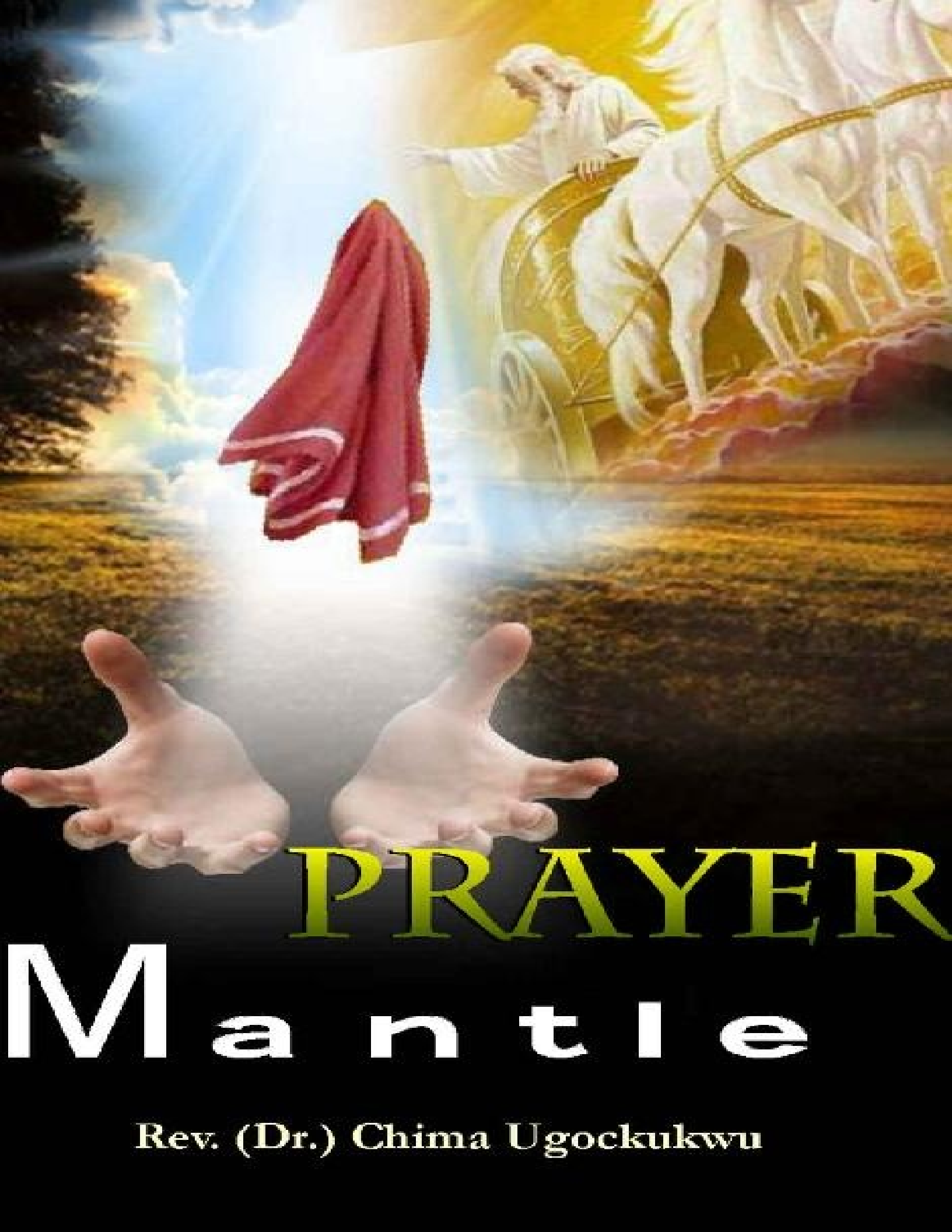

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FORWARD

When we pray aright from a proper vessel, something supernatural ought to happen. There is divine call on holy men and women now to pray. Not the selfish personal consumption prayers we are used to. From the throne of God, the Holy Spirit is calling men and women that sincerely love God and His Kingdom for intercession.

We must intercede for world evangelization, for heaven sent revival in our churches, for Holiness in the church (from the pulpit to the people), for our nation, Israel, against the spirit of Islam, satanic strongholds etc

There is a great revival going on in the kingdom of darkness; Satan and his agents are getting more sophisticated in development and manifestation of new ways of doing wickedness. Thus as a church, as people who are not bastards, as people who claim that God is our Father, we must wage a concentrated, focused and enduring intercessory warfare. We have to pray for awesome demonstration of God's power. Let the supremacy of our God be seen and demonstrated. Let's intercede for Divine encounter and visitations of God as in the days of old.

It will cost us our time, our pleasures, friends and relations but I tell you, it worth's it. If we sincerely love God and His Kingdom; there is a price to pay. Yeast is never ready to be eaten until it passes through the oven.

People who are faithful in other religions are dying for what they believe, therefore if we love the Master who died for us; let us pray serious earth quaking prayers that will rattle the world through the power of God. LET US PREVAIL ON OUR KNEES; THE HOUR IS NOW.

INTRODUCTION

The mantle is an instrument that is supernaturally empowered to convey the anointing and the power of God to individuals, communities, and nations. The mantle is loaded with divine power. It is a symbol of God's presence. When the mantle is used, the presence of God is manifested. The mantle of power can disgrace satanic hosts, put to flight an array of stubborn enemies and render null and void the agenda of the kingdom of darkness.

No power can withstand the power of the mantle that has been soaked in the power of God. The mantle of power will defeat the army of darkness. It will also enable you to receive the desires of your heart. The mantle is an invaluable instrument. It will help you at the hour of need and grant you hope in hopeless situation.

NO LIMIT

There is no limit to what the power of the mantle can do. It will grant you the ability to disgrace the enemies of your breakthrough in every circumstance of life. You need the mantle if success and victory are your desires in life.

Isaiah 60:1-5:

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

The mantle is a weapon you can use during an emergency. It is your instrument of victory when you are sick and tired of being harassed and tormented by evil powers. It is a divine instrument for procuring unchallengeable victory and preserving your birth right. You need the prayer mantle in order to possess your blessings and miracles. With the prayer mantle in your life, testimonies shall

locate you and you shall celebrate and become celebrated.

THE MEANING

You may ask what prayer mantle is. The prayer mantle is an instrument that has been packaged for you to use when you need to pray with results. To possess the prayer mantle is to have an all purpose weapon in your hands. There is no need to fear the enemy when you have the prayer mantle. Fear and confusion will be burnished when you have the prayer mantle.

The possession of the prayer mantle instills confidence in your heart. The prayer mantle is the answer to all of life's challenges. It is the beacon of hope when the journey of life becomes traumatic.

A GREAT WEAPON

Prayer is the believer's weapon for fighting life's battle, the staff of authority for going through tough terrains and the instrument for ensuring stability and steadfastness. You need to make use of prayer as a means of grace. When prayer becomes your source of strength and your anchor, the storms of life will no longer threaten you. When you make prayer your prop nothing will push you aside or destabilize you.

Isaiah 61:1-5:

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

A prayer less Christian, they say, is a powerless Christian. When you underestimate the power of prayer you have inadvertently underestimated your personal potentials. You need to draw upon the strength of prayer and utilize the daily deposits that can be found in the realm of prayer.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

There is no height you cannot attain through prayer. There is no mountain you cannot climb. No valley you cannot come out from and no situation you cannot handle through prayer. When prayers become a mantle, it becomes impregnable. The power of prayer cannot be underestimated. When other things have proved inadequate, prayer is the only force that will carry you further and further. Prayer knows no limitation. With the mantle of prayer in your hands, you will always triumph over wicked forces.

Isaiah 40:2

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A mantle is a point of contact between mortal man and immortal God. It is the bridge between finite man and infinite God. When all hope is gone, and there is no help in sight, the prayer mantle becomes handy. It will stand as a backbone when you need to lean on something that will not allow you fall. When the mantle of prayer becomes operational, people will be forced to acknowledge the Supremacy of the power of God and the efficacy of the power of prayer.

A GREAT GIFT

The mantle of prayer is the best gift from God. You cannot have a copy and continue to languish in misery and want. Elisha had access to the mantle of power and he stood gallantly and demonstrated the power of God. Even when Elijah was no more, he declared, “Where is the Lord God of Elijah?” and hit the river and it parted into two. God answered Elisha when the mantle was operational.

Isaiah 49:8-13

Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

The prayer points in this book are your own personal mantle. When you lay your hand on group of prayer points, and you ask life Elisha, “Where is the Lord God of Elijah?” you will receive great answers. The prayer points will bring God's presence into your situation. Those around you will discover that the power of God has not changed.

A NEW BEGINNING

Today marks the beginning of the season of wonders in your life. You will begin to attract heaven's attention when you pray. The prayer points in this book have worked wonders in the lives of men, women, and youths. Your case cannot be an exception. God wants to take you to the next level and move you higher in life. What you need to do is to pray fervently.

Remember, the Bible says: “The kingdom of God suffereth violence and the violent taketh it by force”. The level of victory you gain and the number of breakthroughs you will experience is dependent on how you make use of the mantle of prayer. You are not supposed to beg, or cringe before anyone. You are created to be a man of authority. You are expected to face challenges with confidence knowing that no mantle can stand before the power of prayer.

GLORY!

You will begin to experience new waves of glory and explore new possibilities. Your strength will become the strength of an unicorn. You will be highly favoured. Wherever you are, you will find help. No one will be able to insult you. As your God will be standby and beside you to support and vindicate you. The Spirit of God will back you up at all times and you will experience divine faithfulness in respect of what happened around you. This is the beginning of a new day. You shall testify.

PRAYERS

1. Lord, cloth me with power from on high in the name of Jesus

2. Lord, let your waves and billows of power and authority come upon my life in the name of Jesus

3. Lord, help me to die to self that I may live to follow you, in the name of Jesus

CHAPTER ONE

WHAT IS PRAYER?

The power/potency of prayers can never be over emphasized; prayer is so powerful that it quenched the strength of fire (Daniel 3:19-26). The potency of prayer has been known to bridle the rage of lions (Daniel 6:18-22). The efficiency of prayer has been known to stay the sun in its course (Joshua 5:16). Prayer is the greatest of all the forces on earth put together (Acts 12:1-17).

In fact, the earnest continued prayers of the righteous person is dynamic in its workings and operations (James 5:16). Prayer is an inexhaustible spiritual mine; it is the root and fountain of all the blessings of God (Isaiah 62:6-7). Importantly, prayer is the speaking part of our relationship with God.

