Dealing with HIDDEN CURSES



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BACKCOVER

Chapter One

REVERSING HIDDEN CURSES

The most stubborn curses to deal with are hidden curses. Men and women who know that they are under some kinds of curses often get delivered with ease. Those who have no inkling whatsoever concerning the kinds of foundational curses which have been in hiding in their lives since they came into the world often remain victims of stubborn curses throughout their life time.

Hidden curses are the most wicked weapons used by the devil, the enemy of our souls. You owe yourself the duty of reversing all hidden curses in your life. Your life will be transformed the moment all hidden curses are cancelled. You will begin to experience the joy of living life at its fullest.

WHAT ARE CURSES?

Curses are the direct opposite of blessings.

When you curse a person, you utter an evil wish against that person, causing mischief or injury to come upon that person.

To curse a person is to bind that person with a spell like witches do.

To curse is to engage in a violent expression of evil against a person.

Curses are words put together to torment with great calamity.

When we study evil effects of curses on mankind, we find that they have been vehicles of problems. You can also curse a thing.

A curse is an invisible barrier that keeps people or things away from what God has for them.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CURSES

Let us look at some characteristics of curses as recorded in the books of Nehemiah and 2 Kings.

Nehemiah 13:2 says,

Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into blessing.

God has the power to turn curses into blessings.

Again 2 Kings 2:13-21 says:

He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him. and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; [14]And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said. Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. [15]And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. [26]And they said unto him. Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said. Ye shall not send. [17]And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. [18]And when they came again to him. (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them. Did I not say unto you, Go not? [19]And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren. [20]And he said, Bring me a new cruse. and put salt therein. And they bring it to him. [21]And he went forth unto the spring of the waters. and cast the salt in there, and said. Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

When the anointing of God falls upon you your enemies shall bow unto you.

Close your eyes and pray violently as follows:

1. Lord, send Your healing power into the foundation of my life.
2. Lord, send Your healing fire into the foundation of my life.

When the healing power of God gets into the foundation, the top too will be healed. For the Bible says, "If the foundation be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Many of the problems we go about with, are problems due to faulty foundation.

When God created everything in the beginning and passed them through His quality control laboratory, the verdict that came out was that "everything is very good." Even up till now, the plants have no problem, water has no problem, animals have no problems and are not complaining.

I happen to be a scientist and I have studied Biology to doctoral level. I am yet to find two plants fighting. People caused the problem of Jericho. It is men that are complaining and it is men that caused the problems.

Jericho stood in the way of the children of God when they were going into the Promised Land. And we saw how a curse was issued on Jericho.

Jeircho stands for the people living therein. Their problem was disobedience. Just like today, many come from good homes, but are disobedient.

Many have been going to church from their youth but now it is as if they had never been to any church. Many go about with good looking faces, but underneath the facade, the enemy has planted ugly things. Many are born without any scars or marks but they have now acquired some.

Many try to drink and look happy, and some even use makeup to look happy, but they have found out that, that is not the source of happiness. The foundation of Jericho was good, but trouble came when a curse was issued against it. (Joshua 6:26)

HOW CURSES OPERATE

A person operating under a curse is easy to recognise, because he would be struggling against something, and would be unable to master the thing and overcome it. At the point of success, frustration comes in because the curse is limiting that person.

If a curse is placed upon a person not to advance beyond secondary school education, all the person's attempts to pass examinations for admission into a higher institution will prove abortive. The person's efforts will be frustrated because there is a force in operation acting as an invisible barrier which the person cannot go beyond.

Curses have long-lasting effects. They can run from generation to generation. The curse on Jericho was not broken till 300-500 years after it was issued. When the man of God came and identified the problem, he added salt, and the curse was broken immediately. So shall all curses be broken, in Jesus' name.

Curses have catastrophic effects. A person should never hesitate to release himself or herself from the effects of any curse. If you handle certain prayer points, no harm is done.

However, when you overlook necessary prayer, you can suffer many problems.

Curses act like fence, to protect evil spirits and give them legal grounds to operate. They can come from so many sources. If a curse comes upon a person from God, then the person needs to repent and move away from what brought the curse which only God can remove.

All curses from God are as a result of disobedience. God was the first person

to place a curse in the Bible. He placed it upon Adam and Eve when they ate the forbidden fruit. Till today, every disobedience invites curses from God and only He can remove them.

LAWS GOVERNING CURSES

Curse does not come without a purpose

Proverbs 26:2 says,

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

An undeserved curse will not come unless a person tolerates it. This means that when there is no landing space, no welcome, nothing to feed upon, a curse cannot come and stay in the life of a person. When there is a reason, the curse can come. This means that nothing can take root unless there is an underlying reason. There must be reason for a curse to stay.

NOTE THESE FACTS

Unless a curse is broken, it will continue to operate.

A curse is a spiritual problem and can only be solved by spiritual means, not by natural means.

Where sins remain, curses remain.

For complete freedom, there must be complete repentance.

Demons enforce and propagate curses.

There is no curse without a demon attached to it. It is the demon attached to the curse that will make sure that terrible things happen to the cursed person.

A person under a curse may find it hard to take progressive steps. For example, if such a person intends to get a visa for further studies abroad, the demon will ensure that he does not get it. If he succeeds in getting it, the demon will ensure his deportation.

Christ has redeemed us from curses by substitution

He made Himself a curse for us. A man who knew no sin was nailed to the cross and by His death on the cross and His blood that was shed, we are redeemed from all curses (Galatians 3:13,14).

An unjust curse will return to the sender.

If someone has issued a curse without a reason, it will go back to that person.

Cursing whom God has blessed earns the person issuing the curse a divine curse.

So, do not curse whom God has blessed.

A curse cannot affect a child of God who is walking in obedience.

A curse can be acquired unconsciously.

You may not know. When a person is under a curse, normal prayers will not influence the breaking of the curse. There are thousands of people whose problems cannot be solved through normal prayers.

Many are fighting a battle they did not initiate. Hidden curses are a source of real problem. The devil causes many people to forget their dreams because he knows that if they wake up and remember their dreams, they will cancel them, break them and return them to the sender.

So he removes that from their memory. Why does the Bible say the strangers shall be afraid, and shall run out of their hiding places? Why are these strangers hiding? They do not want people to know that they are there. So are hidden

curses.

Curses could result in all kinds of evil things. They can lead to chronic frustration and problems. They can be transferred to a person's possession, and from parents to children.

HOW HIDDEN CURSES COME

When a person breaks the marriage vow and covenant, he sets a curse in motion.

This is why many people are suffering. When a woman leaves her husband and marries a rich man, or a man leaves his wife and marries a younger woman, a curse is set in place.

When a man has five wives, all the wives except the first one are under curses, because when the angel wants to bring their own husbands, they will turn back when they see the married men they are illegally hooked to.

Married men running around with married women put themselves and the women under curses. All curses from married women against husband snatchers work like fire. It does not matter whether the women are born again or not. If you are going out with a married man and the wife at home is a witch, any curse she issues against you will surely thrive, whether you are born again or not.

Curses come when you treat others unfairly.

When a woman sponsors a man to school and the man turns around to dump the woman after his graduation, the curse from the frustrated wife will blossom. When you refuse to obey your superior for whatever reason, curses come into place. If a woman who comes from a rich family tries to underrate her poor husband, curses will come upon her.

Curses come through sexual immorality, even when you may have forgotten about it.

That is why the Bible has two expressions for sex: "laid with" and "knew his

wife". While the first word (laid) is negative, the second word (knew) is positive.

Whenever the Bible says "laid with", it means fornication or adultery. When the Bible says, "Knew his wife", that is the right thing. All the wrong kinds of sex bring curses.

I was praying with a man who could not get any breakthrough. Three girls turned up in the spirit realm carrying small glasses containing certain things. They said, "We trapped him when he was in the university because he was going out with the three of us at the same time".

They disclosed that they collected things from his body which they had kept in a container under the water. So, there was no way he could prosper. The man was running up and down, without knowing that curses had been issued on him.

A man who uses his money to 'buy' sex is under a curse.

Girls releasing themselves to be used as objects of satisfaction to men in order to get a job, promotion, accommodation, etc., come under curses.

A woman permitting herself to be abused sexually because of money comes under a curse.

A father sleeping with his daughter, or a mother sleeping with her son, comes under a curse.

People sleeping with animals or their brothers' wives or sisters' husbands, come under curses.

A man places himself under a curse when he sleeps with his father's wife.

Fathers sleeping with their step-daughters, or parents entertaining guests with their daughters or using their daughters to get contracts, or husbands using their wives to get businesses are also cursed.

Leviticus 19:29 says,

Do not prostitute thy daughters.

Pasting pictures of naked women on the wall, or buying such calendars and magazines puts a person under a curse.

Curses from sexual immorality are the strongest curses to break. They can take weeks to break during the deliverance of a victim. That is why the Bible says that God is not too worried about sins outside the body as He is worried about sins in the body, Le. fornication and adultery.

All wealth by unrighteous means put people under a curse.

The Bible says the blessing of the Lord "maketh rich without adding sorrow to it." That means there is wealth you get that will add sorrow to it.

Bribery or stealing the wealth of the dead, invites curses.

