on the other hand, means breath or vanity. In other words, possession killed vanity. That incident reveals another strategy which the devil uses to lead men into captivity. Household wickedness. Cain and Abel were children of the same parents. Yet one killed the other. This illustrates the wickedness of household enemies. Many people have been brought into captivity as a result of the activities of household enemies.

Sometime ago, a man decided to trace the root of his problem. But he went to the wrong place. He consulted a fetish priest who told him that his mother-in-law was the source of his problems. The man asked the priest what he should do to solve the problem. The fetish priest told him to go back to his mother-in-law and beg her.

The man was so naive that he travelled out of Lagos to his mother-in-laws village. As soon as the woman sighted him she asked what the problem was. The man complained that after getting married to her daughter, things had become unbearably tough. The woman looked straight into his eyeballs and said, "Why won't things be difficult? You people are enjoying yourselves in Lagos. Why did you buy a modern mattress for your wife while you continue to allow me to sleep on a mat? Things will definitely be difficult for you until you buy a mattress for me."

The man turned to the mother-in-law and said, "Is that all?" The woman said, "No, there is another thing. You have something in your house that blows fresh air when it is hot." "Do you mean a standing fan?" the man cut in. "Yes," said the woman, "why have you allowed me to suffer intense heat in the village while both of you are enjoying modern amenities in Lagos? If you want us to talk at all you must go back and buy a mattress and a standing fan for me immediately. Then I will tell you the source of your problems."

The man ran to Lagos and withdrew money from his account to meet up with his mother-in-law's request. He carried the items to the village and presented them to the mother-in-law. It was at that point that she took him to the back of her house and showed him a withered tree. "Look at this tree," she said, "as long as this tree is dry and withered, you will continue to experience hard times. Now that you have learned your lesson you are going to experience a respite. I am going to pour water on the tree. Immediately that is done, you will experience prosperity." The old woman entered her room and brought out water from a calabash and poured it on the tree. She then told him to go back to Lagos and expect positive changes.

When he got to Lagos, true to her words, things changed immediately. They began to experience good times. After a few months, everything went down again. It was their worst condition. He rushed back to the village, only to discover that both the woman and the tree had died. That was how the family jumped from frying pan to fire. The mother-in-law was no longer alive to proffer any solution to their problems. That is the work of household wickedness.

• ADDICTION

As the story of the early history of mankind goes, Adam gave birth to Seth. Seth means compensation or substitute. Later, Enoch was born. Enoch gave birth to Methuselah which means "when he is dead he shall be sent." Along the line Noah was born. Noah means rest or comfort. Later, the flood came upon the world.

Together with his family Noah survived the flood. Later, he planted vineyard and started to drink wine. Thus, he became the first man in the Bible to become a drunk or an addict. That leads us to another strategy which the devil uses to lure men and women into captivity. Today, if you are drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes or if you are taking some hard drugs, you are under a serious captivity.

Noah gave birth to children. His first son was Shem. The name Shem means "a name" The Israelites are the descendants of Shem. Noah gave birth to another son, Ham. Ham means heat or hot. It also means black. The black race are descendants of Ham. His third son, Japhet, means enlargement or extension. The Europeans or the whites in general are the descendants of Japhet.

• NAME

Why have I taken so much pains to examine the meaning of these names? It is simply because names are another strategy used by satan to lead men and women into captivity.

Some people's problems are tied to the names they bear. If you bear a satanic name, or if you bear a cursed name, it will serve as a platform for satanic activity.

The devil uses names to put people into bondage.

Names have basic functions.

One, names are for identification.

Two, it reveals something about you.

Three, it can ascribe something to you.

Four, it can personify; it brings something into manifestation.

Five, it reveals your family background.

Whenever the negative experiences and the problems which a man is going through aligns with the name which he bears, it is an evidence of captivity. The fact that your life is upside down in consonance with your name is an evidence that your name is cursed.

Jacob for example, had to change Rachel's last child's name, Benoni, which means son of my sorrow, to Benjamin which means the son of my right hand. If he had retained that name he would have remained in sorrow.

The names which human beings bear on earth are of so much concern to heavenly beings that they sometimes have to intervene and change bad names to good ones.

Names have spiritual power which can influence the life of the bearer. If you bear a cursed name, it can spell disaster for you.

I know born again Christians who have suffered untold hardships as a result of bad names. Names are important in the Bible. When John was born, he was given a significant name which means God is salvation. His name pointed to the coming of the Saviour. When Jesus was born He was given a name which means "He shall save His people from their sins."

What is your name?

Have you ever pondered on the meaning of your name?

Those whose names align with unpleasant life experiences are under captivity.

Is your name attached to a local idol?

Does your name imply evil?

Is your name dedicated to a local African god or goddess?

Does your name have anything to do with market days, trees, animals or notable ancestors who fought inter-tribal wars and killed many people?

Does your name have anything to do with evil spirits, familiar, and marine spirits?

What is your name?

What does your name mean in your local language?

Does your name suggest that you are a reincarnation of your father or mother?

Is there anything like wickedness, vengeance or retribution in your name?

These are questions you must answer.

When a Christian bears a name which suggests evil or demonic beings, he does himself a lot of harm by retaining such a name. It is also dangerous to bear a combination of a good Christian name and a demonic idolatrous name, because a cursed name authorises some demons to exercise certain powers over your life.

Again, if your name is meaningless you must do something about it. Circumstances surrounding the naming ceremony of some people are also sources of trouble.

Names which were given as a result of sad parental experiences are another source of problem. Those who were named in the shrines of fetish priests or by powerful witch doctors and those who were named after demonic divination are under captivity. It is important that you seek to know the meaning of your name.

SOLUTION TO EVIL NAMES

What then is the solution?

First, you may have to drop the evil name and pick up a new one.

Second, you also have to go ahead and destroy the spiritual foundation and principle behind the former name.

Third, by prayer and faith you must bring into manifestation the blessing of your new name. Some people may not really agree with these facts. But if you study the scriptures and find out what happened to those who bore evil names, you will make up your mind to have nothing to do with bad names.

You must be ready to deal with every cause of captivity. If you allow captivity you will bear the suffering alone. You must deal with every weapon which the enemy has used to bring you into captivity.

Make sure that you rid your life of any captivity today. Get your freedom at all cost. Fight the good fight of faith and say bye-bye to captivity.

This is your moment of deliverance.

chapter two

COMING OUT OF CAPTIVITY

It goes without saying that captivity is undesirable. No one who has ever tasted the cruel pangs of captivity will want to remain in that situation for one minute.

Every prisoner cherishes liberty. Men and women who are under bondage generally look for how to get rid of their chains. No one who is in his right mind will want to remain under captivity.

Today, more than in any other period of human history, men and women are looking for approved men of God and seasoned deliverance ministers to show them the way out of captivity. It is not enough, therefore, to tell someone that he is under bondage. Every God anointed minister must go ahead to tell the captive how to get rid of his chains. If you paint a horrible picture of the terrible nature of what it means to be imprisoned before a frustrated prisoner, you have not solved his problem. To be sure, the prisoner is tired of his inhuman condition. More than any other thing, he hankers after liberty. In the same vein, men and women are tired of their chains. What they are looking for is sweet liberty.

Therefore, this chapter has been devoted to showing all who desire freedom the way out of captivity.

There are two ways of responding to sickness. A medical doctor can give two types of prescriptions. He can choose to calm down or reduce the pains suffered by someone who is sick. On the other hand, he can decide to attack the disease right from the root.

Palliative measures will only provide temporary relief and will not deal thoroughly with the disease. Therefore, a doctor who knows his onions would decide to prescribe drugs that would give permanent cure. Our approach has always been centred on going to the root or foundation and

attacking human problems from that point. The Bible says, 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Thank God the Bible does not say "You shall know the truth and the truth shall give you some temporary relief." You must be ready, therefore, to receive the truth and apply it.

A patient whose life is hanging in the balance will not tell a doctor that the only drugs he likes to take are sugar-coated tablets. He has no option if it means he has to take bitter pills in his bid to survive and experience the revitalisation of his health.

I have no doubt in my mind that you are ready to take necessary steps to get out of captivity. Therefore, I want you to note these important steps. They are tested and proven. Thousands have applied them to their situations. Today, they are free from bondage, oppression and evil domination.

YOU MUST LEARN YOUR LESSONS

The problems with many today, is that they fail to learn their lessons when they enter into captivity. Even when such people experience deliverance through divine mercy and the manifestation of the power of God they sometimes go back into the same captivity after some time.

If you learn appropriate lessons from your journey into captivity you will save yourself unnecessary suffering, misery and woe. Failure to learn your lessons will make you a permanent deliverance candidate.

Let me make these points very emphatic.

You must learn your lessons in your present situation if you want the Lord to set you free from captivity. God will not turn your captivity away unless you are ready to learn your lessons.

Have you learnt your lessons?

Have you discovered the things that are responsible for your captivity?

Perhaps you got into captivity through impatience. Have you learnt your lesson? Who knows? Your marriage would not have been captured by

the enemy if not for your impatience.

Did you get into bondage through anger? Are you ready to allow the Lord to deal with every trace of anger in your life?

Perhaps you got into bondage as a result of fornication. Have you learnt your lesson?

That reminds me of a brother whom it took multiple deliverance efforts to get out of captivity. How did he get into bondage? He was driving his car one evening when he came across a beautiful lady. He decided-to give her a lift, thinking that he got a partner for his fleshly desires. He was shocked when he took the lady home and wanted to commit immorality with her. By the time he removed his dress and moved near the lady, he was shocked by the fact that she had turned to a coffin. He shouted to attract neighbours.

That experience landed him into a terrible bondage. When he was delivered at last, he vowed never to give any lady a lift. Later he formed the habit of looking away from ladies in the street whenever he was driving his car. He had learnt his lesson. He did not want to pick up another coffin.

Have you ever got into bondage through sexual immorality? Have you learnt your lesson?

Are you under captivity as a result of nagging, back-biting, pride or lack of respect? Have you learnt your lesson?

Did you get into trouble through laziness and indecent behaviour?

I also remember the story of a woman who was driven out of her matrimonial home because of her failure to give attention to personal hygiene. She came to me for prayer and I decided to approach the husband. The husband simply told me that he would have liked to keep their family matters to himself but would say one or two things because I am a pastor. He took me to the wardrobe and brought out the wife's underwears with a long stick. I had to step backward. The husband said, "can you see how dirty my wife is. I can't put up with such a dirty woman. That was why I sent her out." Are you like that woman? Are you having

family problems because of your own shortcomings?

Did you get into bondage as a result of disobedience to God?

Let us examine the life of Job. He experienced adversity and captivity, but he learnt his lesson. What lessons did he learn? Job learnt that fear is evil and should not be allowed into one's heart.

He also learnt that it is wrong to ascribe unto God what the devil has done. Job learnt that the devil is the brain behind human suffering, not God. Job learnt that he made a mistake by cursing the day he was born. He learnt his lessons and prayed for his friends. Immediately he learnt his lesson, "God turned the captivity of Job.

If you refuse to learn from your previous experiences you will ever remain a student in the school of failure. You will never be able to get into a new class. The lesson will be repeated time and again until you learn your lessons.

CLOSE ALL DOORS THROUGH WHICH THE ENEMY CAN GAIN ACCESS INTO YOUR LIFE

A lot of people get into captivity and remain there by refusing to close every door used by satan as entry points. Let me give you some illustrations of what I mean.

A man wanted to get married but he decided to approach it the wrong way. Instead of allowing the Lord to choose for him, he decided to depend on his personal choice. He identified three ladies whom he thought would make good wives any day. He decided to take the names of the ladies to God in prayer. His prayer was "Oh Lord, here are three names for your consideration. I don't know whom to marry but I like the three of them. Oh Lord, if you want to speak to me, go ahead. But I like the first one on the list. I'd be glad if you can allow me to marry her. I think she is okay. That was his prayer every time he handled that topic.

After satisfying himself, he came up with the idea of marrying the first lady on the list, believing that he had received approval from God. He succeeded in achieving his goal. He got married to the lady. No sooner

were they married than he began to experience terrible problems in his life. His home was a sort of hell on earth. His business collapsed. He lost his retainerships. His clients were no longer ready to give him any job. Things got so bad that he had to resort to begging. He began to look for solutions to his complex problems.

He came to the church and started praying. He was ready to do anything to experience deliverance. He fasted for seven days nonstop. He decided to go further when he realised that his situation needed drastic steps. He went ahead and observed 21 days dry fasting. He did not stop there. He went as far as doing 40 days dry fasting. At the end, he experienced an unusual deliverance. Unknown to him, his wife was the spiritual force behind his problem. She was the one who drained away all his fortunes until he was reduced to a beggar.

Immediately he was through with the 40 days fasting and prayer, the wife came to him saying, "My husband, I would like us to go somewhere together." At first he wanted to decline but the Holy Spirit told him to follow her. They went out together and the husband received the greatest shock of his life. After trekking a kilometre, the wife suddenly stamped her right foot on the ground and the atmosphere changed suddenly. They found themselves in a different world. They were no longer in the earthly realm.

As soon as they got there, thousands of children ran to the man's wife calling her "Mummy! Mummy!!" The woman stepped aside and told these strange demonic children, "I am no longer your mummy from today. My husband has succeeded in removing me from this spiritual world through his strange prayers. I am here today only to bid you goodbye. My husband has cancelled the link between me and this kingdom. I hereby renounce my association with every one of you. Goodbye."

As soon as the woman finished speaking, she stamped her right foot on the ground again and they found themselves where they had been. The man was so shocked by the incident that he kept on shivering for the next 30 minutes. Although he came out of captivity, he later realised that he was the very one who opened the door for the enemy to come in.

Someone came to me recently to share a strange experience with me.

He told me how a university student died in some mysterious circumstances. Here is the story.

A lady was getting ready to attend lectures. She rushed into the bathroom to have her bath and discovered that there was a fellow student in the bathroom. What she saw shocked her and she found it difficult to run back. The fellow student was washing her hair, but actually she had a headless body bending down to wash a head which had been taken off from her body. The lady wondered if she was dreaming. She fainted within a few seconds. It took the effort of concerned fellow students to resuscitate her.

Incidentally, she was the only one who saw the headless body and the separate head. When fellow students asked her what she saw she narrated how she saw another student in the bathroom in a very strange and abnormal condition. Immediately she finished speaking to them, she collapsed and died. They made a lot of efforts to bring her back to rife but they did not succeed. That was how she died prematurely. Why did the enemy succeed in killing that lady? There was an open door in her life.

A wealthy man once came to me with an unusual problem. He was extremely wealthy. However, he had no relationship with God. He decided to consult false prophets to solve his problem. Within a very short time, he became a vision addict. He avoided pastors who would tell him the truth and surrendered himself to fake prophets just because they were seeing visions for him. He came across one strange prophet who told him something concerning his life. He became so fascinated and ended up being overly dependent on the false prophet.

One day, the false prophet conveyed a strange vision to the wealthy man. What was the message? "Thus saith the Lord, you must give your house to my servant, the prophet. If you fall to do so, all your children will die. Make sure you don't disobey the voice of the Lord. Obey the Lord and it shall be well with you. Thus saith the Lord."

The man found it difficult to part with a palatial building which he had spent over ₦25 m (300,000 dollars) to build. At the same time he was not willing to lose his children. At the end, he voluntarily did a change of ownership and documented the property in favour of the false prophet.

That was how he lost his house. However, he came to know God years later. He began to learn how to pray aggressively. His prayers began to work against the fake prophet. Their effect was so unbearable for the prophet that he decided to revenge. The wealthy man was relaxing in his living room one day when the false prophet appeared from nowhere. The man was surprised because all the doors were securely locked.

It was then it dawned on him that the prophet was a first class demonic agent. The prophet opened his mouth and said, "I come to warn you because of your dangerous prayers. I know you have started attending a church where fire prayers are said against enemies. Yes, I took your house. It is mine forever. If you don't stop your fire prayers we are going to deal with you." The rich man had become bold because he had discovered the power of prayer. He looked at the false prophet and said, "You have no power to deal with me." The false prophet slapped the wall and three masquerades came out physically. He and the three masquerades descended upon the rich man and dealt with him mercilessly. The rich man ran to the church for reinforcement. But, may I ask you. How did he get into that problem in the first place? He got into captivity because he was looking for visions and prophecy. The enemy did not force the door open. The rich man opened the door through consulting fake prophets.

In what ways have you opened the door to the enemy? You must make up your mind to close all such doors.

My experience in the ministry has made me to know that by and large, human beings are responsible for their own captivity.

I was invited to minister in a particular church sometime ago. The leaders and the members of that church were tired of their problems and they decided to look for help. Of a truth their problems were really much. The church was besieged by very stubborn demonic forces. Its 520 members had more problems than they could cope with. Their pastors were dying one after the other. Members were also dying. The problem was indeed great.

When I got there I discovered that the pastors as well as the eaders had opened the door to the devil through their actions. I told them that I

was going to help them, provided they were ready to carry out an important assignment. I distributed a spiritual evaluation questionnaire and appealed to them to be sincere with themselves. By the time the questionnaires were turned in I was shocked. An analysis of their individual responses brought out the following staggering facts.

- Three hundred and eighty people had incisions all over their bodies.
- One hundred and seventy had been involved in fetish sacrifices.
- Sixty ladies had slept with more than seven men.
- Almost all the bachelors had slept with more than seven ladies.
- One man had slept with his daughter.
- One man had slept with his mother.
- One hundred and fifty members had been involved with the use of candles in prayer.
- Three hundred had gone through ritual bath under the supervision of false prophets.
- One hundred and sixty were involved with adultery and had concealed it from their spouses.
- More than 100 were involved in stealing.
- One hundred and fifty members had one form of linkage or the other with idols.

These facts show that they were responsible for what they were going through.

The devil is a legal expert. He knows the law. The devil is not as powerful as you think. His strength lies in his ability to use the law as an instrument of leading men and women into bondage. The devil has an organised system. He has clearly-stated laws which guide his operations. However, none of the satanic laws will function if human beings would not open one door or the other. Let us run through some of the satanic laws.

SATANIC LAWS

• No room for forgiveness

Satan and his agents have no room for forgiveness. You are wasting your time if you by to appease them. You cannot pacify a witch. If a man decides to call a family meeting and makes a public appeal to satanic agents to forgive him if he has offended any of them, such a man is wasting his time. Satan and his agents have nothing like forgiveness in their dictionary. If you ever make a mistake of offending demonic agents they will never forgive you. They will deal with you squarely. It is not in their nature to forgive anyone. Satan has no experience of forgiveness. Hence, he cannot forgive anybody. He has mandated his agents to deal wickedly with anyone who plays into their hands.

• No free gift

There is nothing free in the satanic kingdom. Although he operates a 'buy now pay later scheme' you cannot get away with whatever is bought or borrowed from the devil. He will even charge you interest.

Satan operates a very primitive trade by barter system. He has no free gift. He is very thrifty. He makes people to pay for whatever they buy from him. His goods are the costliest. Some Christians often discover that their wealth begins to dwindle immediately they give their lives to Christ. If such people would sit down to evaluate the sources of their wealth they will discovered that most of it came from satan. God would simply allow the removal of satanic wealth to bestow upon them true and lasting riches.

• All curses must be enforced

The sources of the curses notwithstanding, the devil ensures that all curses are enforced. Curses pronounced on you by others and the curses you brought upon yourself will be enforced whether you like it or not. Satan's law enforcement agents are always standing by to enforce all curses.

• The maturity date of every covenant must not be exceeded

If your grand parents entered into a covenant without consulting you, if the maturity date falls into your own time you cannot escape it. The

maturity date will be strictly adhered to even when those who are parties to the covenant have forgotten all about it.

A woman had a problem and ran to a fetish priest. The fetish priest said, "Woman, there is a great problem in your family. You have a daughter who has been covenanted to the dark kingdom. She is going to die on the 3rd of October. There is nothing you can do about it. The maturity date for the covenant cannot be exceeded." The woman became afraid. She pleaded passionately with the fetish priest to do whatever he could to avert the situation. He told her that the die was cast and there was no hope. The woman abandoned him and went out in search of a false prophet. She had not told the prophet what her problem was when the prophet said "Woman, you have a daughter who will die on the 3rd of October. She will surely die. The covenant must be kept."

Again the woman pleaded with him to do whatever he could to prevent her daughter from dying. The prophet said, "I am sorry, there is nothing I can do about it. The powers in charge are stronger than I. You can by another prophet" The woman ran to the church and we told her and her daughter to give their lives to Christ.

Eventually, death was averted through repentance and deliverance prayers. The young lady would have died but for divine intervention through anointed men of God. On the second of October there was a great battle between evil spiritual forces and the power of God. There was pandemonium outside the lady's room. There were lots of sounds of movement but nobody was visible. The noise and all the pandemonium became calm immediately it was a minute after midnight. The lady had been delivered. The devil did not forget the appointed day. He actually came. But he lost out as a result of the manifestation of the power of God.

The problem with that kind of situation is that the powers behind such covenants may not give you any reminder. The covenant might have been made when you were in your mothers' womb. Hence, you will never get to know about it. Your parents would not tell you all the covenants they went into before you were born. But the powers behind these covenants will be there at the right time to enforce them. The maturity

date remains boldly written in the diary of the enemy. These powers may tell some people 'You will die on your wedding day' That is what will happen, unless the covenant is broken.

At this point, please, take this prayer point:

Every unconscious evil covenant, break, in the name of Jesus.

• Strike first at anything good and strike hard

This is a very wicked satanic law. That is why evil powers generally attack innocent children because they have been able to see into the future of those children. Whenever you come across a child who is bombarded with all kinds of harassment, then you must know that there is something good about that child. Evil powers have a mandate to strike and destroy all good things. This is exactly why we encourage Christians to strike the enemy at their earliest opportunities.

• It is compulsory to steal, to kill and to destroy

This is a law which all satanic agents are compelled to obey. Both small and great agents of the devil know that their duty is to steal, to kill and to destroy.

• All sinners must receive evil arrows

All those who are living in sins are exposing themselves to evil arrows. Clever sinners are self-deceivers. They only treasure up wicked arrows for themselves.

• Every inherited evil must be propagated unto destruction

If evil powers know that you have inherited certain evil things from your parents they will ensure that such evil inheritance is used as a weapon to destroy you.

• Offer destructive assistance whenever required

Satanic agents look for opportunities to offer destructive assistance. A woman became envious of her friend's wealth, not knowing the source of

the wealth. She wanted to become rich like her friend. She called her friend and told her: "Why do you call me your friend when you have not shown me how to become wealthy like you. I want to be rich like you. Please, show me the way. I am ready to go all the way to become rich." Her friend's reply was simple: "Don't worry. It is very simple. I'll take you somewhere. I didn't know that you were interested. You will become rich once you are ready to pay the price."

She followed her friend sheepishly to the house of a voodoo priest. Certain rituals were performed on her behalf. She went back home expecting riches. One afternoon her only son fainted. She raised an alarm and made desperate attempt to bring him back to life. She was still struggling with the son when the friend who took her to the house of the voodoo priest came. The woman was crying uncontrollably, asking her friend to assist her bring the boy back to life. Her friend simply told her to sit down and relax. She said, "Friend, you don't need to worry about anything. Let the boy die. It is unavoidable. That is the price you must pay if you want to be rich. That is why I took you to the priest. Do you think that I did not pay any price? I lost my own son, and that was how the money came. You cannot get our kind of money unless you are ready to pay for it with the life of your son."

The woman's eyes opened and she screamed, "Please, I don't want that kind of money. Take me back to the priest, my son's life must be returned." They found their way back to the house of the fetish priest who asked them to buy a white goat and the son was revived. This is a clear example of the readiness of demonic powers to offer destructive assistance.

- **If one weapon falls try another weapon**

Servants of the devil do not give up easily. They keep fighting.

- **All demons must hate Christians with perfect hatred**

This is another wicked law. They hate all Christians.

- **All human minds must be blinded from the gospel of truth**

They work tirelessly to fulfil this law.

• All attempts must be made to corrupt and destroy marriages

Satan and his agents hate the institution of marriage and they are out to corrupt and destroy it.

• The demon of sin must be the most attractive demon

The devil's servants make sure that sin is made beautiful and attractive at all times.

The laws listed above only represent very few among the whole lot. Since the devil is a legal expert, he expects all his followers to keep to all these laws. However, I thank God that He has given us a higher law.

How then can we close every door that we have carelessly opened for the devil and evil spirits to use against us. What steps must you take to close every door which the devil and his demons are likely to use.

HOW TO CLOSE DOORS OPENED TO THE DEVIL

• Acknowledge the presence of the enemy

The truth is that most of the battle you are fighting today do not come from external forces but from within. Some witches are sleeping because there is nothing for them to do. Why? You have made the assignment very easy by cooperating with them.

• Ask God to show you all the open doors

The Bible says: **"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting"** (Psalm 139:23-24). Be honest with yourself. It may take you weeks or months to discover all the open doors.

• Close the open doors

Get rid of all besetting sins. Settle your account with God. Deal with all unconfessed sins. There are some people today who have remained under bondage because they have refused to own up to their sins. They refuse to confess their sins. When such people find their way to my office, I used to ask them, "Have you gone through deliverance?" "Yes," they would answer. Then I would probe further: "Did you confide in any of the deliverance ministers? Did you confess that sin to them." They would say, "No I could not because of the fear of being misunderstood. I didn't want all those pastors to begin to look at me as a very bad fellow. That is why I decided to keep these things to myself."

I have discovered that all those who had that kind of problem were never truly delivered. They ended up retaining their problems as a result of their failure to close all open doors once and for all.

• You must be able to deal with the problems

You cannot come out of captivity until you are ready to deal thoroughly with your problem. Jesus asked the man at the pool of Bethsaida, "Wilt thou be made whole?" In the same vein, do you want to be made free?

• You must act in faith

You must exercise faith in God if you want to come out of captivity. You must be fully persuaded that the blood of Jesus is more powerful than all satanic weapons. You must be willing to step out of captivity by faith in the finished work of calvary.

I cannot end this chapter without referring to something which is very crucial. The problem of generational curses has remained the greatest problem of the black man. Africans have suffered immensely from generational curses and bondage. Today, many people are paying for what their forefathers bought in the devils' supermarkets.

Reflect a moment on all the problems you have passed through for the last ten years or so. Let me ask you: What did you do to deserve all those problems? It is clear that you are only paying for what your parents

bought Majority of the problems of the black man can be classified under generational problems. Generational problems are very difficult to deal with.

If anybody prays, "Beginning from Adam and Eve, on both sides of my family, I uproot every evil tree", don't mock such a person. He is praying a very important prayer. By the time that kind of prayer is said for one hour a lot of things will take place.

STEPS TO FREEDOM FROM GENERATIONAL CURSES

You must take the following steps if you want to separate yourself from generational curses:

• Acknowledge the sins of your forefathers.

And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them. If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land (Lev. 26:39-42).

• Ask God to forgive the sins of dead or living forefathers.

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death (I Jn 5:16-17).

• Confess your own sins and be honest with yourself.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chr 7:14).

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy (Prov 28:13)

• Ask God to forgive and cleanse you and your forefathers.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I Jn 1:7-9).

• Repent of those sins completely.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

• Believe that Jesus became a curse for us.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: (Gal 3:13).

• Use your authority in the name of Jesus, and by His blood to declare the curses broken.

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, (Eph 1:20-22).

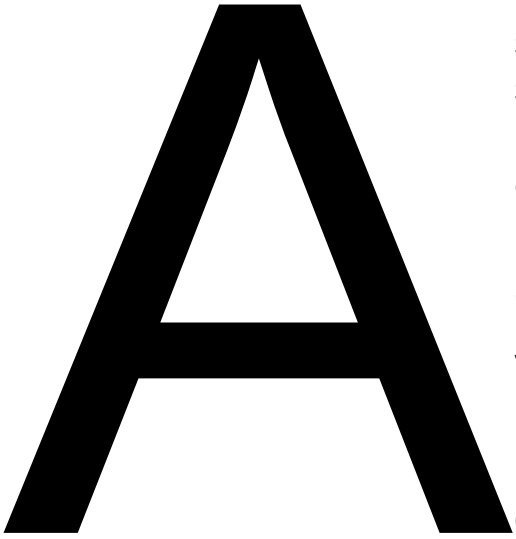
And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (Rev

12:11).

- **Spend quality time speaking God's blessings into your life.**

chapter three

SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION



s you read this chapter you need to do something. Therefore, I would like you to pray the following prayer point aggressively.

O Lord, write my name among those who are victorious, in the name of Jesus.

The phrase 'environmental sanitation' has been popularised in Nigeria as a result of a government policy which centres on dealing with wastes, dirt, unhealthy conditions and all forms of unwanted materials which litter most cities.

In recent times, certain days are carved out as days when the entire populace is supposed to clean up the environment. Perhaps the government has come up with that policy to minimise health hazards.

The government goes to the extent of arresting those who fail to participate in the exercise. Besides this general experience, it is likely that every reader of this book is personally familiar with some forms of environmental sanitation or personal hygiene.

What I want you to know is that just as we try to take care of our environmental and personal health, in order to avoid epidemics, life threatening diseases, insects and pests that thrive in dirty environments and other forms of health hazards; we must be intelligent enough to know that spiritual environmental sanitation is equally necessary.

Why? For exactly the same reasons we do physical environmental sanitation. If you neglect spiritual environmental sanitation you will be inviting all kinds of spiritual pests. You will allow spiritual diseases (and

even physical ones) to make a garbage heap out of your life. You will invite epidemics that will terminate your business, marriage, finance and progress. If you fail to clean up regularly you will suffer all kinds of physical and spiritual hazards.

The devil is very intelligent. He always looks for polluted or dirty environments to deposit his evil luggage. If he comes across your life and finds it dirty, stinking, unkempt and disorganised he will rejoice because he has found a candidate for his destructive mission. Demons have a penchant for dirty environments. It goes without saying that they hate cleanliness.

Failure to do spiritual environmental sanitation is to invite satan and his demons and provide them with spacious accommodation. Whether you like it or not you must do some spiritual house cleaning. Failure to do so is to face certain unpleasant consequences. No wonder, the lives of many people today are infested by powers that thrive under dirty health conditions. In fact, a lot of people have lost their lives as a result of failure to do spiritual environmental sanitation.

To purify means to make pure. We are all familiar with the ubiquitous packaged 'pure water'. To purify water, genuine experts run available water through a process to kill visible and invisible germs and deadly microorganisms and to remove metals and other things that are injurious to human health.

Just as we have experts who know how to purify water, there are quacks who package impure water and sell it to unsuspecting members of the public. Those who buy that kind of impure water generally hazard their lives and suffer diseases like typhoid, cholera diarrhoea and other forms of water-borne diseases.

Therefore, purification is the removal of impurity, dirt or harmful materials. It also means: to render perfectly clean or spotless. To purify is to render perfect or non-defective.

What does the word 'purify' connote?

It means: to render genuine or unadulterated. With this basic

lexicographic examination of the word, purification, we can now go into the Scriptures and examine its usage.

To purify is to ensure that a material is unmixed with other foreign substances.

. . . And He shall purify . . . (Mal. 3:3).

What deduction can we make from this biblical usage of the word purify. Purification or purging precedes bringing an acceptable offering to God.

What does it mean to purge? To purge is to wash away all that is not clean. It is to clear off all undesirable materials.

Purging and cleansing are synonymous. It also means to cause your bowels to be empty. It means to make something clean and free from all that is impure or evil. In sum, it entails the removal of all filthiness in the body, in the spirit and from the environment.

Purification or purging is free as far as the divine economy is concerned. Therefore, to refuse to be purged or purified by God is to face serious consequences. God's verdict will be tough on such people.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killeth the prophet and slayeth them which are sent onto thee how often will I have gathered thy children even as the hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not. Behold your house is left unto you desolate (Matthew 23:37-38).

That is the fate of those who refuse to make use of the means of grace to allow God's broom of fire. If you do not allow God to have His way He will leave you alone. After all if your life is littered with dirt and pollution you are the one who will face the consequences.

If God offers you free facilities for purification and purging and you turn down His offer He will leave your house desolate. Then you will face grave consequences in time and in eternity.

Undoubtedly, the day of reckoning is at hand. You will have to give an account of all the opportunities which you misused. The Bible says, **"For**

we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). You can decide to let go all ungodliness in your life and let God have His way or you can decide to be a slave who loves his chains. I am sure you know that such a slave will never be free.

Let us look at some areas of slavery and examine how those who are enslaved in those areas have been kissing and hugging their chains. The bottom line is this, ignorance has remained man's greatest enemy. It is the source of the destruction and the amputation of many lives. It is indeed strange that while destructive demons and wicked servants of satan sit down on their own, many people invite them to have a field day in their lives.

A lot of people are responsible for what happens to them. They invite the devil to come and put their hands and feet under chains simply because they want to copy worldly styles and standards.

A lot of people suffer from untimely death and terrible suffering and invite all kinds of troubles upon their lives through their actions. I know of those who got into trouble which made them permanently disabled because they went into actions which they did not consider inimical to their well-being.

Why must you copy what other people are doing? Do you know the consequences of such actions? What is the source of such actions? Have you ever thought about the power behind the things which people do? Have you ever asked, Does this action glorify God? Does it glorify Jesus? Why must you do something just because others are doing it? Why must you join the bandwagon when the Bible has clearly stated that you must be different? Have you forgotten that the Bible says that you are a peculiar person?

If you copy what another person is doing, would you like to suffer what he may suffer? The fact that you have failed to consider is that somebody may do something and get away with it, while you will get into trouble with your first attempt.

Why must you copy anyone? One thing you must realise is that you are not supposed to make anyone your model if such a person is not following the Bible. People nave got into trouble by following one person or the other.

Have you considered the fact that you are unique? Your finger print has no duplicate. Your life cannot be compared with any other person's life. God's agenda for your life cannot be likened to His plan for other people's lives.

To copy the people of the world is to be ready to face the consequences of their actions. You have nothing in common with the people of the world. Their, own headquarters is here in the world while your own headquarters is in heaven. They have a master, satan. You have a master, Jesus. In actual fact, both of you are supposed to be at parallel lines which can never meet.

It becomes clear, therefore, that bondage is outside the plan of God for mankind. Men and women walk into it on their own volition.

Let us therefore take a serious look at those things which people do ignorantly without knowing that they are walking into bondage with their eyes wide open.

THINGS THAT BRING BONDAGE

• DEMONIC JEWELRY

Any item that has been dedicated to satan is cursed and that curse cannot be removed. Specifically, I refer here to whatever is manufactured with the sole purpose of being used in the service of satan. For example, if the queen of the coast should decide to send one of her human agents to sell jewelry which were manufactured in the marine world in a popular market, and you buy it, thinking that you are spending your money on an ordinary piece of metal, then you are walking into bondage, whether you like it or not. Pray over it if you like, you are just deceiving yourself. No matter your level of anointing, you cannot sanctify marine jewelry. You have no business with marine jewelrv. They manufactured it for themselves and for their prospective victims. Buying it means trespassing

into their territory. You will face the consequences.

Additionally, most of the jewelry which are commonly sold in the market are resemblances of one demonic object or the other. Many ladies demonstrate their ignorance in this regard. If you have petals of flower, hexagram (something like five triangles) eyes, serpents, etc. on your jewelry, they have meanings in the occultic world. A lot of people take these things for granted, but I have decided to warn the ignorant and those who are careless. If you put on demonic jewelry without knowing what their symbols represent, you may start to experience nightmares.

One thing that has bothered me is that many Christians cannot recognise occultic symbols. But members of the occult are not naive, they know the symbols which mean something in the dark kingdom. I do not mean to frighten you, but let me tell you the truth. Every occultic symbol has a demonic spirit attached to it. Necklaces, earrings and rings with symbols of fish, half moon, nocturnal animals, triangles, skulls, and so on have deep occultic meanings.

The risks in using demonic jewelry

1. You may be oppressed at night.

2. You may be initiated into a demonic group.

3. You may push blessings or even angelic assistance far away from you.

4. You may end up being an advertiser of demonic symbols.

5. You may make members of the occult to think that you are one of them since they know the symbol which you are carrying.

6. You may end up multiplying your oppression and bondage.

7. You may even find your name among the list of the registered users of the symbol.

These factors may be responsible for the situation in which you have found yourself at this moment.

I can recall at least the cases of three unmarried ladies in recent times who, as I was praying for them, the rings on their fingers became so hot and began to burn their fingers. They had to throw away the rings. I became curious and asked them some questions. The three of them told me how they were given the rings as gifts without their knowing that they became married in the spirit world as a result of the use of the rings. The three of them got a husband, one after the other, as soon as they threw away the rings. If not that they came across a deliverance minister who was able to help them out, they would have remained unmarried till this moment.

Do you know that there are unseen entities that are living underneath the earth or in the sea? Do you also know that most of the metals used for jewelry are found underneath the ground? The practice in the Far East is to bury some people with their idols. If a chief priest who worships an idol made of gold or other metals dies and his idol is buried with him and if some years later some people dig the ground and exhume the golden idol and sell it to some manufacturers of jewelry who in turn make several tiny jewelry out of it and export it to Africa, what do you think will happen if you buy one of such jewelry recycled from a heavily loaded demon idol? You will become a captive by extension. That is why many Africans have been initiated. When such people sleep they see Oriental idols.

Do you know that the practice in Bangkok and some other cities in Asia is that immediately jewelry are manufactured, the manufacturers being devotees of powerful idols, will not sell the jewelry or export them until they have dedicated them to their idols?

Do you consider it fashionable to buy such dedicated jewelry?

Or do you think it is fashionable to use jewelry made from broken parts of some golden idols? To be frank, many Africans are going about with imported demons.