Talking about prayer being the speaking part of our relationship with God, the word of God says:

“Men ought always to pray and not to faint”. Luke 18:1

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:6

“I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the

earth.” Isaiah 62:6-7

God himself said, “Keep not silent”, meaning that prayer is a continuous process in which you earnestly and persistently present your needs to (God) and is not supposed to be cut-off at any time. “Men ought always to pray and not faint”, shows that prayer is the platform on which the people of God uphold the hand of God in insistent communication with Him, until He establishes that which He said concerning them.

Through prayer you will discover is a spiritual device for enforcing God's will on earth. You can call it the master key to fulfilling the plan and purpose of God for humanity. It is one key that never fails in helping a man fulfill destiny in this spiritual world. Prayer is spiritual dynamite; as spiritual dynamite, it can do and undo.

However, it is important to state here that it is not everyone that gains the ears of the thrice Holy God. If you want your prayers to gain the ears of God, you must be born again; Jesus must become the Lord and Master of your life. Being born again is not optional; it is a must for you if you want God in the place of prayer. It is not the doctrine of a particular church or denomination. It is the doctrine of the Bible (John 3:1-18), which is the constitution of Christians and we are expected to obey the Word of God (Bible).

DEFINITIONS OF PRAYER

Ø Prayer is a platform on which the people of God uphold the hand of God until He establishes that which He said concerning them.

Ø Prayer is the instrument for enforcing God's will on earth.

Ø Prayer is the key to fulfilling destiny.

Ø Prayer is spiritual dynamite; it can do and undo.

Ø Prayer causes the omnipotent hand of God to rest upon ordinary men.

Ø Prayer is war – it is a spiritual fight, labour, contention and intense travail. In other words, prayer is hard work, it is like a woman in labour Hebrews 5:7-8, Colossians 4:12-13

Ø Prayer is asking and receiving from God Matthew 7:7. Correspondingly, an answer to prayer is a confirmation that genuine prayer was done. Irrespective of how long and how many times prayed without answers, it means there was no genuine prayer done.

Ø Prayer is creation, the spirit of prayer is the spirit of creation and your prayer life determines your worth before God.

Ø Prayer is a divine link that compels God to do:

v That which He has promised to do

v And that which He did not want to do

Ø Prayer is one never failing rescue operation

Ø Prayer is a sure way to keep Satan away from the activities of the man who prays.

Thus a man of prayer knows nothing impossible; he is familiar with a great God that can do all things

Ø Pray turns ordinary men into extra-ordinary men and the bible have records of such men who, through prayer did exploits. Example of such is Elijah, who stayed the heavens from dropping neither dew nor rain for 31/2 years. Do we talk about Daniel, who through the instrumentality of prayers controlled both the government and the economy of Babylon? Or Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who through the force of prayer quenched the strength of the fiery furnace, that it would not harm nor hurt their physical bodies.

Ø Prayer is the school of spiritual empowerment

Ø Prayer is a medium through which impossibilities are made possible by the God of all possibilities in the life of he, who prays

Ø Prayer is a means through which the mortal man contact the immortality of God

Ø Prayer is a means through which man come in contact with the awesomeness and greatness of God Almighty

Ø Prayer is a way through which the faithful commits God to do His strange works in all strange experiences they go through in life

Ø Prayer is a technique by which the sons and daughters of God of vengeance, report the enemies of God to the court of heaven for divine verdict

Ø Prayer makes a man a partaker of divine decision in cases that pertain to life, thus; it gives man the opportunity to argue out his case/s to God and call on God of heaven to fulfill that, which He says concerning the matter in His Word

Ø Prayer is a sure means of returning God's Word back to Him, thus; it is a spiritual activity, through which we lift God's Word to Him for confirmation.

Ø It is one of the most powerful forces or instrument for bringing the supernatural Power of God into manifestation. Looking at the event that took place in the book Acts 12:5-8, the force of prayer broke the gates of brass and cut the bars of iron asunder. It loosed the chains on Peter, Paul and Silas.

Ø Prayer is a means through which man comes face-to-face with divine opinion over a matter.

CHAPTER TWO

TYPES OF PRAYER

Like every other human concept, prayer cuts across diverse dimensions, all of which can be employed to communicate with the Almighty God who we pray to, for answers to the need we are presenting. Thus, the concept of prayer has different types. These are:

PRAYER OF PRAISE (PSALM 50:23)

Praise is the act of expressing our esteem value of God for His virtues and accomplishments. As in the book of Psalm 35:28 quoted thus (“And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the daylong”), praise is to say that God is worthy of honour. Therefore, in praise we gather all the facts we know about the Lord and pack them into words of adoration.

According to Dick East-man, praise is the local adoration of God. Adoration here involves the act of rendering divine honour, esteem and love to God. However, prayer of praise sets God's name apart as an object of our Divine worship. Here, our main focus is to glorify God with words of magnification and reverence.

In the book of Matthew 6:9-13 quoted thus:

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed

be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen",

Jesus set the standard for the act of divine adoration. First and foremost, He took time to reverence the Almighty God before anything else. Thus, God is given the first position in praise.

Benefits of Prayer of Praise

God's Presence – In the Holy Scriptures the presence of God is mostly drawn to His people when they praise him and in Psalm 22:3 the bible says:

"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Correspondingly, when the presence of God of Light comes down to inhabit with His people, forces of darkness will be driven away because light and darkness cannot abide together.

Outpouring of God's Glory – Prayer of praise leads to the outpouring of God's Glory. As in the book of II Chronicles 5:13-14

"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God."

God manifests His living presence and power in the praise saturated chamber.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Prayer of thanksgiving is one in which a person expresses gratitude/appreciation to God for His mercies. In prayers of thanksgiving we give God thanks for what He has done and is still doing for us. Prayer of thanksgiving delivers us from the sin of ingratitude by focusing us on God's faithfulness.

“Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.” – Proverb 17:13

This type of prayer builds our faith and gives us easy access into God's presence. As Psalm 100:4 says, “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” No wonder our Lord maintained an attitude of thanksgiving throughout His earthly work. As in John 11:41, Matthew 11:25; Mark 8:6. The Apostles were taught to give thanks in all things as in; Colossians 3:17; Thessalonians 5:18; Ephesians 5:18, 20.

Start today to abound in this ministry of thanksgiving. Consequently thank God for:

- Saving your life
- The man that led you to Christ
- Those He has used to sustain your faith.
- Past physical, spiritual, financial and material blessings etc

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When a Christian falls into sin, he is “under arrest” by the enemy. In this state, there is a strong war between the spirit of God in him and his conscience, despite the cover-up. He may attempt to pray for one reason or the other but Satan is there to accuse and discourage him. Realizing that God is Holy, he would have conquered him. To be straight with God and to overcome satanic accusation of guilt, he has to obey the Word of God.

Thus, prayer of confession is the act of realizing first that you are a sinner and that sin brings enmity between man and God his maker. It involves sincere admission that you have wronged the Holy God and repenting before Him who has promised to forgive when we confess our sins and weaknesses to Him.

To stress this the more, the bible in the book of I John 1:8-9 says:

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

However, every Christian must learn to be humble before God, accept his/her sins and ask for both forgiveness and cleansing in the blood of Jesus. In prayer of confession, we accept our sins before God, our failures and errors.

Prayers of confession are control devices that help us to avoid glorying in sin. It also helps us to understand in our daily walk with God, that there are spiritual boundaries we must not walk across if we are to pray and to be accepted before Him. Prayers of confession help us to clear our hearts of the legal hold of guilt.

In his idea on prayer of confession, Harold Lindel says that; “Just as the surgeon lances a boil to permit the infection to drain, and heal from the inside, so confession opens the sore, drains the poison and heals from within. Therefore, there can be no healing within until there is first confession. Confession is conditional to cleansing. Until known sin is fully dealt with, we are not ready to pray. John Allan Lavender elaborates on this when he wrote: “Before you pray for a change pray for a change in character”.

In the whole, confession is the best basis upon which repentance is built. After confessional prayer has been done properly, faith and confidence are restored for one to stand before God in prayer.

CONVERSATIONAL PRAYERS

This style of prayer involves dialogue between the faithful who prays and God whom he/she prays to. It is not directional because a certain level of discussion is reached between man and God who is his Father.

In conversational prayers, you labour with the consciousness that God is before you. Hence, orderliness, appreciation and total respect on what God likes and avoidance of what He does not like is highly required on the side of the man that prays. Practically, one is expected to provide a seat and keep it for the Lord to sit while he/she takes time to talk to God as a Father.

However, there must be a consuming awareness of God's presence in your midst

for your conversation prayer to be effective (Matthew 18:19-20). You need to be in God's will to be effective in conversational prayer. It is wonderful if you love the Lord enough to win His acceptance of your person. If God is your father, and you are His son; speak to him honestly and sincerely about your need. Bare your heart to Him without inhibition. After talking to Him, wait and hear Him speak to you. Receive his opinion, rebuke or disagreement to your demands with a childlike humility and obedience. Respond back to the disagreement with strong reasons why you want Him to do it.

Conversational prayer can also be done by a team of Christian allowing the Holy Spirit to guide their prayers. One of them can open the prayer session by asking the Holy Spirit to come and help them and use them to lift up the issues He wants handled. There can be some silence before an issue is dropped in the ear of one person for handling. When the person has prayed and stopped, another person in the meeting can take up the same issue by bringing up areas that the first person did not touch. The first person can still pray more if the Holy Spirit lays on him some new burdens on the issue until that matter has been tidied up. When there are no more burdens for that issue another person can lift up another point to God. This point can be about a person, a ministry, a minister or any other issue of common interest for intercession.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Intercession is the act or ministry of standing between man/men, land, church, pastor, leader etc and God in prayers, pleading with tears and agony that a desired judgment should be averted or given. It can also be prayers for healing, deliverance or blessing of the people, a person stands in the gap for. Intercession is called the heart of prayers. Why? Intercession is a spiritual device through which kingdom partners of heaven are mobilized to contribute in the totality of God's programs on earth. Intercession is the highest level of prayer. And as Dr. Yohanne Lee would say; prayer is where it all begins and where it all ends. Going by the words of A.T Pierson, every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer. It has been the preparation for every new triumph and the secret of all success.

However, intercessors are kingdom minded men and women with genuine spirit

of concern for others. They have the full backing of heavenly power and authority to repossess whatever the enemy has stolen from God such as lands, souls of men, thrones etc. Therefore, in intercession, self is buried while pleading with God for others.

Intercession is so important that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ever liveth to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:21-25). Intercession is therefore a priestly function of all genuine children of God (I Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:5-6). Unfortunately, we lack intercessors and that is why we have disasters here and there.

“Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.” Isaiah 59:9

In the above scripture, God revealed to Isaiah the prophet a mockery discussion going on in the kingdom of darkness. One of the principalities was inviting other demons (beasts) to come and devour. He had discovered that the watchmen (Intercessor) were blind, ignorant, lazy, greedy and lacked foresight. Be sincere, are you like this in the church? Are you careless about church development and uninterested in the problems? Then you must be one of the criminals (I Samuel 12:23; Psalm 89:40-44). Why? You have made the enemy of the Lord to rejoice. You have allowed them to hinder without a challenge and yet you still claim to be a “child of God”. The court of heaven is sitting now over your sin of prayerlessness and its consequences on God's program and projects (I Samuel 12:23).