Many people make the *wives* and the children of their relatives to suffer, because as soon as the man dies, they come and cart away his property. They come under a curse. If you want to share in the property of the dead, you have to be very careful.

A brother died and his relatives went there and carried everything. His wife begged them to leave a fridge so that she could be selling ice water and soft drinks to look after the children, they refused. They all come under a curse, including the person who took only the bathroom slippers.

There are also curses on policemen and other people who search the dead and accident victims and take away their money.

All those who sell polluted capsules and tablets are under curses.

Whenever the innocent is pronounced guilty, those who did it come under a curse.

When you murder someone by witchcraft, you come under a curse.

A woman thought her husband was not loving her, so she gave him 'love medicine' which he ate and died. The woman came under a curse.

False acquisition of land, shedding of innocent blood, building houses on lands acquired falsely, and murderous drive for quick wealth, all attract curses.

Parental curses should not be taken lightly.

Shedding of innocent blood by abortion invites curses.

A woman gave birth to a child and when she met a man who wanted to marry her, she killed the child since the man did not want to see the child. Such an act attracts automatic curse.

The same goes for people who dump unwanted babies in bushes or refuse bins.

Purchasing stolen items on which a curse has been placed attracts a curse.

This is why any Christian who buys any second hand material must anoint it and pray.

For example, when a car was stolen in Belgium from somebody who sweated for 15 years to buy it, the owner removed his clothes and placed a curse on whoever will use it. The car is brought to Nigeria. The curse will follow whoever that buys it.

When hidden curses are in place, you find yourself taking the wrong decisions, and failure follows. The heart will become polluted, unexplainable sorrow will begin, strange thoughts and desires will come into place, and you will go from one problem to the other. Things will go wrong at the edge of success.

Curses are issued by satanic agents sent to do harm.

The victim will be doing a bad work, and may chase away good people who would have helped him.

There are also unconscious, self-imposed curses.

People curse themselves every day without knowing it. A woman used to say,

"My poor legs, my poor legs" and eventually those legs developed problems. Negative words directed at oneself is a curse.

Touching unclean things, or anything dedicated to satan attracts curses.

All things that the Bible lists as unclean should not be touched by believers. When this is violated, there can be mental or physical illness. There can be failure, profitless hard work, defeat, poverty or family breakup. Even when there is sufficient money coming in, the cursed person is broke.

Corruption of reproductive organs, chronic sickness, bad reputation and oppression are some of the end products of an accursed life.

When the situation is like this, you need to break the curse. I want you to know that God wants you to live a curse-free life.

BREAKING HIDDEN CURSES

Deal with the curse.

Deal with the power behind the curse.

Reverse the curse.

STEPS TO RELEASE YOURSELF

Repent from all known sins.

Renounce the sins of your forefathers.

Accept God's forgiveness and forgive yourself.

Forgive all those who have ever offended you. Do not bear grudges.

Renounce all contacts with any cursed or false religion.

Destroy all evil and polluted materials.

Release yourself from the curses by aggressive prayer.

Cast out the demon behind the curse by saying, "I command every demon of the curse to leave me now, in Jesus' name."

Claim the blessings as replacement for past curses.

Give thanks to God for setting you free.

When you have done all these. you must stop walking in the path of unrighteousness. You must walk in the path where you will be blessed. God has a solution. Elisha applied the salt of heaven to the source. Salt is a purifier, a preserver and a seasoner. So it is important to pray that God, the salt preserver of our lives, should pour His heavenly salt into the foundation of our lives so that all curses can be completely broken.

Please, use all your strength to pray the following prayer points.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I refuse to drink from the fountain of sorrow, in the name of Jesus.
2. I take authority over all curses issued against my life, in the name of Jesus.
3. Ask God to remove any curse He has placed on your life as a result of disobedience.
4. I command any demon attached to any curse to depart from me now, in the name of Jesus.
5. Let all curses issued against me be converted to blessing, in the name of Jesus.
6. When you mention any of the following curses, you will aggressively say, "Be broken, be broken, be broken, in the name of Jesus."

Every curse of mental and physical sickness.

Every curse of failure and defeat.

Every curse of poverty.

Every curse of family breakup.

Every curse of oppression.

Every curse of bad reputation.

Every curse of personal destruction or suicide.

Chapter Two

DREAMS AND CURSES

If you are opportune to read this message, it is by divine appointment. This makes it imperative for you to read it very carefully.

If you open your Bible to the book of Galatians 3:13 you would be in a good position to look at curses and dreams, for it says:

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: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith.

The two passages above are specially directed at one of the greatest problems of man; one of the greatest vehicles of tragedies and sorrows.

While Jesus was there on the cross, this issue was addressed. Again, like somebody who buys soap and fails to use it he will remain unclean. We must learn to acquire that which Christ has won for us.

The issue of curses was addressed on the cross of calvary. Proverbs 26:2 says:

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

The above verse indicates that a curse does not fly anyhow. It must come from a source. If we fail to use that which Christ has won for us, we do so to our own detriment. The book of Revelation 22:3 says:

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it: and his servants shall serve them.

This means that if there are curses and Jesus takes over, there shall be no more concern. Meanwhile, you and I have to address this killer in our lives. This is one killer that stubbornly destroys with terrible violence. This is one killer that has turned fertile lands into deserts. This is a killer that distributes a harvest of failure.

The Bible makes 161 references to curses. This killer is the curse, and it affects millions upon millions of people and communities. This makes the issue so serious too, that it was addressed on the cross.

Another issue addressed on the cross was the issue of sickness. All these issues addressed on the cross, when viewed closely, are issues that have really downgraded man.

WHAT IS A CURSE?

A curse is a force working against a person or a group of people. It creates a sort of barrier.

A curse is a counter force that fights blessings.

A curse is an evil thing around the body, soul and spirit and man's efforts, created by the spoken words.

A curse is being greeted with failure where success is smiling at others.

A curse is a sentence calling for punishment or injury or destruction on a person, place or thing.

A curse is an evil spiritual energy originated through verbal pronouncements. This makes it necessary for us to be very careful about what we say with our mouths.

A curse is a satanic mandate given to demons to wreck havocs on a person, a place or a thing.

A curse is like pinching a dog and making the dog to be chasing its own tail. Many run around without knowing what they are looking for.

A curse is labouring under the burden of backwardness and stagnancy. It is like one fighting against an invisible shadow. You cannot make that shadow if you do not understand it, but know that somewhere there, you are fighting something and that thing is fighting you while you do not know what it really is.

A curse is labouring under a closed heaven. When the heaven becomes like brass and your earth is like iron and the rains like powder and dust, the issue of curse needs to be addressed. This is so important it was addressed on the cross. No wonder, when Balaam wanted to curse the children of Israel God took it as a very serious matter.

A curse is struggling without corresponding fulfilment. You keep trying your best but, somehow, all your efforts do not correspond with your achievements.

A curse is when your presence generates hatred or resentment. You may have been in a particular place where everyone loved you, but all of a sudden, nobody wants to see your face. The husband that you married who was always doting over you suddenly vows to behead you if you should show your face wherever he is.

A curse is when your friend proves unfriendly and you offend those you are not supposed to offend. And when you offend your own angels, who will protect you?

A curse is a person sinking in a waterless sea - he cannot come out and there is no water there for him to drink.

A curse is a promotion failure, a failure mechanism that operates on promotion. Immediately a person is about to be promoted to a very big position, this satanic messenger will come in to scatter everything.

A curse is the reoccurrence of evil things in a person's life.

A curse is to fall under the prison of retrogression.

A curse is being intimidated and strangled by invisible forces in the journey of life. I pray that anybody reading this and labouring under one form of a curse or the other shall be delivered. in Jesus' name.

A curse is encountering failures where success comes to others.

A curse is wallowing in the nude in a dark tunnel without any way out. You know you are supposed to be outside but someone somehow keeps dragging you inside.

A curse is a sickness that keeps recurring in the family. Some families are plagued by sicknesses like diabetes, hypertension, cancer and such other terrible diseases. This could be symptomatic of a curse.

A curse is profitless hardwork. In spite of being hardworking, diligent, honest and industrious, yet you make no profit. I pray, once again, that anyone reading this, labouring under one evil curse or the other. shall be delivered, in the name of Jesus.

A curse is the prince trekking on the ground while the servants are riding on horses.

A curse is to be consistently caught in the cross-fire of frustration and exploitation.

A curse is being robbed of the blessings you are entitled to. No wonder the

Bible says, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law..."

A curse is swimming in the pool of tears and regrets.

A curse is falling at the peak of a height from life's ladder. Some people do not fail until they get to the highest height. They encounter no problem for as long as they live and suffer in poverty, but immediately they are raised up, they somersault and fall down. This is an evidence of a curse.

A curse is having no favour from God and man everywhere a person goes.

A curse is when a ceiling is placed upon a man's life.

A curse is desiring to reach a goal without a driving force. a spiritual magnet to pull a person there.

A curse is not being able to complete any good project despite a good start every time. I pray, once again, that anyone reading this and labouring under any curse, shall be delivered, in the name of Jesus.

A curse is when you are always looking for somebody to help you without ever being able to stand in a position of help to others. It is time for you, beloved, to say, "I am getting out of this kind of bad situation; that situation is not my own."