Do you know that the crimes and the vices which are prevalent among the worshipers of such gods and goddesses are also becoming common in Africa today? Many people have gone into astral travel, hallucination, homosexualism, lesbianism, bestiality and other forms of ungodly

behaviour through contact with demonic jewelry. The devil sat on his own and you decided to buy his products. You must be ready to accept the consequences.

Do you know that God hates idols with perfect hatred? Do you also know that God has placed irrevocable curses upon all idols? If you decide to put on what God has cursed - something which comes from an idol -thinking that you are excused as a result of your ignorance, you are wrong. If you take liquid poison as if it were orange juice, nobody will share the consequences with you. Can you drink poison by faith and it will not harm you? Of course not. Your ignorance therefore is inconsequential, should you decide to violate the principles laid down by God.

Do you also know that most of the items which many people use to decorate their living rooms are taken from the mineral kingdom? What do you think will happen to you if you decide to decorate your house with a dazzling object from the altar of a high ranking marine goddess? Does ignorance exonerate you from the consequences of violation of divine commands?

God has always put a clear distinction between darkness and light. If you say you are a member of God's family and you make use of demonic items you are building a bridge for the devil to walk over to you. Ordinarily, the devil has no legal right to come into your territory hut if you provide him with a bridge he will gladly come in.

I don't know how much you know about the mineral kingdom. There is a lot of mixture and conversion going on in the mineral kingdom. There, bones of witches and wizards (with the satanic version of the Elijah anointing) plus remnants of idols are mixed together, under the satanic version of chemical reaction, to produce artifacts and decorative arts which you buy and place in your house. The controllers of the underground demonic laboratories are the best designers. They design the best jewelry, second only to those of the queen of the coast.

Do you know that God did not make any mistake when he created you the way you are? But if you decide to reject God's perfect design saying that you don't want to look natural, and you opt to be a collector of what

satan, God's enemy, has designed for your destruction, then you are responsible for whatever happens to you. To disobey God is to become a toy in the hands of wicked spirits from the mineral kingdom. The choice is yours today. But remember that slaves who love their chains shall remain in bondage.

It is possible to advertise evil and consequently become a candidate of evil machinations. A few years ago, we conducted a three-day crusade. The first topic which was handled on the first day was entitled *Eaters of flesh and drinkers of blood*. Members of that church had never heard that kind of strange topic before but they prayed like they never did. On the second day, I preached on the topic, *Now that you are here, where will you go from here?* Again they prayed with all their strength. The third day was the grand finale. The topic was *The baptism of fire.* We gave an altar call and almost everyone who had not given his life before came forward.

There was a particular woman who prayed to the point that she was soaked in her sweat but she did not receive the Holy Ghost baptism. I wondered what happened to her. When I asked them to go back to their seats she stayed put and began to cry, "Why is everybody blessed and I am not?" Then I decided to help her. The Holy Spirit told me to look at her third finger. I looked and saw a ring with the symbol of the half moon. Anyone in the deliverance ministry would know that the half moon is the symbol of witchcraft. It is common knowledge that witches generally look out for the half moon before they take off for their nocturnal meetings. Here was a poor woman praying by the church altar asking for the Holy Spirit but with a witchcraft ring on her finger. That is why I stated earlier that demonic jewelry can hinder blessings. I told the woman to hand the ring to me and she complied.

Immediately the ring touched my hands the woman began to speak in tongues. The blockage had been removed. That is why none of our MFM ministers is allowed to put on jewelry. The reason is clear. If you put on a jewel which happens to be loaded with negative spiritual power and you lay your hand on an innocent man or woman who needs deliverance, the result will be a transference of negative anointing.

Some people may tell us that we are too strict, citing examples of

American pastors who put on all kinds of jewelry and are effective. Well, I don't know about them. But I know the peculiarities of the African continent.

• CARD PLAYING

card playing looks like an innocent pastime, but it is not as simple as it appears on the surface. The first cards were designed in 1932. They were made for a mad king, King Charles of France. Besides the origin, it is clear that card playing is prevalent among gamblers, touts, drug addicts, murderers, robbers, prostitutes, prisoners and other groups of people who are known for societal ills.

Some people play cards without knowing what they are holding in their hands. Others play the Ludo game which has pictures of snake and ladder without knowing the meaning of such symbols.

Now let us also look at the symbols on normal cards. The picture of the king of the card stands for satan. The tail card represents the spirit of lawlessness. The club was the weapon used by murderers in the olden days. It therefore represents the spirit of murder or death by violence. One of the cards carries the picture of Jack, which represents the spirit of fleshly lusts, sexual promiscuity and all forms of sexual sins. The queen card is supposed to represent Mary, the mother of Jesus, but it represents Mary, the queen of all harlots. The Joker is supposed to be the Lord Jesus Christ but it means the fool. The story is that the queen and the king gave birth to Jesus whom they call the fool thereby ridiculing the Lord Jesus. So, you can see that the cards are not as simple as they appear on the surface.

• SYMBOLS ON CLOTHING

Do you know that manufacturers of clothing items often put demonic symbols or designs on their clothes? I have seen some people wear clothes with symbols of the Leviathan Alligator. The Leviathan is something between the crocodile and the serpent. In the Scripture it represents pride.

I have also seen other people wearing clothes with symbols of

confusion. Other satanic symbols which cloth manufacturers have adopted as designs include the head of a goat. If you see the head of a goat on a cloth, do you know the meaning? Goat's head is the official symbol of the church of satan. This is unknown to most people.

Other symbols are expressions of rejection, hatred, violence, defeat and other conditions which no man in his right mind will accept.

Let me say a word here to those who put on ties. You must be careful of the kind of design on your tie. The neck in the spirit world represents the will of man. To put on a tie which has satanic symbols is to surrender your life to the powers behind those symbols. That is why the lives of many people are upside down without any clear explanation.

The bottom line is that if you carry satanic symbols on you, the devil has every right to attack you. That is why you must be sharp and sensitive spiritually. Any time you see a confusing picture, avoid it

• BABY DOLLS

Parents often buy dolls for their babies without knowing what those dolls resemble. Some dolls have some evil spiritual connotations. The manufacturers of some of those dolls are members of the church of satan, they therefore make dolls that depict satan.

In America today, some Christian manufacturers have come up with an alternative to challenge demonic infiltration. They manufacture dolls which depict Bible characters and give them Bible names. They started doing that when they discovered that their children were being attacked through demonic baby dolls which they ignorantly bought.

Here in Africa many people buy second-hand baby dolls without knowing whether the manufacturers and the first users of such dolls were demonic. It is unfortunate that children are helpless. If you buy a doll for a baby and it begins to dream about playing with the doll in the dream, you will not know. Something more than that may happen to the innocent baby. Who knows, the helpless baby may accept initiation without knowing what it is all about.

• THE CONCEPT OF LUCK

The concept of luck has become so popularised that Christians now talk about good luck. Whenever something good happens to somebody, people quickly conclude that such a person is lucky.

What is luck? Satan is the originator of the word luck. If you are a child of God, there is nothing like luck. If good things are happening to you, it is not as a result of good luck, it is divinely arranged. On the other hand, when something bad happens it is not bad luck. Rather, it is programmed by God. To be blessed or to suffer adversity is the result of either being at the right place at the right time or being at the wrong place at the wrong time. The truth is that nobody is actually lucky. If you are properly relating to God you are blessed, not that you are lucky. Then everything in your life will go on in accordance with the divine programme. Those who live under the illusion of luck will remain captives who love their captivity. They will never be free.

• THE WEDDING RING

There are many practices which have become generally accepted as a result of having been for generations. A lot of things which are done in the society today have origins which need to be examined.

Wedding rings are generally worn on the third finger of the left hand as a result of an ancient belief that there is a particular vein that runs from that finger to the heart. It is believed that if you put a wedding ring on that finger blood will flow from that ring to your heart. This, according to the belief, will make you to have your partner in your heart at all times.

Satanic agents decided to take advantage of that belief by polluting the wedding ring in the market Thus they have affected many homes. Tell me, what happens to the marriage when the goldsmith who made the ring happens to be a hard-core demonic agent?

I have heard of instances when some husbands would throw away their wedding rings because of little quarrels with their wives. What happened, then, to the vein that ran from the finger to the heart? That is why at the MFM we go beyond all those physical symbols and conduct weddings

with the Bible. A mere ring cannot bind a man and a woman together, but commitment to the word of God can do that.

• CANDLES

There is a proliferation of synergetic religions in Africa. A lot of people have succeeded in taking one or two things from Christianity and joining them with pagan or occultic elements thereby producing syncretism - an amalgam of African traditional religion and Christianity.

One of the basic features of thousands of the fringe churches or cults is the use of candles. The candle is one of the most powerful items used in the kingdom of darkness. Innocent men and women have been deceived into using all forms and shades of candles. One fact which they do not know is that there are demons in charge of those candles. The various colours of the candle have meanings in the dark kingdom. Black, yellow, red, green and other colours have spiritual meanings.

All those who have ever used candles to pray need deliverance. If you still have them at home you must throw them away. I pity those who have been asked by prophets to put candles inside bottles as a form of ritual for solving problems. There are candles without thread in them. There are also miniature ones as well as perfumed or scented ones. There are candles for every situation. These candles are found with many white garment prophets.

Many people have been deceived because they are told that those candles are powerful. This is part of the satanic strategy for leading and keeping people under bondage.

• MAKE-UP

Man is fond of inviting problems into his life. They go into actions that lead them into bondage when God did not create them for captivity. The idea of applying make-ups has reached bizarre dimensions today. When God created man there was no indication that God wanted him to makeup. He made everything good enough. It is when the glory of God departs that men and women will begin to look for make-up. True to the Word they try to make up for what is not there.

In fact, it is the ugly that tries to make up. Those who are truly beautiful do not need to make up. It is somebody who is hiding something bad (like deficiency in character) who tries to make up.

Somebody has observed that if God wanted us to smoke, He would have created a chimney at the back of our heads. If God wanted us to be painting our lips red, He would have painted them permanently red when He created us. One of the plans of the satanic kingdom is to influence men and women to look hideous, devilish and to appear like a caricature.

If you doubt what I am saying, just pay a visit to a record store and look at the pictures on the sleeves of the album. You will see all kinds of animal-like postures and appearances. Just look at the dressing of modern day musicians you will see that some of them try as much as possible to look like demons.

Why do you think the devil is trying to do all this? It is because the devil knows that man was created in the image of God something he has perfect hatred for. He therefore wants to remove the image of God from man and make him to look like animals and demons. Demons have no body, they hate the human body and try as much as possible to possess and corrupt the human body. Whenever they look at us, the remembrance of the fact that Jesus took the form of man is brought to them. And that is one thing they hate to be reminded of. That is why they try to make people look horrible.

Sometimes we see people in the streets and wonder whether they came from a home or the forest. We wonder how many mad people there are in the streets.

A lot of Christians who want to remain as slaves, who love to keep their chains, will ask us, "But why must you talk about our appearance? Why are you majoring on the minor?" It is my prayer that God will open the eyes of such people. That is why the Bible says **"Having, therefore these promises, beloved let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"** (2 Cor. 7:1).

Hence, unless your holiness is both internal and external it is

unacceptable to God. You cannot claim that you are holy internally when your external appearance is a far cry from God's standard of holiness. That is why we teach that Christians must dress modestly.

All heaven-bound pilgrims should not copy the flashy and worldly styles of the people of the world. A Christian is not expected to be part of the fashion parades which have become the order of the day. Styles that are sponsored by pride, exhibitionism and the lust of the eyes have no attraction for truly crucified saints. Christians who are broken do not dress in order to attract attention to themselves. Christian ladies who love to please the Lord have nothing to do with the come-and-get-me styles of the world. They would not put on sleeveless, topless, backless and other forms of dresses that reveal delicate parts of the body. They put on dresses that are well above the knees.

I thank God for Christian women who are godly in their appearances. They do not allow the devil to make them stumbling blocks. How do you expect a man who has a problem and decided to come to church to cope with a lady who come to church exposing delicate parts of her body? How would such a man cope with ladies who put on tight-fitting dresses which reveal every contour of the female stature? Won't he get into more trouble? It will be so bad if a man who comes to the house of God looking for salvation becomes destroyed by daughters of Jezebel.

I wonder why people come to church with all kinds of strange dresses. Have we turned the church to a disco house? Doesn't the Bible say, "My house shall be called a house of prayer?" Are these ladies doing a fashion competition? What is your purpose for dressing? Is it to show off or to be neat and decent?

We must speak the truth no matter what people will say. Human opinion may sound reasonable today, but it will not matter in eternity. To get a sober opinion about moderation and sobriety, undertake a visit to the mortuary. Look at elegantly dressed ladies and men. What would you feel about their dressing? Vanity of vanity, says the Scriptures. All is vanity. The truth can be very bitter. But, after all, we take bitter tablets when we are sick. We do not complain. So why complain about the truth which comes from the throne of the Almighty? We must make serious

adjustments if we must be part of the last days army.

The heathen who worshipped demons were the inventors of the idea of piercing the ear. Earrings, nose jewelry, leg chains and rings for the toes are symbols of slavery.

Do you know that everywhere piercing of ears is mentioned in the Scriptures it is related to slavery? The origin of the custom of ear piercing is demonic. It is bad enough to pierce the ear. It is worse to decorate it with demonic jewelry. It is extremely demonic for a man to pierce his ear. The teaching of the Bible on this issue is very clear. The book of Deuteronomy tells us

A woman shall not put on that which partaineth to a man. Neither shall a man put on a woman's garment for all that do so are abominations unto the Lord thy God (Deut 22:5).

The book of Revelation also tells us the lot of all those who constitute, abominations unto the Lord.

And there shall in no wise enter in anything that defileth neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie but they whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The word 'abomination' is the strongest word the Bible uses for something that is completely hated by God. Why is it immoral for a woman to dress like a man and for a man to dress like a woman? It breaks the distinction of sexes. Go to Europe today you will see men who dress like women. They are effeminate. They tell people "I am a lady and I have a boyfriend." That is surely an abomination.

Women did not really start to wear trousers until after the Second World War. The men went to the war and women had to work in the factories. It was then women started putting on trousers. But the real origin of the perversion can be traced to idol worship. It was a common practice among idol worshipers to make perversion in dressing one of the high points of their programme. Men put on women's dresses while women put on men's dresses whenever they wanted to worship an idol called Venus. They went ahead to commit immorality with themselves while

putting on those strange clothes. That was the origin of the perversion of God's purpose for dressing.

The choice is yours today. You can choose to either obey or disobey God. Slaves who love their chains are free to hold on to their slavery. But you will remember that we told you the truth.

I am surprised when I see people who have gone to Bible alleges who decide to use their knowledge to oppose sound doctrine. Such people have a lot of information in their brain but they lack knowledge of the truth. The devil also knows so much but he doesn't have revelation. Those who have education without revelation will end up becoming satan's comrade-in-arms. But how can a man decide to criticise someone who has revelation when he has nothing but education? Such people can go ahead and criticize those who spoke to God face to face when they themselves have never dreamt of seeing an angel. This is a very serious matter. That is why I would like you to stop at this moment and take this important prayer point.

Every evil handing over, be exposed and destroyed, in the name of Jesus.

We understand the peculiar situation of married women whose husbands are not converted. It may not be easy for them to make drastic changes. We would not advise you to break your home. I believe that the Holy Spirit will guide you and help you to strike a balance.

But I wonder why ladies who are single decide to hold on to styles that suggest captivity. I am baffled when some women some to see our pastors, telling them, "Please, help me in prayer. My husband ran away ten years ago and has never returned. I am tired of the situation. I want God to solve my problem." You may think that such women are serious until you take a second look at them. Their earrings are touching their shoulders, their necklaces are touching their navels and there are more than 20 bangles on their hands. Are they serious? Who are they trying to please? Their run-away husbands? Slaves who love their chains shall remain in captivity.

When such women are told "why not remove all this excesses?" they

give all kinds of excuses.

• YOUR IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT

It is necessary that you keep your environment clean if you must enjoy your life on earth. Do you know that it is an insult to God if you want Him and demons to feed on the same table? It is not only important that we free ourselves from all forms of darkness, it is much more important that we keep our immediate environment free from the influence of darkness. The Bible says,

The curse of the Lord is upon the house of the wicked but he blesses the dwelling place of the righteous (Prov. 3:33).

If this statement is true, why should a believer fail to experience blessing in his place of abode? I will give you the reasons.

One, if you move into a location (residence or office space) where the former occupant was a demonic person, you will likely encounter some problems, unless you know how to sanitize the environment spiritually. Such former residents, who are demonic agents will simply report you to their group. Then, you will begin to reap a harvest of problems. Even if no demonic personality had dwelled there, you can still experience some demonic infiltration if that location had been dedicated to demonic worship. This explains why some people acquire some plots of land in a particular location and find it difficult to build anything on it. When such people buy plots of land in other locations they can build with ease. Today, there are thousands of people who have abandoned their lands for yours. They just can't build anything on it. Do you think that it is easy to build on demonic territory? If you fail to do some cleaning, you will likely experience some spiritual embargo as far as making progress is concerned.

There is no reason a believer should move into a place and fail to experience blessing there, unless evil forces have gained ground there without being challenged.

Two, if you harbour sin in your life and if there are objects of defilement in your dwelling place, you will not experience divine blessings. The

presence of occultic books, satanic music, talisman, charms, "anointed water" and candles from fake prayer houses and other ungodly objects will hinder blessings from coming into your life. If cursed objects are kept in your homes you will experience demonic attack. If a place has been cursed, demons attach themselves to the place. If there is anybody in your place of abode who is under a curse, all the inhabitants will experience setbacks.

Couples who decide to employ witches as housemaids will experience a lot of spiritual attacks. Some people bring some innocent, looking young girls from the village thinking they have got useful helpers not knowing that they have invited problems into their homes. If somebody who is under a curse is brought into your home to fix your meals you have invited a curse into your family. Sooner or later there will be lots of demonic traffic in your home.

Many people are responsible for their problems. They are simply the architects of their own suffering.

What then is the solution to all these problems? What steps must we take to clean our environment? The steps are simple and clear.

HOW TO CLEANSE YOUR ENVIRONMENT

1. Clear your house and throw away all articles that are not "holy unto the Lord". Get rid of them no matter how costly they are. Take an inventory of old and new items in your home and remove whatever constitutes an abomination unto the Lord. If someone gave you an item and you discover that the person is in the occult, you must throw away such an item. All idolatrous carvings, demonic paintings; music that is inspired by the devil, articles used in the worship of Satan and anything that you are in doubt of must be discarded. There is no amount of sanctifying an accursed object that can purify it.

2. After removing questionable objects go ahead and purify your environment. Do you know that problems will abound wherever sin is practised? If a manager decides to sleep with a secretary in me office he will experience problems in his business. Do not take anything for

granted. You must know how to carry out environmental sanitation, spiritually speaking. You can pray in the following ways:

a I command anything from the kingdom of satan that has been inhabiting this place to go, in the name of Jesus.

b I command all the grounds and lights that have been given to the kingdom of darkness to stay here to be broken, in the name of Jesus.

c I command all associated curses and incantations and covenants to be broken now, in the name of Jesus.

d Every evil spirit living in this location leave this place now and never return, in the name of Jesus.

3. Consecrate and dedicate the location to God. The moment you have finished sanctifying the place you must ensure that it is dedicated to the glory of God. You can do this by praying in the following way:

a I dedicate this place to You, O God, in the name of Jesus.

b I ask You to cleanse this environment by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus.

c Oh Lord, put the seal of the Holy Spirit on this location, in the name of Jesus.

d I ask You to pour the blood of Jesus all over this place, in the name of Jesus.

e Oh Lord, fill the whole of this place with Your holy angels.

f I proclaim this place holy unto the Lord, and I dedicate it to the Lord Jesus.

4. You should anoint the location with anointing oil, blessing it, in the name of Jesus.

5. Fill your environment with articles that glorify the Lord. You can make use of good stickers and pictorial words that glorify the Lord. You can also play good Christian music.

6. Maintain the protection of the place by praying daily on the place.

7. Be cautious about taking visitors into your house. The negative influence of a single visitor can lead you into perpetual captivity. If somebody comes around your house and passes urine and excreta all over the place, you may not understand the spiritual implication. That may be the beginning of stubborn problems.

Finally, you owe yourself a duty of carrying a spiritual environmental sanitation if you must live to enjoy your life and your environment. To get the benefit of what you have read so far you must take the following prayer points with the totality of your strength.

PRAYER POINTS

Every problem in my life that is linked with ignorance, receive solution now, in the name of Jesus.

Every witchcraft network working against my breakthrough, be dismantled by fire, in the name of Jesus.

Every seed of witchcraft in my family, die, in the name of Jesus.

Every power denying me my rightful place, clear off, in the name of Jesus.

Every power dispatching demons to me, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.

Make the following confessions of faith:

Oh Lord, I know that your power is above all powers. Your name is far above every name. At the name of Jesus, every knee of wickedness militating against me, bow down. Because it is written, greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. The Lord is a man of war. He shall fight for me. Therefore I pursue my enemies, I overtake them. I recover my properties. No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper. Untimely death is not my lot. I shall not die but live to declare the works of God. Listen to me satan I am not your candidate. I command you to return my virtues, in the name of Jesus.

I will make it, in the name of Jesus.

Where others have failed I will succeed, in the name of Jesus.

chapter four

DESTROYING EVIL HIDDEN STRUCTURES

So far, you have discovered how to come out of all kinds of satanic bondage. Yet, there is still a lot more to learn. I want you to confess aloud to yourself:

I must be victorious henceforth, in the name of Jesus.

COSTLY IGNORANCE

A lot of things happen to Christians that are abnormal in the light of the Scriptures. It is shocking that a lot of things that are supposed to be found in the camp of the ungodly are also common among those who claim to love the Lord. It is normal to expect unbelievers to suffer all kinds of captivities, because they are regular customers in the satanic market. No matter how rich, intelligent, smart, hardworking and talented they may be, as long as they are not children of God, they constitute mince meat for the devil.

As I sit back and meditate upon my experiences in the ministry over the Years I am shocked, by certain abnormal experiences which I have come across concerning so-called Christians. I don't understand what is going on. It is simply abnormal.

There are certain evil hidden structures which many of us are not aware of at all. Some people are aware of the presence of these structures but fall to do anything about it. It is unwise for one to come to God and continue to deceive oneself. The spirit of deception and the spirit of pride are twin sisters.

There are Christians who have continued to go about with their

problems instead of owning them up and addressing them as they are. The day your problems would rise against you like a lion you will not know what to do. All the prophetic prayers and the positive confessions you have ever known cannot solve any problem.

I was invited to a meeting where I was asked to sit on the high table. I sat with renowned university professors, managing directors of banks, commissioners of Police and other very important personalities in the society. By human standards I was obviously the only ordinary person on that high table. However, I was the guest speaker.

As I closed my eyes to pray, the Lord gave me a revelation and an instruction. He revealed to me that among those who were sitting with me on the high table, were two homosexuals. The Lord told me to warn them that they should get away from the high table if they did not want to experience the wrath of God. I gave the warnings revealed to me and continued praying. Chairs were moved back and forth while I was praying. By the time I opened my eyes I discovered that some of the people on the high table had disappeared.

I was glad because they were sincere. I congratulated them for being honest to themselves. Some people would have stayed put. Why should you choose to remain on the high table when you know that God is pointing accusing fingers at you? So that you can retain honour in the sight of man instead of quietly leaving the seat of exaltation and join the masses where they are crying to God for mercy? The devil would have used the high table to destroy such people. The best service you can do to yourself is to decide to be honest to yourself at all times.

STUMBLING BLOCKS

He discovereth deep things out of darkness and bringeth out to light the shadow of death (Job l2:22).

This passage shows us there are certain things on the surface of the earth that only the hand of the Almighty can reach. Again, there are structures hidden in the ground which would remain stumbling blocks unless an action is taken. It does not matter how long you have been

born again, the evil structure may be there in your life. That is why we hear the story of a 75-year old pastor caught raping an 15-year old girl. Tell me, of what use is his 50 years pastoral experience? Useless. Something was hiding in his life which only came out when it had the opportunity. All through the time when he was young, there was no scandal. But the evil hidden structure matured and became a full blown problem towards the end of his career.

Why don't you close this book for a few minutes and take this important prayer point?

Oh Lord, dig deep into my life today, in the name of Jesus.

The Bible says,

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).

I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall (Hosea 4:14).

Perhaps, you are busy commiting adultery while your business is going on smoothly. You may think you are smart. You are not. God has left you alone simply because he has grouped you, with harlots. If you truly belong to Him he would have dealt with you. In other words, God has given you over to a reprobate mind, to do the things that are not convenient. God has pushed you aside and has reserved your punishment for the last day. The word of God is very clear; Those who do not understand it shall surely fall.

Luke 8:17 says,

For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest neither anything hid that shall not be known and come abroad.

This is an encouraging passage. It tells us that no matter how secret evil structures are, we have a wonderful Father who is able to bring them out. 1 John 5:19 also tells us,

And we know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

The world in which we live is indeed wicked.

Recently, I ministered in our branch in Abuja, Nigeria, and something unusual happened. The Lord gave me a strange word of knowledge just before the close of the service. I told the congregation: "There is a sister here who is married to a serpent. That serpent has been disturbing you. But as from tonight the snake is dead." Incidentally there was a sister in that meeting who did not know that the weird of knowledge was for her, because she had never seen any snake before. She managed to claim the revelation by faith.

After the service she left for her home. She happened to live on the fourth floor of a high-rise building. Her flat was rugged from the staircase to every available space on the floor. There was no bush near her house since she lived in the residential quarters of extremely wealthy Nigerians. She didn't even have a garden.

She opened the door of her flat and went in. Nobody was living with her. She put on the lights and went into her bedroom to pray. To her amazement she saw a figure on her bed trying to cover himself with her coverlet. She didn't know what to do. She thought about running outside the house since she did not leave anyone at home. But something told her to move nearer the bed with boldness since she was coming from the church. She tiptoed towards the bed to catch the illegal occupant unawares. She moved nearer and discovered that whoever was covering himself or herself with her wrapper had succeeded in covering every part of the body. She moved very close and forcefully removed the wrapper. What she saw shocked her beyond description.

On top of the bed was a huge python. However, it was dead. It was placing its head on her pillow. She alerted neighbours who had to help her to drag the dead snake away from the bed. It was such a fearful event. Some of her unbeliever neighbours packed away from the block of flats because of the python episode.

The woman was 39 at the time. That was the first time she realised that

she had been involved in a strange marriage with a python. The whole thing was hidden from her. She had never even dreamt of seeing a snake for one day. The hidden evil structure was brought into the open and destroyed by God. Afterwards she was able to get married. Before then no man ever came close to her to say "I love you."

Two occult members came to me for prayer. One of them spoke to me saying, "Man of God, please pray for me." I wish I did not pray for him. In any case I did it was a short prayer; "Father, in the name of Jesus, lay Your hands upon Your son. Let the spirit of fire minister deliverance to his life, in the name of Jesus."

Immediately I finished, there was pandemonium in my counselling office. Before the young man fell down he broke every chair in that place. I tried to hold him but I could not. He even broke some glass when he was manifesting demonic presence in his life. When he calmed down and became normal I told him that he would need to go for proper deliverance. He looked up at me and said "Why, did anything happen to me?" I told him how he had disorganised my office. I also told him to look at his dress. It was then he realised what had happened to him.

He left in the company of the second occult member. After a few minutes, they came back to me. The second man said, "Sir, my colleague whom you prayed for happens to be the secretary of the occult society while I am the president. I wonder what will happen to me if all that could happen to him when you prayed for him. Can you also pray for me"? Again I wish I did not pray for him. But I did.

Immediately I prayed for him, he ran out of my office like a mad man. Some of my office staff had to run after him to bring him back. When he came back to his senses, he asked me, "What happened to me?" It was hidden to him.

I also remember an incident which took place one night when I was a student. We took somebody who had an accident to a teaching hospital. At the entrance of the hospital I saw a strange sight. There was a woman who was stark naked. Looking at her hairdo she appeared like an elitist woman. So, I wondered why she was there and naked at that hour of the night I couldn't stand the odd situation. I had to walk to her, looked up to

her face and asked her what was wrong with her.

With tears in her eyes she spoke, "Why won't I carry a sacrifice to the cross-roads? I got married in England, and my husband and were happily married for 17 years. Our problem started when we came back to Nigeria. My husband took two extra wives who have not allowed me a full day's rest. Two of my three children are dead. My marriage has hit the rocks. I am almost suffering a mental break down. If carrying a sacrifice like this will solve my problem why won't I try it." Unknown to her, she was taking a step that would compound her problem because she had not discovered her hidden problems. There was also something in her life cooperating with the powers of darkness.

I will like you to take this prayer point:

Anything in me cooperating with darkness, come out now, in the name of Jesus.

THE MISSING INGREDIENT

A newly married lady narrated a strange story to me. She told me that immediately after her wedding, her in-laws called her into a family meeting and told her, "Do you say that you are a Christian? If you ever have a baby we shall abandon our idols and serve your God." They were quite confident because there was something in that lady which gave them a backing to challenge her. As servants of satan they knew her weak points. That was the only reason they could talk to her that way.

Close your eyes and take this prayer point.

Every satanic confidence against me, be shattered to pleces, in the name of Jesus.

A lot of deliverance ministers are missing out on some vital areas of deliverance. The most important point missed out is the breaking open of hidden evil structures. The presence of these hidden evil structures is the reason the deliverance of so many people are not complete. That is why there are people who have gone through deliverance more than ten times and have not yet been fully delivered.

The only solution to the problem is to expose and destroy evil hidden structures. When these structures are brought to the surface then deep deliverance begins.

Recently, I was praying for a sister. I was surprised when the Lord told me, "You have a lot more work to do. There are at least 14 witches in her family. Each of them has taken her name to their different covens." She was a young girl of 23. I wondered what she did to offend them. Who knows? Maybe they had seen her future.

There are young people like her today who want to live careless lives not knowing that they are already surrounded by witches who are ready to destroy them.

A boy and a fairly old woman came to see me. They sat down in my office looking at my face. I told them to talk. They looked at each other and they couldn't say a word. Then the boy tried to say something. "This is mummy," he stammered and stopped.

I looked at both of them and told them to speak up. The woman tried to say something: "Pastor, . . . but how do we talk about this?" Then she stopped. Her son tried to speak again, saying: "This is my mother . . . She is pregnant . . . ." Again, he couldn't continue.

To cut the rang story short, I was listening to a story which bordered on abomination. The young boy had made his mother pregnant. I looked up and down and did not know what to do. If you were to tell such people to go and abort you would be violating the word of God which condemns abortion. Even if you would tell them to go for deliverance, the evil deed had been done. The bottom line was that there was an evil hidden structure in the lives of both of them. It came into the open only in a scandalous manner.

The missing ingredient in most places where deliverance is carried out is the non-destruction of evil hidden structures. The Bible has left no one in the dark. It says that the corruption of the world system will wax worse and worse, and that in the last days evil will abound more than in any other period of human history, because an innumerable company of evil spirits are fighting against every segment of life on earth. Thus, they are

exerting perverting and destructive influence on mankind. They are affecting human behaviour negatively. They are also working on the emotions of billions of their victims all over the world. Their mission is to steal, to kill and to destroy.

Unfortunately, man's monumental ignorance about them makes their operations easy. It makes them to carry cut their mission successfully. They have gone so deep into the lives of some white men that they openly declare that there is no God and there is no devil.

THE PRESCRIPTION

Wherever there is no resistance against and expulsion of these hidden structures, they will cause internal destruction. God has declared that we are His temples. Unfortunately, the devil has erected a lot of evil hidden structures in the temples that are meant for God. When the temple of God is loaded with evil structures there is nothing any man can do to repair it unless the hidden structures are dealt with.

Strangers have taken over the temples in many people's lives today. These strangers will allow you to worship God as long as you grant them the opportunity to erect their hidden structures. But to allow evil hidden structures is to destroy the temple of your life.

How then can we discover, dismantle and totally destroy evil hidden structures? What steps must we take to get rid of these structures? What prescriptions must we follow?

1. Decide in your spirit that you do not want to have anything to do with darkness.

You must take a personal decision today. Make up your mind that as long as you are alive you will never tolerate evil structures. Tell yourself: "I don't want any evil structure in my territory. I don't want to be a blind witch. I don't want anything in my life to cooperate with powers of darkness". Make your decision clear, strong, firm and irrevocable.

2. Hate the world of darkness with perfect hatred.

Don't compromise with the kingdom of darkness. Be averse to whatever represents the operations of darkness. The day God really opens your eyes to the level of wickedness which is perpetrated by the kingdom of darkness, you will hate the kingdom and its operations with perfect hatred. You must realise that you can exercise your legal rights over your life and property. You must not allow anything which you find unacceptable to you. Deal with powers of darkness the way tough landlords deal with unwanted tenants.

If a landlord finds a tenant undesirable, he goes the whole hog to eject him or her. If he tells the tenant to quit and the tenant refuses to comply, the landlord will take every conceivable step to get rid of the tenant and reclaim his property. There are landlords who would go as far as cutting power supply, removing doors and the roof and employing social miscreants to constitute some nuisance with the purpose of forcibly ejecting the tenant. There is no way the tenant will decide to continue to stay in a house without electricity, doors and the roof. That is how far human beings can go in registering their displeasure for tenants whom they have decided to eject.

In the same vein, you are expected to make your life and property uncomfortable for illegal satanic occupants. If you give them quit notice and they begin to drag their feet, you can render your life uncomfortable for their habitation. Demons would only remain in cosy, comfortable and suitable environment for their habitation and operation. It is therefore your responsibility to take every step that will get rid of them. If those steps are taken, they won't be able to stay. To make evil spirits comfortable in one's life is to encourage them to increase and multiply.

3. Ask the Lord to bring to the open all areas of darkness in your life.

That is one of the most crucial prayers which you must pray. It is not simple to bring hidden things into the open. It is not the kind of prayer you can pray in a split second. If something had been hidden in your life for 20 years or more, can you bring it out into the open in one minute? If an evil structure had been 30 years in a building can you dismantle it with a snapshot prayer? The builders took their time, carefully assembling the

wicked structures, you cannot dismantle it through wishful thinking or by flat. You must equally take your time in prayer to thoroughly bulldoze the structures and clear off the debris. That would surely take more than 30 minutes or an hour.

Prayers that border on bringing hidden evil structures into the open and destroying them might take you two hours, three hours, one day or even one week, depending on the kind of structures you are dealing with. Who knows? You may even have to resort to the use of two or three days prolonged fasting. It might even take you seven days continuous dry fasting.

Consider a man whose name, Ogunbiyi, means the god of iron has given birth to this one, or a man whose name is Farounbi, which means the Ifa oracle has really found a child. If these two people have answered such names for 40 years, you can be sure that Some lofty evil structures have been built in their lives.

Demon idols are very meticulous. If you put them in charge of the life of a man, they won't take chances. They would really perform their duties. Call a child by a name that is attached to an idol, the idol would continually abide with the child; and there is always a price to pay. If you employ a security man and instruct him to guard your house, you have to pay him regular salaries. Idols would surely protect those who are called by their names in their own way but they would also collect fantastic salaries. These salaries could be in the form of topsy-turvy conditions of life, poverty, mysterious sicknesses, calamity; permanent failure and other things which are highly undesirable.

The policy of guardian idols is that you cannot eat your cake and have it. Once you give them assignments, you must be ready to pay the dues. And remember that satan does not accept peanuts. He would require from you a kind of salary which you can only pay with your dear life. If your name suggests that a demon idol has something to do with your birth or naming ceremony, you cannot just claim your deliverance by faith. You must be ready to do a thorough job.

To bring some evil hidden structures to the surface, some people would have to combine their prayer with serious fasting. There are some areas

you will never discover until the combination of prolonged prayer and fasting makes the strangers to tremble and fade away from their hiding places. Deep deliverance comes only when you seek freedom desperately.

Some wicked spirits would remain in hiding until they are violently exposed. It takes persistent determination and violence to expose and destroy satanic strongholds. You must learn to press in on wicked spirits until they become uncomfortable and take to their heels. Do not wait for feelings before waging war on illegal satanic occupants.

Follow these principles and fight. If they are present in your life, they would be exposed and expelled. Even if they are not there, you have not wasted your efforts, you would have learnt some lessons through your prayer efforts.

Many people are waiting for some serious manifestation of problems before praying against evil hidden structures. You must remember that the structures are most of the time hidden. We sometimes deceive ourselves by thinking that the devil is stupid. Do you think that the devil will build a gigantic evil structure in somebody's life and come to the open to announce it? One of the most important strategies which the devil uses is to keep most of his wicked acts secret

A woman came for counselling because her marriage had hit the rocks. She was bothered by the fact that her husband was no longer coming to sleep in their matrimonial home. I simply gave her one prayer point; "Oh Lord, show me the secret behind this problem, in the name of Jesus." She handled the prayer point with all her strength.

She had an unusual dream. She saw herself in a strange environment where she was standing with a giant man on the right hand and a pigmy on the left side. Both of them were dragging her, calling her "Darling." The spirit of the Lord then told her that she's married to two husbands in the spirit world and that as long as those marriages are in place, she won't be able to experience a stable home. Until she handled that prayer, the structures were hidden. She was blaming her husband while the real problem remained hidden.