PRAYER OF PROPHETIC INTERCESSION

This is a prayer burden from the Holy Spirit that stirs up an intercessor or a praying Christian to pray for issues and places for which they are not physically conversant with. Thus, in that way the intercessors or yielded vessel is spiritually aligned with the government of Heaven to bring to pass prophetic agenda of God

for which he may not even know much about in the physical.

PRAYER OF PETITION

This is prayer of earnest request from man to God. In prayers of petition, a child of God takes time to ask God for definite financial, material, social or physical needs that are personal to him. Scriptures such as Matthew 7:7; Jeremiah 33:8, Proverbs 10:24b; Matthew 6:11 are some of the foundation scriptures for petition prayers. They are basis for asking God for personal blessings; although there are many others.

In petition prayers, we are expected to be definite as to what we meant. Hence, petition prayer does not need rigmaroling. Petition prayers will help your case if you take time to explain to the Lord exactly what you want and why you want it (if the need be). Remember, He is the one that has called you to “bring your strong arguments that you may be justified”. “Come let us reason together”. And as Dick East-man would say; “Pray carefully through each request. It is spiritually healthy to take a need apart, piece-by-piece, during prayer. Analyze the problem from every angle and then express it as a petition. The more specific and complete the petition, the more faith is generated when we bring it to God.”

With faith and humility, out of a sincere heart, let us present our personal supplications to God, for He cares about our comfort.

PRAYER OF FAITH

Prayer of faith is a prayer that believes that what is asked for will be provided by the Heavenly Father. The unique thing about this prayer is that you pray for yourself and not somebody else praying for you. Prayer of faith is not limited in its use. It can be used in praying for “whatsoever” issue or problem ranging from healing, blessings of God, deliverance, fruit of the womb etc.

In the book of Matthew 21:21-22 and Mark 11:24 (as quoted), Jesus took some time to talk about prayer of faith. Thus the bible says:

> “Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have

faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:21-22

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24

Characteristics of Prayer of Faith

1) Prayer of faith believes that God hears our prayers

2) Prayer of faith believes that God answers our prayers in a specific way

3) Prayer of faith can be said only over issues we are convinced are in the Will of the Father (I John 5:14)

4) Prayer of faith must be said with such assurance that we will receive what we asked for, with thanksgiving from our inner man, naturally at the end.

5) Prayer of faith is very effective in the hands of a man who enjoys fellowship, communion and in fact, good relationship with the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF AGREEMENT

Agreement prayer is the act of coming together of two or more Christians with one goal, to pray for or against a situation or circumstance. This type of prayer is said to be efficacious because, the bible says:

"One will pursue a thousand, but two will pursue ten thousand". ,

"This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." II Corinthians 13:1,

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Stressing the potency of prayer of agreement, our Lord and Master Jesus made us to understand in Matthew 18:19-20, that:

“If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Indeed, there is tremendous power in agreement prayer if you can get somebody to sincerely agree with you in prayer, because two people in agreement are better than a lone man and they will have a reward for their labour. Although, you can be powerful as a Christian in prayer but you will be ten times more powerful in prayer if you can find somebody to agree with you (See: Deuteronomy 32:30).

However, the problem with prayer of agreement is being able to find somebody who can sincerely agree with you in spirit and in truth. Unfortunately, when many people say they agree, they still reserve other alternatives in their hearts.

Scripturally a lot of bible figures engaged in agreement prayer and it really yielded a lot of results. For instance, in Daniel 2:16-19, Daniel found people he could agree with and God honoured His word. As a result, what remained a mystery to Nebuchadnezzar was revealed to Daniel and lives were saved. Similar thing was applicable in Acts 4:23-31 (as quoted), the prayer of agreement which the Apostles made in one accord granted them the boldness to preach the Word of God with signs and wonders because the prayers they made (in spirit and truth) in agreement were answered,

“And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may

speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." – (Acts 4:23-31)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The prayer of dedication involves a prayer of absolute surrender of oneself to God for His solemn use. In prayer of dedication, one gives up or devotes oneself, family, children, property etc over to God for sacred purpose. Once you devote yourself or your property to God, you no longer have right over the item given out, as written in Leviticus 27:28-29 quoted thus:

"Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD. None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death." (See also II Chronicles 6:1-11).

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Prayer of supplication involves a very desperate demand for a need by a Christian, in a manner that gives the impression that his whole life is tied to the issue at stake. It requires an intense effort of a supplicant whom B.B.C Dictionary refers to as a person who humbly asks God or an important person to help him or to give him something that he very much needs.

Biblically, Hanna's prayer in the Book of I Samuel 1:9-12 demonstrates that the prayer of supplication is a very desperate, earnest and intense heart-cry to God. In this verse of the bible, Hannah the wife of Elkanah prayed with all energy of her heart and wept sore. Hence, the prayer of supplication comes from the depths of the heart and the supplicant is more or less saying; "God except you do it". The expression in this kind of prayer reads thus, "there is no alternative hope but God".

PRAYER OF TRAVAIL

According to Advanced Learner's Dictionary, travail means “pains of childbirth or laborious effort. In its sense, prayer of travail involves deep groaning inside, as a woman in labour pains. This type of prayer can be audible or inaudible.

In the book of Galatians 4:19 (as quoted)

“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,”

Apostle Paul talks about spiritual birth pangs he goes through for Christ to be fully formed in their lives. In the same way, Isaiah 53:11, which reads

“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”,

Bears the prophetic message of the travail Jesus was to go through to save humanity. And the book of Luke 22:44-45 is a clear fulfillment of the prevailing prayer prophecy of prophet Isaiah.

Groaning prayers comes from the heart; thus, it takes a genuine burden to pray travailing prayers. Buttressing this the more, in Romans 8:26, the bible says;

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

In fact, travailing prayers are very powerful because the spirit of the person communicates with the Father of all spirits.

PRAYER OF LAMENTATION

This is the crying out to heaven by an oppressed man or woman, saying to God come and judge between me and my oppressors and deliver me from their hands. When this type of cry is coming from an honest, sincere heart, God responds immediately.

However, the locus classicus of lamentation prayer is in the book of I Samuel 24:8-16. Here, you will see lamentation of the highest order. Before his very face, David sued King Saul to his conscience and asked that heaven seat over them in judgement. Thus, where it concerns matters of lamentation, you must be

extremely sure that you are on the right side. When the enemy becomes too tough, fierce, terribly formidable, go low via lamentation and ask God to arise in judgment.

In II Samuel 19:24-30, the bible revealed that the foolish Ziba did not know it was the day his lineage was concluded – for nothing about him was ever heard again from that moment onwards.

The book of Revelation 6:9-10 revealed that the most dreadful of all lamentation is when the blood of the innocent cries. Consequently, whether it is by man slaughter or by abortion, the families/persons they are crying against must go through a proper repentance to become free from the impending doom.

Generally, when you have a clear genuine case, lamentation prayer makes the spiritual atmosphere ready, ripe or better still charged for judgment to be released speedily on a person's behalf. For instance, when a widow who is a widow and fatherless children are being oppressed unnecessarily and when their portion and place are being denied in the family; if they open their mouth in lamentation to God, scriptures will be fulfilled right away. Unfortunately, so many widows that are widows and the fatherless have not understood clearly the power and authority conferred upon them in the place of lamentation.

PRACTICAL PRAYERS

Picture where a widow who is being oppressed, turns to heaven and said to God, “My husband, you know I am honest in calling you; you know that there is no other man in my life. I know you as a husband who takes care of His wives; these people are saying to me that they have seen no man because the pride of my life is gone. But, I know you are there for me and these children. I cannot face them because the strength of my life is gone. I hide behind Your Almighty and ask You to stand tall and defend me and these fatherless children. Let scripture be fulfilled. Then apply Psalm 109:6-16. God will definitely react to her plea. Indeed, He will avenge her oppressors speedily.

SCRIPTURAL LAMENTATIONS

Ø Psalm 55:1-15

Ø Psalm 109:1-19

Ø I Samuel 24:8-16

UNITED PRAYERS

This is a prayer that harnesses the power of Trinity. This involves the mobilization of the corporate anointing, callings and ordinations of different people under God for a specific purpose as in Acts 4:23-32.

United prayers touch God to move in a spectacular way and to do the impossible. It is a powerful weapon for community, city and state evangelization. Some years ago, the churches in one village in Eastern Nigeria decided to gather together for a united prayer against the growing tide of wickedness and deaths in the land. As at that time, the Catholics and Anglican, Methodists, Evangelicals and Pentecostal came together for a united prayer action. The heavens were opened and God came down. Native Doctors, wicked men and women went home and brought out their charms and instruments of wickedness for destructions. There was no external preacher, but people came out to make strange confessions as they renounced Satan. That's why Satan fights united prayers or the unity of the church.

In the book of Acts of the Apostles 12:1-8 quoted thus;

“Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast

thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place. Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter",

The power of united prayer mobilized heavenly support for a miraculous deliverance for Peter.

Other biblical examples of United Prayers include: -

1. Esther 4:15-17, 6:1-14; 7:1-10
2. Jonah 3:1-10 (United Repentance Prayer)
3. Ezra 10:1-12 (United Report Prayer)
4. II Chronicles 5:2-14 (United Worship Prayer)
5. II Chronicles 20:1-19 (with specification to verse 3)

PRAYING IN TONGUES

This is a Heavenly language that is not learned, through which we communicate

directly with God. When we pray in tongues, neither man nor the enemy understands us. It is our hotline to God.

Talking about praying in tongues, the bible in the book of I Corinthians 14:2, says;

“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”.

From the biblical account in Acts 1:8, it is shown that 'speaking in tongues' is our key to power. It bestows supernatural ability to be an effective witness for Jesus. The book of Jude 1:20 shows also that praying in tongues is a powerful means for building up ones faith. WHY? He that spends time each day, praying in tongues, charges up himself. In fact, it confers divine boldness. Recall that before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:14-40; 4:31, Peter denied His Master thrice but after the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, his exhibitions about Christ took a new shape. Can you beat that in your imagination, with regards to the denial prior and the boldness after?

In Romans 8:26-27, praying in tongues is shown as a sure means of praying according to the Will of God. It is also a wonderful way to take care of issues we do not know but which need intercession. However, praying in tongues is such a wonderful instrument that Paul warned the church not to forbid it in I Corinthians 14:39. Apostle Paul also interceded that all will be able to speak in tongues in I Corinthians 14:5. DO YOU SPEAK IN TONGUES?