A curse is when helpers have no desire to help you. There are a lot of people who have brothers, sisters, friends and other people who could help them in times of trouble but who do not want to see them. I pray that this yoke shall be broken in the name of Jesus.

It is when a person stands confused in the middle of the road of life where, rather than going forward, he keeps going backward.

A curse is not knowing what you want out of life; it is like going to the

marketplace without knowing what you really want to buy.

A curse is an unseen force mocking your best efforts.

A curse is experiencing a pattern of set-backs:

A few months ago we prayed with a sister who had just given her life to Christ. While she was in the world, she befriended one man whom she promised to marry. At the same time she was going out with another man. When one man caught her with another man, the man said to her,

"I shall have to go to my grave before you will see another man who will marry you."

This was said to her twenty-one years back. She was now forty-two without any man proposing to her since the curse was placed on her. The drama of it all was this. The fellow who issued the curse at that time is now born again and married. They later met. When the man saw that the lady he cursed twenty-one years ago was still unmarried he started praying for Jesus to remove the curse.

Meanwhile, the sister was having a pattern of set-backs. I pray, once again, beloved, that anyone reading this and labouring under any form of a curse, by the power in the blood of Jesus, shall be delivered, in the name of Jesus.

A curse is the whole universe conspiring against you.

A curse is binding a person in a cage.

A curse is setting up the right conditions for demonic attacks.

One of the major reasons why some evil spirits refuse to leave some people alone is that there is a curse putting them in position. If we strike against such a person reading this, the spirit attached to them will have to go because you have removed yourself from their hold.

A curse is the suppression of initiatives and achievements.

A curse is neutralizing the gains of human efforts.

A curse is a wall or fence that protects demons and gives them legal grounds to operate.

A curse is that which ensures that at the verge of your success, something always goes wrong.

That is why people under curses are always frustrated, angry and bitter because even after doing the best they could, everything still goes haywire. Some even attempt to commit suicide. That is why those under curses are often unfriendly.

A curse causes displacement from the place of destiny.

Such a person finds it difficult to find a place of rest in life as he goes into terrible marriage, businesses, *etc.*

A curse causes inexplicable sicknesses and death.

A lot of people are prone to accidents and incurable diseases when a curse is in place.

A curse is receiving the key of failure at the edge of breakthrough.

TYPES OF CURSES

There are many types of curses. We have the curse of marriage failure and poverty. When a man is under the curse of marriage failure and poverty, give him millions of millions of naira, it is just a matter of time before he becomes poor again. Open for him a multi-million naira factory, very soon, the whole thing will collapse.

There is also the curse of destruction, which makes members of a family die

like flies.

Sometime ago, I prayed with a fellow who had lost about eleven people in his family between January and February, leaving only two people.

There is also the curse of stagnancy just as there is that of backwardness.

There is also the curse of defeat, oppression, failure and divorce. We have seen people who confirmed that their mother was divorced three times and they themselves are having problems with their own marriages.

There is the curse of family discord, or things always going wrong.

There is the curse of being doomed or being deceived.

All these various types of curses have killed men before their time. Once again, I pray that anyone reading this and labouring under anyone of these curses shall be delivered. in the name of Jesus.

DREAM INDICATORS

Certain indicators reveal whether or not curses are in place in people's lives. In Job 33:14-18, we read:

For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; then he openeth the ears of man, and sealeth their instruction, that he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

This passage indicates that your dream life is a spiritual monitor of some sort.

There are dream indicators that a person is operating under a curse. For example,

If you find that in your dreams you are always fighting unknown persons, without victory on your part, you need to pray against such a curse seriously.

If you find that, in your dream, you always embark on an endless journey, you need to pray seriously, too, because it is an evidence that you are operating under a curse.

If you find that you have constant nightmares without your dreams making any sense, you are working under a curse.

If you find yourself always endlessly climbing without ever getting to the top or you sit for an examination where you write endlessly, without getting the results, you must be under a curse.

If, in your dreams, you always find yourself getting late to important assignments, or just as something good is about to come your way you wake up without getting it, you have a curse to break.

If you find that you are plucking fruits from a tree but it is the rotten ones that you keep plucking, this is an evidence that you are working under a curse.

If you find out that you are always coming back to your junior school or one house where you lived as a child, you are operating under a curse of backwardness and retrogression.

If you find that, in your dream, you are always slaving for others as houseboy or housemaid, and serving those who should be serving you, you have the curse of slavery upon your life. You need to stand against this, henceforth.

If you find yourself seeing tortoises and snails, you need to pray.

If you find cobwebs in your dreams, that dream is telling you something: you need to pray against the spirit of staleness and break every curse of rejection.

If you find yourself going round in a circle, you need to pray against the circle of curses.

If you are a man and you find yourself pregnant without delivering the baby in the dream, you are operating under a curse.

If you dream of seeing a black river flowing, you are operating under a curse.

If you find yourself in a cage, a pit, a cell or a prison, you need to work against that curse.

Or if you dream of seeing rats running around you, you need to pray against the curse of poverty.

If you always dream before a problem, it is an evidence that you are operating under a curse.

If you find yourself regularly communicating with the dead, you are working under some curses that have been working on your ancestors.

If you find that you are always being served with a particular kind of food in the dream, then you must know that you are working under a curse of spiritual failure.

If you find yourself being cursed in the dream, or being harassed, then you are surely operating under a curse.

If, in your dream, you are always looking for something you cannot find, or lost in a forest, or fighting some giants, it is an evidence that you are working under a curse.

Any dream that indicates blockages, demotion, embarrassment, being locked out while others are inside, or prostrating before or begging somebody you are superior to, is a dream of curses.

False marriage in the dream, disappointments, crying without any reason, or finding yourself in the graveyard are all evidences that a person is operating under a curse.

WHAT THEN IS THE WAY OUT?

There are nine ways out.

Recognize the source of the curse.

Repent of any associated sin. Any sin at all in your life that stands to strengthen your enemy against you must be repented of.

Renounce the specific curse.

Revoke the curse, cancel it.

Restrain the evil power behind it, that is, bind the demons that are maintaining the curse, bind all the evil connecting spirits.

Reverse the curse.

Replace the curse with blessings.

Seek the freedom of Christ.

Resist the temptation to go into bondage again.

A lot of black people are sitting or labouring under evil curses issued by their kinsmen, witchcraft powers and powers of darkness. To leave them in place is to continue to suffer.

I would like you to do some two minutes thinking about your own life, with your head bowed down. Are you where God wants you to be? Are you operating below your physical, material or spiritual standards?

Look deeply into your life. From this exercise, this self-search, something must emerge as truth about your condition. God did not bring you here on earth

to waste your time. Think about this so that you can know where to direct your prayer.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every curse hanging on my family tree, break, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every witchcraft arrow fired against my destiny what are you waiting for, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every witch that comes before me, I bury your power, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every curse of poverty, break, in the name of Jesus.
5. Defeat, I defeat you today, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every invisible power that is troubling my dream, my God shall trouble you today, in the name of Jesus.
7. My enemies, hear the word of the Lord, my problems are over, it is now your turn, therefore, carry your load, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every curse with long-legs, I break your legs, in the name of Jesus.
9. I claim uncommon success, in the name of Jesus.
10. Blood of Jesus, fire of God, fight for me this month, in the name of Jesus.
11. Divine abundance, locate me this month, in the name of Jesus.
12. Spirit of promotion, fall upon my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
13. Every power maintaining any curse in my life, what are you waiting for, die, in the name of Jesus.
14. Every curse of failure, die, in the name of Jesus.

Chapter Three

THE INVISIBLE CHAINS

This message will affect your life and destiny for good. There are certain spiritual facts which you will do well to consider. These facts will lead you to the mountain top of victory.

IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL FACTS

Life's problems are like trees, they also have roots. Therefore cutting the branches and pruning the leaves does not solve the problem. The only solution lies in attacking the problem from the root.

There is nobody without enemies. God has enemies. The Bible says "Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered. Let them also that hate him nee before him" (Psalm 68:1).

Even the Lord Jesus Christ when He was on earth had enemies. It was they who crucified Him. The Bible goes further to identify enemies of the cross.

Many battles are lost because of lack of understanding of the strength of the enemy. Lack of the understanding of the strategy and the weapons of the enemy has accounted for the loss of many battles.

Evil words are fertilizers which aid the growth of evil plants.

Negative words act like fertilizers to firm up our enemies' strength.

For the purposes of clarity, there are three classes of evil words:

- Evil words that others spoke against us that were never cancelled.
- Evil words which we have spoken against other people.
- Evil words which we spoke against ourselves.

Unless you deal with the effect of these evil words, you may be responsible for adding fertilizers to the evil plants being sown by the enemy.

Curses are one of the main weapons used by satanic agents against God's people.

A brother once shared a very powerful testimony. A child of the devil combined the power of curses with witchcraft burial and used both as the weapons of attack against this brother.

What did the satanic agent do?

He wrote terrible curses on a piece of cloth, dug the ground and buried it. Thank God the brother was connected to the power of God who answereth by fire that was how he became victorious.

Lack of the understanding of the principles of spiritual warfare will lead to defeat. It could even lead to untimely death or marital turbulence.

A lot of strange things are happening.