4. Seek the face of the Lord for deeper revelation concerning His plan for your life.

Stop being casual about your relationship with God. Give yourself to fasting and prayer, asking him to reveal secret things unto you. I thank God for those who know how to receive deeper revelation from God. When such people want to sleep, they tell the Lord "Oh Lord I'm going to bed now. If you decide to speak to me, don't talk in parables. Speak to me face to face, in Jesus name. Amen." Such people always receive what they ask for. Those who refuse to pray in that manner always have complex and long winding meaningless dreams. They wake up and begin to look for people to help them with the interpretation. What you ask God is what you get. If you tell the Lord, "Oh Lord, give me a deeper revelation concerning all the problems of my life. Expose to me all the hidden and deep things which are in my life." He will do exactly that. The Lord will show you the genesis of the hidden evil structures as well as the sins which have consolidated the structures.

Hidden structures have no respect for anyone. Unless you carry out these instructions, you might continue to remain in bondage. Even if you are a pastor, you are not exempted from carrying out these instructions. You might even be the general overseer of your church, if evil structures are present in your life, you will never know what it means to be totally free.

I have been shocked a lot of times when I hear a lot of strange things which many people who are assumed to be holy do. We sometimes elevate some respected Christian leaders above measure only to be shocked by some outrageous things they do. Some people hide under the title of "man of God" to do unprintable things in the secret.

A pastor went to his friend and told him, "I just want to inform you that I have decided to ask my wife to pack away from the home. Although I have been married to her for so many years, the Holy Spirit has asked me to send her packing. Don't ask me any question, I know that I came to you years ago to tell you that God told me to marry her. Now I am also telling you that the Holy Spirit said she should pack." Isn't that strange? There was an evil hidden structure underneath his pastoral collar.

5. Enter into spiritual warfare against these evil activities.

How can that be done?

Bind the spirits often. Tell them that their days are numbered.

Don't allow them to intimidate you. Intimidate them.

Speak the truth of God's word against them directly.

For example, if fear happens to be the stronghold in your life, you can speak against it saying, "Fear, you have nothing to do in my life because it is written. "God has not given me the spirit of fear but of love, power and of a sound mind."

Plead the promises and the word of God upon your life.

Do a lot of praise and worship. Evil spirits detest praise and worship. It is odious to them. Regardless of your feelings, sing praises to God.

Engage in purposeful fasting. Make sure that you fast at least one day in a week. You cannot fight the battles of life and experience victory without having a prayer and fasting day within the week.

Keep your life in the light. Have nothing to do with darkness. Do not do anything that will bring bondage into your life. Any sin that is allowed in your life will also invite darkness into your life. If you want to experience permanent deliverance, you must make up your mind to stay free from sin. Fight aggressively to maintain your freedom.

Let me invite you at this point to a very practical session. Make the following confessions of faith:

Any spirit which is not the spirit of God, hiding in any department of my life, hear the word of the Lord: I want you to know that I am a child of the living God. I am working for the Lord. You can no longer dwell within my house. The Lord has entered into my life. Therefore, you cannot stay. His Holy brightness blinds you with its light. His gentle voice offends your evil ear. His presence drives you far away. Now, get out! You must never return into my life. I plead the blood of Jesus. Go out, in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Anything in my life cooperating with witchcraft, go out now, in the name of Jesus.
2. Anything hidden in my life from the kingdom of darkness go out now, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every deep work of darkness operating in my life, loose your hold, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every unconscious darkness, release me, in the name of Jesus.

chapter five

THE EVIL TRANSFER

There is a very interesting incident in Luke's gospel.

And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you (Luke 11:14-20).

I am sure you are familiar with the passage which you have just read. Let us draw out some salient points from it.

1. There is a satanic kingdom.

2. That kingdom is not divided.

3. We are introduced to a high ranking demon called Beelzebub. Beelzebub means the lord of the flies. There must be a reason it is given that name. That will be looked into in this chapter.

The subject of the evil transfer cannot be over-emphasised. Ignorance of this subject has led many men and women into all kinds of terrible

bondage. To understand the concept of the evil transfer, let us consider one or two lessons from how diseases are transferred.

Basically, diseases can be transferred from one person to another through contact. For example, if somebody has a cough and you kiss him or her, you might get the cough.

Diseases can also be transferred through poor hygienic conditions. You can also contact some sicknesses through your environment. Airborne diseases can be transferred through dust or air. You can also become sick by drinking contaminated water or eating contaminated food. Diseases are also transferred through disease agents which are called vectors in medical parlance. For example, mosquitoes can carry mosquito parasites from the body of somebody who has malaria and inject it into the body of a healthy person.

These are examples of how transference of diseases takes place. If these conditions exist and the persons involved are susceptible, then diseases are transferred. Evil spirits are transferred in exactly the same way. That is what is called the evil transfer. That is part of the reasons the devil is called Beelzebub, the lord of the flies.

Let us look at some analogies at this point. Satan was called the lord of the flies.

1. We understand through medical science, that flies are carriers of diseases. Some of the diseases that are spread by flies are very deadly. Demons also cause various deadly diseases. If you have some knowledge of deliverance and spiritual warfare, you would have discovered that the demonic kingdom is the domain of insects.

2. Flies fly in the air, satan is also called the prince of the power of the air.

3. Flies show up in large quantity whenever there is a change in weather conditions. Demons are also fond of appearing and trying to attack you whenever God is about to bring a change into your life.

4. Flies harass and distract people's attention. That is exactly what the devil does. He harasses and distracts people's attention.

5. Flies invade sores or open wounds wherever they find them. That is how demons behave.

A brother narrated an incident: to me which took place when he went to work on a particular day. There was a quarrel between a bus driver's assistant, popularly called bus conductor in Nigerian English. The bus conductor ran inside the bus, took a ring, slipped it into his finger and slapped the commuter with whom he was having a quarrel. Immediately the commuter became confused and started urinating right in the public. Most of the passengers took to their heels. Another commuter who was around challenged the bus conductor and soon another quarrel ensued.

The bus conductor picked up his magic ring again and attempted to slap this other commuter who challenged him. Immediately the conductor raised up his hand, the commuter, who looked like a gentleman and could pass for a senior bank executive, recited some incantations. The hand of the bus conductor got suspended in the air. He couldn't bring it down.

A crowd gathered to watch the drama. The driver was confused. The first passenger was still urinating on himself while the bus conductor's hand was still suspended in the air. The executive said he would not release the bus conductor's hand unless the man urinating on himself was also set free. Well, I don't know how they ended the drama, but what happened that day was a clear case of satanic exhibition.

How could a ring make a man to urinate on himself? No doubt a demon had been attached to that ring. Its duty must be to extract urine from its victim until the victim dries up and dies. Surely, there was a transfer of power from a demon to the ring.

There are stories of innocent people being kidnapped by satanic agents. What they simply do is to slap the chest of a prospective victim. He loses consciousness immediately and begins to follow the satanic agent doggedly. Eventually, the victim is taken to a hut or shrine where he or she is used for sacrifice. How can a simple slap on the chest become an instrument of kidnapping men and women? Again, we see here an evil power transfer. There is a demon attached to such an evil assignment. If such an evil power works on a child of God something

must be wrong somewhere. An evil transfer should not prosper in the life of a true believer.

For evil transfer to work something must attract it in a victim's life. For example, if a lady is raped the spirit of lust transfers into her.

The children of darkness are wiser in their own ways and they know how to transfer evil deposits, evil spirits, sicknesses, demons and all kinds of problems. What then are the principles employed in the evil transfer?

PRINCIPLES OF EVIL TRANSFER

• BEING UNDER EVIL INFLUENCE AND AUTHORITY

When a man is under the influence and authority of another person, whatever evil is present in the life of the leader or the head would be automatically transferred to the life of one who is under authority and leadership.

Another expression for evil transfer is transference of spirits. Spirits are easily transferable. Good spirits are transferable. Evil spirits are also transferable. A father can transfer good or bad influence to his children. The husband can transfer spirits (good or bad) to his wife. If your husband is so wayward that he comes home around midnight every day you can be sure that he brings in demons on a daily basis.

A spiritual leader can also transfer good or evil things into the life of the members. The story of Jonestown in Guyana, South America, has remained unforgettable in the history of mass suicide. The leader of the cult had such a bizarre influence on his members that he told them that, they together with him would drink poison and die on the same day. Everyone accepted. That was how the most fearful mass suicide took place in South America. Their dead bodies were later shown on television and in the dailies. That is the power of the evil transfer. He had captured their bodies, souls and spirits before he led them to a mass grave.

A father who is polygamous may plant the same seed in his offspring. That is why they say "like father, like son", "like mother, like daughter".

Why don't you release yourself from the power of evil parental transfer right now by taking these prayer points:

All forms of "like father like son" or "like mother like daughter" spirit in my life, loose your hold and depart, in the name of Jesus.

Every negative influence from my parents, depart from my life now, in the name Jesus.

Influences or problems can be transferred through institutions like offices or schools. There was a popular atheist who influenced a lot of people who passed through the school he founded. That is some of the students grew up as atheists. What happened was that his spirit got transferred into the lives of the students. Although he is dead today, the spirit of godlessness, which was in his heart, has remained in some of the students who passed through the school. Incidentally, he has also produced notable African preachers.

• ANGER

The demons of anger are easily transferred from one person to another. The Bible says,

Make no friend with an angry man and with a furious man, thou shalt not go, lest thou learn his ways and get a snare to thy soul (Prov. 22:24-25).

This teaches us that if you walk with an angry man, you will soon catch his spirit. Whenever the head of the family is always angry, quarreling with everybody, the spirit of depression will soon take over the entire family. Angry fathers generally bring up rebellious and uncontrollable children.

Anger opens the gate for other vices to come in. Anger is temporary madness. If you get angry and destroy things, when your anger subsides, you may find it difficult to undo the evil you have done. Anger can be likened to epilepsy. You may do things that are shameful, but when you wake up from your fit, you will be terribly ashamed. A lot of demonic spirits ride on the horse of anger and rule human spirits.

The best time for demonic spirits to come into people's life is when they are angry. Temper tantrums are weapons of demonic attack. I saw a blind man one day, who got angry and threw away his walking stick. It took him about five minutes before he could recover from his fit of anger. By the time he became normal, he discovered that he could not find his way without his stick. It was then he shouted "Who is passing by? Can you help me to find my stick?" I laughed. But he was the one who threw the stick away. What would have happened if nobody was passing by? He would have suffered unnecessarily.

A lot of people today, have thrown valuable things away because of anger. If care is not taken, such people may never recover what they threw away. This shows us that the spirit of anger is indeed powerful.

• SOUL TIES

When you have soul ties with your leaders, parents, friends and acquaintances, spirits can be readily transferred. Soul ties are powerful. If you have a deep or an intimate relationship with someone, you also end up taking up spiritual things (positive or negative) from that person.

For example, if you had a sexual partner before you became born again and you have not broken soul ties, there may be things that were deposited in your life that will continue to disturb you.

Spirits that are attached to soul ties may not necessarily kill but they will hinder some good things from coming to you. If it happens that you are free from soul ties at the moment, don't get entangled with soul ties.

For example, if a woman says, "I'm going to get even with my husband. Since he's been going about with strange women, I'm also going to look for a strange man, to prove to him that what is good for the goose is also good for the gander", she may get into trouble. The kind of strange man that may come across her way may be a possessed man. She may end up jumping from frying pan to fire. She may get more than she bargained for. Evil spirits may enter her home and trouble her, her children and her husband. It can result in multiple bondage.

• YOUR COMPANY

The company you keep or the people with whom you associate can transfer negative things to you. That is why a true believer cannot afford to make an unbeliever a very close friend. The Bible says,

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise but a companion of fools shall be destroyed (Prov. 13:20).

In other words, if you hang around with wicked men, you will be wicked too. If your companions are those who worry, you will end up becoming a worry wart. The company you keep may be used as a pipe to transfer things into your life.

If you are going through strange things as a result of transference of spirits, you must take necessary steps if you want to be free. You must break every soul tie. You must allow rivers of living water flow out of you. Let the life of Christ in you infect others. You must stop every evil spiritual infections. You must become a thermostat instead of being a thermometer.

• PERSONAL OR ANCESTRAL DEMONIC INVOLVEMENT

Transference of spirits can occur through personal or ancestral demonic involvement. If your parents were involved in idol worship, masquerades, consulting fetish priests, white garment prophets, palmistry, the use of charms and the occult, you have definitely experienced an evil transfer as long as you did not get born again in your mothers womb. Some of the things transferred may not be discovered for 40 or 50 years.

Evil powers would not wait for your permission or your awareness before carrying out their activities. Those who join the Rosicrucian Order, Freemason, Isis Lodge, the African Lodge, the Reformed Ogboni Fraternity and other occultic groups must be ready to accept one form of evil transfer or another into their lives.

• PHYSICAL CONTACT

Negative anointing can be transferred through physical contact. A lot of bad things take place during programmes like marriages and

engagement ceremonies. The bridegroom is generally expected to prostrate himself before his in-laws. What do you think will happen during such a seemingly harmless ceremony if more than half of those who are gathered there witches and wizards. To prostrate himself before such a motley crowd is to be ready for anything.

Again, some of the things we do in the name of African culture leaves much to be desired. For example, it is customary in some circles for water to be poured on the feet of the bride during the ceremony. Tell me what happens if the person pouring the water is a witch. An evil transfer is inevitable. Even if prayers are offered for you by those present during the traditional marriage, all you can see is the prayer, but the hidden agenda remains unknown.

A large gathering may be filled with satanic agents who want to use that opportunity as a point of contact for evil transfer. People may pray for you outwardly and curse you inwardly. That is how wicked human beings can be.

I also pity those who decide to take chieftaincy titles. The chieftaincy title is not as simple as the name suggests. In Africa, part of the conditions for the conferment of the chieftaincy title is a ritual. This ritual entails the placing of some tropical leaves on the head of the candidate for the title. Generally, a priest is around to lay hands on the head of the new chief. Undoubtedly, transference of spirit takes place. Such occasion provides a legal ground for demons to operate. A lot of these chiefs often misbehave and do things that are unbecoming of their societal status. What else do you expect a man to do, on whose head a strange leaf from the forest was placed by highly demonic men?

Demons cannot but enter the lives of those who undergo rites of chieftaincy. Chiefs who are seen as everybody's men in a community are generally manipulated by witches, wizards, familiar spirits, false prophets, religious imams, fetish priests, mermaid agents, members of the occult and all visible and invisible demonic agents in the community. I pity women who take chieftaincy titles and are addressed as Chief Mrs. so and so, without their knowing the implications of taking such a title.

If a chief comes to the church saying he is now born again, what about

all the evil things which were transferred into his life? You may try to conduct personal deliverance on yourself. But if the hand you lay on your head is cold and lifeless, having no fire, it will not deliver the head that is loaded with demonic power. The most foolish thing anyone can do is to voluntarily surrender his or her head for demonic agents to lay their hands on.

An incident took place recently. Somebody came to me and narrated how evil powers were transferred into his life in an unusual manner. He told me how he conducted a crusade in his church and one of the people who attended the crusade narrated his problem asking for prayer. According to him, the problems mentioned by the man were so unusually strange that all the crusade counsellors declined the offer of helping the man out of the predicament

The case was referred to the brother who narrated the story to me, who happened to be the chief counsellor. He laid hands on the man and prayed. Immediately, he felt some strange sensation in his body. Five minutes after the prayer he fell down and became paralysed. He sensed a foul play and immediately asked them to fetch the man who came for prayer. They looked around for the man but he was no where in sight. He had disappeared. You may ask: why should that happen to a believer? Why not? If a believer is living in any known sin, satanic attack will thrive in his life.

I remember what happened to a friend of mine when he laid hands on a strange man. The incident also took place at a crusade ground. He went from one place to another laying hands on those who attended the crusade. He laid hands on a particular man and sensed that something began to move from the head of the person to his hands. He quickly went back to the man saying "Excuse me can you come back here. I must pray for you again." He told the man to kneel down and he laid his hands on his head again. He prayed, "I command whatever you have transferred into my hands through your evil power to go back into your life right now, in the name of Jesus.

Strange enough he felt something going back from his hand to the head of the satanic agent. He became normal immediately. The satanic

agent knew what he was doing. He just smiled and went away.

A sister was preparing to travel to England. She had so much to do that she decided to engage the services of her house maid. The house maid misbehaved, she packed something which she shouldn't have packed into the luggage of her mistress. The sister got angry and gave her few strokes of the cane, thinking that there was no danger. Immediately, her two hands became joined together. She tried with all her strength to separate the two hands, but could not.

She had to call the neighbour who brought her to me. Unknown to her, the house maid was a witch. The little girl got angry and decided to teach her a lesson. She wanted her to know that you cannot flog everyone and get away with it. That was an evil transfer. Evil power was transferred from the girl's hand through the cane to the lady's hand.

Negative anointing can be transferred through rings, cloths, shoes and head gear. I pity women who borrow clothes for parties. I also pity ladies who give out their dresses to those who want to wear them during parties. Negative anointing can be transferred through such exchange of clothes. You may borrow dresses and look elegant but you cannot be sure whether you have not borrowed negative anointing. I hope that nobody ever borrows underwears because he or she wants to attend a party.

• THE INTERNAL FACTOR

Generally, what gets transferred to you is what is resident in your own life. Like attracts like.

For example, if the spirit of lust is in your heart and somebody who has the same spirit comes across your way, there will be an instant link between both of you and you will begin to lust after each other. The evil current will begin to flow.

Something happened to a brother which bothered him for a very long time. He was married. His wife travelled and he was the only person at home. They had a house maid who lived at the boys' quarters. He woke up one night with an unusual urge to go to the girl where she was

sleeping. It was strange to him. He tried to sleep but he could not. He was so sexually aroused that he felt like rushing to the girl's room. He prayed. Nothing happened. Then he decided to speak in tongues. His feelings subsided and he became normal.

It was then he decided out of curiosity to check the girl's room to find out what could have been responsible for such strange feeling in him. He got to the girl's room and tried to knock at the door. He knocked until the door opened by itself. The girl was fast asleep. However, her posture was strange and suggestive. She was lying down stark naked with her feet on the wall. Then the brother understood the source of the evil transfer. He would have committed immorality with the house girl, but for the fact that he went into spiritual warfare. The blunt truth is that the brother must have at one time or the other entertained some unclean thoughts. That was what the enemy used to transfer evil thoughts into his heart.

If somebody who has the spirit of unbelief comes across another person with the same kind of spirit, the demons in both of them will communicate and attraction will lead to an evil transfer. If somebody who is fond of weeping comes across someone who is melancholic, both of them will be attracted to each other. They will go into bitter crying because there is a current that runs through their hearts. The only way you can deal with external spirits is to get rid of internal spirits which are lodging inside your heart.

Strange things happen in people's lives because internal forces cooperate with external powers making evil transfers possible. Have you ever felt like committing suicide? Where does such a feeling come from? Have you ever felt like doing some strange things? Where do such feelings come from? Obviously, there is no smoke without fire. If there is nothing in you, external factors will not click.

You must get rid of all internal problems, then evil transfers will become impossible.

At times certain problems are prevalent within a family. This situation exists because there are internal factors within the family that promote satanic attacks. That is why there are families where sicknesses, accident, poverty, madness, untimely death and failure go from one

member of the family to another until everyone has had a fair share of the evil cake. Close your eyes at this point and take this prayer point:

Every familiar spirit in my family I bind you, in the name of Jesus.

What is the key to freedom from evil transfer?

KEY TO FREEDOM FROM EVIL TRANSFER

• SPIRITUAL MATURITY

What is spiritual maturity? It is a Christian's maturing or growing up until he becomes a full-grown adult spiritually speaking. Are you a baby in the Lord? Do you demonstrate maturity in all that you do? If you are at the same spot spiritually all the time then you are a backslider. Those who fall to make progress generally experience evil transfer. But someone who has grown up spiritually will not be a candidate for evil transfer.

• TOTAL DELIVERANCE

You must ensure that you are completely delivered from anything contrary to light in your life. If you are not delivered in any area of your life evil spirits will come into your life through that door way. Total deliverance will close every door against the devil.

• REMOVAL OF EVERY ROOT OF BITTERNESS.

You must search for and deal with every root of bitterness in your life. Do not harbour unforgiven spirits. Do not be bitter with those who step on your toes. Forgive them. Do not come to the house of God complaining about everything around you. Why do you complain about what is done in the church as if you are perfect? Make sure that your heart is free from bitterness, rancor, malice and anger.

• FORGIVENESS

Forgive everyone who ever offended you. Do not keep records of offence in your heart. Forgive yourself and overlook your past mistakes. Do not allow guilt to remain in your heart.

You must take all the steps if you expect evil transfers to fail in your life. Failure to do this is to allow satanic agents to test all their weapons on you. Make up your mind today not to allow evil transfers to function in any department of your life.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every problem putting on a mask be exposed and disgraced today, in the name of Jesus.
2. Anything transferred into my life by evil laying of hands go back to your sender, in the name of Jesus. (Please, place your right hand at the centre of your head as you pray this.)
3. Anything in my body cooperating with witchcraft, go back to your sender, in the name Jesus.
4. Every internal stubborn pursuer, loose your hold now, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every owner of evil load, carry your load, in the name of Jesus.
6. Any evil thing transferred into my life before I got born again, come out with all you roots, in the name of Jesus.

chapter six

FIGHTING THE WAR BEFORE PLANTING SEED

Why is it that many good things find it difficult to survive in the lives of so many people? However, when problems knock at the door of such lives the door joyfully opens and the problems are given a rousing welcome.

A lot of people, today, find it difficult to cultivate the habit of receiving and maintaining spiritual and physical blessings. Many people are only able to experience temporary victory and truncated breakthroughs. The major reason is that many people are trying to plant their crops before clearing the bush. A farmer who plants yam in thick forest will harvest nothing at harvest time. A wise farmer will clear the bush and make sure that the land is conducive for planting before putting his seed in the heart of the earth. There are lots of problems today because many people ignore clearing the bush before planting their seeds. Those who take such steps end up losing a lot.

A man came to see me in the month of March of a particular year. His desire was to experience greater prosperity but he was not prepared to fight for it. Instead of making progress financially, he lost everything he previously had. He had ₦26 million (about 300,000 US Dollars), when he came to me in March. By December, he had only ₦6,000:00 (about 70 US dollars). I asked him, "what did you do with ₦26 million? What exactly did you buy?" "Nothing," he answered. More than ₦25 million had gone down the drain. I decided to run him through a serious prayer session.

As we prayed the Lord gave me a revelation. I saw a naked woman

carrying a basket and holding on to one side of the basket while the man was holding the other side of the basket. The Lord told me that he had thrown his wealth into a leaking basket. It then became clear that the man had planted his seed without fighting the war. He failed to deal with the spirit of the basket which was placed in his life by a woman.

Are you putting your blessings into a leaking basket? If you are in that position you will end up wasting the divine blessings placed in your life. Why don't you pray at this moment to get rid of every basket attached to your life. Close your eyes and take this prayer point.

I drop and destroy every evil spiritual basket, in the name of Jesus.

A lot of people have suffered untold agony and frustrations as a result of failure to fight the war before planting the seed. This reminds me of the story of a particular sister who wanted to get married but had one disappointment after another until she got tired of everything. The first man was snatched by her best friend. The second man was stolen by her younger sister. She went out one day and came back to find her suitor's car packed in front of their house. Initially she was happy thinking that her lover was waiting for her. She was shocked when she opened the door and discovered that the man, who promised to marry her, was committing immorality with her younger sister. That was how she chased the man out of her house.

The third experience was equally bitter. She found another man and liked him. She was joyful, but joy for those who do not know how to fight the battles of life, has a slender body that breaks very soon. She soon discovered that the new man was a drug addict. That was how the relationship ended.

The fourth man who came was so nice and suitable for marriage by all standards. The lady felt that she had found the best man on earth. The man was so qualified that she wondered why he had remained single despite the fact that he had everything going for him. She asked him time and again if he had married before. The man simply said, 'No'. The wedding was planned and a date was fixed. A few days before the wedding she went to the man's house and, met a young girl who told her,

"You are welcome. I am told that you are getting married to my daddy very soon. Well, you must be ready to cope with both of us. Go ahead and get married to him if you are ready to cope with me. No one can separate me from my daddy". That was how she cancelled the marriage.

The fifth man she met happened to be a pastor but hardly had they started their courtship when the pastor ran mad.

The sixth man brought the greatest shock into her life. He died on the day of the engagement. He fainted while the dowry was been conveyed to his in-laws. He was rushed to the nearest hospital. His corpse was brought back after a few hours.

The seventh man ran for his dear life. He had a strange experience on the very day he made a marriage proposal to the lady. He had a dream in which three giant men challenged him saying, "You are in trouble. You have misfired by proposing marriage to that lady. That lady is our wife." They gave him serious beating until he collapsed. The man did not need any further investigation. He ran away from the lady.

The lady ran to me asking for help. I gave her just one prayer point which was, "All stubborn spirit husbands, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus." She had a dream that night, in which she saw three coffins with the three spirit husbands in them. At that point the Lord removed the hindrance and she soon became happily married. She had taken the wrong steps at the beginning. She was trying to plant her seed without fighting the war. She would not have gone through all those bitter experiences if she had taken the right step. She got married after clearing the bush which stood between her and her marriage.

Do you have a great project ahead of you? Then you must clear the bush. Are you going into business? Do you want to get married? The starting point is the clearing of the bush. In other words, you must be ready to fight the war. You must get rid of every hindrance if you want to succeed in your plans. Maybe, you are saying I want to travel abroad. I want to work for God. I want to be a missionary. I want to be a millionaire. I want to become great in life. Then you must get started by praying off any thing that constitutes a hindrance to the fulfillment of your dreams.

There are people who want to work for God without proper preparations. They refuse to get rid of anger. Whenever such people are offended they are ready to pronounce curses on those who offended them. They don't mind destroying lives in order to assuage their anger. It is unfortunate, today, that many people have received the anointing for moving from grace to grass. Some people attempt university education without fighting the war before planting the seed. They end up failing woefully. Eventually, they are advised to withdraw. Why? they did not fight the war. If you must succeed in life you must apply the principle of fighting the war before planting the seed.

Let us examine the book of Genesis and learn an important lesson as regards our topic.

And God bless them. God said unto them be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it and have dominion, over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, over everything that liveth upon the face of the earth (Gen. 1:28).

God gave Adam an important mandate. He was told to subdue the earth. God gave him the key to success. He must exercise dominion over the earth before he can experience the actualisation of his dreams and desires. That was how fighting the war before planting one's seed became a secret of success in life.

This truth was further emphasised in the book of Joshua.

Everyplace that the soul of your foot shall tread upon that I have given unto you as I said unto Moses (Joshua 1:3).

Joshua was told to possess the land of Canaan. He was to posses the land if he must experience total victory. You must fight the war before planting your seed. Some people go into marriage without clearing the bush, without proper preparation. They think that they can approach things the way they did while they were with their parents. Such people are not ready for marriage.

When you look at the New Testament principles you will discover that they are in line with what had been stated in the books of Genesis and

Joshua.

For example, Matthew 11:12 says,

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and only the violent taketh it by force.

We must be aggressive in prayer before we can experience total success in life.

Again, Matthew 16:18 says,

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

We must be forceful and aggressive if we want to succeed in binding the strongman. We are also told that no one can enter a strongman's house and spoil his goods without first binding the strongman.

You must bind the strongman if you want to experience victory in every area of your life. Strongmen are very stubborn, they do not easily give in to defeat. You must deal with them with total aggression if you must prevail over them. We must fight the war before we can plant our seed. This principle came into force in both the Old and the New Testament.

Psalm 2 is one of the most beautiful psalms. It is rich and edifying. Let us go through part of it.

Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed saying, Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.

This passage shows us that we have to contend with so many forces. We face different situations in life. What you are facing is different from what another person is facing. When you want to clear the bush of your own personal life the kind of battle you will fight depends on several factors.

For example, some people pray for 30 minutes and receive answers to

their prayers while others pray for six months without any answer. What is responsible for such a difference is the time it takes to receive a miracle? The time it takes you to experience a breakthrough is directly proportional to the kind of battle you have to fight.

There are ordinary battles while there are stubborn battles. Some battles can be fought and won with little or no effort while others will take persistent bombardment before the first stage of victory becomes possible. Some people even spend more than two years fighting certain problems.

The success of our fight depends on so many factors. We must examine these factors one after the other.

FACTORS THAT DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF OUR WARFARE

• How deeply entrenched the enemy has been in your life

For example, a woman who went to fetch water in the stream got into trouble there. A spirit being came out of the stream and said to her, "I am going to help you to fetch your water. I am also going to make you extremely rich, if you allow me to be joined to the pregnancy in your womb." The woman said, "I am sorry I can't allow that." The spirit pleaded, "I am not going to hurt you." Then she agreed. The spirit entered her. She got home and did not disclose her strange encounter with the demonic being to her husband or anyone else.

A few months later she gave birth to a bouncing baby girl. The young girl grew up until she entered the university. That was when the battle of her life started. Things became terrible during her final year. She was carried up and down without any success. Her condition grew from bad to worse until she was brought to the church. She discovered, later, that her problem started from the womb. The battle she had to fight could not be compared with that of other people's. The enemy had deeply entrenched himself in her life.

• YOUR KIND OF FAMILY BACKGROUND

Your family background determines the kind of battle you are going to face in life.

For example, if your mother was a senior prophetess in a white garment church and saw a lot of fake visions, you have battles to fight if your father was a wizard, that background must have brought a lot of battles into your life.

Bush clearing can take a lot of time and hard work. The kind of battle you are going to fight cannot be compared with the battle of a man who was brought up by Christian parents.

A christian brother found a very lovely christian sister. He was fascinated by her beauty. Unknown to him, the girl's father was the most powerful fetish priest in her village. The girl's father was so wicked that if he said that somebody was going to die, within two days it happened exactly that way. He decided to go ahead and marry her, in spite of the fact that he knew the girl's father during their courtship.

On their wedding day, something strange happened to them. They slept in the night and the husband felt something cold around his legs. He opened his eyes and discovered that a mighty snake curied itself around his legs. He shouted, "Snake! Snake! Snake!" His wife simply smiled saying, "Don't worry. That is my messenger." The husband turned to her and said, "What?" The wife replied, "That is my messenger. It is part of my life. You are already married to me, there is nothing you can do about it. This marriage cannot separate the snake from me." I am sure you know that a deliverance minister who will take care of such a case has a great battle to fight.

• FOUNDATIONAL CURSES AND COVENANTS

The kind of battle you are going to face in life is also determined by foundational curses and covenants. The presence of foundational curses and evil covenants in your life shows that you have a complex battle to fight. The battle of foundational curses and covenants is not an easy one.

I know a particular family who had a serious curse in their foundation. Every male person in that family got married to a witch no matter how

careful he was in his choice. They ended up marrying witches. The last person to get married in that family got born again and decided not to take a wife. He feared that he was going to marry a witch. It took serious deliverance prayers to free him from the evil family curse.

Those who are from royal families have serious battles to fight Royal families have royal problems.

• PREVIOUS CONSULTATION OF DARK POWERS

Another factor which determines the kind of battle you will fight in life is your previous involvement with evil powers. If you examine your background and discover that you were involved with evil powers before you became born again, then you must realise that you have serious battle to fight. If you had dabbled into cults and the occult before knowing the Lord, you can be sure that you have a lot of forces to contend with.

A woman came to me with tears. She complained that she had multiple problems. She had to remove her head gear to stress her point. I saw lots of incisions on her head. She told me that she received those incisions to solve problems which came up in her life. The incisions were so many that I had to ask her to tell me the number. "Oh," she replied. "I have lost count. I can only remember that the first incisions I received were exactly 21." To be sure, such a woman had a serious battle to face.

Another man came from the United States of America to see me. He had a serious problem. Before he came to me he had visited a false prophet who said that his problems would only become solved after giving him and his daughter incisions in their bodies. He decided to start with his daughter. The young girl, who was only 13, stepped forward not knowing what the prophet was about to do. To her surprise, the man brought out a sharp knife and asked her to remove her dress. He told the young girl that she was going to give her incisions on the breast.

The girl stepped backwards and shouted, "This man is a cannibal, he is going to eat me. Is this one of the cannibals which I learned about in Africa? Take me out of this place or else I will call the police." The father tried to calm her down but she was reluctant. She said "If this cannibal lacerates my body, Daddy, I will report you to the child abuse

organisations in the U. S. A. and you will be in trouble." The father volunteered to receive the incision on her behalf. No doubt that man's deliverance was not going to be easy.

Why don't you close your eyes and take this prayer point right now? You must pray it with holy madness if there is any incision in your body.

Every consequence of satanic incision, I wipe you off by the blood of Jesus.

• THE SPIRITUAL QUALITY OF YOUR PAST SEXUAL PARTNERS

Sexual experiences are varied. There are people who have had strange sexual experiences. Some human beings we come across are not ordinary human beings. Some of them are goats, serpents and fishes in the spiritual realm. A lot of ladies are marine agents. If you sleep with such people you are bound to have problems in life.

For example, a man who slept with ten prostitutes, eight of which were witches, might have thought that he was smart. But he was only piling up battles for the future.

Every involvement with demonic agents brings evil things to people's life. One of the weapons used by the devil to lead people into bondage is sex outside marriage. Therefore, a man who has slept with 25 prostitutes, including two Indians, two Americans, and the rest from all over Africa is indeed in a great trouble. He has a great battle to fight. The battle may take years to expunge evil deposits which had mixed with his blood. Certain materials might also have been taken from his body to witchcraft meetings and his blood might have been deposited at more than ten witchcraft meetings. A man who had an encounter with international demons will fight a great battle before he can experience victory.

• THE LEVEL OF YOUR PAST INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD OF DARKNESS

Somebody who was a witch before cannot be compared with someone who does not know anything about witchcraft. Those who had some

involvement with familiar spirits have more battles to fight than somebody who had never had any form of spiritual contamination. If you have been deeply involved with the dark kingdom, then you have a long way to go. If a man went into a bush to ask for the power of witchcraft and was told that the consequences of such power were grave, he will obviously face tough battles in life.

Those who entered into blood covenants in the shrines of fetish priests are in trouble. If such fetish priests die without cancelling the effects of the blood covenants, those people would face great battles in life.

A brother once narrated a strange experience to me. It was a spine-chilling one. Whenever his father wanted to have his bath, the brother would prostrate himself and his father would climb on him and take his bath, standing on top of the brother. That took place every morning for several years. The brother did not understand the implication of what the father was doing, until he got born again and discovered that he had multiple problems to contend with. He realised that he had been involved in the dark kingdom and it had affected him adversely.

• THE KIND OF PLACES YOUR NAME HAS BEEN CIRCULATED

If you have ever made progress in any area of your life, then you can be sure that those who were envious have circulated your name in so many evil places. The kind of battle you will fight in life is determined by the number of places your name has been mentioned. Do you know how many people from your place of work have taken your name to herbalists to get rid of you? They take your name from one town to another. Some people's names have been circulated in many covens and evil places. These evil powers would work against your person through your name.

• THE DEGREE OF STUBBORNNESS AND WICKEDNESS OF YOUR ENEMIES

The battles you have to fight in life are determined by how wicked or stubborn your enemies are. There are some enemies who are so stubborn that they would not easily yield to pressure.

A woman came to me to ask for help. She told me what her past life looked like. According to her, she was involved with the dark kingdom. She was a prophetess during her days of wickedness. It was customary for prophetesses in white garment churches to sit in the front. One day, this woman went to church, sat close to another prophetess, and mistakenly kicked the leg of the second prophetess who shouted, "Please, don't touch my leg. It is heavily loaded with power. I don't joke with my leg." She said that the second prophetess should stop the joke maintaining that there was no power in her legs. The second prophetess kicked her legs and immediately both of them found themselves in a rock. The first prophetess discovered that she had no power at all compared with that of the second prophetess. She discovered that her own power came from the sea while the power of the second prophetess came from the rock.

The first prophetess was amazed by the wealth of the rock kingdom. There were beautiful houses with modern gadgets like the television, disc-players, telephones, etc. Her prophetess friend had proved the supremacy of her own kingdom. They came back to the church and the service was going on smoothly.

All of a sudden, the wicked second prophetess went into trance and started speaking: "Thus saith the Lord. There is a rich man here. Enemies are after your life, come out and let me lay hands on your head." The man came out and she placed her hands on his head and prayed for about 20 minutes. At the end she told the man to go back to his seat. After the service the second prophetess called her friend and told her that she was actually sent on assignment against the man who came out for prayer.

According to her, she had been sent from the dark kingdom to destroy that man. She had to become a prophetess to carry out evil assignments. She succeeded in diverting the man's blessing through laying on of hands.

I plead with you to close your eyes right now and take this special prayer point,

Every negative hand stretched towards me, wither, in the name

Jesus.

• THE SPIRITUAL POSITION OF ANYONE PLACING CURSES UPON YOUR LIFE

There is a great difference between parental curses and curses from wicked demonic agents. Curses from witches and wizards should not be toyed with. If such demonic agents have placed curses upon your life, your battle is indeed great. Let me give you an important spiritual principle. If anyone places curses on you, you need someone with a higher anointing to break that curse.

For example, if a pastor has placed a curse on you for one reason or the other, you may meet the General Overseer to cancel that curse. If Elisha places a curse on someone, it is not the same thing as receiving a curse from Elijah. One is higher than the other. Elisha had a double anointing. To receive a curse from such a man means to be under a double curse.

There are many situations where some external assistance is needed. The advantage we have as a large church is that our corporate anointing is unusually high. To participate in such corporate service is to have the opportunity of experiencing freedom from all kinds of stubborn yokes.