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS

This is a contest prayer between the kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Darkness. It is a battle of the kingdoms. The Kingdom of God here includes children of God, Angels of God and the Almighty God who are posited on one side while the Kingdom of Darkness includes Satanists, demons and Satan posited on the other side of the battle line.

Expressing what is involved in this kind of warfare, the bible reminds us in Ephesians 6:10-18 and it says:

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”

It is important to note that God has equipped us for this warfare as His representatives here on earth. In order to fulfill the purpose written in I John 3:8b

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

Spiritual Warfare prayers are authoritative and commanding prayers geared towards destroying the works of darkness and advancing the program of God. The weapons for the battle are spiritual weapons from the heavenly military arsenals.

PRAYER OF BINDING AND LOSING

The word bind simply implies to tie, hold together or chain. On the other hand, to lose means to release or to set free. Thus, the prayer of binding involves that art of tying or chaining wicked spirits and rendering them impotent. It also entails the process of casting out such spirits away from the place of worry.

The second part of that prayer is losing prayers. Here you lose or release the person or victim from the bondage of the enemy. You break the powers of these controlling spirits holding captive their souls, spirits and bodies. You release God's Glory as well as Angels of God to perfect the case. The prayer of Binding and Loosing is an authoritative prayer directed at the enemy.

However, despite our sins, God made us a promise in Ephesians 2:5-6 that:

“Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

Again, by the reason of being a son of God, you take your kindly position with the Master and command the lower powers to submit. The empowerment is from God while the initiative is from the believer.

In Matthew 18:18, we also have the promise of the Master that WHATSOEVER we bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and WHATSOEVER we lose one earth shall be loosed in heaven. We have the assurance of heaven's support to bind and loose.

CHAPTER THREE

WHY YOU MUST PRAY

Our Lord and Master Jesus commanded us to pray and failure to pray is disobedience to the Master's command; it is an outright rebellion. In the scriptures while He spoke to His disciples, He made it clear that prayer is not discretionary and thus He said:

“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.” Matthew 6:5-7

From the scriptures above, the Lord wanted all disciples to know that prayer is not optional, thus He said to them “when thou prayest” , which shows that we are expected to pray, because we are in constant warfare with the forces of darkness.

In fact, every Christian must have a secret place of prayer (Mk 1:35; Luke 4:42; 5:16; 6:12) because without prayer, a Christian is naked, without cover. Prayer is the lifestyle of every Christian and is equally essential to a Christian's life for it

is only through prayers that you can fulfill destiny and make a positive impact on the people and the world around you.

Interestingly, there are more benefits to prayer than failure to pray, and these benefits are such that they only come when you make prayer your lifestyle. Thus, it is only when you pray that God communicates His feelings, opinion, intensions etc to you (Acts 13:2); and reveals an impending danger or judgment to you (Genesis 18:17). Likewise, prayer gives you the avenue to ask whatsoever you want for God uses our prayers to accomplish His will in our lives and that is why, prayer is dynamic in its workings and operation and can make the impossible, possible.

Correspondingly, when the bible says that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much, the bible is talking about the pains, worries, stress, lack, humiliations, disappointments, frustrations, denials, battles, hatreds etc. therein in praying. As a result, you must develop spiritual muscles to face the battles of life but painfully, a lot of Christians have no spiritual spine.

God uses people of prayer; He loves them and He is always looking out for men who would stand in the place of prayer, joining force with Him to make the world a better place. Talking about the need for prayer and men who would stand in the gap, the bible has this to say:

“And I sought for a man among them, which should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” Ezekiel 22:30

Therefore, never give up on any prayer matter that is in God's will, for people of prayer never take no as an answer; rather they are men of persevering faith.

In view of that, you must pray because:

- Ø Prayer means joining forces with God
- Ø God demands that we should ask whatever we want and we will have it
- Ø Our God is more than able to perfect that which concerns our lives
- Ø When you pray, you lay bare your heart before God and God probes our

hearts at the place of prayer to see if we are qualified to speak into His ears (Psalm 15:1-5). That is why prayer burdens are essential.

Ø You need to keep God in remembrance on that which He has promised to do for you because He says

“ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.” (Isaiah 62:6b)

Ø We are transfigured/changed at the place of prayer, hence the bible says:

“And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.” – Luke :28-29

Ø Through prayers your old self is nailed to the cross and a new you begin to unfold, conforming to the image of Christ as in Rom 8:29 which says:

“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Ø You must pray because Psalm 74:20 says

“Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.”

Ø You contact the mighty power of God at the place of prayer as in Luke 9:42-43a, that reads:

“And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.”

Ø Because stars can be covered, buried, caged, blackmailed, sold etc and these are hunted on daily basis

Ø It is only at the place of prayer that you can silence the wickedness being released by cruel men on unsuspecting victims

Ø You need to make people accept the supremacy of our God

Ø As a child/son of God, you are expected to always commune with our Heavenly Father and you cannot do this except through prayer

Ø You need to be divinely guided and instructed as to the next line of action in ministry, family, work, relationship etc As in I Samuel 30:7-8

“And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.”

From the scriptures, you discover that David had it as a habit to always inquire of the Lord in every given situation before he steps out. In that way, he was victorious in all his battles because his strategy and direction was of the Lord.

Ø To maintain a direct link with God requires that you must be a man of prayer.

Ø Our Master (Jesus Christ) laid that as a principle which we, as His followers must imbibe. Thus the bible recorded that before He started His ministry, He fasted for forty days and night, praying to His Father who sent Him to bestow on Him all that was needed to do His will on earth. Secondly, when He was about to suffer for the sake of mankind, the bible also says that He prayed and sweated blood, which is to say that prayer is essential in the life of every child of God in starting and ending a project/s (see also, II Corinthians 5:1-4, Psalm 91:1)

Ø Prayer is very crucial in overcoming the world full of war/s or battles.

Ø To survive in the ever changing world, you need prayer as a sustenance since without God, we can do nothing

Ø In the last days, the love of many will grow cold and iniquity shall abound; hence, we must pray to maintain our relationship with God and to be focused in running our race to enable us meet the Master face-to-face with smiles and rewards

Ø Prayer grants you divine covering/clothing from His presence. This

covering shields you from satanic arrows, spells etc although you may not see it but the enemy sees it.

“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.” – II Corinthians 5:1-4

Ø Through the act of prayer you contend with the enemy in order to possess your possession. Thus, to sustain any promotion and maintain every breakthrough, prayer is all important. –

“Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.” – Deuteronomy 2:24

Ø There are a lot of enemies

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.” – I Corinthians 16:9

Ø Through the instrumentality of prayer, you resist or rather stop the activities of territorial and geographical spirits that work tediously (if not desperately) to hinder you from obvious progress, as in the case of Daniel in Daniel 10:11-13 quoted thus:

“And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.”

Ø You must pray to tame the wolves like being and to keep off the roaring lion seeking for people to devour for the bible says:

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” – I Peter 5:8-10

Ø The whole world lieth in wickedness

Ø A praying man/woman expels the evil of each day away from his/her life and home for every day has enough evil, which must be contended and triumphed over in prayer

“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Matthew 6:34, Ephesians 5:16

Ø Prayer fire within your life/home checks the movement and the activities of evil spirits, who will always dread to come near your dwelling as confirmed in Matthew 12:43-45

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.”

Ø Days are evil – “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” – Ephesians 5:16

Ø A man/woman of prayer has power to disarm any strongman troubling his/her life, home, ministry, church, environment etc

“When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him

all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.” – Luke 11:21-22

- I Timothy 1:18-20
- Luke 4:1-2, 14, 18 – 40 days
- I Corinthians 15:53, 54, 44
- Genesis 32:3-7, 9-13, 24-29
- Luke 22:41-44; Heb 5:7-9
- Acts 12:11-14, Luke 11:2, 18:1, I Thessalonians 5:17

Summarily, prayer is the life style of every Christian that knows and believes in a great God that rules in the affairs of men. It is a never ending exercise for kingdom minded Christians. Failure at the altar of prayer is failure in everything.

In Luke 5:16 and Mark 1:3,

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed”, “And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed”,

It is crystal clear that prayer is the key. Jesus did practically nothing without prayer, what's more he never joked with midnight prayers.

The apostle Paul, amongst many other biblical men of prayer was a prayer machine, and his prayer height granted him power with God, no wonder he said; I fought a good fight and I finished my course. Indeed, it was not with mere words or empty boast, he truly travailed in prayer and became victorious in all his warfare/battle.

From the bible records in Ephesians 6:18 and I Corinthians 14:14-15, 18, we were advised to pray. However, would it not be a sin not to pray always and then a deadly offence not to pray at all? Jesus is our example and as Christians who want to make it victoriously in this journey to heaven, we must follow in His footsteps.

In all, I enjoin you to shake thyself from the dust; arise and pray. Prayer is life, it is health – call it the key to power and authority. We are expected to pray

continually for without prayer, you are naked and being naked spiritually makes one vulnerable to the devil's attacks. Prayer is cover and if you maintain an attitude of prayer, the devil and his cohorts can hardly harass you – (See Psalm 91:1-8).

CHAPTER FOUR

WATCH AND PRAY

This is an urgent call from heaven; God is calling the church of Jesus Christ to watch and pray. It is not enough to watch and it is not enough to pray; a combination of both is what is required of us, hence we are called to watch and pray.

Talking about “watching and praying”, the Master in the book of Luke 21:34-36, has this say

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

In the above scripture, Jesus informed us that His coming would take a lot of people by surprise; He opined that the cares, pleasures and pressures of this life will distract a lot of people from their focused faith. As a result, He warned us to watch and pray.

The question I want to ask you is: Have you not been overtaken? Be honest, have you been prayerfully following Bible prophecies and their fulfillment? I

urge you beloved to prayerfully study the end-time prophecies and recent news, scientific and technological developments. For the bible says in the book of Mark 13:31-33, 35-37, that:

“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. TAKE YE HEED, WATCH AND PRAY: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN THE TIME IS.”

Painfully, a lot of present day believers do not understand the basic end-time signs of the second coming of our Lord. The trumpet sound will take many Christians by surprise. Are you going to be one of them? Hear the Master's warning today, “watch and pray!”

We must be spiritually sensitive and alert, serving Him as we wait for His coming in glory. Let's remain focused on mandate and assignments committed into our care. Let's ensure that His resources and talents committed into our care are traded with.

Have your buried your own? If you have, hear what the bible says concerning the unprofitable servant:

“Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” – (Matthew 25:24-30)

Do not be the unprofitable servant; he had a horrible end into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. It is not too late to repent

now that you still have life.

You must honour and serve the Master with the graces He has given and beautified your life with. You must be kingdom minded and must make the prayer in Matthew 6:10 quoted thus, your watchword:

“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

You must endeavor to make the kingdom of God the paramount of your whole existence; make it your physical, financial, intellectual and material commitment; it must become the reason for your existence. It is midnight!