A particular man did not know that he had been earmarked for destruction by evil powers. He thought it was business as usual until he woke up one day only to discover that part of his hair was cut off by satanic agents. Initially, he tried to dismiss the incident by a wave of the hand then another thing happened to him. Each time he slept at night, a light complexioned woman would come to commit immorality with him.

Again, he decided to ignore the incident calling it hallucination. He decided to

swallow valium tablets to ward off unnecessary hallucination.

The man happened to have a praying wife who shielded him a little bit. Before the man could understand what was happening to him, the wife decided to pack out in some strange circumstances. This worsened the man's situation.

As if that was not enough, he began to suffer from diabetes. Within a short period, he also developed hypertension. Again, he found an explanation for those ailments, he simply stated that the sicknesses were hereditary.

By the time he realised that he was at the centre of a very hot battle, it was too late. He lost out. Although the man was religious, he was not born again. Hence he knew nothing about the principles of spiritual warfare. He was quite popular in his church, being the patron of the ladies' guild society. Members of the society could not rescue him when eaters of flesh and drinkers of blood were feasting on him.

A lot of religious people are languishing in the sea of life's battles just because their hands are yet to be taught to fight and fingers to war.

The most dangerous place to be in spiritual warfare is the middle of the road. By this, you are placing your life under a risk if you remain in that position. The middle of the road position is most injurious spiritually and physically. You don't really belong to the camp of the enemy and you do not have the power of God.

Once powers of darkness attack you, you will not be able to muster the support of heavenly host. You will end up being a victim of bullets from both camps.

If you allow the devil to control your will, he will control your destiny. The more you delay in acting on the directives given to you by God, the more confused you would become.

I hope someone who is busy running away from the call of God is reading this.

When God gives you direction, everything would be very clear at the beginning, but the more you revel in disobedience and rebellion the more the vision will begin to disappear. God may even decide to leave you to follow the dictates of your depraved mind. This may lead to irreparable loss and damages.

The spiritual disease called worry or anxiety is one of the strongest agents of defeat. Simply put, worry is the triumph of fear over faith. If your life is ruled and controlled by worry or anxiety, victory is already lost.

The problem of most people today can be traced to the kind of friends they keep. Show me your friends and I will show you a candidate of victory or defeat.

Unfortunately, many people are blind spiritually. The moment God open's your eyes you will discover that the people you call childhood friends are the strongmen attached to your life by the devil.

Unfriendly friends are many. True friends are scarce. We have been told the truth. "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matthew 10:36).

Therefore it is better to be alone than to keep the wrong company.

The best formula for failure is to decide to please everybody. The Bible says "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets (Luke 6:26).

Again, the Bible says "Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart" (Ephesians 6:6).

Those who please men will always displease God. The Bible says. "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? for I yet pleased men, I should not be the servants of Christ (Galatians 1:10).

Compromise will lead to defeat and failure. If you try to please everybody around you, you will end up displeasing God and living in the valley of defeat.

One of the biggest lies of the devil is to state that things or situations will never change.

I want you to keep these principles in your mind. They will be of immense benefits to you as you fight the battles of life. Soldiers are normally taught basic principles of physical warfare. They are taught things like objectives for warfare. Importance of using offensive strategy. The importance of intelligent reports.

Now let me give you a prayer point which you must use on daily bases.

Let your arrow of deliverance go out on my behalf today and do the work of deliverance in my life in the name of Jesus.

You devil, hear me and hear me again, that thing which you hate to see happen in my life will happen today, in the name of Jesus.

Every problem with stubborn roots, receive the axe of God in the name of Jesus.

Every Christian is expected to get involved in spiritual warfare. Those who fold their hands will become casualties on the field of battle.

The devil is a restless fighter. He has vowed that he would never give us any breathing space. A Christian without adequate knowledge of spiritual warfare becomes a prey in the hands of the enemy and is reduced to chewing sticks in the mouth of the enemy.

It is unfortunate however, that many modem day Christians know next to nothing about the power of God. This is the lamentation of the scriptures "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof from such, turn away" (II Timothy 3:5).

A lot of people today only hold on to empty religion. They lack the evidence which accompanies a glorious contact with the powers of the Almighty.

Life is a battle. You must fight if you must survive. You must understand the principles of warfare and fight back. You must identify the powers in-charge of

life's battles and overcome them. You have to fight in order to defend yourself and retrieve what the enemy has stolen.

A lot of people who are going through satanic attacks are obvious of what is happening to them. Such people cannot suffer apparent losses because they are destitute of the good things of life. They are yet to acquire what belongs to them. It is as if the devil has nothing to steal from their lives I

One of the most wicked strategies used by the devil against us is what I call hidden secret dangers.

How does the devil use this strategy?

He tries to hide the problem. He also tries to conceal and hide his identity.

Satanic agents are very smart. They try to programme dangerous problems into the lives of their victims and wait for a moment of weakness in the victims' lives. Then they will spring a surprise. The problem will surface. This kind of problem thrives best at a time which a song writer called the 'unguarded hour'.

Today, Christian believers need a new orientation. The theories of yester years will simply not work today. Traditional view points have proved ineffective.

Beloved, evil spirits do not always appear ugly and fearful.

Satanic agents operate secretly. The best environment in which they perform their tasks is where darkness prevails. The enemies of our souls function effectively when they are able to carry out their assignments in the secret. They are never in a hurry. They patiently bury problems deep into people's lives and wait for the time of maturity.

Satanic agents can spend ten years incubating one single problem. They concentrate on that problem and watch it wreck the victim's life. Such problems cannot be handled by positive confessions and snap short prayers.

Problems that are deeply rooted in nature cannot be removed by casual

prayers. Such problems require the force of aggressive prayers and constant prayer bombardments before they are removed.

Ordinary problems require ordinary prayers. Problems that are barely on the surface are the only ones that can be removed through ordinary prayers.

But how do you handle stubborn problems? How can you deal with an invisible enemy who knows minutest details of your life? How would you fight against an enemy who sees you but cannot be seen by you? This is why I have always prescribed aggressive prayers, as the only solution to life's problems that are stubborn in nature.

The rules of wrestling the control of all territories which the enemy has taken over in your life off his hands lies on you. You must eject all wrong occupants and possess your possession.

To become a winner in spiritual warfare you must observe the rules of the battles, you need to follow the guidelines which will guarantee your safety and victory. God wants us to win. Hence, He has given us a blue print for energy victorious at the end of every battle.

Below is God's blue print for your survival and triumph.

Recognise the source of your power.

It is interesting to know that our power comes from the headquarters of power in the universe. The headquarters of power is located in the third heavens. If you do not recognise your source of power and you go ahead to confront your enemy you may land yourself in trouble.

Learn how to use your own weapons.

God has given every believer a line of powerful spiritual weapons. If you do not make use of your weapons, you are courting defeat and disaster.

For example, believers who fail to use the weapon of aggressive prayers will experience defeat each time the enemy attacks them. God has given you powerful weapons. Use them on the field of battle, and you will always win.

You must identify your enemies.

Identify the spiritual personalities behind what you are going through. Locate the root cause of the problems, failure to do this will make you an aimless drifter.

A well-trained soldier will never shoot shadows. Such well trained personnel always direct their bullets at the target. A blind mark man will hit the wrong target. Such a soldier may even shoot members of his own battalion.

Know the weakness of your enemies.

You must come to the realisation of the fact that satan, the leader of the enemies' camp, is limited. Two thousand years ago, he was defeated on the cross of calvary. It is an open secret that satan and all his hosts are fighting a war which they had already lost. Satan's head is already bruised. He suffered a fatal blow on the cross where Jesus declared "It is finished". It was not done in secret. The Bible even states that Jesus made an open show of the devil. The cross has remained satan's undoing. Thus the wound on his bruised head can never be healed.

Therefore, it is important that you know the limitation and the weakness of your enemy. There is no point fighting a battle when you don't know the weaknesses of your enemy.

You must be battle ready, be it in the morning, afternoon and night.

The devil never gives notice to his victims. He will never tell you to get ready for him. He doesn't give such notices. He tries most on surprise attacks. This explains why you must be ready for battle every moment of the day. To be ready at all times, you must be free from sin.

If you are conscious of the fact that you engage in warfare at all times, you will never commit any sin that will weaken your position. As soon as the enemy recognises any weak spot in your territory, he will move in swiftly in order to take over. Be watchful and remain at alert.

Rejoice and celebrate the victory which Christ has given you.

Don't allow the devil to attack you with a melancholic frame of mind. Rejoice, the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Every sincere minister will tell you that there are stubborn cases. If you have ministered to a thousand of people as God has graciously granted me the grace to do, you would have discovered that one or two cases proved stubborn and resistant to prayer.

When such people come to you and you give them some prayer programmes to do, things may work smoothly until they reach a dead end. What will surprise you as a minister is that the kind of prayer points which have led many into their breakthroughs will just not work for them when they reach a particular point. You will discover at that point that an invisible barrier has been mounted against their lives.

Such people are generally sincere and dedicated. In fact, they are more hardworking and dedicated than those who are making fantasy progress. They spend time carrying out the prayer programmes assigned to them.

Yet, they are embittered when they discover that they are unable to get results. This experience is both frustrating to the minister and the 'counsellee'. A compassionate minister will wonder why such brick walls are encountered by the counsellee. If you decide to ask God to show you the secret behind such abnormal situations, the Lord will open your eyes and you will recognise the activities of some powerful forces that do not operate according to natural laws.