• YOUR POTENTIAL USEFULNESS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Devil attacks you in proportion to your potential usefulness in the kingdom of God. The devil is very intelligent. He knows those who are going to be useful in the kingdom of God as well as those who are going to destroy his kingdom. Whenever he discovers the latter he vents his anger on them. You become a target of satanic attack the moment God lays his hand upon your life. The devil will not waste his time on those who do not constitute any threat to his kingdom. Take a look at the football match. The footballers who are tackled most are those who generally score the goals. That is why three or four people are generally placed against a particular player who poses a threat to the opponents. Such footballers are hardly given a breathing space.

The best footballer is a marked man and that exactly is what happens to those who are likely to be useful in the kingdom of God. The devil does not give them any respite. If you are a special instrument in the hand of God, the devil will see you as a dangerous threat to his kingdom. He knows that if he allows you to continue to gain spiritual grounds you will unleash terror on his kingdom.

That has remained the situation throughout human history. The devil has continued to attack those who are likely to give him problems. That was why Herod decided to kill Jesus. That was why the king of Egypt decided to kill Moses when he was an infant. Both kings killed all the small children in order to get rid of two people.

A demonic boy once made some confessions. He said that he was given a satanic assignment against a boy who was likely to pose serious threat to the kingdom of the devil. His assignment was to kill the boy. The child was born in Australia.

The demonic agent went to the house of the boy's parents in the company of other demons. Unfortunately, their task was made easy by the parents of the boy. The parents were having a fight when they got there. The child was abandoned somewhere within the house while his parents were exchanging blows. By the time they were through with their fight the boy was dead. That was how the evil powers succeeded. No doubt, the blood of that child is on the head of the parents.

The parents who were Christians were careless. They allowed the satanic plan to succeed. In one word, if God has a promise for your life, you are a marked man.

• THE LEVEL OF YOUR SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE

The kind of battle you will fight in life depends on the level of your knowledge. The enemy would generally steer clear of people who appear too strong to be handled by him.

• THE LEVEL OF YOUR ANOINTING

A great anointing would easily destroy any kind of battle. On the other

hand, insufficient anointing will keep you on the battle field for a very long time. For example, Elijah was attacked by 51 people (50 soldiers and one commander). He defeated them. Another group came against him. He overcame them. Another set of 51 people were sent, making a total of 153 people. He defeated all. In the case of Elisha, man with double anointing, a whole army came to attack him. The undeniable fact is that the more power you have, the more vicious your attackers would be.

Let me end this chapter by quoting once again from Psalm 2: **"The kings of the earth set themselves, and rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us"** (Psalm 2 :2-3). We are told here that a class of demonic beings came against the Lord. Kings and rulers are classes of spirit in the demonic world. We see here, the calibre of spirits that have the audacity to set themselves against God. You can be sure that the spirits who could be bold enough to challenge the Almighty God were not ordinary spirits.

These spirits held a conference. They formed a council of high-ranking demonic spirits. They were so proud that they felt it was an insult to posses ordinary human beings. They went for a higher assignment. If you try to cast out ordinary demons you may not bother the devil much. But the moment you touch his kings, queens, princes and princesses, you have touched a sensitive spot in his life. The devil reacts violently against such affront.

The strongmen are stubborn, wicked and aggressive. They know where everybody's placenta is buried. They are also able to trace everybody's family.

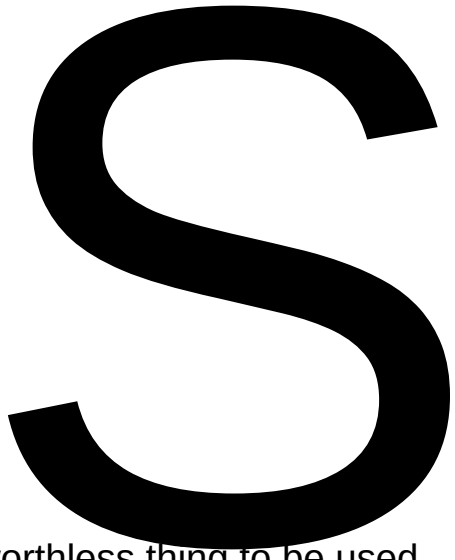
PRAYER POINTS

1. Every counsel of evil spirits against my life, I dismantle you, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every wicked finger pointed at me, wither, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every wicked power that has refused to leave me alone, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.

4. Every dry bone in my life, revive, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every evil plant disturbing the plant of my life, be uprooted by fire, in the name of Jesus.

chapter seven

THE SPIRIT OF SLAVERY



lavery is a common African experience. Although the modern African knows almost nothing about slavery, oral tradition and modern history informed him of the gruesome slavery. Slavery was an unpleasant experience. Chain gives us a clear mental picture of what it means to be under bondage. According to history, African slaves were bought by the whites and taken to work in American plantations. To be a slave therefore was to be a worthless thing to be used.

Let us examine some relevant Scriptures.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money (Isa. 52:2-3).

This passage identifies the problem of slavery. It also offers the solution.

What is a slave? A slave is the property of the owner who works without expecting payment. Someone has described slaves as the dustbin or the excrement of mankind. A slave is anyone who is under the power of a master to whom he belongs. The master reserves the right to keep or sell him. A slave has no right. Anything can happen to him: death, accident, hard labour, etc.

A slave has no choice. He can own or acquire nothing. Whatever he owns, belongs to his master. Therefore a slave is really not a human being. He is just a property owned by his lord or master. Slavery,

therefore, is a practice in which people own other fellow human beings and use them abusively.

When you look at the genealogy of the black race, every family has one curse or the other to break as a result of the sins of its forefathers. The spirit of slavery has made use of the sins of our forefathers to entrench itself in so many lives.

The Bible says:

If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no

more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you (Deut 28:58-68).

This long passage reveals the terrible nature of slavery. It also highlights the characteristics of slavery. The horror of slavery is graphically made plain.

Exodus 21 verse 2-7 says:

If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever. And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.

This passage goes on to tell us that slaves and their entire families were the properties of their owners. Once the mark of slavery was established on the body of the slave, he became a slave forever.

Exodus 21:28-32 tells us:

If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit. But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death. If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him. Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall

give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

This passage shows us that when an ox killed a human being who was free, the penalty was death. It was a serious crime. But if an ox killed a slave the penalty was a paltry 30 shekels of silver. The life of a slave was worthless.

Generally, these passages show us that slaves were the most pitiable human beings who ever lived on earth. Slaves were denied personal choice in their marriages. Also the wife and the children of a slave were part of his master's property.

A slave couldn't do what he liked. Even if he did what was commendable he got no praise for it. If he made a mistake he would be dealt with brutally. If he died in the process of receiving brutal punishment nobody would ever ask his master any question.

A slave is always wrong, the master is always right. He labours from dawn to dusk without any reward under a harsh task master.

Slavery is terrible. It is better imagined than experienced.

If slavery is so terrible, it is important for us to examine the various forms of slavery. This would lead us to the reasons why men and women are enslaved.

REASONS FOR SLAVERY

Generally speaking, people go into slavery for a number of reasons.

1. Some people experience slavery or bondage today because their forefathers were slave dealers. They sold men into slavery or they were directly or indirectly involved with slave trade several decades ago. In the physical realm we all know that slavery is the most wicked act perpetrated by man. How can someone sell or boy a fellow human being, bind such a person with chains and put him on a ship travelling to America and other parts of the then civilized world? The inhuman treatment meted to slaves leaves much to be desired. Many slaves lost

their lives while on the journey.

Although that was done several years ago, the effect and the spiritual implications linger on till today. Such acts are clearly ungodly. It is crystal clear that there is a curse on such inhuman practices. All slave dealers are under a curse. African chiefs and their white counterparts who came as slave barons were under a curse. The middle-men in the various communities were also under a curse. Thus, the offspring of all slave dealers are by extension under curses and bondage.

2. All those who were financed or sponsored for education, etc. with wages drawn from the slave trade are under bondage. Whatever was financed or done with proceeds from slave trade cannot lead to blessing or prosperity. Money received from selling human beings is nothing but blood money. Those involved in such wicked trade and their offspring are under bondage.

3. Some people are suffering today because their forefathers bought slaves and used them as animals. Those people have had the spirit of slavery transferred into their lives through the actions of their forefathers.

4. There are those who come from royal families where the practice of slavery thrives till today. Visit some palaces today and you will still find slaves. Those who come from such families are under bondage because the curse on those who buy and use human beings as slaves is upon their offspring.

5. There are people who are under double bondage today because they are descendants of returnee slaves. These slaves travelled to the New World taking with them their evil African covenants. When they got to the country of the whiteman they added the whiteman's evil covenant. So, some of them came back with double bondage. This multiple bondage was eventually transferred to their children. Therefore, the offspring of some of those sold into slavery automatically inherited bondage.

6. Another form of slavery is experienced by those who have no physical link with slave trade but are enslaved by superior powers. That is the highest form of slavery. Spiritual slavery is a terrible experience.

Those who are under bondage are not free to live their own lives. That is why those who are under slavery generally find it difficult to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. When such people pray to receive the Holy Ghost baptism the powers in control of their lives would revolt, saying that they have a legal claim to their lives. Such claim makes it impossible for them to be baptised with the Holy Ghost.

7. This group consists of those who have invited chains into their lives through ignorance of dangerous practices. Ignorance is inexcusable. You may be ignorant of the toxic power that resides in concentrated hydrochloric add, but if you use it as water for your tea, you will pay with your life. Add kills no matter how ignorant is the person who drinks it in the same vein, to go into activities that lead to bondage is to expect slavery.

8. There are those whose parents and forefathers made human sacrifices and ate human flesh. Anyone from their family is under bondage to the spirit of slavery. Even if such people get born again they are till under slavery unless they specifically undergo deliverance from the curse which attend human sacrifices and cannibalism.

9. Another group consists of those possessed by the spirit of slavery because of their addiction to bad habits, those who are slaves to compulsive habits. Evil powers control their lives. Therefore, those people who are addicted to alcohol, hard drugs, tobacco, food, coffee, cigarette, cocaine, greed, nervousness, resentment, restlessness and self-pity are under bondage or slavery. It is impossible for them to break loose from these habits on their own. They make resolutions but break them as soon as the resolutions are made. They spend their entire earnings on their addictions.

Freedom is possible only through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let me make this very clear: It takes the nine factors enumerated above to make the spirit of slavery operational. Many people are under bondage as a result of the spirit of slavery because of these factors. Unknown to such people, these nine factors serve as platform for the operation of the spirit of slavery.

The African continent has become the best breeding ground for

physical and spiritual slavery. That is why the bondage of the African is greater, deeper and more complex than those of people from the western world. Africa is simply the headquarters of spiritual and physical slavery. It is therefore a continent where bondage and slavery are rife. No wonder, Africa has been called the dark continent. Evil spirits have found in the African continent the most fertile ground for their evil operations.

Our generation has become the generation of slavery. This unpleasant experience has become the lot of Africans through the actions of our forefathers. They got into so many wicked things without thinking of the implications of their actions. Without doubt, our fathers had eaten sour grapes and our teeth are now aching. Our forefathers sold us into slavery. Today, we are paying the price.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SLAVERY

What are the characteristics of slavery in people's lives? What are the factors we must look for to identify slavery in people's lives? How can you know if the spirit of slavery is operating in your life? Is there anything in your life which shows that you are under slavery but you are ignorant of the fact?

Let us examine the factors which reveal that someone is a slave.

• SERVANTHOOD

Are you a servant? Do you spend your life serving other people without thinking of your personal welfare? Are you a slave? Do you serve a particular master without conspicuous progress? It is not wrong to serve other people provided you are also making progress yourself. You must serve others and prosper, if not, you are just a slave. It is not wrong to work under another person but you must make sure that you are working in a place where you are constantly making progress.

If the spirit of slavery has dominated your life you will keep on serving other people without any appreciable betterment in your own life. Slaves or servants have experiences of fruitless service. They suffer frustration, poverty, instability and lack of progress. They work in a particular place for ten years and gather nothing. They run to another place and also

gather nothing. By the time they get to retirement age there is really nothing to show for all their years of hard labour and servitude.

You may remain under the chain of servanthood unless you refuse to remain in the camp of drawers of water and hewers of wood. You must refuse to be a servant. You must not remain in the group of those who serve others when their lives remain hopelessly miserable.

Why must you be a slave? Why must you remain lean when those you are serving are fat, prosperous and flourishing? Why must you be a servant forever? It is unfortunate that there are whole families who never achieved anything on their own but have always served achievers. Again, there are those who have served great men but remain poor, frustrated and retrogressive in every area of their lives.

Perhaps you have served somebody for 20 years. If you have nothing to show for it then something is wrong somewhere. You must break the spirit of slavery. If you fall to do this then you may remain a slave forever. You must call yourself to order today and deal with the spirit of servanthood. Enough is enough! You have served other people for too long. You must call the fire of the Holy Spirit against the spirit of servanthood. Then your journey in life will become purposeful.

I challenge you at this point to close your eyes and take this important prayer point if you really want to be free from slavery.

Any spirit of bondage in my life, I dismantle you today, in the name of Jesus.

• BEING A DROP-OUT

Those who drop out from school are, undoubtedly, under the spirit of slavery. Some people drop out from primary or secondary school or the university, for no just reason. They stop schooling because they just felt like doing something else. Those who are school or college drop-outs are under one form of bondage or the other. Their actions go beyond the physical realm. To allow yourself to be a drop-out is to mortgage your future. Someone who dropped out from a primary school may be an aggressive member of the prayer warrior team but he will remain limited

in life. He can never rise up to become an important personality in the society.

Whatever makes you to drop out from school or from an important course will also hinder you from attaining an important position in life. You must therefore fight against any spirit that tries to make you drop out from school.

• LOW INTELLIGENCE

The spirit of slavery thrives in the lives of those whose intelligence is unusually low. People of low intelligence miss their best opportunities in life. They end up as slaves because they cannot catch up with the reasoning ability of those who are around them. Give a man of low intelligence the best opportunity in life and he will never be able to make use of it. Low intelligence is like a chain. It binds people to one spot.

• FOOLISHNESS AND DRUNKENNESS

Drunkenness and foolishness are twin sisters. Drunkenness leads to foolishness. But how can ordinary liquid lead a man into foolishness. All drunkards are possessed by the spirit of slavery.

This reminds me of the story of a drunkard who died some years ago. The burial ceremony took place outside Lagos. The officiating minister shocked those who were at the burial. He stood up and told sympathizers, relatives and neighbours who attended the ceremony: "I welcome you all to this burial ceremony. Today, I am going to tell you the truth. May I announce to you that the man we have all come together to bury has gone straight to hell fire. When he was alive I preached to him several times but he refused to repent. To tell you the truth, I picked him up from the gutter times without number but he always went back to the bottle. In one word, he died a drunkard. I don't want us to waste our time. The man did not live a life that glorified God. I cannot deceive anybody. He lived a godless life and he has gone to a godless grave. Thank you. Goodbye."

Everyone was shocked. But they also knew that the preacher spoke the truth. However, some of them were wondering why he did not, at least,

respect the dead. Whatever they said did not matter. He had told them the truth about the drunkard's life. The man lived as a slave and died in slavery.

A lot of people are living in slavery today. The alcoholic bottle has become a chain which keeps them tied to slavery. There are men and women who come to the church and pretend to be godly while they sip alcohol in the privacy of their bedrooms. Such people can deceive their pastors but they cannot deceive God. Slavery is slavery, whether it is in the open or in secret. Everyone who allows drunkenness and foolishness to find a place in his life is under bondage to the spirit of slavery.

• VAGABOND LIFESTYLE AND AIMLESSNESS

That is another form of slavery. This kind of spirit keeps victims at the tail position. They make a man to go about aimlessly. Vagrancy, aimless drifting and going back and forth without any definite purpose in life shows that the victims are slaves who are under bondage.

Drifters are generally aimless in life. Today, they are into export and import business, tomorrow they try local trading. Another day you find them doing a professional work. You also find them planning to travel abroad the next moment. They have no definite purpose. Their lives can be likened to the life of the proverbial Jack of all trades and master of none. They are aimless. Vagabonds who go up and down will achieve nothing at the end of their lives. Again, this is not ordinary. There is a spirit behind such compulsive, aimless actions.

• PROSTITUTION OR HARLOTRY

This is another weapon used by the devil to lead people into slavery. A lot of ladies today have become slaves through prostitution. Many people look decent and intelligent but they are nothing but glorified prostitutes. Some live as prostitutes under the excuse of looking for someone to marry. There are ladies who tell us that they decided to go into prostitution as their only option to finding a husband. Some say they go into immorality as a way of tying down their prospective husbands. They can give any excuses, but they are prostitutes whether they like it or not.

Many people have got into problems today as a result of unwanted pregnancy. There are ladies who got pregnant while attending college or learning a trade. Such people have started their lives on the wrong note. They got into bondage early in life. They jump from frying pan into fire. The spirit of slavery employs prostitution as a weapon of destroying people's lives.

Today, many lives have been destroyed on the African continent because of multiple bondage. For example, a lady who is pursued by household enemies and decides to go into secret prostitution, adds another bondage to herself. By the time evil powers are finished with her, her life would have been severely destroyed.

Evil spirits are indeed wicked. If they know that it is difficult to trap a manor a woman, they will lead him or her into involvement with harlotry or prostitution as a means of destroying his or her life.

• PRODUCING FALSE PROPHETS AND PROPHETESSES

People have run into slavery and bondage as a result of belonging to families which have produced false prophets or prophetesses. Take a look at your family today. How many prophets or false prophetesses have they produced? Those who go into false prophetic practices are under bondage. There are many syncretic and fringe churches in Africa. These churches are filled with possessed men and women who claim to have the powers of prophecy. They use such powers to destroy many people's lives. Their victims are drawn from the poor and the rich. University professors are among the victims of such evil manipulators in the name of prophets.

An incident took place some time ago which revealed the deceit behind false prophecy. A lady was so hungry that she collapsed during a church service. It happened to be a white garment church. The lady began to roll on the ground, moaning and asking for food. A so-called prophetess at the service started giving some fake prophecies instead of fetching some food for a hungry person. She prophesy saying, "Woman, you are rolling on the ground because 20 witches have decided to kill you. You must buy some candles, oranges, banana and bring some cash if you want us to avert death. Thus said the Lord."

The poor woman wondered what the prophetess was saying. What she needed was food. Her hunger had nothing to do with witches. That is an example of the deceit behind many so-called prophecies.

• MEMBERSHIP OF CULTS AND FALSE RELIGIONS

Anyone who is a member of cults and false religions is a slave. If you have examined your family lineage and discovered that some members belong to lodges or other secret societies, then know that the spirit of slavery is actively working in your family.

• PRODUCING NATIVE DOCTORS AND HERBALISTS

If your family has ever produced herbalists, voodoo priests, or fetish priests, the spirit of slavery is controlling that family. When evil powers want to do some havoc in a family, they will approach fetish priests who will supply necessary information concerning members of the family. With that kind of information, evil powers would easily gain access into the family.

• PRODUCING OCCULT MEMBERS

Any family that has produced members of the occult are automatically under slavery.

• REMAINING BACKWARD OR STAYING PERPETUALLY AT THE TAIL REGION

There are people who always remain at the back no matter the efforts they make. Some children always come last in the class no matter the number of students or pupils in that class. That is the spirit of slavery at work. There is an evil spirit, lurking somewhere which does not want the person to make progress in life. Recently, a primary school pupil was brought into my office by his parents. The parent's complaint was that he was a dunce. I looked at the boy and I was surprised. He looked bright and intelligent, I greeted the boy and gave him a simple test.

I told him to add 100 + 100 and give me the answer. He smiled and simply said, "Sir, it is very simple." He began to count his fingers - one,

two, three, four, five. Then he lifted up the other hand and counted up to 10. He removed his right leg and counted up to 15 on the right toes. The left toes gave him 20. He turned to the fingers again and continued counting. He kept counting his fingers and his toes until he became confused. I wondered how the poor boy was going to add 100 and 100 by counting his fingers and toes. That boy was an example of what it means to remain at the tail region.

• BAD FEET

A lot of people have evil feet. Everywhere they walk into becomes a problem spot. If they walk into a business location things would begin to nosedive. Evil feet are fore-runners of problems. Things would generally go on smoothly until someone with bad feet walks into the situation. Then, problems would start. That is the spirit of slavery. There are people, who have experienced strange manifestations whenever they get involved in aggressive prayer sessions. Such people have seen things like cockroaches or insects jumped out of their legs during deliverance. So, if your leg is under a spell you will remain in slavery.

• BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DEMONIC PERSONS

A lot of families have one or two highly demonic persons who hold other members spell-bound. Such wicked people are so powerful that whatever they say is final. Everybody fears them.

• STAGNANCY

To remain stagnant in life in spite of excellent academic qualifications is caused by the spirit of slavery.

• NEGATIVE ANOINTING FOR POVERTY

There are people who are anointed negatively for poverty and non-achievement.

• SLAVE DREAMS

If you have read my book entitled ***Victory Over satanic Dreams,*** you would have known about evil influence and the power of satanic dreams.

A lot of people are blind as far as understanding of dreams is concerned. Let me give you more information concerning slave dreams. This will help you to fight against every form of enslavement through evil dreams. What are satanic dreams?

SATANIC SYMBOLS USED IN SLAVE DREAMS

The following are common satanic symbols used in the realm of the dreams to enslave men and women.

• LIZARDS

Lizards are symbolic. If you dream about lizards, you should not dismiss it with a wave of the hand. One of the characteristics of the lizard is fear. Those who dream about lizards are generally afflicted by the spirit of fear. Any occurrence of such dream shows that there is something in your life which has to be dealt with.

Many years ago, when we started the MFM, a particular Igbo brother was coming regularly to the services. He was so fervent in the Lord and prayed with the totality of his energy. He kept on praying until God dealt with the spirit of poverty which had kept him under bondage. He woke up one morning and heard the voice of God saying, "Your poverty is coming to an end today." The Holy Spirit told him to lift up his pillow. He did and found a dead lizard. The Holy Spirit told him that the lizard came from his head. It was then he discovered the secret behind his poverty.

Within two weeks his life changed dramatically. He brought an elegant Mercedes Benz to the church. He became the first member to drive a Mercedes Benz in the church. That is a perfect example of how people's lot in life can change dramatically, provided they are ready to take the appropriate steps.

• BATS

Bats are generally known for blindness, indecision and duplicity. Dreams of bats are symbols of blindness. Such dreams show that you are neither here nor there. You must deal with that kind of dream and ask God to give you a clear focus.

• SERPENTS

This is another form of slave dream. Seeing snakes in your dream means that you are under bondage. If you dream regularly about serpents or snakes you must pray seriously, otherwise peace may elude you in life. The serpent is also a symbol of deception and lying. The serpent has remained a crooked animal right from the opening pages of the book of Genesis to the last page of the book of Revelation. If you are involved with a business and you begin to see serpents in your dreams it is an evidence of the fact that danger is near. Tricksters may be out to dupe you.

• VULTURES

Vultures are generally associated with dead animals. Those who see vultures in their dreams should realise that good things in their lives are dead. You must pray to bring back such things into your life.

• FROGS

Frogs are known for their nauseating music, their jumping movement and their multiplication. Those who see frogs in their dreams are generally involved with sexual sins and inconsistency.

• SPIDERS

Dreams of spiders show that the enemy is trying to build a cage around your life.

• SCORPIONS

Scorpions are wicked creatures. They can inflict terrible pain on their victims. They are also deadly. Seeing them in your dreams shows that evil powers are trying to harm you.

• BEES

Bees are known for their anger, bitterness and revenge. They can be very dangerous. Dreaming of them shows that some terrible elements are running after your life.

• TORTOISES AND SNAILS

These are very slow animals. If you see a tortoise or a snail in your dreams it implies that somebody is trying to introduce sluggishness and hindrances into your life.

DISOBEDIENCE - THE ROOT CAUSE OF SLAVERY

Slavery, generally speaking, comes as a result of disobedience to God. That is the highest form of slavery. Those who disobey God are slaves. One of the most wicked activities of slavery is destroying the family. Evil powers are very wicked. They know how to attack a family. They simply go for the head of the home, the man, make him a slave and remove him from his family. The result is that the entire family is captured. They would capture the wife and take her to another place. They would also turn the children to vagabonds.

History reveals that more than 500 million Africans were taken away as slaves. That wicked action was taken by our forefathers. They captured innocent people, tortured them and took them away as slaves. Those who did such wicked things placed curses upon themselves. The African slave dealers and the whites who bought the slaves from them were all under curses.

Slavery is the most inhuman act to which anyone can be subjected. Slaves were stripped naked and chained. Their necks were joined together with stocks they all dragged along. If one of them wanted to ease himself (or herself), the group would not stop or wait. He was expected to ease himself as he was being dragged along. The sick ones were thrown into the sea. Their mouths were padlocked while they worked in the plantations.

Slaves were sold in exchange for alcohol, mirror, necklace and other insignificant materials. Look at Nigeria and other nations today, you will discover that cities and towns which were notorious for slavery are the most economically backward. Members of such communities are living in poverty. Slave ports are out of use. Slave markets centres are dry and

desolate. Families that made money during slave trade have suffered problems which money cannot solve.

You must close your eyes at this point and pray:

Any evil, trying to pursue me, turn back by the blood of Jesus.

The movement of African slaves to other countries began as early as the 15th century. This shows that those whose problems are rooted in slavery might have gone through such suffering for some 400 years.

African slaves were sold as objects of no value by their kinsmen. The whiteman who bought human beings as slaves was equally guilty. Hence the slave trade has become the most brutal and the most inhuman aspect of the whiteman's history.

What was the goal of the slave trade? Financial gain. The whites bought slaves as cheap labour from Africa and sold them to slave users in America and other parts of the world. Primary buyers make money from secondary buyers. The plantation owners turned the slaves to beasts who worked tirelessly in the farms.

The journey from Africa to the Western world was a very long one. Consequently, many Africans lost their lives during the journey. Sometimes half of the slaves in a ship died and were thrown into the sea. Not only the dead, those who were dying were also thrown into the sea. You can be sure that such dying men and women issued terrible curses upon those who sold them into slavery and their posterity. Such terrible curses are now working against many families. What else would you expect from a man who was taken from his wife and children only to be thrown into the Atlantic ocean as a dying man?

Africans who were involved in slavery made money out of fellow Africans without thinking about the consequences of their actions. Slaves were given little or nothing to eat They were taken from tropical countries into very cold regions whose temperature fell below the temperature of our normal refrigerator.

What kind of curse would you expect from such a displaced person? How would such a person feel? Such people had to work in the

plantations whether they liked it or not. If they were slow they were flogged like animals. The ordour of the places they were assembled was terrible. All kinds of insects and files made there their places of abode.

Some years ago, I stumbled on an advertisement on slaves of those days:

Slaves on sale

Rossy. 13 years of age. A good house boy, fine temper, fully guaranteed, speaks German and English.

Esther. 40 years, a clean cook, washer and ironer

Patrick. 28 years, a good barber, boarding and house servant, fully guaranteed against vices and maladies.

Payment: cash

That was how human beings were advertised for sale.

chapter eight

RELEASE FROM EVIL SPIRITUAL MARRIAGE

The supernatural world is as real as the physical. Even if the supernatural realm is far removed from the consciousness of the average human being, yet we all know that what takes place in that realm affects us practically in our day to day lives. Ignorance is no excuse. The fact that you are not conscious of a bad situation does not mean that you will not suffer its consequences.

It is unfortunate that some people go through terrible situations in life while remaining in darkness as regards the source or origin of their problems. A lot of people beat about the bush without knowing the cause of their sufferings and problems. Hence, they look away from the root of their problems and search for solutions where none exists. The greatest good you can do to yourself is to go back to the root. Your present problems might have been caused by supernatural forces.

You must, therefore, ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart to the realities of the supernatural world. That may be the beginning of your miracles. By and large, you will discover that certain yokes, covenants and evil linkages must be dealt with if you must leave a happy, holy, healthy and prosperous life.

The subject of the evil spiritual marriage has been grossly misunderstood by many people. While some hold erroneous views, others demonstrate partial knowledge this all-important subject. What we are considering in this chapter goes beyond the popular concept of spirit husbands and spirit wives. Some go beyond that point and teach the evil of succubi and incubi actions. That is mere terminology. The problem of the evil marriage goes beyond dilettantish purposes.

Evil marriage is a deep subject. Moreover, it is one that concerns all and sundry. From our spiritual research and statistical findings, we have discovered that seven out of ten ladies who profess to be born again are involved, consciously or unconsciously with evil spiritual marriage. In the same vein, seven out of ten christian men are also consciously or unconsciously affected by evil spiritual marriage.

Bring ten ladies together and ask them certain questions about their dream experiences, their marital lives and certain mysterious happenings in their lives, you will discover that they are not free from involvement with spiritual partners or husbands. The easiest index is this. If you have ever had an immoral affair with anyone who is not free in every sense of the word, then you can be sure that your relationship, as simple as it appears, may have led you into a spiritual relationship. Now, do you know those who are free and those who are not. Even if you have never been involved in any immoral act, you are still targeted as a possible wife or husband to those who have little or pronounced association with demonic powers.

It may surprise you that a spirit wife or a spirit husband may just like you and decide to use his or her spiritual power to lead you into a spiritual marriage which you may never be conscious of. The world in which we live is more complex than we can ever imagine. That is why, it is never safe to take anything for granted.

As you read this book, it will be beneficial to you if you make up your mind to be a believer rather than a doubter. If you have a genuine problem along this line, you will save yourself heartaches, unpleasant experiences and enigmatic situations if you decide to deal squarely with it. You won't have lost anything at the end of the day, even if you don't have this kind of problem at all. Your prayer efforts would still be used by God to bless you and set you free from all kinds of hidden covenants or curses.

If you have listened to the kind of stories which I am bombarded with on daily basis you will have no room in your heart about the existence of extra-human powers who try to get involved with innocent human beings. Now, if the situation can be that serious in the church, what happens to

those who are out there in the world? In other words, if the righteous are scarcely free what is the fate of the ungodly?

If you want to understand the true situation among the people of the world, just talk to your unsaved neighbour and he or she will tell you that, there are lots of deep experiences which cannot be understood by man. Some of them will tell you that, evil personalities come to them as ladies or men to violate or abuse their bodies while they watch helplessly. Surely, something is wrong somewhere. It is an undeniable fact. It is a universal human experience.

There are no questions whatsoever as to the source of evil spiritual marriage. Undoubtedly, the devil is the head of all evil spiritual marriages, be they simple or complex. This explains why majority of those who are involved with evil marriage are kept in the dark concerning their dangerous physical and spiritual states. Satan is generally more effective when his victims are totally ignorant of what they are suffering. That is why there are people who have remained in an evil spiritual marriage for 20 or 30 years. Sad enough, some people are in yokes in that manner until their last days on earth.

This is a subject which no one can afford to dismiss with a wave of the hand. It is worthy of consideration by every sincere and serious minded person.

Evil spiritual marriage is more complex and real than many people would imagine. Unfortunately, it is a legal marriage, even though it is contracted in the spiritual realm. The results are visibly seen in the physical realm. We all know that whenever a particular thing is legal there are lots of things that are binding upon those who are involved in it. I pity those who are legally married in the spiritual realm but have no inkling whatsoever concerning the reality of the marriage.

A man or a woman who is bound under the law to fulfil certain conditions but fails to do so will face the consequences whether he or she likes it or not.

In 1992, a sister came for counselling and narrated a strange experience which she had. She told me of a strange marriage which she

contracted with a strange man. The marriage was real. However, she was not conscious of the fact that it was more than a physical marriage. Unknown to her, she was married to a man who was not an ordinary human being. That was the first time I heard such a strange story.

She brought a family picture which she showed me. She said that right from the first day of their marriage, the man kept telling her that if she ever gave her life to Christ or joined the Jesus people she would look for him and would never find him. The woman never took him serious. She always joked about it saying, "What are you saying? You better shut up your mouth. How dare you make yourself an enemy of God? You must be kidding." She thought he was joking. Everything went on smoothly with the family until the day she gave her life to Christ. She never suspected anything until she got home only to discover that her husband had disappeared mysteriously.

To make matters worse, everything concerning the man had vanished. That was not all. Their four kids had also vanished. They were nowhere to be found. She did not know what was going on until it dawned on her, later, that she had married a spirit being. Her story really surprised me but the evidences were right before me. I saw her wedding picture and the picture of her four kids. She had married a spiritual husband and given birth to spiritual children who vanished the moment she violated the law of the evil spiritual marriage.

This kind of story may sound strange to many people's minds, especially to academic or intellectual minds, those who believe in only what can be seen, tasted, felt, handled and can be proved empirically true. Some theologians may also doubt the reality of evil supernatural marriage. They may opine that we must prove such ideas theologically. They refuse to accept whatever does not agree with their theological school of thought. They relegate the supernatural to the background and emphasize theological knowledge while battling secretly with the problem of the evil spiritual marriage. I have come across theologians who find it difficult to get married at the age of 40 and above, when their problems are simply rooted in their involvement with spiritual wives or spiritual husbands.

We have many cases of innocent sisters who wake up every day to discover that they were sexually molested or abused by strange men in their dreams. They become confused and begin to get angry with themselves. Sometimes, their days are affected negatively by such sexual dreams. Others find it difficult to get any husband.

An elderly woman came to me sometime ago complaining that she had been jobless for a very long time. However, she got a job after she was prayed for. She felt highly elated. She was so excited about resuming in the place of work that she looked forward to her first day in the office.

On the night preceeding her resumption day, she had a strange dream. She found herself in the midst of a wedding ceremony. Strange enough, she was the bride. It was a church setting. She saw the congregation, the pastor and a bridegroom. She found herself standing side by side with an unknown man and was supposed to be joined together with him in marriage. The whole situation seemed bizarre to her.

In that dream, she called the strange pastor and said, "Who is this man? I'm sorry I don't know him. What kind of strange wedding ceremony is this? Why must I get married to a strange face. Count me out of this wedding." The Pastor ignored her statement and continued conducting the strange wedding ceremony. She decided to run for her dear life. That was how she ran out at the middle of the service. The Pastor, the bridegroom and the rest of the congregation ran after her. She woke up tired and fearful.

She did not understand the implication of such a dream until she resumed work the following day. Expecting to be shown the way to her office, she was shocked when they told her to hold on for an hour or two. She was later called into the office of the director who told her, "Madam, we are sorry to have wasted your time. Although we gave you a letter of appointment, we have discovered that we made a mistake. That letter was not meant for you. Please, forget about the letter of appointment. You can by your luck elsewhere. Goodbye."

It was as if the ground should open up and swallow her. She felt humiliated, confused and tired. She ran back to me to narrate how she lost a job she had just secured. She narrated her strange dream. I told

her what to do. I instructed her to summon the strange congregation, the evil marriage partner and the strange pastor who was trying to conduct the wedding, renounce every form of involvement with such an evil gathering and destroy all satanic agents associated with it with the fire of the Holy Ghost. She did just that. The result? She went back to the same company which had rejected her. The director apologized profusely and gave her the job immediately. That was how she had a positive change in her life after dealing with evil spiritual marriage.

SCRIPTURES

How real is evil spiritual marriage? Is it scriptural? Let us take a journey into the scriptures.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose (Gen. 6:1-2).

Let us reflect briefly on this passage. Here we are told that 'the sons of God' saw that the daughters of men were fair. What is the import of that statement? Just as a man can see a lady and be fascinated or attracted to her, so a spirit being can admire a normal human being and decide to strike a compulsory marriage deal with her.

Let us examine Gen. 6:4:

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Who are the people referred to here as the sons of God who married the daughters of men? Some people opine that it refers to the fact that the children of Seth in the Bible went to marry the children of Cain. We must explain Scriptures with Scriptures and allow the usage of biblical words to be clarified by parallel passages in the Bible.

Let us briefly look at Job 1:6:

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and satan came also among them.

This passage shows that the sons of God were angels. This meeting did not take place on earth. It has nothing to do with the children of Seth. It refers to angelic beings.

Job 38:4 says,

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

This passage makes it abundantly clear that the sons of God were angelic beings not normal human beings. The people referred to are sons of God came to daughters of men and committed immorality with them. These angelic beings, otherwise called sons of God, were fallen angels. This is made clear in Jude 1:6:

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

What did these angels do to warrant such judgement? Verse 7 gives us the clue:

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

It is clear that these angels were doing things that were similar to what was being done in Sedom and Gomorrah': fornication and sexual immorality.

If we now combine all the scriptures in the books of Genesis, Job and Jude we shall gain insight into the existence of certain demonic beings who go into relationship with human beings.

Everything was perfect at the beginning. There were no fallen angels or demons. But satan later fell and drew the support of one-third of the

angels of God. Satan and his angels fell from their elevated position and were cast out of heaven. The devil became the enemy of God while his angels became demons. They were no longer the sons of God as before. Or, if your like, they were fallen sons of God.

The incident in Genesis chapter 6 took place after the fall of man. That is where we come across the first instance or the first mention of the incident of evil marriage between human beings and demons or spirit beings. Just as children were produced from that evil union, those who are involved with evil spiritual marriages today equally have children in the spiritual world. Such demonic children generally inhabit the earth, the sea and the sky above.

The example we have just given illustrates one form of the operations of spirit beings which lead innocent souls into evil marriages. There are other operations and manifestations. The same spirits which operate in the book of Genesis sometimes take up the appearance of men. They come as men to attack women thereby becoming their spirit husbands. They also come as women to attack men thereby becoming their spirit wives. This shows us that many are married in the spiritual realm.

VARIOUS FORMS OF EVIL SPIRITUAL MARRIAGE

• CONSCIOUS EVIL SPIRITUAL MARRIAGES

There are people who are conscious of the fact that they are involved in evil spiritual marriages. They are consciously involved in what is happening in their lives.