CHAPTER FIVE

PRAYER IS THE KEY

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." – Mark 1:14-15

Part of the major assignment of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was: -

- To preach the Kingdom of God
- To build the Kingdom of God

I do not know what your own assignment is; but the main weapon our Lord used to establish that vision is prayer. He never played with prayer; He was committed to prayer as a major sign of His dependence on God the Father. Unfortunately, many of us do not depend on God and it shows by our prayer less life. For our Lord and Master Jesus, prayer was his beginning and ending tool, with which He worked through the assignment for which He came. Thus, He would always commit His daily affairs into the hands of He who sent Him, because He indeed knows that prayer is the key.

Talking about Jesus state of importance on prayer, the bible says:

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." – Mark 1:35

Our Lord and Master made prayer the priority of priorities; which is to say that the most important work on earth is prayer. Surprisingly, the church of this age makes little of prayer. If we want to advance the interest of God in the church and generally on the planet earth, prayer is the greatest weapon that can advance the course of God.

Prayer has more power embedded in it than the whole weapon of mass destruction. It is the rail on which God's locomotive engine i.e. (His power) moves. One thing that makes the devil tremble, which equally puts his kingdom into confusion is prayer. Prayer is an instrument/weapon that can be both good and bad. In this respect I mean that prayer can give life, and it can also take away life. Prayer can lift up and it can also bring down.

In mark 11:24 Jesus said to His disciples, whatsoever you desire will be at your beck and core when you pray. Prayer is an all important exercise which has no time limit attached to it. The scripture commands us to pray without ceasing. A praying church has tremendous power and authority over kingdoms and nations. Through the instrumentality of prayers we can control the leaders of nations and powers that be. Prayer saved Cameroon from becoming an Islamic nation by now. Thank God for faithful men like the late Zachariah .T. Form and his team.

Satan does not fear the preaching and teaching of the word that is not soaked in prayer. He is not moved by the evangelism and giving of alms and other church ceremonies that are not prayer based. Satan dreads prayer and holy men of prayers.

The first person Jesus always spoke to was His father before He spoke to mortals. The disciples were so fascinated that they asked Him to teach them how to pray.

WHY?

- v They discovered that prayer is dynamite Mk 11:20-21
- v Prayer is creation and recreation John 11:40-44
- v Prayer is the key to fulfilling destiny Luke 22:41-43
- v Prayer is the key for bringing “thus says the Lord” from the spirit realm

into the physical realm. Example of Israel in Egypt; Israel stayed extra thirty years in captivity because there was no intercessor. Fortunately, no matter how long captivity has lasted, there will always be a release once the force of prayer comes into its effect.

Listen to me, a man or woman of prayer knows nothing that is impossible. He is familiar with a great God that can do all things. A habit of prayer is very important to acquire because:

v Prayer turns ordinary men into extraordinary instruments of God. (Daniel 6:18-27; Acts 16:25-30)

v Prayer causes the omnipotent hand of God to rest upon ordinary men (Acts 2:1-12)

v Prayer is the multipurpose instrument for accomplishing everything (Mk 11:23; Mk 9:23-29)

v Prayer is the greatest support pillar for maintaining physical and spiritual structures that exists already.

v Prayer is a deadly weapon in the hand of a Christian for crushing all that is evil (Acts 13:8-12)

v Prayer is the sewing machine for patching whatever is torn or leaking

v Prayer is the greatest spiritual army (security) for protection and safe-guarding whatever that is good

v Prayer is the key for effective maintenance of territories that have been recovered from the enemy

v Desperate praying, focused praying, prevailing praying, earnest continued praying etc open closed heavens.

v Prayer is the master key for opening every closed door

Example - In a family of seven brothers, one out of the seven brothers was a native doctor and did not go to school. The seven brothers were all graduates but had no work. Why? The native doctor collected their stars and tied them down. But as time went on, they listened to a beautiful teaching on warfare prayers,

after which they entered into warfare prayers and the effect of that prayer was that the native doctor (which is their brother) collapsed. And they all got jobs in short time. There is enormous power in prayer, especially praying the right prayer for every situation.

In all, a man of prayer has all the keys to open doors and turn situations around for good in his favor through his prayer for the door can never be closed against a man with the key, let alone a man with a knife. WHY? Where there is no key, the knife can break through the door and cause a wide entrance into the desired place. That key (or knife) is prayer, indeed prayer is the key.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

PRAYERS THAT PREVAIL

There are prayers and there are prayers. There are a lot of prayers that have been prayed with no result. There is no result or answer, not because the channel is a sinner nor is it that the prayer is not the will of God. No! The problem is that the believer does not have enough burden for the need and had alternatives hidden in the corner of his heart and thus failed to prevail on his/her knees.

Prevailing prayers are those prayers that receive answer for whatever was demanded. The word prevail means to fight successfully. Thus, prevailing prayer is that prayer warfare in which a Christian fights successfully without losing to the enemy.

Prevailing prayer is the prayer where you toil, labour and groan until what is being asked for is received. And this is the point of difference between the rugged soldiers and the idle, lazy civilian. Therefore, the faithful pray prevailing prayer, while the faithless surrender easily. Where do you belong?

Prevailing prayers do not accept no as an answer; they are spiritual battles, spiritual labour, and intense travail. Believe me, it is focused spiritual contention.

Biblically, men of the old such as Elijah used prevailing prayer to deal with the challenges they encountered during their time. The results were tremendously

alarming; Heaven stood by him to perform the utterances of his mouth which was made with intense focus in prayer, as in the book of 1 Kings 18:41-45, cited below:

“And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, there is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.”

The scripture above is heavy and very informative. Remember that the prophet has been assured by God that He will send rain but instead of going to fold his arms as many Christians would fold their hands over promise/s of God concerning their lives without doing anything to see to its manifestation, Prophet Elijah was busy, praying a prevailing prayer until heaven released rain.

Notice also from that same scriptures that the heavens over the land had been closed for three and a half years, but despite that, his faith was still up believing that God's promise must come to pass. As a result he told the King, “Get thee up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of abundance of rain.” That should be the faith of the man that will pray prevailing prayers.

Look at the nature of prayer the man prayed, he cast his head between his two legs and began to pray. He shot himself away from the distractions to concentrate before God in prayer. Thus, prevailing prayer is not the type you pray with your phone on, your eyes on the gate or on the clock.

In Elijah's case, for him to prevail in prayer, he took time to pray seven different levels of intense, focused, agonizing prayers. Remember therefore that seven stands for perfection, fullness and speaks of completeness. However, he prayed and prayed and prayed again and again and through focused, concentrated and persistent intercession, he was able to push through satanic resistance to bring

down rain. This is Prevailing Prayer and YOU CAN DO IT!

Notice also that during the course of his prayers, his servant's report did not discourage him, instead, it became a propelling force. He added more speed, the velocity and intensity rose beyond normal. And suddenly, the heavens turned black clouds. Friends, that's labour.

The same type of prayer was applicable to Peter's encounter with Herod, as shown in Acts 12:5-12, quoted below:

“Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.”

The scriptures here recorded that Herod rose up against the church and killed James. When he saw that it pleased his people, he arrested Peter with plan to kill him too. But the church gathered to pray prevailing prayers. They prayed continuously for Peter's release and it was a non-stop prayer for they realized that the integrity of God was at stake. Thus, they put aside every other distraction to be focused on Peter's release. The concentration was such that Peter's knocking at the door to them was a distraction they had no provision for.

All the spirits were inside the throne room making demand that the Supremacy of God be demonstrated.

The book of I Samuel 1:4-11 also recorded the result Hannah got when she took to prevailing prayer. Hence, the bible recorded that:

“when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.”

Here is another good example of prevailing prayers. Hannah had a biting problem that had been eating her up from inside. The reproaches and mockery of Penninah gave her enough burdens, such that when she was coming into the presence of God, there was little distraction, (if any) remaining in her heart. The annual festival at Shiloh, the feastings, friends and even the hypocritical statements of the husband lost their meanings and value to Hannah. When Hannah prayed, she poured out her heart to God; she demonstrated a very strong desire in what she was asking by the manner and intensity of her prayers. She prayed, cried and vowed a vow to God.

The result remains that prevailing prayers of this nature, flowing from a burdened and desperate seeker always produce supernatural results. When she finished, she was convinced that God has heard her – that is FAITH. Look at her actions which shows practical faith as recorded in verse 18 of the same scripture

“So the woman went her way and did eat and her countenance was no more sad”

CHAPTER EIGHT

PERSISTENT, AGONIZING PRAYER

The word persistent means to continue tirelessly or non-stop in a state or action unhindered by difficulties, oppositions, distractions or discouragements' A persistent person is a man of determination. He does not give up, no matter the opposition or resistance.

Additionally, persistent prayer is a type of prayer in which the faithful that prays, holds on still until he/she receives result from the throne of grace. He importunately disturbs God with his prayers, until he gets the attention of heaven over the situation.

It is a form of prayer in which one falls in line with the demands of Isaiah 62, which says:

“I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”

It also means, incessant or unrelenting praying, in which the person that prays continues praying despite the problems or how discouraging the event appears to be.

Explicitly, persistent prayer means PUSH, which reads:

P – Pray

U – Until

S – Something

H – Happens

However, persistent prayer is the act of praying without quitting and uninterruptedly with repeated action, until answer to what is being demanded for, is received.

Agonizing on the other hand entails strenuous, excruciating physical or mental pain. It involves severe mental, physical torture or soul anguish. Agonizing prayer is therefore an extreme painful, distressing or heartbreaking act of wrestling in prayer from a desperate heart. It is an all out attack on the enemy from a crushed soul or burdened heart.

By implication, it has been practically proven that prayers done with burdened heart (agonized heart) yields result faster, WHY? Because a person with burden pours uncontrollable tears before God and goes extra mile to get the hand and attention of God in the matter he is presenting. Extensively, this type of prayer is done with all solidarity to God Almighty as the only alternative left, and you know what, sometimes God does not work until you show Him that He is the only alternative you have. Therefore, it is a spirit to spirit encounter.

Implicitly, persistent agonizing prayer is therefore, an act of uninterrupted and unhindered praying despite the oppositions/resistance, made from a crushed, desperate and burdened heart. These are the highest level of prayer intensity, used for breaking out great testimonies of healings, deliverance, breakthrough and victories. In fact, all the human faculties are involved in this type prayer.