At that point, you will come to the understanding of the fact that many people are operating under hidden curses. These hidden curses can constitute great

barriers to healing, prosperity, spiritual growth, marital breakthroughs, academic success and promotion.

Hidden curses can hinder several people from being healed. A minister who is worth his salt will know that the first thing to do in a healing meeting is to break the curses of infirmity. If is the curse of infirmity is in place and you continue to shout your voice hoarse without breaking the curse, no single healing will take place.

The prayer of healing will not work if the victim is still under the umbrella of infirmity. In the same vein, the prayer of prosperity will not work until the curse of poverty is broken. Moreover, marital problems will not be solved until anti-marriage forces are paralysed.

Even if you call all the men of God in the world and the parents of both the husband and the wife to a peace meeting, there would be no solution until anti-marriage forces are dealt with.

Hidden curses are hidden as the name implies. Such curses generally come into people's lives when the victims least expect them.

The curses are generally enforced by the spirit assigned to effect it. They stay in hiding and carry out clever operations until their victims are led to the point of destruction.

WHY DO THESE CURSES REMAIN CONCEALED?

The powers behind them generally try to keep their activities concealed, since they know that the moment you detect their hiding places, you will employ the totality of your strength to dislodge them. They know that if you ever find out their places of abode you would muster all your strength and use all your weapons against them. You would surely chase them out of their hiding places. The scripture did not say in vain strangers shall submit themselves unto me as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me. Strangers shall fade away, and

they shall be afraid out of their close places (II Samuel 22:45-46).

Why would the strangers run? It is because they are challenged.

WHAT THEN ARE HIDDEN CURSES?

Let us examine an example in the scriptures.

And Joshua adjured them at that time, 'saying, cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho. He shall lay the foundation thereof in his first born and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it (Joshua 6:26).

Jericho constituted an obstacle to the people of God and it was pulled down supernaturally. Joshua decided to do something in order to ensure that the walls would never be built again. Joshua issued a curse upon Jericho immediately it was destroyed.

It appeared to be a hidden curse but it worked. The Bible says:

1 Kings 16:34: In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

The curse issued by Joshua continued to take effect five hundred years after it has been issued. He lost his first son at the commencement of the building and lost his last son at the time of completion, Every thing happened according to the dictates of the curse. No prophet or deliverance ministration could have saved Hiel and his family members without the appropriate knowledge of the terms of the curse, The problem would have been solved if the curse had been cancelled by someone with Joshua's level of prophetic anointing. The prophet would have succeeded if he was able to detect and cancel the five hundred years curse.

Elisha came to Jericho and the problem of a curse resurfaced again.

2 Kings 2:20-22: And he said, Bring me a new cruse. and put salt therein. And they bring it to him. [21]And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the Lord. I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. [22]So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

Elisha understood the crux of the matter. He knew that Jericho was under a curse. He applied salt at the source of the killer water and the curse became cancelled.

My prayer for you as you read this book is that the Spirit of the living God will put divine salt on the foundation of your life, in the name of Jesus.

Salt has preservative properties. It prevents food from getting spoilt, it is also used for seasoning food. It also stands for happiness and salvation. Again, it stands for eternal life.

The Bible even states that believers are meant to be the salt of the earth. Salt is also a purifier. But when salt goes bad, it becomes useless. Inferior salt can be used as fertilizers.

Jericho had lost its salt. This had to be replaced by Elijah, salt is indeed powerful.

At this point, I want you to close your eyes and take this crucial prayer point.

Any power that has removed the salt of my foundation, I command a replacement in the name of Jesus.

The hidden curse that was issued on Jericho removed the salt that was placed on the foundation of the city. Hence, everything in that city lacked every benefit and properties of salt. Likewise, hidden curses remove salt from people's lives'. Jesus said

And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out

of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet (Matthew 10:14).

A whole country, or a city or a village can come under a curse. The fact that you are a Christian cannot exempt you from such a general curse.

For example, preachers of the gospel once shook off the dust of their feet as a sign of cursing the city. You are under the curse placed on that village even if you are a Christian. You have to personally cancel the effect of such a curse.

There are lots of general curses in many communities and localities.

For example, many of us often wonder why several communities are sold out to polygamy. The reason is not far-fetched. Such communities are obviously under terrible foundational curses. That is why, those who come from such communities battle with sexual sins.

We know many localities in this country where polygamy and having concubines are the order of the day. Men from those areas are never satisfied with one woman. It is because the place is under a curse.

I know a community in this country where almost every woman from that place ends up having raw deals in their marriages. Their husbands would probably not stay with them or die prematurely. If you come from such an environment, you have to go through deliverance in order to set yourself free.

A lot of people in Africa come from communities where twin babies are killed because such deliveries are viewed as abomination. No doubt, the blood of such innocent babies has continued to cry against members of the community.

Worse still, are communities where blood of ministers of the gospel was shared in the days preceding civilisation. If you are a believer, you must remove yourself of under the umbrella from such a curse.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HIDDEN CURSES

How can we identify curses that are cleverly cancelled by the devil?

You must note the following:

1. When your efforts and total input yield no result.

2. When things that have no natural explanation continue to happen to you.

3. When you go through mysterious experiences.

4. When you notice that you are always moving backward instead of moving forward.

5. When those who are inferior to you are being made superior officers.

6. When you experience loss of memory and you are unable to recollect simple things.

7. When men and women who are supposed to be winners are failing woefully.

8. When you are governed and controlled by powers that are contrary to your own will.

9. When unexplainable hatred comes up between husband and wife. An incident took place about thirty years ago.

A couple dragged themselves to court in order to sue for divorce. The husband and the wife were seventy-five and seventy years respectively. The preceding judge was confused. He simply asked to know how old the marriage was. They told him that they have been married for forty years.

The judge simply said,

"Why did you wait this long before suing for divorce?"

They unanimously declared,

"Judge, that's none of your business. All we want you to do is to dissolve the marriage.

The children were also in court. They told the judge that they were not in support of the divorce. The father angrily snarled at them.

"If you dare oppose the suit, I will place curses upon all of you". This is a classical example of hidden curses. The aged couple had suppressed a marital curse for forty years.

8. When a brilliant student suddenly becomes dull.

9. When a child that was previously gentle and obedient suddenly becomes stubborn.

10. When a rich person suddenly becomes poor.

11. When uncontrollable temper suddenly surfaces.

12. When you pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and nothing happens.

13. When problems begin to multiply.

14. When you continue to battle with periodic problems.

15. When you experience sicknesses that are associated with dry or wet seasons.

16. When trials refuse to come to an end.

17. When you begin to dream of communicating with the dead.

For example, if a particular dead person continues to run after you in your dream, such a person would have issued a curse against you.

18. When some strange dreams always precede the beginning of certain problems in your life.

19. When you are fed by satanic agents in your dream.

20. When you experience these and other symptoms, you are under a hidden curse. Hidden curses can also be regarded as the hidden chain.

Each time you try to move ahead, the invisible chain will pull you back. You may not understand what is happening but the invisible chain is terrible.

HOW THEN CAN WE DEAL WITH THE INVISIBLE CHAIN?

You must destroy the legal ground upon which the evil chain or the hidden curse is established.

Challenge your body, soul and spirit with the fire of the Holy Ghost and the blood of Jesus.

Continue to bombard the hiding place of the curses as well as the chains. This will frighten the strangers out of their hiding places. The devil knows that many Christians lack the ability to persist in prayer. He knows that few Christians can pray about the same subject for more than two hours.

The devil has taught his agents how to endure the heat of the fire of the Holy Ghost just in case believers get tired too soon. When your challenge is weak. there will be no reaction. However, persistence brings results.

Issue aggressive commands. Order them to go and never to return.

Revoke the curse and bind all the spirits that are connected to it. Remember, every curse is enforced by a spirit.

Replace curses with blessings.

Let me say a word here concerning how to challenge and deal with hidden curses. Many people give up, when they are almost becoming free from hidden curses. Never give up.

Pray with violent faith. Pray aggressively and tirelessly. Place yourself under the protective shield of the blood of Jesus. Challenge hidden curses with the fire of God. Challenge every invisible chain with the name of Jesus. I challenge you to pray from the bottom of your spirit.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Any stranger in any area of my life, flee, in the name of Jesus.
2. I release myself from all hidden curses, in the name of Jesus.
3. Drawers of spiritual salt, release the salt of my life, in the name of Jesus.

Chapter Four

HOW TO DETECT AND DESTROY CURSES

So much has been said concerning the subject of curses. But so little has been said or written on how to detect and destroy them.

Curses must be detected or recognized before they can be destroyed. Ignorance in this area will lead to serious bondage.

THE TRUTH

The Bible has rightly stated in John 8:32:

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The pathway to freedom is the pathway of truth. Truth liberates while ignorance enslaves.

The devil does not want you to know anything about curses. He uses the comer of darkness and ignorance to afflict his victims. However, God's weapon for setting the captives free resides in the truth.

You need to obtain necessary knowledge that will sufficiently equip you to understand the workings of curses. When you know the truth, you stand on a good platform to destroy the works of the devil.