A brother once gave a challenging testimony on how he experienced Victory over the evil spiritual marriage. According to him, a particular strange being came to him every 4 a.m. of a particular day. The lady, who was light-complexioned and attractive, would come and lay down by his side. Whenever she came he was helpless. It was clear to him that certain powers usually took control of his will. He compulsorily went into sexual immorality with the lady until he was tired and exhausted.

By the time it was day break he became useless, confused and sick. That went on for years. However, the situation changed when he learnt how to pray fire prayers. He was able to solve the problem because he was conscious of what was happening.

• THOSE WHO ARE UNCONSCIOUS OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH EVIL SPIRITUAL MARRIAGES

For those who are unconscious of their involvement in spiritual marriage, the problem is there nonetheless. If these people can examine themselves they will discover that they have a problem. If you find yourself thinking about immoral things or if you find yourself in strange sexual behaviour, that may be a sign of unconscious involvement in an evil marriage.

• THOSE WHO ARE FORCED INTO EVIL SPIRITUAL MARRIAGE

Those in this category generally have dreams in which they are forced into sexual intercourse or raped.

• THOSE WHO CAN PHYSICALLY SEE THEIR SPIRITUAL SPOUSES

Those in this group are not ignorant at all of what is happening in their lives. Sometimes they can identify their spirit husbands or spirit wives physically. Whenever they are in a particular place they can see their spirit wives or spirit husbands while others who are there cannot see these strange beings.

A strange event took place years ago during a wedding ceremony. The bride and the bridegroom were standing by the altar waiting to be joined together. The officiating minister turned to the bride and said, "Will you take this man as your lawfully wedded husband and keep to him? . . ." The priest waited for an answer. The woman said, "No." The church was thrown into an uproar. The priest felt that he did not hear her properly. He repeated the question, "Will you take this man as your lawfully wedded husband and keep to him? . . ." Before he finished, the woman said an emphatic "No." Everybody was surprised.

Initially the pastor did not know what to do. The bridegroom was equally nonplused. The priest could not continue. All of a sudden he turned to the congregation and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, since the bride has stated before us all that she is not ready to get married to this man, can we continue this wedding ceremony by asking for volunteers? I am sure that the bridegroom will not mind getting a new bride right here." Before he finished, three ladies rushed forward, signifying their intention and readiness to many the man. Quickly a choice was made among the three ladies. That was how the man got married to a different lady.

What was the problem of the original bride? She had a spirit husband who would not allow her to get married. Unknown to the officiating priest, the bridegroom and the entire congregation, immediately the lady was asked, "Would you marry this man?" her spirit husband stepped forward and told her "If you ever open your mouth to say yes, you will die on the spot. You are married to me forever. You can never many any human being." This strange voice was heard only by the woman. The woman recognised her spirit husband and his presence was more real to her than the presence of the physical bridegroom. Even when the bridegroom pleaded with her passionately to say yes, the presence of the spirit husband was so intimidating that she could not.

• THOSE WHO CANNOT SEE THEIR SPIRIT WIVES OR SPIRIT HUSBANDS PHYSICALLY

Although those in this category cannot see their spirit wives or spirit husbands physically, yet they somehow know that they are involved in an evil marriage.

• THOSE WHO HAVE INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT WIVES OR SPIRIT HUSBANDS

There are also international spirit wives or spirit husbands. Those who are involved with them are also conscious of their experiences. One day they dream about having sex with an Indian, the next day they dream about a white man or a white lady. Some other time, they come across a black spirit wife or spirit husband.

• THOSE MARRIED TO LOCAL SPIRIT WIVES OR SPIRIT HUSBANDS

These satanic agents sometimes take up the appearance of someone who is very close to you, e.g. your husband, wife, or brother in the physical realm.

• THOSE INVOLVED WITH EVIL SPIRITUAL MARRIAGES

These are marriages in which dowries are fully paid.

• THOSE WHO ARE NOT FULLY MARRIED

This category of people are not fully married. They are still courting. The involvement is not total or complete.

• THOSE WHO ARE NOT TOO SERIOUS WITH THE EVIL SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP

The commitment is not very deep. The spirits involved here are just floating around, messing people up. They go about as playboys or spiritual flirts messing up whoever they come across. They are not looking for stable wives or stable husbands. They appear and disappear.

• THOSE INVOLVED WITH MONOGAMOUS SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Some men or ladies are married to one spirit wife or one spirit husband. Those spirits are so powerful that they cannot allow any other spirit to have any affair with their earthly wives or husbands.

• POLYANDROUS AND POLYGAMOUS EVIL MARRIAGES

One lady can be a wife to as many as five spirit husbands while one man can be a husband to several spirit wives. Some of these wives could come from the sea, others from the rock and some from the air. The spirit wives take their turns. That is why some ladies dream about the men fighting over them. It also explains why some men dream about sleeping with two or three spirit wives at the same time. The men are never able to have any useful marriage on earth because spirit wives are generally

jealous.

• NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS WHO DECIDE TO USE DEMONIC OR OCCULT POWER TO ATTACK A LADY OR A MAN WHO REFUSES TO MARRY THEM

When some wicked men or women come across someone they like but who incidentally says no to their advances, they go into astral projection in the night to sexually molest her or him.

From what you have read so far, you can see that the problem of evil spiritual marriage is not an ordinary problem. Why don't you take a short break and say this prayer point:

Every unprofitable linkage, I break you by fire today, in the name of Jesus.

Granted that you have now discovered that evil spiritual marriages are real, you must also discover how to personally detect the occurrence of such ugly situations in your own life or in the life of anyone around you.

INDICATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH EVIL SPIRITUAL MARRIAGES

• UNCLEAN DREAMS

Whenever you have dreams of sexual intercourse it is an indication of the fact that you have a spirit husband or spirit wife. Sexual intercourse is only normal among married partners who have the experience in the physical realm. For anyone to have sexual intercourse in the dream means that such a person is married (consciously or unconsciously) to a spirit being. Sometimes, the person dreams of contracting marriage with a known or unknown person. If you continue to have these kinds of dream, marriage may become impossible in the physical realm. It is worse when a woman finds herself giving birth to a baby in the dream.

• DIFFICULTY IN STABILITY CHILD-BEARING

These spirits generally interfere with marriages making childbearing

impossible. When they allow their victims to give birth to children they ensure that such children are abnormal or useless to their parents. Or the children may end up being agents of demonic attacks. Such children may come up to make statements like, "We are responsible for the lack of progress in the family. The sickness which has drained the family purse was caused by us."

• CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY

These spirits are also responsible for creating confusion in the heart of young men and young women. Sometimes you come across cases of ladies who have accepted marriage proposals only to turn back to say no as a result of confusion and uncertainty.

I have received hundreds of letters from men who are complaining of inability to find a lady to marry. I have often wondered why such men are suffering in the midst of plenty. In any case, the reason is that some of them have been involved in invisible marriages with spirit wives who are extremely jealous and would never allow their physical (human) husbands to get married to an earthly woman. Should such a man insist on marrying any lady, the spirit wife would descend on the lady.

DISHARMONY

If someone with a spirit wife or husband ever succeeds in getting married, he or she hardly lives to enjoy the marriage. They begin to experience strange things in their marriages. The situation is worse when both partners are involved with a spirit wife and a spirit husband. The spirit wife would fight against her rival while the spirit husband would fight against his rival.

Show me any marriage where the partners are often quarrelsome, argumentative and irritable, then I will tell you that they are suffering from the activities of spiritual husbands and spiritual wives.

It is crystal clear, that spiritual wives or husbands are marriage destroyers. They hate the institution of marriage with perfect hatred. They want the marriage to break. Visit any court where marriages are dissolved and you will discover that as high as 90 per cent of the

problems are caused by spirit wives and spirit husbands.

Many years ago, I met a woman in a street near our church. She was indeed a strange sight to behold. She was carrying all kinds of funny household utensils: pots, spoons, plates, brooms, pillow, lantern, palm oil keg, clothes, etc. It was a massive load. To make matters worse, a baby was strapped to her back. She was trekking in the heat of the sun. Although I did not know her, I had to call her, "Madam, what is happening? Why are you carrying such a heavy load this sunny afternoon? Where are you coming from and where are you going?" I invited her to the church.

This was when I was a young minister. Her reply was embarrassing: "Don't mind that stupid man who calls himself my husband. He is a mad man. I am tired of living with him. I had just decided to pack my belongings and go to live with my aged parents. I am sure that I will have peace of mind if I live with my parents." I told her that she was wrong. After talking with her I asked her to go and apologise to her husband. She did, and they were re-united. But why did the woman leave her husband's house in the first place? Spirit husbands and spirit wives were responsible. They did not want her to live in her husband's house.

Some of these evil spiritual wives and husbands are deadly and wicked. They can kill if they become very angry. They are very cruel in their jealousy. Sometimes you come across some cases in which wives are wrongly accused by their real husbands. They tell such innocent women, "Madam, I want to announce to you that you are a witch and that you are the one who is responsible for all my problems." What is responsible for such statements?

Maybe the man had a dream in which he was attacked by someone who came in the appearance of his wife. When he woke up, he would accuse his wife, not knowing that it was a jealous spirit wife who wanted to cause a conflict or if possible a total breakdown in their marriage. The wife is not a witch. It is simply the manipulation of wicked spirit wives. On the other hand, the woman might take offence and decide to move out of her husband's house, not knowing that that was the intention of the jealous spirit wives. That is how many marriages have been destroyed.

Spirit wives and husbands block good things from coming to the family. Their goal is to make life as difficult as possible.

HOW SPIRITUAL WIVES AND HUSBANDS ARE ACQUIRED

How are these spirits acquired? How do men and women get into evil spiritual marriages? What are the avenues for such unnatural incursion into the institution of marriage? I will soon itemize all the entry points.

The greatest problem we have today is that people find themselves in very complex situations that it is extremely difficult, if not impossible for them to open their mouths and share what they are going through. Some who disclose their problems are often embarrassed by the reaction of the people they confide in. Such counsellors, or pastors often make statements like, "You mean this is what has been happening to you? Your case is very difficult I have never come across this type of problem. I cannot promise any help. If I decide to help you, the spirits who are attacking you will focus their attention on me. You must be a strange fellow. Please, don't ever let anyone hear what you told me. I don't think that there is any solution to your problem."

What an ungodly response to a genuine problem. That is why only very few people talk about their problems today. Majority are afraid of telling anyone the details of the mysterious things they are going through.

A member of the church had an experience which baffled her. A neighbour came to her house because she had the strange problem. The sister heard a knock at her door and got up to welcome the visitor. Behold, it was a pregnant woman. She welcomed the woman and asked her to sit down. The woman opened her mouth and narrated her problem. "Sister, I have a problem and would like to confide in you. I am sure you have never come across my kind of problem but, please, I need your help. I want you to take me to your church."

The christian sister wondered what the problem was. She looked at the woman and said, "Don't worry I will take you to the church. But what exactly is the problem? Tell me so that I can know how urgent it is." Then

the woman asked the sister to put her ears near her stomach. The sister almost ran away when she heard the baby in the woman's womb talking loudly. The sister said, "Please, I am coming. In fact, I was almost going to see someone just before you came in. I am sorry, I won't be able to take you to the church. The address is No. 13, Olasimbo Street, off Olumo Road, Onike, Yaba. I will advise you to go immediately. Please, don't wait any longer. In fact, I will like to close the door of the house right now."

The woman was still trying to ask more questions concerning the location of the church but the sister only said, "Just go, you won't miss it. Goodbye." She was happy that she had been able to push away a strange woman. What kind of baby was that? Why should a baby talk in the womb? It sounds strange, doesn't it? What do you think would have happened if that woman's husband had heard the words of the strange baby? Won't he ask the woman to pack her belongings and go away?

• SEEKING SATANIC PROTECTION

If you have ever tried to look for protection from agents of the devil, you may end up getting involved with evil spiritual marriage. Let me make this very clear. There is nothing like ignorance in the spirit world. If you are ignorant, you will pay dearly for it. Those who go for protection in questionable places usually get more than they bargain for. You may end up with an evil spiritual marriage.

There are examples of innocent young girls who are given away in marriage to evil spiritual forces. How does it happen? Maybe when the girl was a baby, she was taken to a prayer house or to the shrine of a fetish priest, where a bangle was put on her legs as a means of securing her life. No doubt, such power may prevent her from dying, but it will go beyond that. The bangles may be used as an instrument of giving her away to an evil spiritual husband.

Some other young girls or babies are often given incisions in all parts of their bodies. Some are dedicated to powerful idols to ensure that they are protected from untimely death. These powers may protect the babies from death but they may have to pay a very high price for the protection.

These evil powers may make up their minds that the young girls they have protected would become their wives for life. Such girls may then find it difficult to get any men to propose marriage to them when they grow up. Their parents wanted protection but they ended up getting spirit husbands for their children. This explains why a lot of marriageable men and women are finding it difficult to come across anyone who is genuinely interested in them. Such people should check their foundation and take care of every spiritual contamination if they want to experience breakthroughs in every area of their lives.

• IMMORALITY

The Bible says:

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh (1 Cor. 6:15).

It is crystal clear, that the moment anyone goes outside the bounds of marriage, such a person is open to satanic contamination. A lot of men and women have got into problems in this way.

Satan is very clever. He sets clever traps for those who are careless. If you allow the devil to blindly lead you into immorality with a possessed lady, you may end up contracting marriage with her in the spiritual realm. You won't know that such a spiritual marriage is real until you pray fervently. Then, the spiritual power behind the evil marriage will react. If you argue too much, they may tender the spiritual marriage certificate as an evidence against you.

• UNPROFITABLE GIFTS

Another way of being entangled with an evil spiritual marriage is through the acceptance of unprofitable gifts. Today, many people are unconsciously married to spirit husbands and spirit wives because they collected certain gifts. If you receive cheap gifts from people, you may be collecting objects of initiation into ungodly spiritual marriages.

If a man gives a present to a lady and the man happens to be an evil agent, the lady will surely many the spirit behind the man. If you received a gift from a demonic man when you were a sinner, and now that you have become a born again you think that everything is over, you are wrong. It is when you intend to get married that such a power will fight against you. He will succeed in his effort because you actually collected a gift from him.

Recently, we had to pray for a lady who had some serious problems. She was a very beautiful lady. Her life was a bundle of complicated problems. The first man who approached her for marriage landed in the hospital after a serious fight. His skull was broken. He managed to survive, carefully opted out of the relationship and ran for his dear life.

Soon afterwards, another man came across her way. The man was so interested in her that he promised to marry her. Again there was a serious fight between both of them. The man almost lost his life. He survived but lost an eye. The lady had used broken bottles to remove his eye. That was the end of the relationship.

A third man came who proved to be difficult. A fight also came up. But that man fought it out with her, being a demonic agent himself. She broke the man's head and the man also broke her head. Then, she discovered that she had a great problem. She therefore decided to go for deliverance. The deliverance minister took time to find out what the problem was . . . But she did not disclose anything. Nothing happened during the deliverance. However, things took a different turn when the minister said, "You demons, if you have refused to let her go because of the gift which she had collected from you, I break the link between both of you and I command you to let her go, in the name of Jesus."

All of a sudden the demon in her screamed, "I am coming out but she has to fulfil a condition. She must return the wrapper which she collected from us. Then, I will have nothing to do with her again." The minister had to destroy the wrapper and whatever it represented before she was set free. Have you collected any gift from agents of satan? You may have to return such unprofitable gifts if you must experience freedom.

• CULTURAL DANCES

And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play (Excel. 32:5-6).

If you ever got involved with cultural entertainment and dancing either in the village or in an urban area, you have probably got involved with a spiritual marriage. The local idols have their altars. If you dance before such idols you might become a bride or a bridegroom to them.

Check the lives of those who are involved in traditional dances. You will discover that they are not spiritually free.

• INHERITING SATANIC PRIESTHOOD

An average African family has a family idol. These idols are generally inherited from our ancestors. Some of the idols have been worshiped by generations for hundreds of years. Various objects are worshiped by different families. Some people worship snakes, some worship coconut while some worship particular trees. Although we live in a modern age and many of these idols have been destroyed or thrown away because of civilization, the links with them have never broken.

Families have priests who minister to the family idol. What does "priest' mean? It basically means marriage to a deity. That is why many African priests and priestesses refuse to marry. They are already married to the deity whom they are worshiping. Let me be very specific. Anyone who worships an Idol Is married to that Idol. That Is why those who worship the Lord Jesus, are called the bride of Christ.

There are two kinds of priests. Some priests are well-known as devotees of certain Idols, while some appear like ordinary human beings. There are also priests in the spiritual realm. That is why you should not take certain things for granted. If someone comes to your house and plays with your children saying, "This Is my wife. This Is my husband." If such a person Is a priest, he can lead your child Into evil spiritual marriage.

Recently, a man was sick to the point of death and was summoned to his village by his parents. He was taken to a bush at the back of the family house where there was a huge black stone and was told to perform some rituals. The priest simply asked him to repeat the following words, "Oh deity, I have come to you today because I need your help. I am going to get married to you If you. can solve my problem." The man repeated what the high priest said. He was instantly healed. But that was not the end of the story. He also became married to the deity. One problem was solved only for a greater one to be ushered in.

• SOUL TIES

Many people get Into spiritual marriages through ungodly soul ties. If you have ever had a boyfriend or a girlfriend who happened to be demonic and you gave him or her your picture, such a person may later become a spirit husband or spirit wife.

A sister once came to make a funny request. She said, "Here are the names of seven men. I am planning to marry one of them. Please, make the right choice for me. But please, note that the first two are prosperous and wealthy. Both of them have cars. The other five are still struggling. When can I come for a feedback?" I looked at her and gave her a piece of my mind. I told her that I would not be Involved with such a foolish exercise. I would not choose marriage partners for people. I also challenged her by saying, "You are covetous. What are you doing with the names of seven men? You must sort yourself out. You need deliverance." The truth did not go down well with her so she ran away from me.

Eventually, she decided to marry the richest among them. Her home was a hell on earth. The man almost killed her. But surprisingly, she could not get out of the relationship. Her parents even advised her to get out of the man's house to avoid being killed. She agreed with her parents and attempted to return to her parents, only to run back to the wicked husband the next day. This situation persisted until It dawned on her that the husband was not an ordinary human being. She decided to confront him. It took her a lot of courage to do so. Finally, she faced him.

"I have decided to talk to you today because I am tired of all your

wicked actions towards me. I have evaluated our relationship and come to a conclusion. You are not a normal human being. Your behaviour towards me suggests that you are not free spiritually. You cannot deny the fact that you are a demonic agent and I think you are planning to kill me." The husband looked at her, smiled, and said, "Oh, I pity you I thought you knew that you have been married all these years to a demonic husband. I am not free. I have never been free. To tell you the truth, you have been married to two of us. I am a dual personality. I am your physical husband but there is another being who Is always with me. You are also married to that spirit being. That Is Why I have sometimes beaten you to the point of death. You are suffering under the wickedness of two satanic agents."

The woman opened her mouth and could not close it. All she managed to say was: "I know that Jesus will deliver me from both of you." She was indeed funny. Why did she want Jesus to deliver her when she did not, in the first place, allow the Lord to lead her to the right partner?

• UNHOLY AND SEXY DRESSES

Seductive dresses lead ladies into evil spiritual marriages. Any dress that reveals delicate parts of your body may drag you into an evil marriage. If you advertise your body through highly suggestive and tight-fitting dresses, you may also attract the attention of spirit husbands. That is why women who dress carelessly and seductively hardly have stable homes. They find it difficult to stay with any husband because they are involved in a marital relationship with spirit beings.

If a lady dresses as if she is coming out of the water, putting on clothes with wet looks, she may attract the attention of husbands from the marine world. Evil spirits are easily attracted by seductive dresses.

• COVENANT WITH FIRST SEXUAL PARTNERS

Unknown to most people, they enter into evil covenants with the first lady or man with whom they had sexual intercourse. We all know that when a virgin has an affair with a man, blood is involved. This may lead to a spiritual marriage. You can then imagine the number of evil spiritual marriages, and demonic problems certain men who have slept with many

virgins would have had.

• MASTURBATION

A lot of people take certain things for granted. For instance, some go into masturbation not knowing that they are opening themselves up for satanic attack and bondage. Such people do not know that what they are doing has both physical and spiritual implications.

• CIRCUMCISION

Circumcision is an age-long practice in many parts of the world. In many communities, both the male and the female are circumcised. The problem, however, is that the type of person who performs the rites of circumcision determines whether the person circumcised will get into an evil spiritual marriage or not.

• SEXUAL PERVERSION

Abnormal sexual practices like homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, oral sex, anal sex, etc. are channels of leading people into evil spiritual marriages.

SOLUTIONS

What then are the solutions to all these problems? How can you get out of evil spiritual marriage if you are already involved in it? What must you do to regain your freedom?

• REPENTANCE

The first step you must take is to repent of all sins in your life. Repentance has always been the key to liberty and freedom from bondage. Repentance is not a modern concept. If you refuse to repent, you cannot experience deliverance. Repentance leads to freedom. Repentance must be thorough and must cover every area of your life.

Go before the Lord to settle your account with Him. You will call a spade a spade. You will list out, as much as you can remember, all the

men or ladies with whom you have been involved. You may have to itemize all the instances and thoroughly repent of them. Then you must go ahead to break every covenant which you have with all those sexual partners. General confession of sin will not help in this area.

• IDENTIFY AND LOCATE THE ENTRANCE POINTS OF THESE SPIRITS

• MAKE ATONEMENT BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS

You may have to pray in this manner:

I plead the redemptive power in the blood of Jesus. I redeem myself with the blood of Jesus. I set myself free from every evil marriage by the blood of Jesus. I use the blood of Jesus to wipe away every evil marriage relationship.

• REJECT AND RENOUNCE EVERY EVIL MARRIAGE

You must remember that every evil marriage is legally binding on those who are involved in it. The Bible says,

And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven (Mark 12:24-25).

This passage shows us that God does not approve of any attempt by any spirit to go into marriage. It is, spiritually speaking, illegal. The Bible makes it clear that the species should reproduce after their own kind. It makes it very clear that scriptures cannot be broken. Our scriptural background here is in II Corinthians 11:2:

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

With these quotations you can challenge all illegal married partners that you are already married to. Tell every spirit wife or spirit husband: Jesus

is my divine spouse. He is jealous over me with godly jealousy.

- **ISSUE A BILL OF DIVORCE**

As soon as you have rejected every evil marriage you are free to issue a bill of divorce against them.

- **BIND AND CAST THEM OUT OF YOUR LIFE**
- **COMMAND EVERY SPIRITUAL DEPOSIT TO DEPART FROM YOUR BODY**
- **EXECUTE JUDGEMENT UPON THEM**

Let me end this chapter with Psalm 149:

Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

You must deal with every evil spiritual marriage today. Those who are married but are suffering from spirit husbands and spirit wives can join hands with their husbands or wives and bring their real marriages before God. Then they can go ahead to destroy every evil marriage. If you are ready to take all these steps you will experience deliverance and freedom from the power of wicked spirit husbands and wives. The Lord will set you free. You will be free to live a normal life.

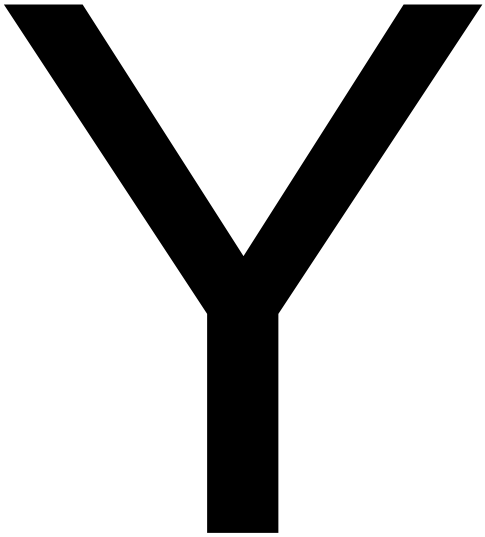
PRAYER POINTS

1. I announce to the heavens that I am married to Jesus.
2. Every trademark of evil marriage, be shaken out of my life, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every evil writing engraved by iron pen, be wiped off by the blood of Jesus.
4. I bring the blood of Jesus over the spirit that does not want to go, in the name of Jesus.
5. I bring the blood of Jesus on every evidence that can be tendered by wicked spirit against me.
6. I file a counter-report in heavens against every evil marriage, in the name of Jesus.
7. I refuse to bring any evidence that the enemy may use against me, in the name of Jesus.
8. Let satanic exhibition be destroyed by the blood of Jesus.
9. I declare to you spirit wife / husband that there is no vacancy for you in my life, in the name of Jesus.
10. O Lord, make me a vehicle of deliverance.
11. I come by faith to mount Zion, Lord, command deliverance upon my life now.
12. Lord, water me from the waters of God.
13. Let the careful siege of the enemy be dismantled, in the name of Jesus.
14. O Lord, defend Your interest in my life.
15. Everything written in the cycle of the moon, be blotted out, in the name of Jesus.
16. Everything programmed into the sun, moon and stars against me, be dismantled, in the name of Jesus.
17. Every evil thing programmed into my genes, be blotted out by the blood of Jesus.
18. O Lord, shake out seasons of failure and frustrations from my life.
19. I overthrow every wicked law working against my life, in the name of Jesus.
20. I ordain a new time and season and profitable law, in the name of Jesus.

21. I speak unto the palaces of the queen of the coast and of the rivers, in the name of Jesus.
22. I speak unto the headquarters of the spirit of Egypt and blow up their altars, in the name of Jesus.
23. I speak unto the altars speaking against the purpose of God for my life, in the name of Jesus.
24. I declare myself a virgin for the Lord, in Jesus' name.
25. Let every evil veil upon my life be tom open, in the name of Jesus.
26. Every wall between me and the visitation of God, be broken, in the name of Jesus.
27. Let the counsel of God prosper in my life, in Jesus' name.
28. I destroy the power of any demonic seed in my life from the womb, in the name of Jesus.
29. I speak unto my umbilical gate to overthrow all negative parental spirits, in the name of Jesus.
30. I break the yoke of the spirits having access to my reproductive gates, in the name of Jesus.
31. O Lord, let Your time of refreshing come upon me from the presence of God.
32. I bring fire from the altar of the Lord upon every evil marriage, in the name of Jesus.

chapter nine

DISGRACING WATER SPIRITS



ou need serious personal preparation to benefit maximally from the subject of this chapter.

The subject is so important that you must gird your loins and put on your battle gear. I welcome you to the battle arena where all tested soldiers of Christ fight face to face, with the spirits that have kept men and women under bondage for centuries.

To start with, you are going to take some violent prayer points.

1. I plead the blood of Jesus over every department of my life today, in the name of Jesus.

Lay one hand on your head and the other one on your chest, while you take this particular prayer point, in a manner you have never prayed before. Please, raise up your voice like thunder.

2. I dismantle and I frustrate every satanic investment upon my life, in the name of Jesus.

3. I ride on the horse of war, in the name of Jesus.

4. Oh Lord, let your arrows be strong and let them pierce into the hearts of my enemies today, in Jesus' name.

5. Any satanic linkage to any body of water, break, in the name of Jesus. (Please, say this prayer with all your energy if you happen to come from a riverine area).

Water spirits occupy one of the topmost hierarchies in the dark

kingdom. They have dominated the lives of their victims for decades. They have remained unchallenged for a very long time. If you talk about water spirits in some quarters some people will ask you to be cautious, lest you step on the toes of these powerful spirits. It looks like the water spirits have been elevated above measure. Water spirits or no water spirit, the Bible states clearly: "At the mention of the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow." Jesus has defeated all evil spirits, including water spirits.

We need to put things in their proper context. We shall examine what the Bible clearly states concerning water spirits. Let us start with Revelation 12:12:

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the seal . . .

This passage teaches us a very important lesson. It is instructive that woe was pronounced on the inhabitants of the earth and the sea. We have no doubt concerning who the inhabitants of the earth are. But who are the inhabitants of the sea? Do human beings live in the sea? Of course not. This, therefore, suggests that, some spirit beings reside in the sea. We may not see them with physical eyes, but they exist all the same.

Let us examine another scripture.

When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again (1 Sam. 5:2-3).

Here, the Bible talks about a popular national idol. That shows that the worship of water spirits existed in the Bible times.

Ezekiel 29:1-3 also says,

In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against

him, and against all Egypt: Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.

Again, this passage shows us, there are some creatures inside the water.

Let us also look at Isaiah 27:1:

In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

More creatures are now mentioned.

Eph. 4: 10 also tells us,

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Jesus went down below and finished all His assignments in that realm, then He rose up.

In 1990, there was a newspaper publication concerning how some Russians caught a mysterious baby-fish that was half fish and half man in the sea of Cuba, South America. Strange enough, the baby-fish talked to them and they talked back to it. The baby-fish told them that she came from a city inside the sea. The baby-fish begged them that they should allow him to go back to the sea. The Russians promised to release it provided the monster would tell them more about the city inside the sea.

The baby-fish told them that though they live inside the water, they sometimes come out to interact with human beings to pollute them. When the monster finished explaining life in the marine kingdom, it asked to be left alone but the Russians refused. The sea monster told them that if they refused to let him go, a great calamity would befall Russia. That incident took place in 1990. I am sure you know what has happened to Russia since that time.

A strange incident took place one day. A man decided to relax near a beach. He saw a group of people who were dancing as if they came to the beach for a picnic. He decided to have his own share of the fun. So he decided to move near them. The more he moved nearer them, the more they ran farther away from him. Out of curiosity, he kept on following them. Along the line, one of them was left behind. She decided to change her dress and catch up with the rest of the group. The man held her and told her: "I'll not let you go, whether you like it or not, you are so beautiful to me." She tried to get away from the man, but he over-powered her and seized her clothes. Finally, the woman surrendered and agreed to get married to him.

He took her home not knowing that he had married one of the daughters of the sea. He kept the cloth seized from the mermaid wife somewhere in the house. After some years she gave birth to two children. One of the kids stumbled across the marine dress which was seized from the mother. She ran to her mother saying "Mummy is this dress yours?" The woman was very happy, as she had not been able to locate the dress throughout the years of their marriage. She put on the clothes and ran towards the direction of the beach.

Incidentally, the husband was not at home while the incident took place. The husband came back home some ten minutes after the woman had disappeared from the house. The little boy narrated what happened to his father. The man dashed out and ran to the beach. By the time he got there, his wife was nowhere in sight. The daughter of the sea had returned to her original place of abode. That was how the man lost the wife that he got from the sea.

Another man proposed marriage to a girl, and the girl came up with a strange condition. She said, "I'll marry you if only you are ready to accept me the way I am. You must be ready to cope with me. From the first day we get married, do not look for me on Fridays. I simply won't be around."

They got married anyway and every Friday the lady disappeared. Something happened one day. A prophet came knocking at the door and the husband welcomed him. The prophet asked him, "Where is your wife?" The husband stared at the ceiling and replied, "Prophet, my wife is

never at home on Fridays. That is how we have lived together for years." The prophet insisted that he should look for his wife that Friday.

He got up, and went out in search of his wife. He spent hours in his desperate search. At the end, he came across a strange sight inside a pond at the back of his house. What he saw baffled him. Instead of his wife, he saw a creature, half fish, half woman. However, the face of the creature resembled his wife's face. He shouted calling his wife's name. Immediately, the creature disappeared.

He decided to trace the address of the prophet who advised him to go and search for his wife. By the time he located the place, the prophet had also disappeared. The children which the woman gave birth to died one after the other.

THE THREE STRONGHOLDS

Among the most destructive agents in Africa, in general, and in Nigeria, in particular, are water spirits. A study of strongholds in the Scripture reveals that they can be classified into three.

The first stronghold is the heavens, the second is the earth while the third is the sea. Bible students must have discovered that there are scriptural titles like the "queen of heaven and the kings of the earth". From the foregoing, we can also conclude that the queen of the sea also exists. How fierce, therefore, will the battle be if these three strongholds were to be arrayed against you?

Gen. 1:26 highlights the three principal strongholds - heaven, the earth and the sea:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

These three realms are also brought to the fore in Exodus 20:3-4:

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make

unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Deut. 5:8 also gives us the same picture:

Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

All these passages show us that water spirits reside in the strongholds that are located within the body of water, otherwise known as marine kingdom.

The Bible tells us in Revelation 10:1-6:

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

This important incident in the scripture took place in the three zones - the heaven, the earth and the sea. The lesson that we stand to learn from this and other passages is that we must prepare to take our battle to the three zones. Some of us today are still battling with earthly forces without success. How can we win the war in the heavenlies? If a man cannot overcome earthly battles, how can he think about taking the marine kingdom? How can you fight water spirits when you are not even aware of their existence?

For you to overcome the battle of life, you must learn to rise up as a warrior against every spirit that is militating against your life from the river and the sea.

Water spirits are wicked and mean. Their path is paved with blood. They are hard taskmasters. They know how to control men and women. They are heartless. Nothing is outside their sphere of influence. They can be embarrassingly patient, subtle and painstaking to perpetrate destruction. They are never in a hurry. They take their time, waiting for as long as it takes for them to complete their evil assignment. They are very stubborn and they can be very insulting.

One of their major tasks is to seduce and commit immorality with leaders to confuse them. If you hear that a christian leader has fallen into adultery then you can be sure that it is the handiwork of water spirits.

It is amazing that some churches build their places of worship near the sea. They are either agents of water spirits or they are victims of manipulation by marine demons. Some churches are fond of taking women to the sea with the purpose of giving them the so-called holy bath. Such rituals are not as simple as they look on the surface. It is baptism or immersion in the marine kingdom. By so doing, the so-called prophets are able to manipulate their body odour, thereby making it the link between them and the demons inside the sea. Anyone who has ever gone through the religious bath, generally undertaken, by fringe or white garment churches must go through deliverance.

Water spirits can come to you with a double face but not with a double mind. They make mockery of believers whose prayers are devoid of fire. The Bible says,

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so (Genesis 1:6-9).

This passage makes it very clear that there was water everywhere before God created the earth. No wonder, 85 per cent of the earth is still made up of water today while 75 per cent of the human body consists of water. This shows that everything on earth responds to water.

When God decided to deal with Pharaoh, the first assignment he gave to Moses was to deal with water spirits in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh had a demonic agreement with River Nile. He was a devotee of the water spirits in River Nile. He went there to worship the gods and goddesses regularly.

A lady in Lagos was having serious problem with her marriage, and the husband was very violent since the first day of the marriage. She never thought about the reality of the activities of wicked spirits in the spiritual realm until some fishermen confronted her with their findings. They came in a group and asked her, "Madam, what does your husband come to do at the sea at exactly 4.00 a.m.? We always see him talking to some invisible beings. We are fishermen. Our profession takes us to the sea early in the morning everyday. We have observed your husband's strange behaviour for months. Are you aware of this?"

She thanked them and decided to find out what he was up to. She made sure that she was up before 4.00 a.m. to prove the fishermen right or wrong. She covered her face, pretending that she was asleep. At exactly 4.00 a.m., the man got up as usual and walked towards the sea. He did not look back because he never expected that anybody could trail him. He got near the lagoon, which was a stone throw from their apartment, stopped, looked into the sea and began to speak. A spirit being emerged from the water. Behold, it was a beautiful woman. They started discussing. Unknown to the man, the wife was listening to the conversation between him and the mermaid.

She was shocked to discover that a water goddess from her husband's place of birth, in the Delta area of the southern part of Nigeria, was talking to her husband in Lagos. Although she tried to keep away from her husband's view, the mermaid was aware of her presence. The water spirit told the woman's husband, "You must go back home at this point. Somebody trailed you here." When he got home, he confronted her and

gave her a deadly slap. The woman kept it to herself. In a few days, the husband died.

This reminds me of another incident which took place some years ago. A modern day pentecostal pastor took members of his church to the lagoon beside the University of Lagos, for baptism by immersion. Everything went on smoothly until it came to the turn of a particular girl. The pastor immersed the girl in the lagoon but as he wanted to raise her up there was a mysterious struggle between him and some unseen demons in the water. The struggle, was so fierce that it took the support of the pastor's assistants to forcibly bring the girl out of the water. Unknown to the pastor, he was trying to baptise a water girl inside their domain.

How can you take a water spirit lady into her territory without first conducting deliverance for her? The pastor vowed that he would never baptise his members in the lagoon again. He had to construct a swimming pool near his church building. At times, if you go near the lagoon, you will see ladies who do not look like normal human beings. Students of that university often narrate their strange experiences. Water spirits are alive and real.

God has always detested water spirits. That was why He decided to disgrace them in the land of Egypt when He turned their water into blood. He dealt with Pharaoh by killing all the fish and other marine creatures which he worshiped.

If you are a good Bible student, you would have read about the major revelations Daniel received by three rivers. He confronted three rivers. We must learn a lesson from his action. If we must experience victory, we have to be ready to deal with water spirits. Nations, communities and individuals will never know what it means to experience victory or progress until they learn to confront water spirits.

Our forefathers recognised the existence of water spirits. Unfortunately, instead of handling them in the light of the Scriptures, they worshiped them as idols. Some of our parents went to the extent of taking them as wives. They appeased them with all kinds of sacrifices. Today, there are entire families that worship mermaid or water spirits.

That is why those who come from riverine areas generally face backward movement in life. Sexual promiscuity, drunkenness, fighting, epidemics and all kinds of problems are associated with the communities that are located by the river side. Also a lot of kings, chiefs and community heads have agreement with water spirits.

A prototype of the earthly kingdom also exists underneath the sea. The spirits who are citizens of that kingdom can manipulate nations and individuals. A look into the history of many African nations and communities reveals that our forefathers recognised their existence and gave them names. For example, in the ancient Yoruba kingdom there was a water goddess called *Yemoja.* The name means the mother of the children of the fish.