From the bible reports, you discover that the prayers of Our Lord and Master Jesus at the garden of Gethsemane are beautiful examples of persistent, agonizing prayers. Describing His mode of prayer during this time, the bible says:

“THEN SAITH HE UNTO THEM, MY SOUL IS EXCEEDING SORROWFUL, EVEN UNTO DEATH: TARRY YE HERE, AND WATCH

WITH ME. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. AND HE LEFT THEM, AND WENT AWAY AGAIN, AND PRAYED THE THIRD TIME, SAYING THE SAME WORDS. – Matthew 6:38-44

“And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, AND BEING IN AN AGONY HE PRAYED MORE EARNESTLY: AND HIS SWEAT WAS AS IT WERE GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD FALLING DOWN TO THE GROUND.” Luke22:41, 44

From the quoted verses above, you discover that this period in the life of Jesus was a time of physical and mental suffering. Being what it was, Jesus had to push through obstacles, discouragements and distractions to pray with a heavy heart, repeated action and excruciating pains; hence, He prayed with extreme pain, soul anguish and sweated blood. His style of prayer during this time brought liberation to mankind for it was at the Gethsemane prayer vigil that Jesus spoiled principalities and power. Indeed, it was there that He really conquered death and hell.

Jacob was another man that prayed persistent, agonizing prayer when he was face-to-face with death. Talking about Jacob's style of prayer, the bible says:

“And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, what is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said; tell me, I pray thee, thy name.

And he said, wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. Genesis 32:24-29

From the story line as recorded in Genesis 31, which is before the incident of Jacob's encounter in Genesis 32, Jacob lived with Laban for several years and married his two daughters. While they lived, serious problems triggered between Jacob, Laban and his sons. As a result, Jacob ran away with his wives and children from Laban's house and was returning home to live with Esau, his elder brother he had taken away his birthright and blessings.

While he was coming home, he heard that Esau was coming with four hundred men and that made him to be greatly distressed (see Genesis 32: 6, 7). (This is equaled to a case of finding yourself between the devil and the deep blue sea.) Jacob therefore, looked into his future and saw no future. He got tired of his life and fear gripped him. He was so afraid that he left the woman he served fourteen years for and wrestled with God in prayer at Peniel. The prayer was intense travail, an extreme painful encounter but he prevailed because uninterruptedly, he persisted in prayer, though with excruciating pain and great agony of heart. However, that got him a new name and the blessings of God. Why?

1. Desperate people do desperate things

2. They have a way of pushing through great oppositions and challenges to make persistent, agonizing prayers for miracles.

Another good example of persistent, agonizing prayer is the case of a widow and the unjust judge as shown in the book of Luke 18-1-8 quoted below:

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bears long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless

when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" – Luke 18:1-8

Here, the unjust judge refused to avenge the woman of her avengers but because of the non-stop persistent pleas of this woman, the unjust judge was compelled to grant her request.

Correspondingly, our Lord Jesus used this illustration to encourage us to pray persistently. If an unwilling judge that is also unrighteous could be compelled to grant the plea of the widow, how much more will our loving Father respond to the desperate and persistent cries of His children? "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily".

The case of Paul and Silas is another biblical example of persistent, agonizing prayer, which goes to show that prayers that come from uninterrupted/unhindered and burdened heart never go without answer from God. Talking about Paul and Silas style of prayer, the bible says:

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." – Acts 16:25-27

Notice that as a result of the burden attached to their prayer, God manifested in diverse ways and there was;

- Great Earthquake
- Foundations were shaken
- Closed doors were opened
- Tying, chains and padlocks were broken
- Above all, there was a miracle of salvation

In I Kings 18:37-40, 42-45, the bible recorded that Elijah prayed a similar prayer at Mount Carmel. Hence, it says:

"Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the

dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, there is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel."

It was shown here that despite the discouraging report of Elijah's servant, he refused to be discouraged rather he persisted. It was indeed a stretched out extreme painful prayer time but he travailed.

In the book of Ezra, the persistent/agonizing prayers made with fasting got God's attention to Ezra and his people. According to the bible, Ezra said:

"So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us." – Ezra 8:23

In Esther 4:15-17 as quoted:

"Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him."

Persistent, agonizing prayer of the Jew was instrumental to their deliverance from the decree of death passed against them. With specific reference to chapter 5:2, Esther obtained the King's favour and protocol was broken. As a result, Herman was hanged, Mordecai took over Herman's position, Israel was saved

and decree of death was revoked.

OTHER SCRIPTURES SHOWING WHAT PERSISTENT AGONIZING PRAYER CAN DO:

- ACTS 12:5-17
- DANIEL 9:2-4, 10:11-13 (10-13)
- LUKE 11:5-8

CHAPTER NINE

CRY YOUR PRAYERS

In our first chapter, we came to understand that prayer is a platform on which the people of God uphold the hand of God until He establishes that which He said concerning them. It is the instrumentality for enforcing God's will on earth; the key to fulfilling destiny, spiritual dynamite that can do and undo. Also, we discovered that prayer is war; a spiritual fight, labour, contention and intense travail.

Consequently, answers to prayer, is a confirmation that genuine prayer was done; irrespective of how long and how many times prayed, without answers, it means there was no genuine prayer done. In the bible, God encourages us to call on Him and promised that He is ready to answer us, as shown thus;

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. – (Jer 33:3)

In the scripture quoted above, there is a wonderful invitation to prayer, in other words God Almighty invites you and I to call upon him and also assured us that He will answer us, and not be silent on us. In addition, He will show us great and mighty things that we know not.

However, there are methods of prayer but I want you to know that one of the most beautiful ways to pray is “Crying your prayers”. Furthermore, I want to tell

you that when you cry your prayers, it is always very effective and produces wonderful results. For, in psalm 34:17, the bible says:

“The righteous cry and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.”

The Lord hears the cries of the righteous always, the bible says when they cry, He delivers them from all their troubles. Therefore, why wasting time, let's cry to God immediately.

In the book of Isaiah 42:13,

“The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies,

we discovered that even God Himself cries and also roars when He is advancing into war. Brethren, we are here to fight a holy war and if our Father cries when He is going for Holy War and roars, we just have to behave like our Father, act like our Father, and talk like our Father and we are in the supernatural.

Going through the scriptures you will also discover that Jesus cried His prayers. In the book of Matthew 27:46 and 50, under the pain, grief and sorrow of separation from God as our sin substitute, Jesus cried His prayers and said:

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (As a living being if you are convinced you are a sinner, you should go to God and cry, Lord I am a sinner, and have mercy on me!).

When you go to that same scriptures quoted above in verse 50 as referenced, He cried and gave up the ghost.

(Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost – Matthew 27:50).

This type of cry, which He cried in Matthew 27:46, 50, was shown in detail and was made complete in the book of John 19:30, where the bible says that He cried and said: “It is finished!”

According to the account of Apostle Paul, the bible says:

“Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications

WITH STRONG CRYING AND TEARS unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared."

Jesus offered up prayers to God when He was on earth. How? With strong crying and tears! At the garden of Gethsemane, when he was face-to-face with Satan and the forces of darkness, His kind of prayer was filled with earnestness and concentration. His method and style of prayers changed. Remember this is the very son of the very God, who the bible says in the book of Luke 22:40-45, prayed and prayed earnestly and sweated blood (but you have been praying and the powder on your face has not cleaned). If the very Son of the very God prayed and sweated blood, you better change your style and mode of prayer. My brethren, you really need to cry your prayers for it is very important!

THE POTENCY OF CRY PRAYERS

Cry prayers are powerful because in cry prayers, the following are inevitable:

1. The prayers are focused

2. Spirit easily makes contact with spirit. Why? Spirits will jam spirits and because light must conquer darkness you cannot fail.

3. Concentration in cry prayers are very high

4. They are arrow headed prayers, supersonic warheads

5. They are not ambiguous neither are they overloaded with ambiguous words.

The questions are:

1. Are we supposed to cry our prayers?

2. If we are supposed to cry our prayers, were there people that cried their prayers?

3. Those people who cried their prayers, was it effective?

Yes we are supposed to cry our prayers because the Almighty God we pray to in His words had made us promises all over the bible that if we cry unto Him, He definitely will answer us and not only answer us, deliver us from all that

troubleth us.

Secondly, the unquenchable and unchangeable Word of God made us to understand that there are people that cried their prayers, as would be shown to us in the biblical examples of men and women who cried their prayers.

Thirdly, from the same Word of God we also found out that the people that cried their prayers had results and testimonies on which we stand without wavering and which made us to understand that God is ever ready to hear us and not keep silence on us.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF MEN AND WOMEN THAT CRIED THEIR PRAYERS

1. Jabez - In the book of 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 the bible says, “And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel (that's a cry prayer), saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed (do you see the heart of a burdened man when he cries, it is so because there are no superfluous words, thus he said

“Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed), and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.”

The prayer made in verse 10 of the above quoted scriptures is a desperate prayer/cry made by a man that was desperate for a change in his situation.

Jabez cried his prayers; note that the prayers were short and direct to the burdens in his heart. They were not overloaded with words, thus he said:

i. Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed

ii. Enlarge my coast

iii. That thine hand might be with me

iv. That thou wouldest keep me from evil (protection)

v. That It may not grieve me! – The blessing that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

God indeed honoured his prayers because He does not forget the prayers of the humble – Psalm 9:12

2. Peter – In Matthew 14:28–30, the bible says:

“And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, HE CRIED, SAYING, LORD, SAVE ME.”

In the quoted scriptures, the bible recorded that Jesus was walking on the sea and at the sight of that, Peter was fascinated. As a result he asked Jesus if he could come and Jesus said to him COME. Based on Jesus' invitation, Peter began to walk upon the sea, which was on for some time but when fear gripped him, he began to sink with death through drowning staring at him (i.e. he saw the wind boisterous) he cried his prayers to the LORD for deliverance. Immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him and said unto him, “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”

From my experiences as a counselor, I do know that just like Peter, death is staring at some people face-to-face. For some, ridicule is staring at them at the face; for some the family evil pattern, for some strange problems brought about by wicked men who are saying, 'over their dead body' will they make it in life and for some others, it is household enemies, professional strongholds, which stand as iroko tree saying, 'as far as I am here', you will not be promoted – today, God is speaking to you to shout/cry your prayer to Him for safety and deliverance and say, OH God, save me!

A real life story on how ready God is to save us when we cry out to Him had it that some years ago, there was a lecturer who was working in one of the universities, whose Departmental Head (HOD) was dealing with simply because he is a born again and the result was that everyday this man would come back home crying like a baby. This thing continued for some time and one day something happened and the HOD said to him that he is finished and that he was

going to make sure that he was sacked from the university. As a result the man came back home crying; he then shared the experience he had at work with the wife and in response, his wife said to him “Do not worry; it will end this night. If God is in heaven He will solve this problem today.” So, at the middle of the night the man and the wife started crying their prayers to God and this continued throughout the night. By the breaking of the morning, the HOD was a dead man. Why? Because there was a burden; secondly, the concentration and focus was high and as a result it yielded immediate result.