Curses are one of the most formidable weapons used by the enemy. Once curses have been programmed against your life, things would fall apart and the centre would no longer hold. Your good intentions, dreams and aspirations will be contaminated by the evil effects of satanic curses.

The devil has a manufacturing plant where he programmes destructive curses into people's lives. As soon as a curse has been put in place victims would battle all kinds of mysterious problems until they breathe their last.

Curses are indeed terrible. They throw evil spanners into the works and make life unbearable.

The devil would do everything he can in order to programme curses into the lives of men and women. Since he knows that once this is done, his victims are finished.

The devil hates to see anyone experience freedom from curses. More so he hates ministers of God who devote their time and energy to setting the cursed free. No wonder those who know the secret of experiencing freedom from curses are very few.

Majority live with their curses for life. These victims live with the terrible effects of personal and ancestral curses.

To have a book that exposes the satanic strategy in the area of curses is indeed life's greatest privilege. Therefore you must make the best use of this golden opportunity. You must apply, practically, all the spiritual tactics God is going to give you in order to rid your life of every known and unknown curses.

WHAT CURSES ARE

Again, as you read in this book, what are curses?

Simply put, a curse is the opposite of blessing. For further clarification it also means the following.

1. Uttering an evil wish against someone or something.
2. Calling for injury or mischief to fall upon a person, a thing or a place.

3. Binding someone, a thing, or a place with a spell.
4. It can be an evil pronouncement against a person, a place or a thing.
5. Curses are vehicles of evil supernatural power. This can continue from generation to generation.
6. A curse represents anything that is opposed to blessing.
7. A curse is a kind of fence built to protect demons and give them legal grounds to operate.

With these definitions, we discover that curses abound in Africa.

Curses are as common as the housefly among the black race. We drink curses like water. The situation is so bad that some parents have formed the habit of waking up their children with curses every morning. The only response among a group of people when they get angry is a curse.

Curses have become a common past time in Africa. Husbands curse their wives while wives issue curses on their husbands without batting an eye. School teachers invoke curses upon pupils and students. Students also curse their teachers.

Therefore, curses are rife in homes, churches, market places, offices, bus-stops, business centres, social gatherings and other places where activities are carried out.

This curse may appear trivial yet we must not lose out the sight of the fact that there are various types of satanic agents behind them. These agents are charged with the responsibility of enforcing the curses. Some of them have been assigned the responsibility of renewing the problem associated with the curses.

CARRIERS OF BLESSINGS AND CURSES

To understand the weight of the problems associated with curses, let us examine some relevant scriptures.

Romans 10:15: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

To understand what curses mean, we must examine things that are associated with blessing.

The reference to the beautiful feet of the preacher of the gospel speaks volumes. Whenever gospel preachers enter into a place, they introduce blessings and good things there. In other words, their beautiful feet usher in beautiful things. This was practically demonstrated in Act 8: 5-8.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. [6]And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. [7]For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. [8]And there was great joy in that city.

This passage teaches us that there are some blessings associated with the entrance of a gospel preacher into an environment. Benefits like salvation, deliverance, freedom from bondage and total transformation go hand in hand with the advent of a true preacher of the gospel. In other words, the feet of the preacher of the gospel are beautiful while on the other hand, the feet of the advertisers of the devil are ugly.

When such cursed people get to a particular place, things would certainly turn sour everything will be coloured by curses. If you happen to employ such people, your business would close down.

If you employ such people as house helps couples would become poor, they might even end up selling their properties.

If you welcome cursed people into your apartment the spiritual fire there would be quenched. Why is it so? They have brought their bad feet into your

premises.

To understand the influence created by children of the devil who are cursed let us examine what the Bible says.

Matthew 10:13-15: And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. [14]And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. [15]Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

The entrance of a preacher into a city brings blessing, however should such a preacher be rejected, his departure may spell doom for that city or community.

Therefore when a preacher of the gospel of peace decides to shake off the dust from his feet, calamity befalls the city or environment.

What do we learn from these?

The human feet are the carriers of power. Is that not why the Bible says?

Luke 10:11: Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

The feet can be a source of blessing or a curse. Therefore it is a power point. The devil equips the feet of his followers with negative power.

In Luke 10:19, Jesus loaded the 70 with enough power to tread on serpents and scorpions.

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

If human feet could remain harmless after treading on poisonous serpents and scorpions then such feet are capable of introducing blessing.

I want you to close your eyes and pray like this:

O Lord, help me to detect all hidden curses, in the name of Jesus.

What is the impact of the shaking off of the dust from the feet of the preacher of the gospel?

This is deeply symbolic, the moment this is done, all the inheritance of the city or community would be affected. All the indigenes of that city no matter how innocent they are, will go through the problems associated with the act of shaking off the dust of the feet. All the citizens and inhabitants of the city would be cursed. Therefore, a person's feet may carry blessings or curses.

CURSED FEET

How then can we recognized cursed feet?

According to African mythology or belief, some people are identified as having bad feet. Thus some people have identified what they tag as bad feet.

The moment someone with bad feet enters a particular environment, they introduce trouble and mysterious problems wherever they go.

Carriers of bad feet are aimless wonders, when they discover that their lives are surrounded by curses they decide to change location thinking that geographical relocation is the solution to their problems. They simply cannot remain in the same spot. Their legs itch them and they have peppery feelings on their feet. They try several things and discover that luck is not on their side. They go through this travail because their legs are cursed.

A few years ago, we conducted a special programme for married women. As

we conducted deliverance for the participants, a particular woman confessed to the perpetrators of havoc. The woman brought some strange objects. She showed me a padlock which she used to lock people's health, blessing and goodness. One of the most weird instruments which the woman brought was an old broom.

Out of curiosity, I asked her,

"Madam, what do you do with this short broom?"

"We use this broom to sweep off the legs of married women from their husband's houses" she said.

I asked her to expatiate further. She adjusted herself and looked straight at me saying:

"If I happen to develop interest in a married man, I would simply sweep off the feet of the wife spiritually and she would pack her load out of her matrimonial home as if something has befallen her."

Can you imagine how many women had lost their homes because they had no fire? Women who lack the fire of the Holy Ghost would pack out of their husband's houses without any quarrel.

Indeed a lot of things are happening in this wicked world.

CURSED HANDS

Do you also know that hands can be instruments of curses and blessings?

Your hands or those of your neighbour, or colleagues can either lead you to curses or blessing. If your hands are cursed, there would be a lot of abandoned projects in your life.

If your hands are blessed, you would be able to bring every project to completion stage. The Bible says:

Zech. 4:9: The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.

What kind of hand do you have? The Bible gives us evidence of possessing cursed hands in Ecclesiastes 6:1-2.

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: [2]A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof. but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

Cursed hands cannot produce good fruits. People who have cursed hands are hardly ever able to finish projects. The moment they are through with the foundation stage, they quit. They are never able to achieve life's goals.

Why should anyone fail to carry out a project to the end? Why should you quit at the middle of the road? Why must you stop running the race of life before you hit the finished line?

Have you forgotten that you are created after the image of God? Can you recall the story of creation? What happened when God commenced the work of creation? He started and finished everything. He placed a stamp of excellence on the finished product.

Genesis 1:31: And God saw every thing that he had made, and. behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

You should learn a lot of lessons from the Lord Jesus Christ when He said:

John 4:34: Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Therefore if your hands are blessed, it would always finish all works and

projects.

Do you have problems finishing what you started? You need to go through deliverance.

Paul the Apostle had good hands, so he finished what he started.

2 Tim. 4:7: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

If you ever have problems finishing your course it is an evidence of the fact that your hands are bewitched.

HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY CURSED OR BEWITCHED HANDS?

Cursed hands can be easily identified. When a hand is cursed it will leave abandoned project in its trail. When even the owner of such hands starts anything, problems would be triggered off even if there is success at the beginning, problems would set in at the beginning or at the end.

Such people possess destructive hands. If they ever come across what is at the verge of collapse, they will help to complete the total collapse. Whatever they touch will collapse. If they belong to any group, their input will cause problems for the group.

The lives of such people will be characterized by unprofitable trading, failure at the edge of breakthroughs and problems would crop up when anything gets to their turn. Profitless hard work would be their stock in trade. Even if they employ the best business tactics things would just not work.

A sister once shared her experience with us. She happened to be a food-seller in a particular primary school. She was shocked to discover that no matter how delicious her food was, all the children would file pass her store and go and buy

from other food vendors. At the end of the day, she would take whatever she cooked home and eat them up with members of her family.

This continued until she knew that something was wrong somewhere. The situation bothered her and she decided to do something about it. She applied anointing oil on her hands and on her store and the situation changed. All of a sudden the crowd of young children shifted their base to her food store. That was how she got rid of cursed hands.

If your hands are cursed, you must do something about it. Do not live in fool's paradise thinking things would get better by and by.

If the works of your hands are producing negative results, deliverance must be conducted on those hands.

If your own hands are blessed, you must not employ cursed hands to take charge of your affairs. If you consult or employ unprofitable doctors, midwives, carpenters, bricklayers and other craftsmen, they would cause problems for you.

Fashion designers, trades men, mechanical technicians, electricians, electronic technicians, shoe menders, hair dressers *etc.* whose hands are cursed would end up spoiling everything given to them to be fixed or repaired. Something is wrong with those hands.

If you have problems keeping money, something might be wrong with your hands.