Both the ancient Yoruba kingdom and the ancient Benin kingdom have a notable river goddess in common. The river goddess is called *Olokun* which means the owner of the sea. From these examples we can see that our forefathers recognised and worshipped these water-spirits. Unfortunately, they were severely dealt with by the water-spirits.

There are many rivers in Nigeria. Two notable rivers, Niger and Benue, run through the country. A lot of lives have been lost to these two rivers, although many communities worship the deities attached to them. We have had stories of how construction workers who were working on the bridges across the rivers disappeared mysteriously. At times, vehicles are magnetised by mysterious powers within them, resulting in accidents which claim many lives.

Somebody spoke to me recently of how he fell into a river and was there for six months before he came out. He was involved in a ghastly accident along with others. All his companions died but he survived. He discovered that there were human beings who lived inside the sea. Of course, these creatures are demonic beings. The spirit beings refused to give him the food that was served in the marine kingdom. They told him that if he ate their food he would not be able to come out of the marine kingdom as a normal human being. Somehow, he managed to survive. He was released after six months of living in the heart of the water. His deliverance was something else. He went through 25 deliverance

sessions before he was set free.

Have you read the story of the Gadarene demons? You would have discovered that the demons asked Jesus to send them into the swine. Do you know what happened? The swine rushed into the sea. The demons made the sea their final home. This shows us that there is a link between spirits that operate on the ground and the spirits that operate in the sea.

Do you know that there is a very strong link between ancestral spirits and water spirits? We have heard stories concerning some of our forefathers who had such powerful charms that they could dive into the sea and come out dry. Such men were demon incarnates. They were so powerful that whether they were on land or inside the sea they felt at home. If God can open your eyes to see what goes on in the marine kingdom you will make up your mind to increase your prayer tempo.

Many people's virtues are buried under the marine kingdom. A lot of people in Africa and Asia have suffered untold havoc at the hands of water-spirits. These spirits have operated against the backdrop of ignorance of men and women.

Most people who live in the riverine areas have formed the habit of taking their children to the sea so as to dedicate them to river gods and goddesses. Such people would throw their babies into the river and catch them again as a kind of baptism into the marine world. Some parents also take their babies to the river and give them some water to drink. That is how some children start to drink water from the marine kingdom right from their first days on earth. That explains why most of the people from riverine areas hardly experience stable marriages.

If your husband has refused to stay at home and goes about with strange ladies, it could be that he is responding to the manipulation of his wife from the marine kingdom. A lot of men whose places of birth are located near riverine areas have mermaid wives. They have wives in real life and other wives in the marine kingdom. Those water spirits cannot allow men who are their human husbands to enjoy good homes.

GENERAL FEATURES OF MARINE SPIRITS

Let us at this point examine the general features of the wicked, water spirits.

• PRIDE

The 41st chapter of the book of Job tells us that they are extremely proud. They are boastful. They always demonstrate the supremacy of their power over sons of men.

• THEY CONTROL COMMERCE AND TRADE

According to Ezekiel chapter 20, they are in charge of commerce and trade. Most goods pass through the sea. Solomon's problem was that he started importing wood through the sea. Unknown to most people, the headquarters of mammon (the god of money) is located within the sea.

• THEY CONTROL THE ECONOMY AND THE FLOW OF MONEY

Examine the currency of some nations, you will discover that there are symbols of the sea on it. In Nigeria, for a example, cowry shells have become the permanent symbol of money and commerce. Water spirits control the flow of money within nations. They also control the economy of many nations. You can check this out in chapters 17 and 18 of the Book of Revelation.

• THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF SEXUAL PERVERSION

Marine spirits are the principal demons in charge of adultery, fornication, abortion, incest, homosexuality, lesbianism, pornography, polygamy and other sexual perversions.

• FASHION

This may shock you. Most of the styles which are in vogue today are introduced by water spirits. They are in control of new trends in dressing and the designing of latest wears. The seductive dresses which most ladies put on today are fashioned from the marine kingdom.

• MAKE-UP AND COSMETICS

Cosmetics and make-ups are controlled by marine spirits. Do you know that many hair styles are introduced by marine agents? They are the brain behind the spirit of vanity.

• THEY CREATE DESOLATION

Marine spirits are wicked killers. We have witnessed a lot of mass killings in riverine areas of Nigeria in recent times. There are also instances of catastrophic events which led to the death of thousands of people. These events might sound ordinary but you can be sure that they were caused by marine spirits.

• THEY SUPERVISE THE PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL

They use the production of alcohol as a means of leading innocent souls to the grave. A man who is under the influence of alcohol will easily play into the hands of marine spirits.

• THEY KILL CHILDREN

In their wickedness they kill children who cannot defend themselves.

• THEY ARE STUBBORN SPIRITS WHO REQUIRE STRONG PRAYERS

They are not easily subdued like other elementary spirits. It requires a lot of effort in the area of aggressive prayers to subdue them.

SOURCES OF MARINE BONDAGE

How are people captured by marine spirits? Let us examine the sources of marine bondage and pollution.

• POLYGAMY

Polygamy is a common African practice, especially among riverine communities. Hardly can you find a man who practices monogamy among those who come from riverine areas. For people from those areas, monogamy is an aberration rather than the norm. What do you expect from a man who has six wives? You can be sure that at least one

of them is a member of the marine kingdom. If you visit their homes you will see that all the wives are sharing everything in common. Their children also share everything in common. Such a situation is a breeding ground for multiple demonic bondage. As they share everything they also become initiated.

• ANCESTRAL AND PARENTAL POLLUTION

If your ancestors were devotees of marine demons then you are also polluted. If your ancestors got involved in the worship of marine spirit in their attempt to solve certain problems, then you are also part of the pollution. Unknown to most people their ancestors approached water gods and goddesses for solution to personal and family problems.

Many years ago, it was a practice among many people to seek for children from powers in the marine kingdom. Such favour, if ever secured, leads to problems.

• ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Some people experience environmental pollution because they live near a river.

• SEEKING FOR CHILDREN FROM THE MARINE WORLD

• MARINE FAMILY IDOLS

• PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN MARINE FETISH

A lot of people get involved with all kinds of rituals and sacrifices to appease marine spirits.

• DIRECT ATTACK

Marine spirits cleverly station their agents in strategic places to recruit new members as well as attack non-members.

• THROUGH PARENTS WHO ARE MARINE AGENTS

Unknown to you, your parents might introduce pollution into your life. I

remember the case of a sister who came for deliverance a few years ago. Each time, after praying for an hour, she stopped, saying she wanted to rest. When asked why, she said she was feeling dizzy because she saw a great storm inside a large body of water. Unknown to her, her parents had introduced pollution into her life because they were marine agents.

I also remember the story of a sister whose life was polluted through parental contact with marine agents. I remember calling her and advising her to go for deliverance. She argued with me telling me that she had not read the story of anyone who went for deliverance in the Bible. Her argument was that provided you were in Christ, you were free. I did not argue with her. A prophet does not argue with anyone.

Fifteen years later she came back to me saying, "Pastor, can you do me a favour? I saw your book entitled 'PERSONAL DELIVERANCE' or something. Can you give me a copy?" I gave her a copy and she came back a few days later saying: "Thanks a lot. I have gone through some of the pages. I have also prayed some of the prayer points in the book. After praying, I saw a very massive river. In any case, I was very happy. After all, the Bible says that rivers of living water shall flow out of the bellies of those who believe the Lord."

I told her that she was mistaken. The river she saw was not living water, but dead water. She was quoting the scriptures instead of going for deliverance from marine spirits. She was 39 and unmarried when she came to me for prayer. She would have been married long ago if she had listened to me. When I spoke to her she was only 24. Her parents had initiated her into the marine kingdom without her knowledge. It was after her deliverance that someone came to her to propose marriage.

• MEMBERSHIP OF WATER SOCIETIES

If your friends are members of water societies, it is very easy for them to initiate you into their groups.

• CONSULTING FETISH PRIESTS

All those who consult oracles stand the risk of being initiated into the marine kingdom.

• ATTENDING WHITE GARMENT CHURCHES

Those who attend white garment churches subject themselves to pollution. One of the major practices of these fringe churches is the religious bath in a river.

• NIGHT PARTIES

Marine beings often attend night parties and dance with human beings. Their ladies attend disco parties in seductive dresses and dance in the most suggestive manner.

• SATAN-INSPIRED MUSIC

People can be initiated through music. Some of the music released by secular musicians are demonic. Some years ago a popular Nigerian musician dedicated one of the tracks in his record to the praise of marine spirit. He sang "If you see mammy water never never you run away." What do you think will happen to you if you were to sing such a song? If you have ever watched those who dance to the rhythm of Indian songs you would discover that they belong to the marine world judging from the way they twist and wriggle their bodies.

• SHARING DRESSES WITH MARINE AGENTS

If you share your clothes with marine agents or if you borrow clothes from them to attend parties, you can be sure that you will get polluted.

• FOOD POLLUTION

Marine agents can use food to initiate those who eat just anything. When those who suffer from food pollution are taken to the hospital the diagnosis is confusing.

• MARINE GIFTS

Rings, bangles, necklaces, clothes with 'wet look' design or appearance can be given to unsuspecting victims by agents of the marine kingdom.

• SEX WITH MARINE AGENTS

If you sleep with marine agents you will become one of them.

- **ATTENDING MARINE FESTIVAL**

Those who attend marine festivals are often initiated.

- **VISITING RIVERS OR STREAMS FOR CULTURAL REASONS**

People often visit demonic rivers in the name of going for sight seeing.

- **GETTING INVOLVED WITH SATANIC DANCING STYLE**

To copy the dancing styles which emanate from the marine kingdom is to become polluted.

SIGNS OF BONDAGE

It is very easy to know when someone has been polluted or initiated by powers from the marine kingdom.

- *Such a person would have a hard time living the christian life*
- *Prayer would be difficult*
- *Fasting would be impossible*
- *He would get angry without being provoked*
- *Water dreams would be common*
- *Difficulty in finding a partner*
- *Unstable marriages*
- *Uncontrollable sexual urge*
- *Inexplicable hindrances to progress*
- *Strange sicknesses*

These are some of the symptoms which and evidences of involvement with marine spirits.

I would like you to take a prayer point right now. Please, close this book for a moment and pray in this manner:

Blood of Jesus, soak me.

Water spirits are invisible. However, they come in human form on errands of destruction. Many people have been destroyed by them. They can be so wicked as to pretend that they have nothing to do with the suffering which their victims are going through. They generally finish their destructive assignments before allowing anyone to come to the rescue of their victims.

An incident took place some years ago. One of the ladies in a particular family suffered fits of convulsion. The parents rushed to the house of an elderly pastor and asked him to come to their rescue. The pastor came and prayed with all his energy until the Holy Spirit asked him to stop praying. The Lord opened his eyes and he saw that the father was busy eating up the eyes of the lady while the mother was busy chewing her feet spiritually. In other words, the same parents who came to call him to pray for their daughter were the same people who were eating her up.

These water spirits are wicked. They kill the most useful children and spare those who are useless. They sometimes assume the form of half fish, half human. Since they know that a lot of christians are now well-informed of them, they have changed their tactics; They now come with tight-fitting seductive clothes and walk like fish. But they are easily identified by experienced deliverance ministers.

I was invited to a christian gathering some years ago. After the message, I gave the congregation a serious prayer point. Something unusual happened. A lady began to swim on hard concrete floor. It was clear that the water spirits in her life became so confused that she thought that she was inside water. The front of her dress was torn as a result of the vigorous way she dragged herself. What shocked me was the fact that this lady was no other than the person who led praise worship in the church. I patted to the pastor who was embarrassed and shocked.

Marine spirits prevent people from serving God. They are sometimes amphibious. They can live on land, inside caves, on top of rocks and inside mangrove trees in riverine areas. But rivers and seas are their best habitats. They know how to make use of marine symbols as points of

contact. There are ladies who enter hair salons with marine symbols not knowing that they are subjecting themselves to marine bondage. Others choose hair styles that resemble mermaid's styles.

A lady phoned me from one of our overseas branches complaining that she was not allowed to go through deliverance because of her hair style. I don't know what she expected me to say but I told her that she must be ready to do away with anything that resembled marine hair styles if she really wanted to be delivered. Some people go to some oriental restaurants to eat even when they see massive marine symbol in front of such restaurants.

Marine spirits are very stubborn. However, they are extremely beautiful. They have the anointing of seduction. Their sexual appeal is unparalleled. They are generally addicted to jewelry. Those who are under their bondage are ready to leave a church if strong preaching against jewelry is done there.

Health problems like convulsion, migraine, unnatural heart beat, cancer, problems with male and female reproductive organs and unnatural cold and fever, are all from the marine kingdom. Marine agents are fond of appearing in complete red or in complete white. They are fond of bleaching their skin. They like shiny or flashy things.

They can exchange babies in the womb. They deposit strange items into people's bodies. They inspire sexual dreams. They make people dream about dogs. They plant things like bead, mirror, necklaces, snakes, fish or plates into human bodies.

STRATEGY FOR VICTORY

What then is the divine strategy for defeating them?

1. Raise up a lamentation against them. This is different from ordinary prayer.

2. Spread prayer nets to trap them. What is a prayer net? It is an aggressive prayer in which you pray at regular intervals in such a way as to leave no breathing space for them to escape. The prayer against

marine spirits is not a five-minute prayer, especially if someone's life has been captured. You need strong prayer sessions.

3. Use the sword of the Lord (the word of God) against them.

4. Use the hailstone of God against them.

5. Use the coals of fire against them.

6. Use the thunder and lightning of God against them.

7. Use the blast of the Almighty against them.

8. Ensure that they don't have any investment (anything that cooperates with them) in your life.

9. Live a holy life.

10. Declare a holy war against them.

The battle against them is a battle you must win.

PRAYER POINT

Oh Lord, make me Your rod to break water spirits into pieces, in the name of Jesus.

chapter ten

THE ALTAR OF MIND CONTROL

An altar is a structure on which sacrifices are made. It is a place of covenant, be it physical or spiritual. The presence of an altar goes side by side with the presence of a priest who offers the sacrifices. This gives us a kind of trinity - the altar, the sacrifice and the priest.

Generally speaking, there are two types of altars: physical and spiritual. Much as we have physical altars, there are also invisible altars which we cannot behold with out naked eyes. Altars are located in so many places. There are some on land while some are located in the heavenlies. However, the altar we are going to examine closely in this chapter is the altar of mind control. This is the altar which controls the minds of a multitude of people.

There are certain spirits whose main responsibility is to control the minds of men and women in a negative manner. It is very essential that we know how to deal with them.

Everyone living on earth is a product of two main influences. The first influence is stated in Proverbs 23:7:

For as he thinketh in his heart so is he.

The second influence is found in Proverbs 18:21:

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

These two passages show that two things shapen our lives on earth: our thoughts and our words. What you are today is a product of what you have been thinking and saying. The Bible tells us that a man who can

control his tongue is a perfect man. Let us read the exact words of the Bible.

For in many things we offend all, if any man offends not in words the same is a perfect man and also able to bridle his whole body.

Any man who can control his tongue will succeed in controlling his entire body. The tongue has the power to pollute the whole body. An angry man who decides to allow his tongue to run riot will end up destroying himself as well as other people. Show me a man who speaks as many as 300 words per minute, such a man will be loose in every part of his life. Talkatives are miles away from God. This shows us how strong a person's tongue can be.

Jesus went straight to the root of the problem in Matthew 12:34:

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Here is the source of the majority of the problems in the lives of men and women. They bring out wicked things from the dark room of their hearts. Negative pictures are printed from there. The heart is the origin of all evil. The mind is the bed rock of evil. Bad words come from bad minds.

Show me a man whose words are dirty and destructive and I will show you that his heart is corrupt. If a man comes to me saying, "I don't know what is going on in my mind; I just don't understand why I find myself thinking about evil things at all times", I will know that such a man has a great deal of work to do on his mind.

What is the antidote to the problem of the mind? The Bible says, "Thou will keep him a perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." You need a divine touch before your mind can be fully delivered. Lasting peace can only become yours if you can surrender your heart to God. A heart that is controlled by God will experience great peace. Conversely, a godless mind will experience great trouble and turmoil.

THE EVIL CONTROL

The presence of carnality in the mind makes you God's enemy. To be close to God is to possess a wholesome mind. That is why the Bible says that God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of a sound mind. To have a sound mind you must surrender your heart to God. There is no short-cut to possessing a heart that is wholesome.

While some people's minds are sound, others are fragmented, confused and deadly. There is no denying the fact that the minds of many people are no better than the devil's workshop. The Bible also tells us that there are people who are double-minded. These and other reasons make us to realise the importance of the heart. That is why the Bible says:

Keep your heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.

This is simple and clear. Anything that can control your mind will control your thoughts. Consequently, it will control your words as well as your actions. At the end, it will control the totality of your life. It goes beyond that: whatever controls your mind will definitely control your destiny.

If you allow your mind to be controlled by bad spirits you will be easily defeated by the devil. That is why the devil goes for the heart at all times. He knows that with the heart he succeeds at destroying innocent lives.

The devil also knows that God operates from the heart. He therefore tries to corrupt it with a view to making it unsuitable for any form of divine operation. Survey whatever God has done in your life so far, you will discover that He started from your heart. That is why God declared:

My son, give me thine heart, . . . (Prov. 23:26).

That is not the only side of the story. The devil is also clamouring for your heart, saying, "Give me your heart'. When you allow the devil to grab your heart he will grab your thoughts, words, actions, life and destiny. That is why the devil has raised up a demonic squad called mind-control spirits.

These spirits are meticulous in the discharge of their duties. They have gone nuclear in their operations. The process of controlling a human mind is complex. Their method is by no means haphazard. They carefully

execute scientific demonic actions. These actions are carried out by high class demonic agents. I am sure you know that a surgeon can operate with more precision than a quack.

There are some very careful and intelligent spirits who are assigned to control the heart. I am saddened to tell you that these spirits have succeeded in destroying the lives of many people.

THEIR OPERATIONS

What is their process of destroying the lives of people?

The human heart functions like a camera. It takes pictures and develops them in the dark room of the mind. The pictures in the heart cause problems which go on until the victims are totally destroyed.

Mind control spirits constitute a very powerful family of evil spirits. There is hidden power behind them. They constitute a major force, in the army of the devil. A lot of lives are under their control, and influence. They would not rest until they gain total control of the lives of their victims.

• PREVENT PEOPLE FROM THINKING CLEARLY

They can prevent a person from thinking clearly. A lot of people come to me to complain about hearing strange voices. This is the handiwork of these mind controllers.

• INABILITY TO CONCENTRATE DURING PRAYERS

Inability to concentrate during prayers is also the work of demonic mind-controllers. I know people who tried to pray but could not continue immediately something struck their hearts. Such a disturbance may sound ordinary but it goes beyond that level. Imagine that you are holding a serious telephone conversation, you are about to make an important point only to be distracted by an insignificant matter. You suddenly drop the phone while the man at the other end of the telephone is still hanging on, saying, "Hello, are you still there?" He keeps on speaking until he becomes tired and decides to drop the receiver. By the time you are

through with the distraction you get back to the phone only to start all over to dial. It may take you days to reach the person again.

There are people who find it difficult to continue praying the moment they get to a certain stage in their prayer. Suddenly, they become afraid having seen an evil presence. Such evil presence can become so palpable as to put an abrupt stop to their prayer. They momentarily lose their focus and are unable to regain it. Hence, they are sent back to square one.

• INSANITY PROBLEMS

These spirits are also responsible for most of the insanity or mental illnesses that occur in the society.

• FEELING OF LOOMING DEATH

They are responsible for feelings of looming death. A lot of people go about feeling that they could collapse and die any moment. Some people also receive dangerous compulsive instructions. For instance, when they see oncoming vehicles, something tells them to jump into the middle of the road. Also the minds of some people are so attacked that they swallow a whole bottle of Valium tablets.

Recently, a professor of mathematics was attacked by demonic mind controllers and he lost his sense of reasoning. The attack was not so pronounced initially. Members of his family and neighbours only discovered that he was becoming strange in his ways. He would work some meaningless mathematics on the windscreen of his car.

Whenever he talked to his colleagues he would stop abruptly, bend down and begin to work mathematics on the ground with his fingers. Sometimes, he would work mathematics verbally in the middle of a conversation. Things continued that way until it became clear that he was mad. That was not his only problem. He also put his 16-year old housemaid in the family way. That was how his life was ruined by demonic mind controllers.

• CONFUSED MALE/FEMALE RELATIONSHIP

Mind-controlling forces also work in the area of male/female relationship. On certain occasions I warned female members of the church not to marry some unconverted gentlemen. Some of them refused my counsel saying, "Don't worry, pastor, I am going to convert him. He will soon follow me to the church," They ended up marrying the wrong persons. They were so adamant that they avoided me until they did what was in their minds. Unknown to them they were victims of demonic mind-controllers. Some ladies stuck to their guns saying that they were desperate to get married. They were prepared to marry even alcoholics and smokers.

Mind-controlling spirits are at work today more than any other time in human history. Occult groups now advertise in dailies or magazines. Some groups in India now advertise promising to send charms, amulets, rings and love potions to unsuspecting young men and women. A lot of people have fallen victims of their demonic manipulations. They would tell a young man, "Buy our special powder and rub it on your face. If you look at any lady with that powder on your face she will just follow you and do whatever you tell her. You can also buy our ring. It can make you escape accidents or attacks by armed robbers." The young man would send money to India asking the occult company to send him those things.

A lot of men and women actually hate immorality but they discover that they are unable to control themselves whenever they come in contact with particular persons. Evil thoughts bombard their hearts day and night until they are no longer able to resist the urge. Although such people hate those thoughts yet they are unable to stop thinking along those lines. This is the work of satanic agents who are always seeking to control the minds of people.

They use a lot of techniques in the African environment. For example, they control people's mind through access to their photographs. They also try to use people's hairs to manipulate their minds. For example, they can afflict somebody with horrible headache by using his hair. They would light a candle and begin to pour hot candle wax on the hair until the head of the owner of the hair would begin to ache. Demonic agents also make incantations on people's hair until they transfer madness or headache into the lives of their victims. I came across strange stories

concerning these practices during my years of counselling people.

Sometimes wicked agents of the devil would use black candles to compel their victims to commit suicide. They also use black candles as instruments of attacking innocent people until such people become sick and die. The black candle is a terrible satanic weapon. It is used for death. Occult people and magicians use red candle to lure innocent people into lust and immorality.

If you have ever submitted your photographs to fetish priests or false prophets you must say the following prayer points with all seriousness. If your shoes, head gear, underwears, or clothes have disappeared mysteriously, then you must pray with all your strength. If you have ever made a mistake of giving your picture to an occult boyfriend you stand the risk of having your mind controlled negatively. Close this book for a moment and take this prayer point.

Any symbol used against me in the demonic world, I withdraw you by fire, in the name of Jesus.

Take that prayer point also if you happen to have given your picture to your former boyfriend or girlfriend, especially if you have left him/her for another partner. The picture can be used to control your life, frustrate your efforts and destroy your future.

From the foregoing, you can see that mind-controlling spirits are wicked and can do a lot of havoc against men and women. Run your mind through certain unpleasant situations which you have passed through in recent times.

Can you see that such problems are the results of the activities of mind-controlling spirits?

Is your mind attacked by evil spirits? Are you losing your mind gradually?

In what way are evil spirits destroying your mind?

You must never take anything for granted. You must deal squarely with all mind controlling spirits. In the next chapter we shall examine other

areas of the manipulation of the mind for evil purposes.

PRAYER POINTS

Every evil record fashioned against me, blood of Jesus wipe them off, in the name of Jesus.

Any evil rope on my loins, be broken, in the name of Jesus. (Place your two hands on your waist as you take this prayer point.)

Make the following confession:

> O Lord, it is written that even the lawful captive shall be delivered. Therefore, I decree today, according to the word of the Lord, I command every lawful bondage in my life to break, in the name of Jesus.

I come against every marine spirit by the word of the Lord, in the name of Jesus.

Every marine certificate, burn, in the name of Jesus.

You marine power, release every good thing that belongs to me which you are holding under bondage, in the name of Jesus.

I pronounce divine jubilee upon my life, in Jesus' name.

Sing this song in a prayerful mood: 'In heaven He's won the battle, On earth He's won the battle, in the water He's won the battle, Praise Jesus, the Man of war.'

O Lord, increase my strength for warfare today, in the name of Jesus.

). I ride on the horses of war today, in the name of Jesus.

. O Lord, let Your arrow be strong against the heart of my enemy today, in the name of Jesus.

2. Make the following confession:

'I arrest the horses, the chariots, and the horsemen of marine powers,

in the name of Jesus.'

3. I frustrate the token of marine powers, in Jesus' name.

4. You marine power, I command your diviners to be made mad right now, in the name of Jesus.

5. You . . . river, release my virtues, in the name of Jesus. (Place the name of river in your village or town in the blank space).

6. Every area of co-operation with water spirits, I command you to be broken today, in the name of Jesus.

7. Every ancestral covenant with water spirits, break, in the name of Jesus. (Place your hand on your stomach, around your navel, as you take this prayer).

8. Make this prayer confession:

'You water spirit, hear the word of the Lord, I have given my life to Jesus the Lord. You have no authority over me again. Therefore, I bring the rebuke of the Lord upon you. I anchor your head to divine judgement, in the name of Jesus.

9. Every deposit of water spirit in my life, be flushed out by the blood of Jesus.

0. Make the following confession of faith:

'It is written, henceforth, let no man trouble me for I bear in my body the mark of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am crucified with Christ. Every handwriting contrary to my life must be nailed to the cross. Therefore I break every dedication to water spirits. Any blood or water pollution in my body, come out by fire. I destroy every record of marine powers kept against my destiny in the marine world and I redeem myself by the blood of Jesus.'

1. I release myself from every sex trap, in Jesus' name.

2. Any spiritual plan contrary to the Holy Ghost, I reject you, in the name of Jesus.

3. Make the following confession of faith:

'Jesus is my original spouse and He is jealous over me. Therefore, I issue a bill of divorcement to every spirit wife, in the name of Jesus. Every spirit wife and every spirit husband, I bind you with everlasting chains, in the name of Jesus.

4. You spirit wife/spirit husband, I burn your certificate and I destroy your ring, in the name of Jesus.

5. Let every evil spirit spouse hear this announcement. I bear in my body the mark of the Lord Jesus. I announce to the devil that I am married to Jesus. Every sin of fornication on my body that has been written with iron pen, I Wipe off, in the name of Jesus.

6. Every trade mark of water spirits, be shaken out of my life, in the name of Jesus.

7. I bring the blood of Jesus against all the spirits that do not want me to go.

8. For every report made against me by wicked spirits, I file a counter report against them, in the name of Jesus.

9. Every satanic exhibit tendered against me, be destroyed by fire, in the name of Jesus.

0. My redeemer is my Maker and He is my Husband, in the name of Jesus.

1. O Lord, defend Your interest in my life.

chapter eleven

DEFEATING MIND-CONTROLLING FORCES

The mind is the centre of life. For anyone to succeed in life his mind must play an important role. Those who experience defeat and failure in life can trace their situations to the state of their minds.

A good heart will automatically ensure wholesome living, while a bad heart will make men and women to experience all kinds of unhealthy situations. If you take care of your mind you have succeeded in taking care of your life. If you neglect your mind and allow evil mind controllers to introduce their poison into it, you will end up reaping a harvest of woe, calamity, sicknesses and diseases, satanic attacks and eternal damnation.

I want you to make this personal confession as an expression of what you believe God to do in your life.

Father Lord, I come to you today in realisation of the fact that my mind is important to you, to me and to the devil. I bring my heart to you today for total cleansing, healing and deliverance. I do not want demonic mind controllers to have anything to do with my mind. I declare today that my mind belongs to God. I have no part with the devil and his demons. My mind was created by God and for his glory. Therefore, renounce and cancel every negative thing that has found its way into my life. I expel it, in the name of Jesus. I possess a sound mind from today, in the name of Jesus. I cover my mind and my heart with the blood of Jesus and I bring it under the canopy of the fire of the Holy Ghost. I confess that from today, good things will dominate my mind. I shall think good thoughts and my mind shall be wholesome everyday of my life. I place the arrow of fire at

the door of my heart. With this I bar all demonic mind controllers from trespassing. My heart is the abode of God, the seat of the Lord Jesus and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I dedicate my heart to the glory of God. From today, my heart shall be filled with the glory of God as water covers the sea. This is my confession and it is sealed with the blood of Jesus.

I also want you to take the following prayer points:

1. Oh Lord, as You silenced the lion in the den for Daniel, silence all my lions.
2. Oh Lord, as You surprised the enemies of Shedrach, Meshach and Abednego, surprise my enemies, in the name of Jesus.
3. Oh Lord, as You disgraced Pharaoh who constituted a threat to the children of Israel, disgrace my Pharaoh, in the name of Jesus.
4. I clear all my goods from the strongroom of the strongman, in the name of Jesus.
5. I command this year to hear the word of the Lord and vomit all my blessings, in the name of Jesus.

The focus of this chapter is to put a key in the hand of every believer with which he can lock the devil and all mind controlling spirits out of his mind. With this key, mind controlling spirits will no longer be able to tamper with your mind. Your mind will be wholesome, godly and productive. It will become a divine workshop for good ideas. At the end, you will hand over your mind to the Holy Spirit who alone can keep your heart safe and sound.

We have made it clear, previously, that mind-controlling spirits work on evil altars and act as satanic surgeons, performing evil operations on the human mind. Men and women have all kinds of strange experiences as a result of these wicked operations.

I have come across people whose minds are suffering from complete breakdown of law and order. Others have lost the control of their minds, and are therefore mad. Those who are not outrightly mad are suffering from brain waves. Who is responsible for these? The devil, of course.

Recently. I came across a man who was so poorly dressed and unkempt that I took him for someone who was out of his mind. Surprisingly, this man was obsessed with the thought of becoming the president of Nigeria. His purpose of coming to me was to tell me that he was surely going to become the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I had to control myself from laughing at the idea. "But what makes you think that you are going to become the president of Nigeria?" asked. Then he told me a story.

According to him, a thought flashed through his mind one day when he was walking across the road which had been barricaded because the President was passing through that road. Then something told him. "What they are doing for the president will also be done for you. You will become the next president." He had been obsessed with that thought for more than 20 years. I took time to mention the names of all Nigerian presidents for the past 20 years. Then I asked him, "Why have you not become a president since the past 20 years?" He said. "That is exactly why I am here. I want you to pray for me so that I can become the president."

I spent a long time trying to persuade the man that what he needed was the deliverance of the mind. The man was not mad but his mind was under the control of powers of darkness. They had carried out some complicated surgery on his mind. The man had even got to the point of making a vow that he was going to go about in shorts until he became a president. This tells us that mind-controlling spirits can be very wicked.

Mind-controlling forces know no age barrier. They attack adults and children. These days, children have become their greater targets of attack. Some children are now labeled autistic (hyperactive, restless and uncontrollable). This is a strange phenomenon. These children are easily identified wherever they are found. If they are students or pupils they constitute problems to teachers. They refuse to talk to anyone, scatter classes and are impervious to correction. They are not mad. Their brains are in a perfect condition but their minds are bewitched.

THE REAL PROBLEM

A lot of things are going on today which cannot be easily explained. Many people are suffering because of ignorance. The Bible is correct which says,

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).

There are so many things which we do not know about. These things happen all the same. Many people who have been christians for donkey years exhibit monumental ignorance as far as the activity of satanic mind controllers is concerned.

It is an undeniable fact that the body of Christ has been without the knowledge of most of the activities of the devil for too long. Many people who love the Lord have suffered unnecessarily because of ignorance. Some people have even died in the process. In the past, christians were taught that they did not need to know anything about the devil. They erroneously taught that once they were in Christ all past bondages had passed away and all things had become new. These christians swallowed that idea hook line and sinker only to discover that they had been wrongly taught by their teachers.

I cannot begin to recount how many pastors, sectional leaders, women leaders, pastors' wives and key church workers who have come to me to narrate certain experiences which they have grappled with for ten or 20 years. These people have been carrying church responsibilities. Yet, they have had their secret battles, long standing problems and inner turmoil. Some of them have had problems with getting married after passing the prime of life. Others have had some attacks which they could not disclose to anyone until they came to me.

Some of these people's children were having demonic problems. But, they would not do anything about it because deliverance was not part of their church doctrine. They were busy as church workers while the devil was equally busy afflicting their wives, husbands and children.

The situation was so bad until the Lord began to open their eyes. Some were proud initially. They did not want to own up their problems. Others were tied down by denominational sentiments. But because the Lord loves His people, He brought about a revival of the teaching of total

victory over satan and demons. Some christians began to seek for knowledge. They did not allow themselves to be held down any longer by denominational ties. They valued their total victory more than their church positions. They started to embrace the knowledge of the truth which liberates.

Some were still fearful until God in His mercy began to grant them access into the fullness of victory in spiritual warfare and over demonic harassment. Today, the story has changed. More and more people are now enjoying their freedom in Christ. The apostolic days are here again. God's people are now willing to be free. Thousands have chosen liberty instead of bondage. The result is that lives have changed; the bound have been set free, the oppressed have been released. This doing of the Lord is marvellous in our eyes. We are grateful to God who has led the church into full liberty in Christ.

It took a lot of courage to stand for the truth. It was not easy in the past to declare the truth of deliverance and spiritual warfare. People thought that we were strange and that we were teaching people to do evil. We did not stop because we knew that people were suffering. We continued against all odds.

Today, we have prevailed through perseverance and faith in God. God has honoured his word which we preached over the years. People have now discovered the difference between sweeping problems under the carpet and tackling them head on through aggressive prayer and spiritual warfare.

Indeed we looked funny to those who were observing us years ago, but today God has turned the tide in our favour. God has gone so far in redeeming his people.

Today, when I see these Christians radiating joy in their lives I give glory to God. Nightmares, poverty, satanic attacks, evil spells, demonic children, the spirit of non-achievement, the problem of failure at the edge of miracles, the problem of finding it difficult to get married, ugly harassments by agents of the devil, battling with parental problems, all these can now be dealt with and overcome.

People have now seen what prayer can do. Previously, we were labelled as a praying and demon-chasing church. But today, God has used us to lead members of the body of Christ into the full liberty of the sons and daughters of God. Thousands have benefitted and are still benefitting. Christians at home and abroad are discovering that they need not suffer in the midst of plenty. They have discovered that victory is sweet while bondage is bitter. And they have chosen the former.

Today, it is easy to declare the counsel of God concerning victory in every department of one's life. However, we have also attracted a lot of enemies as a result of our commitment to the declaration of the truth of the supremacy of the power of God over the power of the enemy.

The result is that while more people are enjoying their christian, social and family lives others have decided to criticise what the Lord has been doing among His people. Through it all God has given us victory.

I was surprised the first time I saw a white man praying over his washing machine. I thought it was strange. But surprisingly it worked. From that time, I made up my mind that I was going to stand for the truth no matter who opposes me. I have made up my mind to teach the total truth. I have decided to emphasize salvation and total freedom or deliverance. While teaching inner and outward holiness, we are going to continue to emphasize the importance of spiritual warfare.

It takes the combination of teaching and prayer to practically enjoy the fullness of the gospel. Praying without sound doctrine may lead to fanaticism, while sound doctrine without prayer will lead to formalism, sooner or later. To teach without giving enough time for prayer is to fill the head with knowledge while actual experience is nothing to write home about. There is no short cut to victory. We must teach and practice the whole counsel of God if we must help God's people, in this day of high level satanic operations.

A lot of people take sleeping pills, yet they cannot sleep. Many people are tired yet they cannot sleep. Some people have to calm themselves down with barbiturates yet sleeping remains a battle. These are parts of the activities of mind controlling spirits. Unless these problems are dealt with, they can lead to more serious problems. Once the devil is able to

gain access into the mind he will quickly assign one of the wicked spirits to instil fear in the person, even the fear of death. Or the person will go into unreasonable actions and refuse to listen to advice.

You must know how to deal with spirits that control the mind. A sister came for prayer recently. She was troubled because her husband had threatened to kill her if she failed to get out of the house. She did not want to lose her life, neither was she prepared to lose her home. She decided to seek for urgent help. After she narrated her story, I gave her some prayer points. She went home and prayed the prayer points with the desperation of a wounded lion, as she was tired of her situation.

When she went to bed after the prayer she had a dream which baffled her. She saw her photograph tied with black thread. She ran back to me to narrate her strange dream. I questioned her if she had ever given her photograph to anybody. She told me that she had consulted a prophet because she wanted to retain her husband's love. The prophet told her to bring her photograph which she tied with black thread and buried it. Unknown to her, the prophet had used the photograph against her marriage. The prophet wanted to scatter her home to gain her love. She did not know that the prophet would dig up her photograph every night and try to manipulate it to influence her to begin to love him. That was how she almost lost her home. This is how some sisters have ended up marrying false prophets.

God never intended human beings to be controlled like robots. But a lot of people are being remotely controlled like robots by mind-controlling forces. These powers often cast spells on people by using articles and photographs. Their victims have remained in bondage.

HOW TO RECOGNISE THE PRESENCE OF MIND CONTROLLING FORCES

If you want to know whether mind controlling forces have affected your mind, answer the following questions.

1. Did you have a special friend in school who deserted you or died

suddenly?