Unfortunately many of us seem to have no result when we pray because:

i. They do not have any burden for that problem hence their problem has not started troubling them

ii. They have other alternatives – that's why they pray cosmetics prayers.

Until that problem begins to trouble you, you will not have results. Prayer burdens are wonderful ingredients for effective prayers.

3. Elijah – In I Kings 17: 20-22 the bible says:

“And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and CRIED UNTO THE LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

Here was a prophet that was running away from Jezebel, hunger and famine. The only woman that gave him shelter and food had an only son but immediately he entered into that family, the only son of the widow died. As opposed to what one would expect in the real sense, because it is logically expected that being a Man of God, his presence should cause a multiplication of the woman's blessings and not tragedy as encountered by the woman at the Prophet's presence.

As a result of the calamity that befell the woman, she became furious at Elijah and said to him in verse 18,

“What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call

my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

I want you to picture the situation of this prophet under that situation – did he have a burden? Of course he did!

With that burden, born out of the pressure that was so heavy on him, Elijah cried to God twice and stretched himself upon the child three times and the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. Picture the specificity of the prayer and the prophetic action which gave rise to his miracle!

Elijah got his miracle when he prayed because there was burden and focus. I want to tell you that you will get your own miracle if only you could cry your prayers with desperation and total focus / concentration.

4. Elisha – In the book of II Kings 2:12, the bible says:

“And Elisha saw it, and he cried, my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.”

What was Elisha crying for? He was crying for double portion for which Prophet Elijah had promised that he would receive if only he could see him when he is being taken up. As he was being taken up, Elisha was able to see him because he was desperately and burdensomely in need of the double portion; thus he cried and said:

“My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.”

Look at men of miracle all over the bible, they were not praying long prayers, they were praying cry-prayers. A good example of this is shown in verse 14 of II Kings 2 when he came to the waters, he did not start praying long prayers, he only took the mantle, struck it on the waters and said: “Where is the LORD God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, the God of Elijah appeared and they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.”

5. Jehoshaphat – In 2 Chronicles 18:31 the bible says:

“And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that

they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat CRIED OUT, AND THE LORD HELPED HIM; and God moved them to depart from him."

When you look at the bible story about Jehoshaphat, you discover that the enemy picked on him saying, "That's the king of Israel, that's the king of Israel, catch him and kill him", which is to say that the life of this man Jehoshaphat was in danger (just like the way the lives of many people are in danger as a result of the attacks from witches, wicked household enemies, wicked neighbours and landlords). And Jehoshaphat knew that it was not the time to say, OH GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, nor is it the time to say long prayers, because he knew that by the time he is done with the long prayer, the enemies must have concluded the story of his life. Rather, he knew it was time to cry out to God with full concentration and words full of burden. He cried his prayers unto God and God heard and helped him.

Brethren, if you cry to God, He will hear you, help you and compel your enemies to leave you alone, if only you would cry!

In one instance, a girl came to my ministry for deliverance, a primary four (4) girl who was the head of the whole witchcraft team and they used to have their meetings on her head. This girl was leaving with a member of my ministry in those days, who suspected that something was wrong but could not fix where the attack was coming from. As a result, this sister felt that it was from the members of the yard who were leaving with her in the same compound without knowing that the attack was coming from within her household.

However, the sister started praying every night and her prayer was blocking the girl from going for meetings. And it came to a point that the girl needed to suck blood but could not get any because she was been blocked for several days from going for meetings as a result of the sister's prayer. It then happened that the girl took to sucking the blood that was gushing forth from the injury she sustained to the point that if the wound is medically attended to, she would make sure that she re-opens the wound to enable the flow of blood in order to quench her thirst for blood. And as the sister continued to pray ceaselessly, the girl started confessing – that is what crying out to the Lord will do for you, if only you could

cry unto Him with a burdened heart, concentration and focus.

6. Jacob – In Genesis 32, there is a similar story; my bible tells me that this man Jacob had tried everything and they all failed and suddenly the man decided to wrestle with God because desperately, he needed a miracle. All human wisdom and plans failed, the angel dislocated his waist, and though he was in pain, he would not let the angel go rather in verse 26 he said:

“I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.” – Genesis 32:26

Can you picture the man holding the angel of God with the hip that has gone off; the angel dragging him and saying, LEAVE ME! LEAVE ME and the man was saying, Na Lie oooh! Although he was in pains, desperately he cried his prayers. Upon his desperation the bible says in verse 28 (as referenced below) that he prevailed, got a new name and God blessed him.

“And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.” – (Genesis 32:28)

My brother/sister, you need a new name so that people who mocked you now will come around and rejoice with you. You need a new blessing so that those who despised you will go out of their ways to do you favour and this can only be made possible if you would cry your prayers unto God.

7. David – David was another man that cried his prayers, he was a friend of God, a prophet and a servant of God who knew how to move the hand of God. I was going through the scripture and I discovered that the man David was a man that knew how to cry his prayers as shown in the following bible instances:

i. Psalms 17:1 “Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, and give ear unto my prayer that goeth not out of feigned lips.” – Some of us are praying cosmetics prayers but David said, he does not pray cosmetics prayers, he prayed from the heart that is burdened for a miracle, a heart that is desperate for a change. Thus he said: “HEAR MY CRY OH LORD…..” the man was praying and crying like Master Jesus.

ii. Psalms 61:1 “HEAR MY CRY, O God; attend unto my prayer.”

iii. Psalm 39:12 “Hear my prayer, O LORD, and GIVE EAR UNTO MY

CRY; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were."

iv. Psalm 86:6 "Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications."

8. Hezekiah – In the book of II Chronicles 32:20 (this case was a special one), here the bible says: "And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and CRIED TO HEAVEN – my brethren, cry to heaven. 2Ch:32:21: And the LORD sent an angel – (may the Lord send an angel), which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword."

From the above scriptures, the bible made us to understand that Sennacherib the king of Assyria came and fought against Israel. Hezekiah the king of Judah did not know what else to do because the arms of flesh failed him, wisdom of men did not work either. As a result, the man now cried his prayers and prayed a prayer of agreement with prophet Isaiah and the result was tremendous and fantastic.

9. Bartimaeus – In Mark 10:46-52, the bible says:

"And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, HE BEGAN TO CRY OUT (cry out, stop crying in the heart), and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

As he cried out, the religious men charged him and said, there is an organized prayer going on here but the bible says that:

HE CRIED THE MORE A GREAT DEAL, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me! Have mercy on me! Have mercy on me! And the bible says: "And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What

wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith (of crying) hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." (Note: Emphasis is mine)

This is to say that desperate/cry prayers are made by men and women who want miracles desperately because when you shout/cry them, your spirit is more focused and it does not fail to produce result. And when God's people cry out to Him for deliverance, He has never disappointed.

Therefore, crying out to God in prayer has great potential and it mobilizes all the human faculties/energies and the total concentration involved in it is part of the secret of its effectiveness. Please get started, for God is waiting to hear your cry!

CHAPTER TEN

ABNORMAL PRAYER FOR ABNORMAL SITUATION

Abnormal simply means, strange, anomaly, unusual, odd, uncommon, strange, uncharacteristic, irregular, oddity, deviation etc In its sense, a thing can be said to be abnormal when it:

1. Deviates from the normal standard
2. Strays from the usual
3. Appears strange from the expected

Experientially, in the world today there so many things that do not conform with the original standard/focus. Such things raise dust to the well-being of humans and in turn wreck the lives of men living on the planet earth. These things can be termed abnormal/odd/strange situation, which people go through as they work through life.

In the real sense, some people go through some strange experiences in life. Most times, those experiencing them cannot explain “Why and How”, and in some cases lose touch with what to do to get over the overwhelming experience they go through. Regretfully, some of the people that are going through these experiences know what to do but laziness, love for food, pleasure and comfort

keep them postponing the action they would have taken to let themselves loose from these strange experiences. Yet some of us complain that Esau was gluttonous and that he sold his birthright to his brother as a result.

But the questions are:

- How many times will one be hit before he/she wakes up from his/her slumber?

- How many times have you sold your birthright to the enemy that should have been conquered long before now because you are in love with food, pleasure and so much comfort?

CAN I OPEN YOUR EYES TO THESE FACTS?

- You still allow your ill-situation because you have not been really pushed to the wall, you still take to pleasure and comfort because you have not been pushed like Hannah, Elkanah's wife was.

- You still cling to so much pleasure and comfort because you have refused to open your eyes to your Peninah. Until you do, my brother, that situation remains, because no one can bear or understand your burden more than you can/do.

My brother/sister, I want to tell you that some situation that you perceive as ordinary is not as ordinary as you think. I equally want to tell you that there are abnormal, strange, extraordinary, odd etc situation that require extraordinary and odd attention in prayer to be conquered.

CAN I SAY SOMETHING MORE?

- You need extraordinary prayer for extraordinary situation, unthinkable prayer for unthinkable situation, special prayer for special situation, odd prayer for odd situation.

- You need to pray like your whole existence depends on solution to such situation; the kind of prayer that if another hears, he will shout Hei!

- You need to pray like never before to change your strange experience.

Even if you are been mocked about the way you look (maybe weight loss as a result of fasting) there is no cause for alarm because when you breakthrough, nobody will remember the mockery and how you looked when you were dealing with the situation in prayer.

- You need to open up a fight with the demon spirits, wicked men and women contending with your life, blessings, breakthrough, etc because the bible says “Fight a good fight of faith”, which is to show you that there are good fights and there are “yeye” fights.

- You need to declare spiritual warfare to wage war against these human and demonic spirits blocking you from moving to the next level. In other words, your spirit must fight because that is why it is called spiritual warfare. In that spiritual warfare you need to involve our God who is known for doing strange things, because even the bible in the book of Isaiah 28:21 as quoted below, tells us that our God does strange things

“For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.”

Indeed, this God is known for strange things.

If you do not know where to start, start from your father', mother's or husband's compound because even the bible says that a man's greatest enemy shall be the members of his household. Until you conquer them, you might not really go far. A well known minister of God from Nigeria, who have travelled round the world, Pastor Alfred Itiowe once said:

“Any man who is able to conquer his household enemies will fulfill destiny. However, I want to add that any man who is not ready to subdue his household enemies, should prepare for sickness, wretchedness, hindrances, problems in life etc. (my brother you must conquer them!)

Pause for a while and lift your voice, focusing your father's compound, (your mother's compound or husband's compound) and say:

- Oh God, let there be an artinary bombardment of fire to destroy all

foundational forces that are limiting my life, destiny, interfering in my marriage, manipulating your health in Jesus Name.

My brother/sister, do not wait until you are consumed by your situation before you declare fasting and prayer; for there are some situations that will never change until you pray some unusual prayers. Even Jesus in the bible knows that some situations need to be dealt with outside the ordinary when he said; this kind does not go except through prayer and fasting.