I once came across an argumentative man. I tried to preach the gospel to him but he was too stubborn. He even tried to confuse another person who was listening to our conversation.

As the man continued to veer off into useless arguments, the Holy Spirit revealed to me a particular problem which the man has been battling with. I simply told him to stop all his arguments as I had a message for him. He stopped reluctantly and managed to listen to me.

"Friend, I am not here to argue with you behind your swerve argument there is a particular problem you have been going through for a long time. This problem has bothered you till you have decided to resign to fate. Tell me, what used to happen each time you keep money in your pocket?" I said.

The man suddenly became blank, drew a long breath concerning his situation. I gave him more information as directed by the Holy Spirit.

"Can't you recall those instances you tried to bring out money you just placed in your pocket only to start looking at the ground as if the money just fell off from your pocket?"

The man was suffering from the problem of cursed hands yet he did not know.

Blessed hands are hands that complete projects. The Psalmist says the Lord will perfect that which concerns me. God is a finisher. He does not stop projects half way. His children do not quit at the middle of their project.

If something is wrong with your hands or your legs, you must pray until every evidence of curses is dealt with.

What you have read so far shows that curses can be localized in the hands and in the legs. When that happens, the devil will use it as an

ENTRY POINTS FOR DEMONIC CURSES

Let us examine other important points. Christians who are serious with their spiritual lives are always special targets of curses by the enemy.

Dark powers also have their own spiritual scanning machine before they commence on their activities. They communicate with evil spirits before they release curses into the lives of their victims. Thus they are able to identify areas that can harbour attack in the lives of their victims.

They have mastered the principle behind the operation of curses. They know in most cases that something in the lives of the victims must agree with them before they can succeed in placing curses on them. If they fail once they try again.

Demons are both resilient and hardworking. They have no resting period. In fact, they work round the clock and they hardly give up. They can focus their attention on their victims for twenty years without giving up. They are very intelligent, that is why they always do whatever they can to prevent believers from using their effective weapons.

Let me ask you a crucial question?

If your life is to be placed under the scanning machine of the powers of darkness would they find an area of weakness?

This is where the trouble lies. Evil power succeeds because they always find loopholes in the believer's life. The devil cannot attack you if there is no internal mechanism within you that is compromising with him.

The moment the scanning machine of the enemy recognizes an open door in your life, you are a candidate of evil curses.

If you are a lady for example, and you decide to paint all the nails on your toes, after all, God did not ask you to paint them red. They would place curses on your legs because they know you have violated a spiritual law.

For example, if they came with their machine to examine the life of a young man and discover that the fellow is filled with violent anger, they will discharge loads of curses on the territory of such a life.

Whenever something in your life agrees with curses, the enemy intends to introduce into your life, hardworking demons that would swing into action and carry out their wicked operations. I pity women because they are more susceptible to curses than men. I cannot give you all the reasons for that but

perhaps it is because they are weaker vessels.

Either you are a man or woman you must address the problem of evil curses.

Curses must be addressed.

A single curse can lead to effects.

Curses entangle and hinder people. Whenever you are instructed to pray against curses you must never hesitate to do so. Even if you think there is no curse whatsoever in your life, you should still pray. It is better to pray against curses that are not present in your life than to take things for granted and allow terrible curses to ruin your life. Don't spare any curse, pray even when there are not traces of such in your life. In fact, I counsel you to take the following prayer points before you go to bed each night.

O Lord, as I go to bed this night assign a special angel to watch over me. If any curse is sent to me let such be deflected by my guardian angel. in Jesus name.

DETECTING CURSES

You are for blessings you are not for curses. As a child of God, you must never allow any curse to land upon your life. Therefore, you must know how to identify curses so that you can reject them before they ever find a landing place in your life.

To prevent a curse from being attached to your life you must be alert spiritually and detect these curses afar off.

There are three basic methods of detecting curses.

CHECK BIBLICAL CURSES

This is where to start from. The Bible has revealed a number of curses to enable us detect them. There are about 70 specific sins in the Bible that would bring curses upon people. You must search the scriptures and run through these 70 sins and be sure that you are not involved in any of them. Then you have passed the first test.

Let me give you some of these sins:

1. Those who curse or mistreat the Jews (Gen. 12:3).

We have a practical example here. During the second world war a man called Aldof Hitler killed 6,000,000 Jews at the end Hitler lost the second world war.

Historians and researchers came up with several reasons why he lost the war. For example, they discovered that Hitler refused to follow the intelligent plan laid down by officers. Students of history know that Hitler happens to be the most intelligent military officer. Such a person would not have abandoned good military strategy. However Bible scholars know that Hitler began operating under a curse the day he began to kill the Jews. Thus he did what was completely unintelligible.

Hitler killed the Jews concerning whom God has said. He who curses you shall be cursed. That was how Hitler lost the war and Germany got into trouble. I wish Hitler had read Genesis 12:3, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

2. Willing deceivers are also cursed.

The Bible says cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood (Jeremiah 48:10).

3. Adulterous men and women (Numbers 5:27).

4. Disobedience to the Lord's commandment (Deuteronomy 11:28).

5. Idolatry (Exodus 20:5).

6. Those who keep or own cursed objects (Deuteronomy 7:25-26).

A Nigerian travelled abroad and brought back paintings, carvings and other artifices for decoration. The items appeared beautiful to behold on the surface. Nobody would have thought that those items were either cursed or bewitched.

The man was so enlightened that nobody would have succeeded in convincing him that he had used his money to purchase cursed objects. Among the items was a cat that was extremely beautiful as an ornamental object. The man did not know that birds and animals like cats, vultures, owl *etc.* would easily attract demons.

Some brethren held a night vigil with the man and shared what the Lord told them with him. At the beginning, he found it difficult to believe that the carving of a eat could harbour a demon. He argued with the brethren and won.

Meanwhile, the man had been having some strange experiences. He generally observed that his prayer life would go down each time he goes into his apartment. On a second thought, he decided to surrender the moulded cat for burning. As soon as the image was thrown into the fire a frightened shout erupted from the burning image. The man was so scared that he ran out and refused to enter into his apartment.

He told the brethren to pack every decoration and carving and make a bonfire out of them. That experience taught him the greatest experience of his life.

7. If you refuse to come to the help of the Lord, you are under a curse (Judges 5:23).

8. The house of the wicked (Proverbs 3:23).

For example, if your father was a fetish priest you are under a curse. Again if your father was a member of the lodge society or freemason there is a curse in

your family line.

9. If you fail to give to the poor, you are under a Biblical curse (Proverbs 28:27).

10. The earth is cursed by reason of man's disobedience (Isaiah 24:3-6).

11. Jerusalem is a curse to all the nations of the earth as long as the Jews continue to rebel against God (Jeremiah 26:6).

12. All thieves and those who swear falsely by the Lord's name are cursed (Zechariah 5: 4).

13. Ministers and Christians who fail to give glory to God.

14. Those who rob God of tithe and offering (Malachi. 3:9)

15. Those who prefer to listen to their partners than to God (Genesis 3:17).

16. Those who insult their parents (Deuteronomy 27: 16).

17. Those who make graven images (Deut. 27:15).

18. Those who willfully cheat people also fall under a curse (Deuteronomy 27:17).

19. Those who take advantage of the blind (Deut. 27:18).

20. Those who commit immorality with their father's wives (Deuteronomy 27:20).

21. Those who lie with beast (Deuteronomy 27:21)

22. Those who lie with their sisters (Deuteronomy 27:22).

23. Those who smite their neighbour's secretly (Deut. 27:24).

24. Those who obtain money to slay the innocent including doctors who commit abortion (Deuteronomy 27:25).

25. All fornicators and adulterers (Job 24:15-18).

26. The proud (Psalm 119:21).

27. Those who place their trust in man rather than the Lord (Jeremiah 17:5).

28. Those who reward evil for good (Proverbs 17:13).

29. Illegitimate Children (Deut. 23:2).

30. Murderers (Exodus 21:12).

31. Those who beat their parents (Exod. 21:17).

32. All Kidnappers (Deut. 24:7).

33. Those who curse their parents (Exodus 21:17).

34. Those who are involved in witchcraft (Exod. 22:18).

35. Those who attempt to turn people away from the Lord (Deut. 13:6-9).

36. Those who follow horoscope (what the stars say) Deut. 17:2-5).

37. Men and women who do not keep their virginity till they get married (Deuteronomy 22:13-21).

38. Those who do not discipline their children (l Sam. 2:17,27-36).
Those who refuse to warn others of sin (ezek. 3:18 21).