2. Did you have a special relationship with a man or a woman which collapsed suddenly?
3. Has your wife or husband deserted you for another partner?
4. Did your best friend steal your wife or your husband?
5. Is your partner having affairs with other men or women?
6. Is there anybody who dipped his hand into the same dish with you and has gone about spoiling your name?
7. Have you been betrayed by somebody whom you have high regard for?
8. Did you sponsor someone's education only for the person to refuse to show appreciation?
9. Did you help anyone who later disappointed you?
10. Did you invest any money in any joint business venture with a friend only for the friend to run away with the proceeds of the business?
11. Have you been jilted by a man or a woman?
12. Have you ever told lies to save yourself and put someone else in trouble?

Answer all these questions and examine yourself thoroughly to ascertain whether you have been a victim of mind controlling powers.

If you ask me to name the most powerful weapon of witchcraft in the world today, it is the television. There is a force behind the television. Everyday millions of people stare at the television, glued to their seats.

When the television is energised by satan and a demonic programme is on, some demonic forces may urge you to keep on watching. Mind-controlling spirits will then take over from that point. The evil programme would be transferred to the realm of the dream. Eventually, you will begin to have horrific dreams.

I never knew that there was anything called Dracula until a particular mother dragged her daughter to my counselling office. The young girl's problem was that Dracula was chasing her in her dream. I asked her, "What is Dracula?". She simply smiled and told me that Dracula is a

vampire spirit. Again I had to ask her, "What is vampire spirit?" She replied, "It simply means a blood-sucking spirit." She then narrated how she came across the Dracula on the television. I asked her, "But why must you watch that kind of horrendous film?" She said, "I don't know. I just like watching it." That was how what she saw on the television began to haunt her.

When something bad comes into your mind and pollutes your thoughts it will prevent you from focusing your mind on good things. These mind-controlling spirits are responsible for a lot of evil things that goes in the human mind. They make people's minds to be wicked, foolish, hardened, carnal, vain, defiled, unstable, corrupt and weary.

You must be careful about what you use to decorate your house. Most of the carvings which people use to decorate their houses are dangerous. They are heavily loaded with demons. You must be careful about everything around your vicinity. You must watch what you use to decorate your house. You must avoid all carvings that resemble idols or animals such as snakes or frogs. You must get rid of any carving that represents any unclean creature in the Bible. These animals are listed in the book of Leviticus. Such carvings will bring strange fire into your home.

You must also be careful about what you eat. Somebody wants to celebrate his 50th birthday for the third time and decides to buy a cow. His purpose is to transfer all his problems into the lives of as many people as eat the cow. Before the cow is slaughtered the celebrant would place his hand on it and demand that every problem in his life be transferred to it and that whoever eats the meat should inherit all his present and future problems, be it death, accidents, sickness or evil attacks. The cow is slaughtered and the meat is cooked. Everything is done in accordance with the instruction given by fetish priests or white garment prophets. The sacrificial cow would be served from house to house to unsuspecting victims.

If such meat is given to you and you eat it foolishly, you are voluntarily deciding to carry an evil load which does not actually belong to you. Such sacrifices are very common today. The virtues and the blessings of so many people have been exchanged through them.

OTHER FORMS OF BEING SUSCEPTIBLE TO ATTACKS

Let me enumerate below other forms of being susceptible to attacks by mind-controlling spirits.

• THROUGH WORLDLY MUSIC

If you play the type of music that is inspired by the devil in your house, you will consequently invite the spirit that came into the life of the composer. Certain music carries with it an air of rebellion. Even if normal people listen to that kind of music, their behaviour will change to be abnormal. It is unfortunate that most of the best selling records are filled with lewd and obscene language, incantations, slangs, abusive songs and other things that are capable of inciting people into bad behaviour.

• THROUGH EVIL MEDITATION

Sometimes people think of strange things. For instance, someone in a vehicle saying, "What if this vehicle has an accident right now? Maybe, this vehicle will run into the lagoon or the driver loses control. Many of us will soon be rushed to the hospital." All these thoughts come from mind-controlling forces.

• READING BAD BOOKS

If you read bad books the influence behind the book may soon enter into your own life. A lot of our teenagers today are in trouble because they are reading the wrong books. If you ask them why they are reading the bad book, they will tell you: "We simply want to improve our English" They are deceiving themselves.

• THROUGH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Some people are addicted to hard drugs and alcohol. It will be a great tragedy for anyone coming to a church where the power of God is moving and holiness within and without is taught and the person is still drinking in secret. Such a person will end up cutting himself off from the anointing of God.

- **THROUGH ANYTHING THAT ALTERS THE MIND**
- **INHERITANCE FROM PARENTS**

If the father is careless and confused at all times, the children will take up such habits. If the mother is melancholic, the children may also become bitter.

- **BY ATTENDING FAKE CHURCHES**

Mind control spirits can take hold of somebody's life if such a person attends a fake church. If you attend a church where a signature is written on your palm you are making yourself a victim of wicked mind-controlling forces. If you pray with a prophet's picture you are also opening your heart to demonic influence.

- **BY SERVING OR DISTRIBUTING ANY FOOD THAT HAS SATANIC POISON**

There are many kinds of food items that come from satanic origin. If you distribute any food which was prepared with satanic ingredients you will end up losing the control of your mind to demonic controllers.

- **BY SLEEPING WITH A FETISH PRIEST OR A FALSE PROPHET AS A MEANS OF SOLVING YOUR PROBLEMS**
- **BY PUTTING ON THE UNDERWEAR OF A POSSESSED PERSON**
- **BY EATING ANYHOW IN THE STREETS**

If you come across a roasted plantain seller and discover that there is no fresh fire in her local oven, or that all she has are two or three plantains with no sign of having peeled them there, then you can be sure that she is a certified demonic agent. Many of the people who hawk food in the streets are chronic idol worshipers. Unknown to most people, they generally dedicate their food to their idols each day before going out to sell. If you eat that kind of food without prayer your mind may be polluted.

THE DIVINE SOLUTION

Finally, let us examine the solution to the problem of the manipulation of the mind.

• YOU NEED TO RECOGNISE THE PROBLEM AND IDENTIFY IT

How do you recognise a problem that emanates from the mind? If you memorized the Scriptures and fall to remember them when you need them, then you need help.

• YOU MUST COME TO THE REALISATION OF THE FACT THAT GOD WANTS FULL CONTROL OF YOUR MIND

God is not interested in partial control of your mind. The Bible says,

And he, answering said, thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart with all thy soul, with all thy mind and thy neighbour as yourself (Luke 10:27).

God will never share your mind with other inhabitants. The Bible also teaches that your mind must agree with what the Bible classifies as sound thoughts.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Phil. 4:8).

At this moment I want you to examine the thoughts in your hearts in the light of what you have just read.

- Do you think about what is true?
- Are your thoughts centred on honest things?
- Is your mind preoccupied with unjust things?
- Are you considering impure thoughts in your mind?

- Are you thinking about unlovely things?
- Do you believe every report?

Your answer to these questions will reveal the state of your heart.

Again, the Bible says,

God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power, of love and of his sound mind (II Timothy 1:7).

• Is your mind filled with the power and the love of God?

• Is your mind sound?

• YOU MUST RENOUNCE THESE POWERFUL DARK SPIRITS

Don't let them deceive you. Sometime ago a man brought his two wives into my office because he had great problems in the family. I told him what the Bible teaches concerning marriage. I advised him to keep only the first wife. The man found it difficult to accept my counsel. His excuse was that the two wives liked each other. He told me that in fact they could not do without each other. He refused to obey the word of God. Today, he has lost both wives. Both of them are dead. The man has became as confused as ever.

• YOU MUST WAGE WAR AGAINST MIND CONTROLLING SPIRITS

It is unfortunate that many people find it difficult to maintain a clean heart. Such people generally refuse to fight against powers that pollute the mind.

If you find it difficult to think through a particular thing you must be ready to wage war against wicked spirits today. The devil is a very good lecturer. If you listen to him, he will confuse you. The devil will tell a lady, "How can a beautiful lady like you marry an ugly man? Go to the mirror and look at how beautiful you are. You should not remain in your husband's house. You must find another man." That is how far the devil

can go in confusing innocent souls.

Somebody was duped about half a million naira, a huge amount which did not belong to him. He decided to end up his life. He took a sip from a bottle containing acidic battery liquid. As soon as he took the acid he started rolling on the ground and crying. He shouted to attract the attention of neighbours. Evil spirits had worked on his state of mind and used it to lead him into untimely death.

Mind-controlling spirits are responsible for failures, or for things to be erased from the mind automatically. They programme the mind to think and do evil things. Their goal is total destruction. Do not give them an inch in your mind. Rise up and fight against them today. Make sure that your mind is holy, healthy, happy and godly.

chapter twelve

RECEIVING THE YOKE-BREAKING ANOINTING

I must not fall to tell you that the knowledge gained from this book will not benefit you maximally unless you are able to move from the realm of receiving the information to the realm of the anointing. It is not enough to be aware of the presence of a yoke or bondage in your life, you must know how to receive the anointing that breaks every yoke. A good doctor will not only diagnose the problems of his patient he will also ensure that the cure is administered.

Isaiah 10:27 provides us with our marching orders. It says,

And it shall come to pass in that day that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder and the yoke be destroyed because of the anointing.

One thing made abundantly clear in this passage is the fact that it is the anointing that breaks the yoke.

The greatest factor in the life of a Christian is the anointing. The anointing makes the difference. The moment the anointing comes, you will not be the same again. The anointing will usher you into a new realm, from trials to testimonies, from poverty to prosperity, from bondage to freedom and from defeat to victory. Receive the anointing of God today and the rest of your life will become days of heaven on earth. You will become an embodiment of the full expression of what the power and the grace of God can do.

WHAT IS THE ANOINTING?

It is the literal expression of the life-changing and the yoke-breaking power of the Holy Spirit, to set one free, and uplift one unto the realm of the divine will, plan and purpose for his life.

The anointing is God's weapon for combating the powers of darkness and ushering us into a point where every divine promise becomes a reality. It takes one from the realm of human limitation to the realm of God where all things are possible.

Nothing can be compared with the anointing.

"The taste of the pudding," they say, "is in the eating." You cannot know the power of the anointing until you get into it experientially.

The anointing is a fact, not fiction. It is not just a concept. It is real. It is crystal clear that the lives of those who have received and benefitted from the anointing are highly unpredictable in every sense of the word. When God gives you His anointing, He makes available to you the totality of His power. His presence and divine ability are brought into your life. Everything He is capable of doing becomes your daily experience.

Perhaps you have wondered why a fellow believer is riding on the crest of breakthroughs, signs and wonders while you are struggling with life? You might have also wondered why other believers are giving multiple testimonies, recounting countless instances of divine intervention and swimming in the ocean of God's abundance, while, for a very long time, you have not been able to lay hold on anything you can call a miracle.

Is that your experience? Then, you can be very sure that the anointing is the missing ingredient in your life. Without the anointing, yours will remain a fearful, deadly and wasted life. The simplest thing will become a burden. What you are supposed to achieve instantly will take you days, months and possibly years. You will become tired and confused. You will endure what you are supposed to enjoy. You will crawl when you are supposed to scale heights and you will continue to mark time on the same spot when you are expected to break new grounds.

With the foregoing it is clear that anointing is highly indispensable. It is the greatest factor in the christian life. To receive the anointing is to succeed, while to lack the anointing is to fail. You must therefore make up your mind to receive the anointing if you want to move your life from the level of the natural to the supernatural. The moment you know what the Bible calls the anointing, you will not remain the same again. You will not

be willing to live any moment of your life without the anointing. Those who have never experienced anointing do not know what they have been missing.

The anointing envelopes and transforms lives. It permeates the total of being a of person. It electrifies and empowers. Once the anointing comes upon you, the first thing that will surely happen is that all the yokes in your life will break.

Look at the case of Samson. He was arrested and bound by his enemies, but the Bible tells us that immediately the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, his yoke was broken. You will do yourself a lot of good when you begin to move in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It appears that many people are looking for short cuts. They are not ready to go all the way with God. A lot of people are not happy with our style of teaching. They quarrel with us for revealing to every believer the secrets of victory in spiritual warfare.

The anointing cannot be received through learning or familiarity. You can receive it only by prayer and consecration. Some people have established schools of anointing. That cannot guarantee their students receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing is not received through an apprenticeship scheme. The amount of anointing that comes upon your life is directly proportional to your personal desire and practical commitment to fulfilling the conditions for receiving the anointing. If you want little anointing you will receive it. If your desire is for a great anointing you will also receive it. If you want the anointing to operate maximally in your family, profession and finances, your desire will be granted.

The amount of room you give to the anointing of the Holy Spirit is the amount of anointing you will receive.

The anointing is God's instrument for touching the lives of His people.

The anointing is real, tangible and palpable. It is not limited to the demonstration of power in church gatherings. Some people think that the moment a preacher blows some air into the microphone to produce some

reverberating sounds the anointing must be present. No. Also, although falling under the anointing is real and scriptural, it does not convey the full import of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. If you fall under the anointing and you get up without any tangible experience then you don't know the anointing.

God gives the anointing to those who earnestly seek it. What makes the difference between one believer and another is the anointing. In the same vein what makes the difference between one minister and another is the anointing. You must ensure that your own yokes have been broken by the anointing before you can step out to help those who are under bondage. A prisoner cannot help a fellow prisoner. But when you are free you will be able to rescue those who are suffering under cruel, satanic yokes.

There is so much noise today about the anointing but very little to show for it. If a lady who places three layers of wigs upon her head begins to pray about the anointing, if the anointing should fall on her, anything can happen. Christians who are still pursued by elementary powers are in that condition because they lack anointing. When the anointing falls upon you, they will no longer be able to oppress you. Those who are pursued are generally on the losing end. No one can pursue a powerful man. If you are being pursued then you are weak spiritually.

STEPS TO RECEIVING THE ANOINTING

There are certain conditions that you must fulfil if you want to experience and retain the anointing. Let us look at four of them.

• DESIRE IT

You must desire the anointing if you want to receive it into your life. You will only get what you desire in life. If you think that something is not necessary, you will not make any effort to acquire it. Your desire will lead you to a serious action towards receiving the anointing.

• DECIDE TO GET IT

To desire the anointing without deciding to go for it is to achieve

nothing. Your desire must activate you into practical actions which would lead you into the practical possession of the anointing. You must not be relaxed about it. You must take a solid decision that you must get the anointing by all means.

• BE DETERMINED

When you come across men and women who possess the anointing, their example must jolt you into the strong determination to receive yours also. Be determined to go all the way until you receive the anointing.

• BE DISCIPLINED

The anointing is not for every Tom, Dick and Harry. It is reserved for those who are disciplined. If you fail to exercise control over your desire for pleasure, passions and ease, then you are not ready for the anointing. Take a look at all those who received the anointing in the Scriptures, you will discover that all of them are disciplined men and women.

PRACTICAL STEPS

How then can you work out these steps practically? For example, if a man wants to be a member of the prayer warrior's team, his desire cannot materialise unless he is ready to take certain steps.

• PERSONAL DISCIPLINE

He must be ready to take a decision, for instance, to wake up every 5 a.m. If he continues that way for a few days only to be distracted, he cannot be a prayer warrior. He must be determined to consistently spend hours in prayer.

Inconsistency will disqualify you from being a prayer warrior. If you encounter difficulties along the line, you must resort to the use of personal discipline to keep your decision to function in the office of a prayer warrior minister. You have to make use of the alarm clock. You must be disciplined enough to wake up immediately the alarm rings at 5.00 a.m.

I remember what happened during my university days. I was sixteen and a half when I entered the university. In fact, I was the smallest in the class. Majority of the students in my class were between the ages of 30 and 39. I was so small that at times when we queued in the cafeteria, some people ordered me out thinking that I was not one of them.

I can still recall what fellow students did to pass their exams. I remember going into the classroom to study one night, a few days before the examination. I was surprised to see a young man who had removed his dresses and had only his underwear, a pant. He did that to avoid sleep. As I looked back, I saw another middle-aged man who in his own case, was placing his two legs inside a bucket of water to avoid sleep.

To my left was also an elderly woman who was sitting on hot water bottles in an attempt to remain awake to read. That was how far these students went in their efforts to pass their examinations. I learnt a lot of lessons from the manner they disciplined themselves. These were practical examples.

If those students could go that length in their effort to pass examinations, then you must be ready to take practical steps, even if they hurt, to receive the anointing.

The anointing is so important and beneficial that you must go any length to receive it. The moment the anointing comes upon you, you won't need to pray about prosperity. It will just come automatically. The anointing comes with breakthroughs and prosperity. The reason many people are not able to receive the anointing is that they lack the discipline that is necessary for receiving it. Many people pray for the anointing has but they fall as a result of lack of discipline.

The divine prerequisites for receiving the anointing are nonnegotiable. God cannot compromise His standards. The old fashioned method of securing and maintaining the anointing has not changed. Personal discipline is therefore of great importance. Without it, the anointing will remain elusive.

It is very easy to sing 'Anointing, fall on me, let the power of the Holy Ghost, fall on me, Anointing . . . .' You must be disciplined. That is why

we have always recommended personal deliverance as the most effective method of deliverance.

Personal deliverance takes a lot of discipline. You won't have to depend on a man who comes to cast out an evil spirit by saying 'Come out, in Jesus' name.' You must exercise personal discipline if you want to experience lasting deliverance. In the same vein you must be ready to discipline yourself if you must receive lasting anointing.

Anointing also basically means to pour oil upon a thing or a person or to rub oil on somebody or something. However, the anointing goes beyond that in the spiritual realm. The Greek word 'Christ' means the anointed. Therefore Jesus Christ means Jesus the anointed one. Whenever the Jews say, Jesus the Messiah, it means Jesus the anointed one. This shows that we can only draw anointing through the Lord Jesus. He is the anointed one.

The Quakers were fond of making statements like 'I am Christed with Christ", meaning I am anointed with Christ the anointed one. Therefore, the anointing is the supernatural equipment that enables an ordinary human being to achieve supernatural results. The anointing is a divine electric force. When that force comes upon you, it shocks your entire system.

I remember how a friend of mine got born again. He came to watch a prayer meeting in order to mock Christians. He decided to stay outside the window just to see what the congregation was really doing. While he was watching with a nonchallant attitude, all of a sudden the Holy Ghost hit him like an electric current and he was bundled through the window into the prayer hall. He laid down unconscious for hours. By the time he woke up, there was no single soul in the hall. Then he knelt down and gave his life to Christ.

Another incident took place in the city of Abuja during a prayer meeting. There was a young man who had no inkling whatsoever of what was happening in the church. The gospel was strange to him. He even dressed in a strange manner. However, he came forward when the altar call was given. Immediately we laid hands on him he fell flat on the floor. This was around 9.00 p.m. Later, the service closed and majority of the

worshipers went home. However, I stayed behind to counsel and pray for about 20 members.

After midnight I discovered that the young man was still lying on the floor. When we woke him up, he said, "Where is everybody? Why was I lying down?" We explained to him that he had been knocked down by the Holy Ghost. The power of God became real to him for the first time in his life. That was what the anointing of the Holy Ghost could do. Now, we need more of such anointing today.

The anointing is never hidden. When the anointing fills your house or environment, witches and wizards would know about it. An anointed church location or home is undoubtedly a no-go area to demons and satanic agents.

The anointing is the demonstration and the expression of the power of God that brings about results without sweat. The anointing bestows upon the recipient tangible divine power to produce results. The power of the anointing is the demonstration of the raw power of God. The anointing can also be described as power from above which enables you to function to an increase in the level of living water which is already in your life. The anointing gives you the power to press forward when others are tired. The anointing gives you the power to continue when the road becomes narrow.

The anointing is the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon your life in an unusual manner. The anointing makes you to do what flesh and blood cannot do.

I remember the story of a man of God who was so anointed that living germs died immediately they had contact with any part of his body. What really happened was that there was an epidemic and many people were dying day by day. One medical doctor thought that the man was endangering himself by moving too close to the corpses of those who died as a result of the epidemic. So he was warned to steer clear. He was so sure of the anointing that he told the doctors to place living germs on his palm and examine them later under a microscope. They did. The doctors were flabbergasted. They had never seen such a thing in their entire medical career. They had no option but to admit that the anointing

made the difference.

Why don't you close your eyes now and take this prayer point.

Any negative thing touching my body, you must not penetrate; you must surely die, in the name of Jesus.

The anointing is the burden-removing and the yoke-destroying power of the Almighty God. Certain mysterious problems will not budge unless they are brought face to face with the power of God. Certain problems in people's lives will not shift their ground unless they are subjected to the anointing of God.

It was the anointing that fell upon a woman in labour. At the end she delivered a snail. That was how her long standing problems disappeared. Some people have strange things hidden in their bodies. These strange things would not move out of their bodies until they are challenged by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. They may not hinder the people from going to heaven but the people may die like Lazarus. No doubt Lazarus got to heaven, but with his sores, shame and poverty. On the other hand, Abraham did not go to heaven with any sore on his body.

I remember another strange thing which took place during an aggressive prayer session in one of our prayer meetings. The anointing of God was so strong that something like a tape-rule began to come out of somebody's head. The man pulled the tape until the entire thing, which was six feet long, came out. He opened his eyes to behold the strange thing which he had harboured in his body.

A lot of people have eaten many strange things. The food some people ate refused to digest because there is an evil command against its digestion. The food will never come out through the anus or mouth. Such people now find it difficult to eat. Such evil food can only be destroyed through the anointing.

The anointing is God's presence in the life of a man through the power of the Holy Spirit. The anointing is also God's spirit and power for service on earth. Therefore, through the anointing you would receive power to cast out demons, heal the sick, raise the dead, break curses, recover

stolen blessings and destroy the works of the devil. The anointing is able to help you succeed in your business and to make you prosper spirit, soul and body.

The greatest thing that can happen to you on earth is for you to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is indeed a pleasant and sweet experience. No wonder the Bible says, "Thou anointest my head with oil and my cup runneth over." It is the anointing that makes your cup to be filled and running over.

In Old Testament days, kings, priests and prophets were generally anointed. It was very easy in those days to know when a priest was around. The fragrance of the anointing oil upon him was so strong that it spread and permeate his immediate environment. There was a shift from the physical to the spiritual in the New Testament times. 1 Peter 2:9 tells us that the believer is a peculiar person, a royal priesthood and a Holy nation. God has chosen human beings to reign in life as kings. By virtue of the anointing, God has transformed the believer into a prophet who must not be touched anyhow. God has declared, "Touch not my anointed and do my prophets no harm."

However, that you are a child of God does not automatically qualify you for the anointing. To receive the anointing, you must have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit baptism will determine the type and level of the anointing. Do not be deceived by any counterfeit experience.

What kind of tongue are you speaking? Are you copying the style of a popular preacher? Is your tongue counterfeit or is it real? You must not be satisfied with anything less that the fullness of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

• REMAIN CONNECTED TO JESUS

Another condition necessary for receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit is to remain connected to Jesus, the giver of the anointing. Don't allow any friend to disconnect you from your source of power and anointing.

• ENSURE WHOLESOME DEVOTION TO GOD

Ensure that your devotion to God is wholesome and lively. Keep your fellowship with God in top shape. Do not joke with your devotion no matter how busy you are. Dig deeper as the Bible puts it. Let deep call unto deep in your relation with God. The closer you are to God the more anointed you become.

• AVOID UNPROFITABLE CLOSENESS TO OPPOSITE SEX

Avoid questionable closeness to the opposite sex. If you become careless in your relationship with the opposite sex you may lose your anointing.

• BE PATIENT

Cultivate prompt, complete and unquestionable obedience unto God. If you refuse to obey God, or if you ignore the suggestion of the Holy Spirit, you cannot receive the anointing of God. The moment there is a controversy between what you have decided to do and what God wants you to do, the anointing may be removed from you.

Remember the words of the song writer: Just as God who reigned on earth spoke to men in days gone by, so the Lord is calling men today; and my brother this is true; whatever he says unto you just do it.

• FLEE FROM SIN

Avoid sin in any form. Do not get involved with ordinary appearances of evil.

• PRAY MORE

Pray without ceasing and fast regularly.

• LIVE A HOLY LIFE

Finally, live a life of holiness and godliness.

I am sure that you are willing to drop your chains at this point. You cannot afford after going through this message choose to remain in

slavery. If you receive the anointing of God into your life, all shackles of slavery will break. Chains will break when the power of God falls upon a slave. You may be in one form of bondage or the other at this point in time. What you need to do is to seek the face of God until the fire of anointing falls upon you. God is set to pour His oil of anointing upon your life.

Are you ready to receive and work in the anointing? Are you ready to let go your chains and receive the transforming power of the anointing? If you are ready, God is ready too. Rise up today and receive the anointing. You must leave no stone unturned until the anointing of God falls upon you.

chapter thirteen

DEFEATING THE MINISTRY OF WITCHCRAFT

The teaching on the ministry of witchcraft is one of the most neglected teachings among Christian believers. The understanding of most people is either darkened or limited in this area. The problem of witchcraft is as old as mankind's history.

Witches and wizards have operated from time immemorial. Sad enough, many christians are afraid of reading any literature on the subject of witchcraft. They prefer to remain in ignorance as a result of the fear of receiving spiritual harm from witches and wizards. Unfortunately, such people have suffered in ignorance. Some of them have been attacked by witches and wizards.

Those who are not attacked live under the paralysing force of fear of witches and wizards. In the end, a lot of people suffer unnecessarily when they ought to be living in victory. It is my desire, therefore; to demystify the ministry of witchcraft and provide sound biblical teaching concerning the believer's victory over the power and manifestation of witchcraft.

You may ask? What insight has the Bible given us concerning this subject? Let us read Ezekiel 8:7-12:

And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the

house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

This passage reveals one of the earliest recorded manifestations of witchcraft in the scriptures. Witches and wizards were operating in the form of creeping things, abominable things and idols. The Lord gave Ezekiel this revelation.

Do you know that you can also pray to the point where God can give you a revelation which brings you face to face with physical operations of witchcraft powers.

Let us also look at Nahum 3:1-4:

Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

This passage gives us a very clear picture concerning the reality and the operations of witchcraft. Does this not sound like a clear picture of what is happening in our cities today?

This passage makes certain things clear.

1. The practice of witchcraft goes side by side with the shedding of blood.

2. Prostitution or harlotry and witchcraft are strange bed fellows.

Witchcraft abounds whenever there is prostitution. Nobody can be a prostitute without being initiated into witchcraft. It is a pity that some men foolishly go into witchcraft by committing immorality with prostitutes.

Prostitution is the mother of witchcraft. Conversely, witchcraft is the mother of prostitution.

3. Witchcraft brings about multiple deaths.

Recently, there was a terrible catastrophe in Jesse town in Nigeria. Almost 1,000 souls were lost in a fire incident. Was it ordinary? It was a clear manifestation of the wickedness of witchcraft. This shows is that any city or community that is dominated by witchcraft will be bloody in every practical sense of the word.

Let us look at another equally important Scripture, Isa. 49:24-26:

Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that. I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

This passage teaches that there are two types of captives: lawful and unlawful.

A mother-in-law resorted to the use of witchcraft after falling to exert the kind of influence she wanted on her son's family. She was very unhappy with her son's wife. She came in around 6 a. m. one day and told the man and his wife, "Watch out, I'll soon prove to you that there are certain powers which cannot be seen with the naked eye. I am going" to teach you a lesson." Then she said to the son's wife, "I will prove to you that this house belongs to my son." Then she turned back and went away. The family woke up the next day to behold a strange scene. The man's wife heard the sound of footsteps of more than a dozen men or women. She was disturbed. She wondered why such a crowd was coming to visit

them early that day. Soon the door opened on its own accord and she almost fainted when she, saw a group of headless bodies. They tried to pounce on her. She was scared and confused. She shouted for help but none was forthcoming. The only saving, grace was the timely intervention of her housemaid.

Incidentally, both the woman and her housemaid were barely two weeks old in the church. Somehow, the housemaid had learnt one or two fire prayers. She therefore began to command the fire of the Holy Ghost upon the strange demonic beings. Somehow it worked. The evil personalities were restrained as a result of the force of the little girl's prayer. The demonic beings warned the little girl, "Why are you commanding fire upon us. What is your business here? Why are you trying to rescue her? After all, we did not come for you. Stop your prayer or we shall deal with you." The girl continued her prayer until the demons went out of the house in single file.

That day was a horrible day for most people in hat environment. The demonic presence was so palpable that most people who passed through the environment suffered one thing or the other. That shows us how terrible witchcraft operations can be.

This example goes beyond the level of the elementary stories of witchcraft which we often hear.

A man, lost his property to a so-called spiritualist. Although the spiritualist had warned him to steer clear of the property, the man refused saying that he would not abandon his building. The spiritualist visited the man and ordered him to steer clear of the building. The man said, "How can I abandon my house? Why must you use your magical powers to dispossess me of my house? This house belongs to me." The spiritualist became infuriated and all of a sudden hit the wall with his fist, and three old men came to the living room from the direction of the man's bedroom. The man's head stood on end. "How did you get here?" he shouted. "We have been here for one year. This house does not belong to you", they replied. That is another manifestation of witchcraft.

A man and a woman informed their pastor of their intention to get married. The pastor interviewed them and fixed a date for their wedding.

Certain strange things began to happen as soon as the date was fixed. The woman, who was supposed to be happy, went everywhere sad. Everybody was surprised and people were asking, "Why is this woman not excited about her wedding?" Nobody could penetrate her heart to know what was there. Even the bridegroom did not succeed in extracting any information from her.

However, the wedding took place as planned. The bride and the bridegroom were conveyed to their home in a beautiful car. At night the lady refused to enter her husband's bedroom. The husband was both confused and embarrassed. Somehow, he felt that the woman was only being shy. He managed to drag her inside the room. He looked up at her and said, "Is there any problem? Please, don't hide anything from me. I am sure you know that I am your husband." The woman said, "Okay, I am going to show you who I am. Come nearer." Without saying anything she undressed and directed the attention of the husband to the direction of her private part. Behold, she was an hermaphrodite. She had both male and female organs. "That was not all, her leg was exactly like the leg of a lion.

The man almost fainted. He quickly grabbed her hands and said, "Let us go back to the pastor." He narrated his strange experience to the pastor saying, "Pastor, you must dissolve this wedding. Can I show you what I discovered on the lady whom you joined together with me? This marriage cannot work. You must dissolve it now." The pastor looked up and down and said, "I am sorry. It is impossible. After all, you know that the Bible says, 'What God has joined together let no man put asunder.' After all, you came to me saying that you wanted to marry each other." The new bridegroom did not know what to do.

Later the wife was queried why she did not disclose her condition. Everyone was surprised when she said; "It is not my fault. I was not born that way. I found myself in that condition exactly on the day our wedding date was fixed. I was so confused that I could not tell anyone. I just found myself in that condition one month ago." That is one example of the terrible operations of witchcraft. No doubt, those who were responsible for such wickedness must have been present at the wedding ceremony.

The word 'witch' originally means 'to bend' or 'to change'. The primary function of witches and wizards is to bend what is straight, making it crooked. They change and refashion things to conform to their wicked intentions.

Witchcraft is the power of Satan, the opposite of the power of the Holy Spirit. Witches and wizards are perhaps, the major leaders in Satan's kingdom.

There is a major difference between the Holy Spirit and witches and wizards. The Holy Spirit is a person while witchcraft is a spiritual force distributed among countless numbers of agents.

It is unfortunate therefore that many intellectuals, well disciplined people and morally upright men and women are being carefully and intelligently controlled by witchcraft spirits.

To be quite honest with you, this and other nations are being controlled by witchcraft forces. The battle for this and other African nations is not the battle to be fought with guns. It is a battle to be fought in the heavenlies.

Today, many people are battling with these forces without being able to discern what exactly is happening. Some people know that their problem is rooted in witchcraft but they are at a loss concerning how to break free from the tentacles of these wicked forces. Although they are averse to being victims of witchcraft attack yet they are slaves to witchcraft.

However, we must admit that things are a lot better today in the nations of the world because of the power of the gospel. In the past, things were very bad. People were dying everyday. A lot of things happened in those days. Some women had 10 children and lost eight out of them.

It is amazing today that some university professors sit down in their ivory tower to declare that there is no God. I wonder what would have happened to such people if they had lived in the days of terrible manifestations of witchcraft. What saved such people is the fact that certain preachers of the gospel brought civilization into their dark community. Such self-styled atheists would not have survived beyond

their tenth birthday.

Witchcraft is much more complicated than we can ever imagine. It is deeply entrenched in the heavenlies. It has a lot to do with the sun, the moon and the stars. Witches and wizards are wicked. No matter how much love they claim to have for their children, they still go ahead to sacrifice them.

The operations and manifestation of witchcraft have become very complex in our days. Sad enough, witchcraft has infiltrated into the house of God where a lot of strange things are now happening. Most of these strange occurrences are pure manifestations of witchcraft. They have become part and parcel of the life of the church.

The other day, a man of God went to a video shop to buy some video cassettes. They sold the wrong ones to him. When he discovered this he went back there. But instead of asking them to correct their mistake he began to rain abuses at them. To prove that he was under the anointing, he stopped occasionally, spoke in tongues and then reverted to calling them all kinds of names.

Was he really anointed? How can you combine anointing with the use of abusive language and cursing? That is an expression of witchcraft manifestation. You cannot combine the anointing of God with cursing and bitterness. To combine the two means to be under the influence of witchcraft manipulation.

Other, people had been manipulated through the power of witchcraft, even in the house of God. Two people joined their hands together to pray. Then, someone came up with a fake prophecy: "The man whose hands you are holding is your husband. You must accept it, by force. There is nothing you can do about it." Is that not an example of clever witchcraft manipulation?

Why is witchcraft manipulation in some churches? It is simply because the word of God has lost its central place. Evil spirits have taken over. Manipulation has become the order of the day, as anything goes in the name of religion.

Many people have succeeded in substituting tradition for the word of God. Practices like infant baptism, giving sacrament to those who are about to die, the granting of indulgences and other ungodly practices have come up as a result of the manipulations of witchcraft.

Many people have found it very difficult to obey the word of God due to the influence of witchcraft forces.

There are lots of witchcraft operations within the church, although they are shrouded in mystery. The evil powers take away the word of God from the hearts of the people. They incite men and women into all kinds of ungodly behaviour. They lead christian leaders into all kinds of unimaginable behaviour. They also introduce certain things which are not part of the gospel into the church.

Once a person is being controlled by any other spirit other than the Holy Spirit, it is witchcraft. Witches and wizards have mastered the art of deception. The moment they are able to perceive the seed of royalty in someone's life, they go ahead to use every wicked method to get rid of that person. Whenever a child appears promising, right from infancy, they try everything to get rid of him.

Recently we were praying with a 14-year old boy who needed deliverance. The boy was so wicked that he had siphoned the fortunes of his parents, making them extremely poor. His father sat for a particular exam 14 times and failed at each attempt.

The boy made a lot of startling confessions. He told us about a wicked assignment they carried out in Australia. According to him, he belonged to a group of five wicked wizards. He told us that the number four wizard was assigned to kill a particular baby in Australia. They had foreseen the future of the baby. According to divine destiny, the baby was supposed to cause a lot of havoc in the kingdom of darkness. They went to kill it and they succeeded.

The parents of the little baby were born again christians but they were careless. Instead of providing a spiritual cover for the innocent baby, they unwittingly helped the devil. They abandoned their new born baby and started fighting. They spent over one hour in their attempt to give vents to

their carnal emotions. While the fight lasted, the wizard who was assigned to kill the baby succeeded in his job.

That was exactly how they attempted to kill Moses but they did not succeed.

WHAT IS WITCHCRAFT?

1. It is the universal religion of fallen humanity. Immediately man fell and departed from the living God, the religion he adopted and the power which motivated him was witchcraft. You wonder how that happened? It is simple. The Bible says "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."

2. It is the exercise of supernatural power by possessed persons who are in league with the devil.

3. It is a conference with the devil to carry out evil acts. Today, many people are having fellowship with the devil.

4. It is the practice of magic and sorcery.

5. It is the use of demonic influence to undo or subdue other people. Witchcraft agents generally use their powers to manipulate or subdue innocent men and women.

6. It is an intercourse with evil spirits to fulfil very wicked designs.

7. It is the use of satanic weapon to cause evil to others and to destroy their good prospects.

8. It is the use of invisible powers to carry out evil assignments.

A pastor told me how he faced stiff opposition in his locality. Fellow ministers were against him because almost everyone was rushing to his church. When the persecution became too much he decided to set apart some time to seek the face of God. Then he had a strange dream. Someone decided to fight with him in the dream. Although he wanted to beat up the opponent, he was somewhat reluctant. The opponent happened to be a fragile looking white lady. He felt that it was indecent to beat up a lady. However, the lady pounced on him and beat him

mercilessly. It was then he realised that the whole thing was not a joke. He fought back like a wounded lion. He almost overpowered the white lady, but something happened. The lady looked towards the heavenlies and summoned some demonic forces to assist her. It was then the pastor knew that people were using witchcraft powers to fight against him. Is there any gang-up by witchcraft forces against your life? Are you being attacked in any way? Then you must take this prayer point.

Every satanic reinforcement against my life, be scattered by fire, in the name of Jesus.

9. It is spiritual defilement. That is why some people find themselves in the toilet in their dreams. Others, find themselves in dirty environment with faeces rubbed all over their bodies and flies perching on their bodies. These are manifestations of witchcraft operations.

10. It is stealing of peace from a particular person or place. Once peace is withdrawn from a particular place you are left with chaos. Witchcraft powers tamper with peace in many homes.

11. It is the art of causing constant oppression to other people using satanic weapons.

The enemy does not mind employing a whole army to fight against an individual. That is why some people are surrounded by multiple battles. They fight one battle only to face another one. They conclude that the battles are over when evil powers are only taking their time to gather more reinforcement.