39. All homosexuals and lesbians including those who practise oral sex (Lev. 20:13).

40. When a man marries a woman and also the daughter, the Bible says that the man would be under a curse.

41. Rape.

42. Having children out of wedlock (Deuteronomy 23:2)

43. When you take away from the word of God and add to it (Revelation 22:19).

44. When you refuse to forgive others. After asking God to forgive you.

45. All child sacrifices.

46. Those who lightly esteem their parents (Deut. 27:16).

47. Those oppressing strangers, widows, fatherless (Deut. 27:19).

48. Him who keeps back his sword from blood (I Kings 20:35-42).

49. Children born from incestuous unions (Gen. 19:36-38).

50. To murder indirectly (Exodus 21:14).

51. Those who cause the unborn to die (Exodus 21:22-23).

52. Those who do not prevent death (Exodus 21:29).

53. Those who sacrifice to false gods (Exodus 22:20).

54. Those who rebel against pastors (Deut. 17:12).

55. False prophets (Deut. 18:19-22).

56. Those who curse their rulers (I Kings 2:8-9).

57. Those who teach rebellion against the Lord (Jer. 28:16-17).

58. Those who defile the Sabbath (Ex. 31:14).

59. Those who sacrifice human beings (Lev. 20:2).

60. Participants in seances and fortune telling (Lev. 20:6).

61. Sexual intercourse during menstruation (Lev. 20:18).

62. Those who blaspheme the Lord's name (Lev. 24:15-16).

63. Those who are carnally minded (Romans 8:6).

64. Rebellious children (Deut. 21:18-21).

65. Possibly from murder, nonproductivity, a fugitive, vagabond (Gen. 4:11; Matt. 5:21-22, Jesus' statement on hatred equals murder, John 3:15).

66. Possible curse upon improper family structure destruction of family priesthood (Mal. 4:6) with special attention given to the relationship between father and children.

67. The curse causeless shall not come (Prov. 26:2).

68. Any sin worthy of death is also cursed by God (Deut. 21:22-23).

You need to thoroughly search the scriptures in order to ensure that you are not under any of these curses. If you are guilty of any of these curses, you have to confess your sins before the Lord.

CHECK IF YOUR LIFE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BLESSINGS OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE

The second way of detecting the presence of these curses in a life is by comparing your life with the blessings that God has promised those who love Him.

Is your life characterized by blessings? Are you a borrower or a lender? Are you always falling from one sickness to another? Do you enjoy God's favour? Do you enjoy divine prosperity?

Are you increasing or decreasing? Are you free from the enemy's harassment? Are you standing on the centre of God's will for your life? What does your relationship with God look like?

If your answers to these questions are profitable, then you are living a blessed life. The truth is that there is no middle ground, you are either blessed or cursed. By the time you run your life through this text you will be able to detect if you are blessed or cursed.

SEARCH FOR THE EFFECT OF LIVING A CURSED LIFE

The third method of detecting the presence of curses in your life is by searching for the effect of living a cursed life. The following are the indexes of

an accursed existence:

- Poverty
- Debts
- Failure
- Chronic Sickness
- Torments
- Insanity
- Defeat
- Regular traumatic experiences
- Cycle of tragedies
- Spiritual hindrances
- Domination by inferior forces
- Abandonment by God and man
- Suicidal tendencies
- Family or marital breakdown

Sometime ago, I learnt of a man who provided accommodation for all his daughters who got married in his own house.

During the engagement ceremony, he would announce publicly, my daughter, the doors of my house are wide open should you ever run into any hitch in your marriage. Feel free to come back here. True to his words, all his daughters found their way back at a particular time. The six vacant rooms were occupied by his divorced daughters.

- Idolatry

The most serious curse hanging on the heads of black men and women is the

curse of idolatry. Idolatry is Africa's greatest problem.

We come across a very serious indictment against all forms of idolatry in Psalm 115: 1-8:

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for the truth's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Their Idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not. They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them: so is everyone that trusteth in them.

Idols may be modernized but they are cursed all the same. In the days of the Psalmist, idols were made of silver and gold.

The ancient as well as the modern day idol worshippers have only succeeded in adding embellishment to what God has cursed. The curse placed on idol worship ends up affecting other parts of the body. If your ancestors were into idol worship, you are cursed, the Bible says: "They that make them are like unto them. So is everyone that trusteth in them" (Psalm 115:8).

What a terrible pronouncement. The curse of idol worship has placed many lives into terrible bondage. The Bible says they have mouths but they speak not. That explains why the original idol worshippers and their offspring encounter some hindrances in their witness for Christ. Because their mouths are cursed, children of idol worshippers have a great deal of difficulty receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Those of them who claim to be baptized by the Holy Ghost only speak fake and powerless tongues. Such mouths would not be able to utter powerful things. The mouths of such people always attract problems, their mouths are the sources of their problems. This is the curse of idolatry.

What about the eyes of the offspring of idolaters they have eyes but they cannot see.

Such people cannot receive any form of spiritual revelation. No matter how hard they try, the curse of idolatry will continue to block their sight. Even when they decide to receive revelations like other believers, they end up seeing nothing.

If such a person could break the curse on the eyes, he would enter into a new world of spiritual revelation. But without deliverance, such eyes would only see evil. Good would be kept off. Such people would find it difficult to perceive spiritual things even when they are born again.

Modern day preachers have continued to deceive believers. The moment some people get born again, they are given false hope. Such people are told as soon as you give your life to Christ, you are a new creature old things are pass away. Therefore, you no longer have any business with curses. This is not true, there is a spill over effect of what your ancestors did over your life.

The ears of those who worship idols are also cursed. Offspring of idol worshippers cannot hear the voice the Lord. Their ears are deaf. Noses also fall under the curses of idolatry. Such people would lack spiritual sensitivity. Such people would not be able to sense the presence of the Lord. They would also have physical problems. You would have to plead with them before they can have their bath. They are cursed like the idols that are never given a bath.

Again hands could be cursed. They have hands but they cannot handle any good thing. Your hands are a symbol of your ministry. The feet also come under a curse. Foot that cannot take a walk is a symbol of a crippled ministry or profession.

From the foregoing, we discover that the curse of idolatry has become the bane of the black man

How then can we explain the many social problems that have continued to bedevil the African continent? If we examine Nigeria from the economic point of view, we will discover that we have no business being a debtor nation. Our natural resources are enough to make every citizen live in wealth and splendour.

If we draw up a list of nations that are blessed with natural and human resources, Nigeria should be somewhere at the top. We are stupendously blessed

with resources like gold, crude oil, uranium, bitumen, bauxite, gypsum, coal, cocoa, groundnuts, *etc*. I am reliably informed that Nigeria pilots rank as one of the best in the world.

Several years ago, we were celebrating the oil boom. However, we felt that we were so brimful with blessings that we decided to call for a revival of idol worship. In 1977, we hosted the Festival of Arts and Culture for blacks in Africa and in the diaspora. We blew a demonic trumpet calling all blacks to bring the idols to Lagos, Nigeria since then, our country had known no real peace.

Specific departments of a person's life or body can come under a curse. This is a fact we must all come to grips with. Any hands that have ever carried sacrifices are cursed. If you ever carried sacrifices, you have converted yourself to a satanic caterer'. You have fed those who eat at the devil's table. If you carried such a sacrifice upon your head, your head is bewitched. If any part of your body has ever haboured incision, such a place is cursed. You must go for deliverance. All those who bear names that give glory to idols are also cursed.

The Bible states that those who refuse to give glory to God are cursed. Eating objects used for sacrifices place your entire life under a curse. Such an act may lead you to incurable diseases.

All those who place occultic or magic rings on the fingers are also under a curse.

A woman came to me for prayers a few years ago. I noticed that there was a giant ring on one of her fingers. I asked to know what the ring was about. Her answer revealed that she was as confused as any human being can be.

"Pastor, don't worry it is a harmless ring", she said.

"It is just to enable me sell my wares. Just pray for me, after all, the ring would not disturb your prayers."

But I stood my ground. I told her I was not going to pray unless she removed

the demonic ring. She was adamant, at the end, she got angry and walked out on me. Indeed, she. was under a curse.

Reading occultic books would also place your eyes, hands and brain under terrible curses.

Putting on chains, bangles, necklaces and other Jewelleries broken off from the body of idols would place you under a curse.

Unfortunately, many people are labouring under terrible curses today. Your abdomen would be under a curse if you have committed immorality with strange women and men.

It is also possible to be under the curse of alcoholism.

You must identify all the signs of curses.

Other evidences of curses includes

- Arthritis at young age
- Asthma
- Bedwetting
- Serious eye trouble
- Diabetics

These and other things are evidences of curses.

SOLUTION

How then can we destroy and break evil curses? We have two working Scriptures.

Galatians 3:13-14: 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: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ: that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Col. 2:14: Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross:

These passages show that curses can be cancelled through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What practical steps must we take in order to cancel or destroy evil curses? The steps are outlined below.

Repent from all known and unknown sins.

Confess the sins that are known to you. Ask God to forgive you the sins you may not remember.

Renounce all ancestral covenants.

Repent of all ancestral sins.

Accept God's forgiveness and forgive yourself.

Forgive all who have ever offended you.

Renounce all contact with demonic religions or objects.

Destroy any demonic object in your possession, including the devil's music.

Break the curse by aggressive prayers.

Cast out every demon of curse, because there is always a demon that ensures the curse works.

Claim the blessings.

You cannot move into a new realm of divine blessings unless you are completely free from every known and unknown curse. You must possess your

possession in Christ.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I break and I loose myself from every hereditary curse, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every demonic bondage through parents or ancestors break, in the name of Jesus.
3. (Lay your two hands on your head as you take this prayer point) I choose blessings and I refuse curses, in the name of Jesus.
4. I choose life and not death, in the name of Jesus.
5. (Lay your two hands on your head) Every demon of curse release me, in the name of Jesus.
6. Let fire fall and destroy every work of the enemy ,in the name of Jesus.

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