WEAPONS OF WITCH CRAFT FORCES

Let us now examine various weapons used by witchcraft forces to destroy men and women.

• MANIPULATION

This is perhaps the most powerful weapon used by witchcraft powers. They use their power to manipulate men and women, leading them by the nose to total destruction.

• CONTROL

A lot of people are remotely controlled by witches and wizards. Such people fail to do what they plan to do. Rather, they are under a strong control.

• INTIMIDATION

This is another weapon used by witches and wizards. The word 'intimidation' connotes detaching someone from his purpose by instilling fear into his heart.

• ISOLATION

These powers isolate their victims. They successfully use this weapon to drive everyone away from you and turn you to a loner. If you come across anyone who does not talk to anyone and lives alone, in his own world, he is a victim of satanic operation. Those who are afraid of mixing with others, those who are scared by crowds and those who are fond of hibernating in a corner are all candidates of attacks by witches and wizards.

• SOUL TIES

This weapon is used to tie the soul of a particular person to the soul of another, giving him no option to live without influence. It becomes very difficult to do what you want to do. For example, a man who has been involved with several women before he got married has automatically gone into several soul ties. A man who tried to marry 40 different women and failed but succeeded in marrying the 41st would have formed so many soul ties. If he has told 30 of them 'I will marry you' he has formed 30 soul ties. These multiple soul ties will affect him one way or the other.

• FEAR

Fear is a very effective weapon used by witchcraft agents. Fear leads into bondage. The moment the weapon of fear succeeds in your life witchcraft powers will be able to do what they want.

• CONFUSION

Whenever these powers want to destroy anyone they lead him or her into confusion. The state of the heart is so important that none can afford to harbour confusion in his or her heart. That is why Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." It is your responsibility to keep your heart from confusion.

• LOSS OF PERSONAL IDENTITY

When witches and wizards want, to destroy a man or a woman they make him or her to lose the sense of personal identity.

A man once shared an experience with me. He narrated how he went to visit his mother at home the moment he got his first salary. He drove to his village. In his personal car and cleverly returned immediately.

A few moments after he had left, some of his relatives came to ask his mother after his welfare: "Woman, we heard that your son came from Lagos today. Has he gone back? How exactly is he doing over there? We are interested in knowing the details." This brother told me that his mother said, "Oh you come to check my son. He has to run back to Lagos because he was ashamed of himself. He is just suffering in Lagos. Everything is upside down." The people went away, perhaps happy.

When he saw his mother and asked her, "Mummy, why did you say all those bad things about me?" The mother replied, "Oh, you are a small boy. You don't understand this village. If I had told them that you had a car and a plum job, they will with witchcraft within one month. That was why I lied to them." What was the purpose of those people? They wanted to know if the brother had discovered himself.

• SICKNESS

Witches and wizards send demons of sickness and disease to attack their victims. Most of the sicknesses are incurable.

• PROPHETIC DIVINATION

This weapon is also called charismatic witchcraft. Witches and wizards have infiltrated the churches. They give false prophecy through their agents. Thus, they are able to confuse and destroy innocent souls. It is

unfortunate that those who would never go to consult witch doctors often consult witchcraft agents who disguise themselves as prophets. A lot of prophecies which people receive today are of witchcraft origin. How can a prophet ask someone to submit himself or herself for incision? How can a prophet sell anointing oil for ₦20,000.00?

• CASTING SPELLS ON PEOPLE

Witches and wizards specialise in cursing people. The African society is filled with witches and wizards. Men and women who are witchcraft agents often rain curses upon their children.

The other day I overheard a mother raining terrible curses on her little son thinking that she was merely playing. She said, "Come here now. If you delay in coming, your life will become restless like the gate. It will shuffle back and forth. While I was asking her to stop the cursing, she issued a second one: "If you delay in answering me, your, life will become like the sole of the foot where hair does not grow. Nothing good will grow in your life." When I challenging her, the woman simply laughed and said, "Don't mind me, I am only joking."

• DARK DIVINATION

Those who go to consult the powerful mediums or fetish priests are consulting with witchcraft agents.

• CONSULTING HERBALISTS/WITCH-DOCTORS

Those who consult herbalists are indeed dealing with agents of witchcraft.

• SACRIFICES AND RITUALS

This weapon is used by human beings to appease evil powers. In the real sense, these sacrifices are given as bribes to witchcraft powers to enable them to fight against those to whom they are sent.

• SINGING AND DANCING TO RAISE EVIL ENERGY

When some people attend evil gatherings where there is a lot of

drumming and dancing, they become frenzied, jumping up and down. After warming themselves up they begin to give some strange prophecy.

• CURSES

To curse someone means to utter words which are capable of bringing misfortune to the person.

• FAKE HEALING

Witchcraft agents possess counterfeit powers which they use in removing sicknesses from those who are afflicted.

• CULTS AND THE OCCULTS

Students who join cults in higher institutions are junior students in the school of witchcraft. Members of occultic societies may say that they are only trying to discover their inner powers. But all of them, including members of lodges, international secret societies like Freemason, Roscicrucianism, the African lodge and scores of other occult groups practise different levels of witchcraft.

• CONVERTING PEOPLE INTO ANIMALS

Witchcraft powers generally convert their victims to animals before dealing with them.

• LYING AND DECEPTION

They use deception and lying as a weapon for destroying people's lives.

Having looked at the weapons, we need to also examine their mode of operation.

MODE OF OPERATION OF WITCHCRAFT

1. They curse people.

2. They control people.

3. They harm people.

4. They destroy things.

5. They corrupt things and people.

6. They damage a lot of things.

7. They cause great damage.

8. They are enemies of God.

9. They are blood thirsty. Whenever their blood banks are empty they go for more blood by causing accidents.

10. They lie in wait to destroy souls.

There are two types of witches: conscious and unconscious.

Conscious witches are very destructive. They carry out most of their activities at night. Their reason for the choice of the night for carrying out their wicked activities can be traced to the fact that most people are not generally alert at that time. That is why we encourage Christians to pray at night. They will find it difficult to attack you if you pray at night.

11. They generally believe that they can conceal their identities.

12. They tell lies.

13. They are always proud.

14. Human lives mean nothing to them.

They are able to destroy human lives with ease. A lot of men often come to me asking to know what to do after discovering that they married witches. Some of them have attempted to drive away the women.

I have been a christian for a far long time now, but I am yet to see a man who drove away his wife because she was a witch and later prospered. The witch will not prevent you from driving her away, she will simply go somewhere else to reinforce and attack you. The best thing to do is to look for a way of running such wives through deliverance. Even if

she says that she is not ready to go through deliverance, there are prayer points which the husband can make use of to bombard her into submission.

15. They are very fearless.

Those who are involved in witchcraft do not fear. That is why some ladies are not afraid to stay in darkness, under the bridge, waiting for a lift. They are not afraid because they are members of the larger witchcraft society.

16. They issue curses on people in coded language.

You must be fervent in the Lord to be able to cancel those kind of coded curses.

17. They relish human flesh.

The Bible says, "Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron" (Micah 3:2-3).

18. They are robbers and they are bloody.

They can ride human beings as horses to their meetings. They can see what is happening in the light and in darkness.

19. They can manipulate their victims in the dream through spiritual, sexual intercourse.

20. They can make use of cannibalistic and nocturnal animals.

21. They can put marks in people's heads.

These witchcraft agents can put marks of hatred upon people. They can also put evil marks on properties and certificates. They can programme their operations like a spider's web. Some people see things like spiders' web each time they close their eyes.

22. They can put ancient marks on people. With that kind of mark, they make people older than their age. Such victims often become expired even when they are just starting living their lives.

23. Witchcraft instruments are often used to programme oppression into the atmosphere.

24. They can inject evil spirits into people's lives.

They do this by suppressing human spirit and exchanging it with demonic spirit. Such people find it difficult to control themselves. They experience conflict in personality behaviour.

25. They go into astral projection.

They, leave their body on earth and travel into the spiritual world.

26. They can project themselves into another creature to carry out evil activities.

I remember the story of a particular brother who threw a cutlass at cat. The cat cried out in human language. The cat even spoke Yoruba language. That is an example of witchcraft manipulation.

27. They contaminate their children and kill them.

28. They forcefully initiate people into their society.

How then can someone know when he is a victim of witchcraft operation? What are the symptoms of witchcraft attack, what are the signs associated with victims of witchcraft attack?

How can you know when witches and wizards are working against your life? Here are the things to look for.

SIGNS OF WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS

1. Attack by wicked and intelligent witchcraft - If you find that you are being harassed by wicked and intelligent witchcraft network, you must use the weapon of prayer against them.

2. Denial of divine benefit - If you find that you have never enjoyed your divine benefit, start praying against witchcraft operation in your life.

3. Pursuit by stubborn household wickedness - If you find that unrepentant and stubborn household wickedness pursuing you, start praying against it.

4. Intensive marital turbulence - If you are suffering from intensive marital turbulence, then you must pray against witchcraft agents.

5. 'Almost there' anointing - If you discover that your life is characterised by the anointing of 'almost there but never there', then something is wrong somewhere.

6. Attacks with satanic weapons - If you find that your life has been turned to a centre where all forms of satanic weapons are tested, then you must take your battle to the gates of witches and wizards. Let me give you the promise of God: "And I will cut off witchcraft out of thy land and thou shall have no more" (Micah 5:12).

7. Attacks on progress in new apartment - If you find that you no longer experience progress from the moment you begin to live in a particular house, then you can be sure that witchcraft powers are working against you.

A brother once moved into a block of flats in the company of two other tenants. The three tenants had very good cars. Incidentally the landlord was also living with them in the same house. He had no car.

The brother began to notice a development. The first tenant lost his car. A few months later, the second tenant also lost his car. The only person who now had a car was this brother. Then he began to have a problem with his car. He decided to go into aggressive prayer, when it dawned on him that he might also lose his car. He prayed for hours, days and weeks.

One day, the Lord spoke to him, telling him to go and look into the well at the back of their house. To his amazement, he saw a tortoise. He brought the tortoise out with a bucket. What he saw shocked him. The names of the three tenants were written in a piece of paper and tied to the neck of the tortoise. He thought of what to do. He smashed the

tortoise, poured anointing oil on it and burnt it. That was how God turned the tide in his favour. His car began to work and he did not lose it.

The landlord had no car when the three tenants moved into the house. By the time they were losing their cars, the landlord was buying several cars. The brother who prayed would have suffered like his colleagues but for the power of prayer. He told his fellow tenants, who happen to be university lecturers, what he found inside the well. They simply told him off saying, "Such stories are not real." They continued to suffer while the landlord continued to prosper.

8. Financial embarrassment - If you are experiencing inexplicable financial embarrassment or stagnancy in your business, you need to pray.

9. Spiritual stagnancy - You must deal with all forms of spiritual stagnancy. When witchcraft forces want to deal with a person, they first afflict him with spiritual stagnancy. Once a person is spiritually stagnant, witches and wizards find it easy to attack him or her.

10. Hidden and clever devourers - Witchcraft powers are always clever in programming hidden and clever devourers into the lives of their victims. You must not allow any hidden and clever devourer to function in your life.

11. Buried talents and virtues - Witchcraft powers destroy people's lives by burying their talents and virtues. Anyone whose talent and virtues are buried would never amount to anything. That is why you cannot afford to allow the powers of witchcraft to tamper with your talents and virtues.

12. Disappearance of those who desire to help - Whenever those who have promised to help you disappear suddenly you must be conscious of the fact that powers of witchcraft are at work. These powers are very wicked. They remove helpers from those who are in need.

13. Chain problems - Some people go through certain problems which lead to other problems. When one problem leads to another and the next one also leads to another, witches are involved. People who are in this

condition generally spend their lives jumping from one problem to another.

14. Struggling and working tirelessly before achieving anything in life - Witchcraft powers change people's destiny by making them to struggle unnecessarily before achieving anything in life.

15. Occupying wrong positions in life - Most people are made to occupy wrong positions through witchcraft manipulation. They place them in positions that will not contribute anything to their success.

16. Untimely death - Witchcraft forces are responsible for untimely deaths.

17. Desert businesses - Many people have good proposals and invest huge amounts of money into their businesses only to lose, everything at the end of the day. Witchcraft forces turn such businesses into desert wastelands.

18. Unexplainable huge debts - Many people have found themselves in terrible debts. The amount owed is so huge that the possibility of getting out of debt is narrow.

19. Prayer paralysis - Witchcraft powers paralyse the prayer lives of their victims.

20. Evil diversion - Witchcraft agents divert their victims, leading them to wrong places.

21. Dead organs of the body - Some people are sick mysteriously. Certain organs of their body refuse to function. Problems like cardiac arrest, kidney failure and so on are caused by those powers.

22. Vagabond anointing - Witches attack people by afflicting them with vagabond anointing. They turn intelligent people into vagabonds who roam the streets aimlessly.

23. Gradual loss of goods and property - Some people discover that their goods and property are being lost gradually. That kind of mysterious loss continues until everything disappears.

24. Spiritual blindness - Witchcraft agents attack their victims by making them blind spiritually. Consequently, such people walk into traps set by witchcraft powers.

25. Verbal traps - Witchcraft powers set traps and catch people with their own words. These words are later used against them.

26. Mark of hatred - Some people discover that they are hated for no just cause. Unknown to such people they have received marks of hatred from witchcraft agents.

27. Unexplainable loss of good things - Some people are losing good things, no matter what they do to prevent the loss of such things. Such people are victims of witchcraft manipulations.

28. Tortoise and snail anointing - Some people are generally embarrassingly slow in every area of their lives. Such problems can only be solved through deliverance.

29. Leaking pockets - A lot of people suffer the loss of money perpetually. Witchcraft agents have attached leaking pockets into their lives. It is even worse when people keep money in a peculiar place and it vanishes mysteriously.

30. Spirit of rejection - Many people are haunted by the spirit of rejection. They feel rejected by everybody.

31. Polluted children - Many people's children have been polluted by witchcraft powers. They infiltrate the lives of the children turning them into something else.

32. Husbands that have been caged by strange women - The problem of some women is that they have lost their husbands to the control of witchcraft powers.

33. Backsliding - Witchcraft agents programme backsliding into the lives of their victims.

The list is almost endless.

What is the judgement of God against witches and wizards? Let me

state this in unequivocal terms. God has passed the sentence of both physical and spiritual death upon all witchcraft practitioners. It is clearly stated in Exodus 22:18:

Suffer not a witch to live.

Do not allow witchcraft activities in your life. You don't have to kill witches physically but you can pronounce spiritual judgement upon them. Paralyse their activities. Kill the spirit of witchcraft that is operating in them. That is why you must be ready to learn how to pray red-hot prayers like the Psalmist. No doubt, the Psalmist was praying against the spiritual powers that were working in the lives of his enemies. You don't have to attack physical things. But you can attack the witchcraft forces within them.

GETTING RID OF WITCHCRAFT PROBLEMS

How can you get rid of the problem of witchcraft?

1. Repentance

You must repent from all known sins. You must be ready to settle your account with God. Evil speaking, gossiping, backbiting, slander, malice and anger must be repented of, if you want to be free from witchcraft operations and attacks.

2. Dedicate your household to the Lord

You must get to the point where you can declare like Joshua: "As for me and my household we would serve the Lord."

3. Train your children in the way of the Lord

Failure to train your children in the way of the Lord may lead them into involvement with witchcraft. When such children acquire witchcraft powers, they may turn back to attack you.

4. Be careful concerning what, where and how you eat

Be careful, don't eat just anything. Watch what and where you eat.

5. Cleanse your household and business premises spiritually

You, must sanitise your surroundings spiritually through prayers.

6. Pray warfare prayers against witchcraft operations

7. Go for deliverance

You must go for deliverance if witchcraft powers nave gained access into your life.

8. Bring litigation against them by pleading the blood of Jesus

Finally, don't ever attempt to rebuild your Jericho. Whatever God has destroyed in your life must remain destroyed. Let there be a clean break with your past, unregenerate life style.

PRAYER POINTS

1. You witchcraft powers, carry your evil load, in Jesus' name.
2. The, ministry of witchcraft in my life, family, business, career and health must die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Thunderbolt of God begin to scatter the travelling-routes of any witch troubling me, in the name of Jesus.
4. Let any witchcraft route constructed against me become dark and slippery, in the name of Jesus.
5. Let life-choking thorns begin to grow on the travelling route of my household witchcraft, in the name of Jesus.
6. Let the travelling-routes of my household witchcraft become their burying places, in the name of Jesus.
7. Let the angel of destruction continually minister on any route of witchcraft that is fashioned against me, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every witchcraft eye monitoring my business for destruction, be plucked by fire, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every witchcraft eye manipulating my finances, be plucked off, in the name of Jesus.
10. Every witchcraft eye manipulating my spiritual life, be cut off by

arrow of fire, in the name of Jesus.

11. Let the eyes of every household witchcraft manipulating my marriage be plucked off by fire, in the name of Jesus.
12. Arrow of fire, pluck out the eyes of every monitoring agent over the affairs of my life, in the name of Jesus.
13. Witchcraft spirit from the North, South, West, and East, holding on to my flesh, release them now, in the name of Jesus.
14. As fish vomited Jonah to the dry land, any witchcraft that has swallowed me, vomit me now, in the name of Jesus.
15. Any areas of my life swallowed by rebellious spirit, be vomited by fire, in the name of Jesus.
16. Any witchcraft that has swallowed my husband/wife (for bachelors and spinsters) / marriage (for married people), vomit it now, in the name of Jesus.
17. I jump out of my parents. My parents, jump out of my life, in the name of Jesus.
18. Every operation of witchcraft burial in my life, be reversed now, in the name of Jesus.
19. Every witchcraft burial against my marriage, be reversed now, in the name of Jesus.
20. O Lord, let the power of witchcraft burial against my finances be reversed now in the name of Jesus.
21. My dreams, my joys, my breakthroughs, that have been buried in the dark world, be reversed now in the name of Jesus.
22. My God deliver me from every witchcraft fashioned against my life in the name of Jesus.
23. Every mantle of witchcraft in my family, be roasted in the name of Jesus.
24. I reject every witchcraft influence, in the name of Jesus.
25. I reject every witchcraft inheritance, in Jesus' name.
26. Every witchcraft kingdom in my household, I destroy you by fire, in the name of Jesus.
27. I refuse to operate under witchcraft domination, in the name of Jesus.

28. O Lord, let Your thunder and fire locate all coven of witches and wizards established against me for total destruction, in the name of Jesus.
29. As the wax is melted by fire, let all witchcraft covens caging my life or destiny evaporate by fire, in the name of Jesus.
30. All witchcraft banks and strongroom harboring my blessings and treasures, be pulled down by fire, in the name of Jesus.
31. O Lord my God let your fire fall and consume every witchcraft assembly frustrating God's plan for my life, in the name of Jesus.
32. Every stronghold of witches and wizards in my place of birth (mention the name of the place), I dismantle you by fire, in the name of Jesus.
33. Every marine witchcraft present in my family, be disgraced by fire, in the name of Jesus.
34. I break the backbone of every marine witchcraft militating against my life with the hands of fire, in the name of Jesus.
35. Every work of marine witchcraft in my life, be destroyed by the blood of Jesus.
36. I release my life from the grip of marine witchcraft, in the name of Jesus.
37. Every mark of witchcraft in my life be wiped off by the blood of Jesus.
38. Let the rod and staff of witchcraft spirit operating against my life, break to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
39. I command every evil pot and concoction used against my life to break to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
40. Let every dark forest hiding witchcraft weapons against me be burnt to ashes, in the name of Jesus.
41. Evil mirrors used to monitor my life break to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
42. Let the horn, the tooth and the needle of witchcraft spirit used against my life, be destroyed irreparably, in the name of Jesus.
43. (Raise your two hands up) Father Lord, baptise my hand with your liquid fire mixed with the blood of Jesus to destroy and break witchcraft curses, in Jesus' name.

44. (Lay the two hands on your head) Father Lord, destroy every witchcraft curse upon my life by your fire, in the name of Jesus.
45. You my divine destiny, you will not be bewitched, in the name of Jesus.
46. I gather together all witchcraft curses issued against my life and I send them back to the sender, in Jesus' name.
47. You demon backing witchcraft in my life, somersault, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
48. Father Lord, let my intestine and every, organ of my body experience the fireworks of the Holy Ghost, in the name of Jesus.
49. Father Lord, let there be a disassociation between my body and the evil food I have eaten, in the name of Jesus.
50. Father Lord, in the name of Jesus, I vomit every evil food that I have eaten.
51. Let the blood of Jesus flush out every poison deposited in my blood system as a result of evil food, in the name of Jesus.
52. All that I have lost as a result of eating evil food, Father Lord let me have them back, in the name of Jesus.
53. O God re-arrange any part of my body that has been fragmented by the power of infirmity, in Jesus' name.
54. I curse to die, you the power of infirmity working in any part of my body, in the name of Jesus.
55. I speak destruction to the root of any infirmity planted by witchcraft powers in my life, in the name of Jesus.
56. Every inherited sickness from my family lineage, dry to your roots, in the name of Jesus.
57. (Lay your right hand in any part where you have infirmity and say the following: Vanish from my body (three times), in the name of Jesus, hypertension, evil growth, plantation of evil growth, cancer, every unidentified sickness.
58. Anything in me supporting witchctaft embargo on my finances, come out with all your roots, in Jesus' name.
59. You household witchcraft energising witchcraft embargo on my finances, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.

60. Owners of evil load of witchcraft embargo, carry your load, in the name of Jesus.
61. Every ancestral embargo on my finances, I break you, in the name of Jesus.
62. I recover my finances from witchcraft embargo, in the name of Jesus.
63. Let every envious witchcraft activity set in motion against my advancement be destroyed by fire, in Jesus' name.
64. Let every envious witchcraft agent from my place of birth, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
65. Let all envious witchcraft agents militating against my progress, be sentenced to their grave, in Jesus' name.
66. I blind the eyes of envious witchcraft monitoring my life, in the name of Jesus.
67. You envious witchcraft power release my life now, in the name of Jesus.
68. Every constructor of evil seeds of witchcraft against my life, I command you to receive the spirit of confusion now, in the name of Jesus.
69. Thunder fire of God, destroy every seat of witchcraft stronghold that I inherited, in the name of Jesus.
70. I break down and burnt to ashes, every seat of witchcraft stronghold that I have built by my own mouth and I cancel their effects upon my life, in the name of Jesus.
71. Father Lord, let every inherited seat of witchcraft at present working against my life, be roasted by fire, in the name of Jesus.
72. Every blessing of my family, my life, my marriage, my business, my spirit and my physical life that witchcraft stronghold has eaten up, be released now, in the name of Jesus.
73. Every throne of witchcraft in my neighborhood, be pulled down, in the name of Jesus.
74. Let the ground open and swallow every witchcraft throne hiding in the body of Christ, in the name of Jesus.
75. Every flying throne of witchcraft, be cast down, in the name of Jesus.

76. Every throne of witchcraft set up against my enthronement, be demolished, in the name of Jesus.
77. Let the throne of Jesus Christ be established in every area of my life, in the name of Jesus.
78. Today and now, I poses the gates of my enemies, in the name of Jesus
79. Father Lord, from today, become the enemy of household witchcraft in my life, in the name of Jesus.
80. O Lord, use Your broom of destruction to sweep away the habitation of witchcraft in my life, in Jesus' name.
81. I capture by fire the key of my beneficial potential from the custody of household witchcraft, in Jesus' name.
82. O Lord, make me a terror and a problem to household witchcraft, in the name of Jesus.
83. I retrieve my blessing from the hand of evil confiscators, in the name of Jesus.
84. Every drop of my blood in witchcraft blood bank, jump out by fire, in the name of Jesus.
85. I dislodge and set on fire every witchcraft army assigned against my life, in the name of Jesus.
86. Every witchcraft parasite in my blood, die, in the name of Jesus.
87. Every evil current of witchcraft in my blood, be drained out now in the name of Jesus.

chapter fourteen

PARALYSING MODERN WITCHCRAFT

1 Samuel 15:22-24:

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

We are looking at a study of great concern. If you are a compassionate minister of God, you would have noticed that a lot of Christians who claim to be born again, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit and are still being oppressed by dark powers. In many situations the dream life is a war front.

At the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries we teach practical things. The Bible is a practical book. We teach you to apply your Christianity to the environment in which you find yourself.

This chapter addresses some major reasons why the attack of the enemy is often successful on Christians.

The word 'witch' is from an old English word called *'wicca'.* It is from this word that the word 'wicked' was derived, therefore, one can be right in saying that to be wicked is to be 'witch like'.

Beloved, satan has repackaged witchcraft to fit into our modern Christian taste. Witchcraft has been given a facelift but the essence of it is still intact. When last did you hear or see an old person being stoned to death for confessing to the evils he had done through witchcraft?

There was a time when these scenes were many and common, but today, it is not longer so because it has been repackaged. The horrible witches and wizards nowadays are the young women and men, they no longer wear rags, they put on three piece suits, they dress nicely and ride in good cars. They are ubiquitous in all levels of education - primary, secondary and university.

If your idea of witchcraft is someone confessing in a market place, you are wrong because the devil has repackaged it into something else. Where are those olden days witch catchers? They used to be many in those days, but they are nowhere to be found because witchcraft has been repackaged.

Many years ago, there used to be a plant in our forest which if a witch was given to eat, he would begin to confess instantly. But nowadays, it is the witch that uses it to cook palatable meal to eat and nothing happens anymore. Those of us from Yoruba speaking area will be familiar with the name of a plant they called *'obo'* which is noted for being an antiwitchcraft plant. But nowadays, if you give it to a witch to eat, nothing will happen to her because it has been repackaged.

I have a friend who sometimes decided to carry out an experiment, so he got this plant that witch must not see and placed it at the door of a woman who claimed to be a witch, the next day, he woke up to see this woman by the door. She asked him what those things he placed on the doorpost meant, he told her that they were meant to prevent witches from gaining an entrance into his apartment, but the old woman remarked, smiling, that they were already inside. The man was annoyed at the woman and threatened to call police to arrest her.

The woman laughed and went away, while my friend thought that was the end of the matter, but by the following day, nobody was willing to sell anything to him wherever he went to buy things. As a result, he had to pack out from that environment to another location.

There is an old saying that, "the witch cried yesterday and a child dies today, who does not know that it was the witch that ate up the child" But the situation is different nowadays as witches no longer cry, they just eat up the child without prior cry or warning. To this end, I want you to pray

like this:

Every masquerading witchcraft, I paralyse your power, in the name of Jesus.

HOW CAN WE DEFINE MODERN WITCHCRAFT?

• It is wanting to be spiritual without submitting to God or regarding His words.

A prophet who claims to be a minister of God with ten wives is practising witchcraft. He even claims that his power increases as he marries more wives. This is witchcraft.

A pastor of a church with three wives - witchcraft! You see somebody who is fond of getting angry and violent whose prophecy do come to pass, it is witchcraft, he is not submissive to God nor regard the word of God. Herein lies a great problem which many of us cannot get a clue to; they take a decision on a particular person in a witchcraft meeting and then you consult a prophetess who is a member of that meeting, who now passes out the decision previously made on you at their meeting as prophecy. Because you see that prophecy coming to pass, you begin to say that God has said it. The prophetess said nothing but only to tell you their verdict which you should have rejected but failed to do so.

Close your eyes at this junction and pray these prayer points:

Every ordinance of wizard will not stand against me, in the name of Jesus.

Every decision of witchcraft against my prosperity will not stand, in the name of Jesus.

• Modern witchcraft is rebellion coupled with the desire to remain spiritual.

If you go to some of these popular prayer mountains, you will be surprised to find people there praying day and night saying things like "...Oh Lord, let my wife die... let my mother in-law eat sand, ...As I am

slapping this rock, let thunder begin to strike him..." But this same man praying like this is a fornicator, there is no doubt that he is practising witchcraft on that mountain. It is an art of modern witchcraft when somebody goes to Satan and believes his lies and as such, Satan becomes his father.

It is true that supernatural powers can either come from God or Satan, but as God gives powers to those holding the truth, so Satan gives powers to those who believe his lies. When you come before God, the truth is the passport, while to have access to satan's power, lie is the passport. In James 3: 15,

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

Here the Bible agrees that there is a particular wisdom that is not from above, but it is wisdom from beneath, and it is satanic, earthly and fleshly.

Witchcraft starts with rebellion of the heart and it works by focusing on some techniques which they say can release power. The practitioners of these powers draw powers from below and not from above - they stay here on earth to draw power, it is not God that gives them. That is why in Exodus 7: 22, we read

And the magicians of Egypt do so with their enchantments and Pharaoh's heart was hardened neither did he hearken unto them as the Lord hath said.

Also in Exodus 8:7,

And the magicians did so with their enchantments and got up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

So we can conclude that it is very wrong to claim that the dark world does not have power, they do have but there is a greater power. The Bible says, "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." Now the big truth we want to address is this, the witches operating in Christians must die if we do not want them to cage us.

Beloveth, the big truth is this, the witch in us must and every idol in our hearts must be smashed otherwise we would be having victory today and failure tomorrow. What is the witch in us? It is rebellion against God.

- **Modern witchcraft can also be referred to as the craft of the wise majoring on evil wisdom.**

Witchcraft is a sin and a form of idolatry. It is also a work of the flesh. Bible scholars would agree that Mannasseh was a terrible person. If you read II Chronicles 33, you will discover the terrible witchcraft activities of King Mannasseh.

Witchcraft will prevent a person from listening to the voice of God. If you find somebody who is resistant to the gospel it is witchcraft.

All the stubborn pride is witchcraft.

There is something worse than being spiritually blind, and it is being blind and stubborn at the same time. There is no good witch and there is no bad witch, they are all abomination to God, they are those who recite the Lord's prayer backward. They produce things with devilish names.

- Modern witchcraft is the use of spirits other than the Holy Spirit to dominate, manipulate and control others.
- Modern witchcraft is also known as counterfeit spiritual authority.
- It is the practice of cursing others.
- It is wanting to possess spiritual powers different from that of God.
- It is a desire to move in the realm of the spirit without the Holy Spirit.
- It is possessing spiritual power outside God.

Whenever a person turns from the power of God, he turns unto witchcraft. That satanic weapon destroying a believer's chances of coming into full power of God is witchcraft.

CANDIDATES OR WITCHCRAFT RECRUITMENT

There are twenty kinds of people that witches like to recruit. If you fall

into any of the groups, don't be surprised about the way you are being harassed and pursued by all kinds of creatures in the dream. They are doing all these to you so that you can stage a come back to their camp.

There is a fellow in our ministry who was about to share his testimony as at the time of writing this book. He was an herbalist who brought all his satanic materials for burning. There he said he had assorted types of evil powers for making pregnant women miscarry and do all kinds of evil things to people. But what kind of people do they recruit?

1. ***Those who always feel dejected and lonely.*** It is this kind of people who complain they don't have friends and that nobody visits them. They find these kinds of people and possess them either consciously or unconsciously.
2. ***Those who have been maltreated and have no way of retaliating.*** They accept them and assure them of helping them to retaliate.
3. ***Those who feel lonely and those who avoid the company of others.*** They are fond of locking up themselves in their rooms. By so doing, they are candidates of witchcraft recruiting.
4. ***Those who have been abused either sexually or verbally*** and they are aggrieved in their hearts such that they cannot forgive the person. Such are harvested into witchcraft.
5. ***Those who are greedy for gain.*** For example, such people are looking for millions in a transaction for which they could have taken about four hundred thousand.
6. ***Those who are looking for recognition.*** They have an inordinate desire they want to be known. They want to be known on the pages of newspapers and television. Witchcraft is looking for them.
7. ***Those looking for popularity.***
8. ***Wicked and cruel people.*** For example, many husbands and wives are witches and wizards not because they attend witchcraft meetings but because of their being extremely wicked and cruel.
9. ***Restless people,*** who cannot sit down in one place.
10. ***Those without proper goals in life,*** who just gamble from one thing to the other.

11. ***Those who think they are very ugly*** and they are always complaining saying "...we are ugly, therefore it would be difficult to find a husband."
12. ***Those who think they are poor.***
13. ***The rebellions ones.*** When the word of God is saying something, they turn it to another thing. When they say this is what the Bible is saying, they interpret it in another way.
14. ***Those with violent temper, always getting angry.*** No doubt, they are already 90% witches.
15. ***Violent people who physically fight others for trivial things.***
16. ***Those who are sexually loose.*** Those ones are already gone. For example, if you have committed immorality with three prostitutes, it is likely you are already possessed with three witchcraft demons as you are reading this. You may not know and yet be going about in your nice suit, riding a good car.
17. ***Lazy ones.*** They exhibit laziness in reading the Bible, prayer, witnessing and memorising the word of God. Witches are looking for them.
18. ***The vengeful people.*** That is, those who love to revenge.
19. ***The pleasure seekers,*** that is, those going from one club to the other at night, whatever club it is, from which you are retiring home at 1 a.m. or 2 a.m., you are looking for trouble.
20. ***Those who are sleep addict.*** To wake them up is a problem, they can sleep in any place and any how. If you are slapped once in your sleep and you refuse to wake up, know for sure that witches are looking for you.

What informed this discourse is that we learnt of the general trend of delay in promotion, putting believers below unbelievers in offices and places of work. We have heard that there are some believers who are being sacked without any reason.

We have heard of sudden break up of marriages which are supposed to be solid. Reports have come to us that students with good academics and moral records suddenly become dull and erratic. Things which are supposed to go through normally suddenly develop unexplainable

obstacles.

The answer is that there is an organised witchcraft that has turned a new wave of battle against Christians, hence we need to pray and break their backbones.

Modern witchcraft has spread to many places. You find them in churches which proclaim, "Thus says the Lord" whereas the Lord did not say anything.

You find them at schools where smoking of Indian hemps, sniffing drugs and raping of girls are rife thus indicating that witchcraft has entered the schools.

Witches have infiltrated the area of love relationship too. Spells are used to control people. Love portions are also use to destroy other people's marriages.

In the area of sports like Judo, Karate, etc there is witchcraft.

Witchcraft has also penetrated the entertainment world as well.

What shall we say of television? It is the greatest instrument of modern witchcraft.

You can find the practice of witchcraft in medicine nowadays.

There are many witches and wizards in government.

In business, we can easily know that something is wrong from the name of some products.

What do you think of a producer of a perfume who calls it 'mermaid' and you are buying it? You are buying problem.

What do you think of the maker of a soap who calls it 'Mamba'? Mamba is one of the most dangerous snakes on this planet.

Somebody engraves serpents on an earring and you did not take notice of it, you buy it anyway not knowing that the implication is that you are being initiated.

All the bazaars in the name of fund raising is witchcraft.

Are you a trader? Something is twenty thousand naira but you inflated it to fifty thousand naira, this is witchcraft.

All the membership of lodge and other secret cults is witchcraft.

Witchcraft has also entered recreational places.

Look closely at the toys and dolls of nowadays, you will be surprised to find strange images and funny pictures on them. In the home life, they have entered there as well.

The origin of all the holy days including Easters and Christmas is demonic.

Witchcraft has also penetrated law enforcement agents, judiciaries, seminaries, etc.

Therefore, if you are not ready to break their backbones, they will just continue to perpetuate their evils.

It is unfortunate to say that a lot of people have been caged by witchcraft, and one wonders why there are so many women there. The reasons are not far-fetched.

1. The devil hates women with perfect hatred. Why? Because they give birth to those who trouble him.
2. The devil capitalise on their being weaker vessels.
3. Women talk too much, at least they speak an average of thirty thousand words per day!
4. Women are more timid and fearful.
5. They tend to believe things easily and this earns them the quality of being more trustworthy than men.
6. They are easy to impress.
7. They are also more defenceless than men and are more prone to seek for a way of fighting back. This explains why you find a lot of women practising witchcraft

Therefore, I urge the sisters to pray this prayer point:

Every cage of witchcraft, I destroy you by fire, in the name of Jesus.

WITCHCRAFT DANGER SIGNALS IN CHILDREN

• Occult drawings on books, notebooks

Once you begin to notice any child drawing funny pictures in their books, you should be wary of his involvement in witchcraft, especially when you begin to see varied kinds of signs and strange symbols drawn in their books, you should begin to suspect as parents.

When you see a small boy tormenting things like cockroaches with fire and he seemed to be enjoying it, you must quickly rise to the occasion.

• Reading books on crime, blood, murder, satanic bible or satanic ritual, horror magazines

When you discover that your children are reading books on crimes, murder and shedding of blood, you better take an interest and do something.

• Unusual interest in the Bible without change in behaviour

When you see a child who always reads the Bible and there is no change in him to show for it, something is wrong.

• Interest in occultic movies and video games

When a child is interested in satanic video games and movies, something is wrong.

• Growing long fingernails

All those people who grow long fingernails like vultures and vampires should beware. It is a sign.

• Cuts, marks, tatoos, previously unnoticed in the body

All the cutting of marks on the body is also an evidence. Sometimes in obscure places like buttocks, genitals and breasts.

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SLAVES WHO L♥VE THEIR CHAINS *Shall remain in their bondange*

Spiritual chains are terrible things. It is gross stupidity to misjudge the evil wisdom of our foe. Satan will not hesitate to employ any weakness in our lives. The enemy has repackaged his chains to make them look innocent and attractive.
Until you discern, diagnose, determine and destroy these masquerading chains and covenants,
Bondages will remain in place.

Salvation does not exempt anyone from the battles of life. It only equips us to win them. Until you hate these evil chains with perfect hatred and become violent against them, they will continue to harass, torment and destroy.
However, anyone who loves his/her chains would remain in bondage.

This book is an essential spiritual warfare manual for all Christians in this end time.

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