Somebody has HIV and he is eating and comfortable waiting for the day that death will come – what kind of stupidity is that? Would you not have known that it calls for abnormal attention in prayer? I heard a story about a girl in the Eastern part of Nigeria, who had not just HIV but she also had AIDS, but she held God. Her body was already peeling but she fasted and held God in prayer. She was talking to God, you must keep me alive, I am going to preach the gospel and will tell the audience that it is dangerous to live immoral. Oh God, the dead cannot serve you, only the living can serve you. What will you gain Oh God if you kill me now? (Think about this, if you were God, will you be able to answer this question?) Some of you have not been pushed, you only pretend. She went to God and fasted for ten days, thirty days, forty days etc and God began to speak to her. Although human beings were mocking her and were isolating her but she did not care. Do you know something, when she came to the church for service with all the sores all over her body, during the time of holy-communion, people would be rushing to go and receive the holy-communion before her and once she got to the altar to receive, other people who had not received the communion would go and sit down. And you think that girl was ashamed? She was not, rather the next Sunday she would come again – Abnormal prayer for abnormal situation!

She continued praying and on the seventy something days, Jesus walked into her room, with a bright light – WHY? He had seen faith! And without faith, it is impossible to please God. This girl had known that there is only one man that can heal her and she was ready to pursue that man with every level of humility. Why will Jesus not answer her, even as a human that I am, I would do that for her, let alone Jesus, who is compassion Himself. He came and touched her; today she is alive but the man she gave the AIDS had died, the wife of the man had

died also, the children are now orphans but she is still alive. My brethren, get angry in your spirit and fight against the spirits stealing your blessing.

When somebody is sick and medical science cannot discover what the problem is, that's an abnormal case. When you see a case like this, do not ever forget that Jesus said, “This kind does not go except by prayer and fasting.” You are not supposed to be reminded to take to fasting and praying.

Sometimes, you discover that for some people the more they pray, the more they have attack. I met a minister some years ago and he complained to me that he does not fast and I asked him why? He said any time he declares a fast, the attack would become severe and the spirits would start attacking him the more. And I said, “And so, you have surrendered to the spirit; so the spirits have conquered you?” I went further to tell him that he had died before he died; fight this thing; how can you be preaching that light conquers darkness when serpent has conquered you.

Do you know that there are families that have accidents every October, November and December? For some other, they must have accident, three times in a year. For some people, every time they are burying people. They are really strange cases and they require strange prayers.

Do you know that in some families, it appears that chronic poverty has his headquarters in their home? Is like everybody born there inherits poverty, nothing seem to move in the family. My brother and sister, if you want change, take to abnormal prayer; put your hands in your pocket and announce to the spirits and say: since you have not killed me till now, I will kill all of you. I am here as a barrier breaker, whatever conquered my father will never conquer me, whatever limited my mother will not limit my life. I am a barrier breaker – that should be your declaration. Then the spirits will know that there is war!

Again I say, take to fasting and prayer, cut off from friends and take to prayer because power is not picked from the street, there is always a price for power. Spiritual power must flow from prayer, a power packed altar of prayer!

BIBLICAL RECORDS OF MEN THAT CHANGED STRANGE SITUATIONS THROUGH STRANGE PRAYERS

In the book of Acts of the Apostle, it came to pass that Herod began to jealous the anointed servants of God and he wanted to show his oratory and the people gathered to say that he was a God; God had to do his strange acts/work. How? By killing Herod with worms! Was that not a strange act? Yes!

The book of Psalm 55:9-15 shows how David took to strange prayer as a result of his strange experiences in the hands of his adversary with specific to verse 12, as quoted:

“Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it. Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets. For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. (And he said God), Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.”

Even in our world, some people still go through such experience as this in the hands of supposed friends/brothers but wolves in sheeps clothing. Have you not seen today people that your father or your mother trained, with the intention that they will take care of you but suddenly turned enemies. That is the picture of what David went through that pushed him into praying the kind of prayer he prayed.

Again, I want you to pause for a while and lift your voice in prayer and say:

- I pray the judgment of God against every unfriendly friend exploiting my weakness in the Name of Jesus

- I bring the curse of the Lord against that man and woman that appears as a friend only to wreck me secretly in the Name of Jesus.

In Psalm 109, you see another abnormal prayer for an abnormal situation. The man who prayed this prayer went to heaven ooh; he had the sure mercies of God and the Messiah was promised. While he was on the earth, he was promised that

his throne will endure. But in the church today, some people are just too religious for my liking.

In this portion of the bible (Psalm 109), David looked at the case he encountered and said Oh God, look at this case, do not hold your peace on this matter rather visit this matter in your Might. From the bible records, David prayed and said:

“Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places. Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour. Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out. Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Let them be before the LORD continually that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually. Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.”

This prayer is too comprehensive and that is an abnormal prayer, because there was an abnormal situation. My brother/sister, you must learn how to raise a loud cry such as this, to God.

Another form of unusual prayer came from a man of God called Jeremiah who

was so holy that no man would have expected him to say that kind of prayer. When abnormal situation arose, the man took to unusual prayer to deal with the unusual situation. In the book of Jeremiah 18:18, he prayed unusual prayer when the people he burnt his life for conspired against him saying: Is Jeremiah the only one that prophesies? Lets us smite him with our tongue, slander and blackmail him, so that he will no longer worth anything before the people and that people will no longer believe him. When Jeremiah heard it, he knew that if he left the situation, things will go bad. So, when he decided to deal with it, he dealt with it with finality. How? He prayed and said:

“Give heed to me O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them and to turn away thy wrath from them. Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword: and let their wives be bereaved of their children and be widows; and let their men be put to death: let their young men be slain by the sword in battle. Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me and hid snares for my feet. Yet the LORD knowest all their counsel against me to slay me forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee: deal thus with them in the time of thine anger.”

Who did not have this experience, is it Moses? Of course, he had the same experience! In his case, the bible says that while Moses was busy taking care of the people of Israel, for whose sake he was denied the Promised Land, they were busy having meetings to destroy him. But one day, Moses heard that Korah had convinced the people against him. Instead of hearing from Moses, they believed Korah. When Moses heard it, in Numbers 16:28-end, he prayed one of the most abnormal prayers and said:

If these men die the death of normal men then, know that God did not call me, but if God does something he has never done before and open the land and bury human beings alive, then you know that these men have offended God.

In response to the prayer, the bible says that the land opened and swallowed them.

What are you doing, get angry my brother/sister, speak to the heavens; when you start, you will know that every creature has an ear and can hear. Speak to them! Mobilize them to work! God spoke to the wind, it heard. Jeremiah spoke to the wind, it heard, he spoke to the tree, the tree heard. Do you know the number of people that are sick today because of the seat they sat on? Declare war to the camp of the enemy; it's a thing of war, do not relent further!

Do you know that there was a man called Ahaziah, a king in Israel, who was the son of Ahab (Ahab – a man that was troubled and troubled by Elijah, until he eventually died)? The son Ahaziah took over and suddenly this same Elijah appeared Again. From the bible record, Ahaziah had gone to Ekron to consult their gods, and God said to Elijah go and meet him on the road and when he got there he said, tell your Master, thus saith the Lord:

“Is because there is no prophet in Israel, that you have decided to go to the gods of the Ekron?”

As the Lord liveth that sick bed you are climbing now, you will never get down. Ahaziah asked his servant whom Elijah sent to deliver the message, who the messenger was and how he looked like? The servant described Elijah to him and from the description he realized it was Elijah. He said, Elijah again! I will not take it again from him, my father tolerated him but I will not tolerate him. Call me the captain of fifty. These fifty soldiers and captains were sent to go against one man, who had no gun. That will show you how much bitter Ahaziah was.

The bible says, God told Elijah that there was trouble, leave here now and climb the mountain. The man went to the mountain. When they came, they saw him on top of the mountain and asked him to come down (but they did not know that the Holy Ghost had told him that there was trouble). Elijah said; “if I be a man of God let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty” – abnormal prayer for abnormal situation! Elijah was a spiritual man who knows that war is war and who knows that in every war you either kill your enemy or your enemy kills you. The earlier you understand this, the better.

However, another fifty were sent to him, and the man looked up again and brought down some beautiful and anointed fire. When fire came down and devoured them, another set came and changed their language. They said Oga

please, let our lives and the lives of these ones be precious in your sight. You are a great man of God; please do not kill us like you killed the other ones. Elijah then said okay, you are talking now, what do you want? They said lets go and see the king, he said no problem, let's go and see the king.

Do you see the way it works?

CHAPTER ELEVEN

SCRIPTURAL PRAYING

(PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD)

In this chapter, we want to stress the importance of praying the Word of God or confessing them in meditative prayers. The Word of God contains the spirit of God and as such is loaded with the Holy Spirit power. The Word of God is God Himself; it is active, alive and creative. The Word of God is a personality and thus, has power to take hold/arrest your problem, situation, strong man etc and give you your heart desire. Showing the potency of God's Word, the bible says:

“But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.” Zechariah 1:6

The Word of God possesses all the authority and power of Jehovah. It carries all the power and the might of Jehovah. As a Christian, you must learn to confess God's Word by personalising it to yourself. Whatever your problem or need, find two or three scriptures on the matter for prayers. Stand upon those scriptures and go to God, you will surely receive answers to your prayers. With or without physical signs, continue to confess what the Word of God say about your

situation. For He said in Psalm that:

“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.” – Psalm 107:20

This goes to say that the Word of God has spiritual energies, enough to heal the sick and conquer all satanic maneuvers/abilities of darkness against your life. It also stands to say that any situation, condition and circumstances that His word comes to bear upon must surely give way. Thus, we must learn to use the Word of God in dealing with all situations of our lives.

Praying the Word of God is like saying to Him, react to your oath/promises unto thy people. To this effect, hear what the Lord said in the scriptures below:

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” – Numbers 23:19

“And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.” 1Samuel 15:29

“For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.” – Psalms 33:9

“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.” – Psalms 89:34

“I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.” Isaiah 43:25, 26

“Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.” – Isaiah 46:11

“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” – Isaiah 55:10-

“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.” – Mark 13:31

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” – Titus 1:2

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” – 1John 5:14-15

Emphatically, two out of the scriptures quoted above explicitly revealed that God cannot alter that which has gone out of His lips, and what's more, whatever those words are sent forth to do, must be accomplished. The Word of God is exactly His will for the Bible says, “If we pray in accordance with His will, He heareth us.” This goes to say that when one prays out of the Word content, he is on his own. WHY? Such prayers do not gain the ears of God. Hear this; “When you challenge God by His Word, He is bound to do righteousness, because He has placed His Word above His very self, making His Word to rule over Him.

Therefore, once you can find the right Word of God that agrees with your need, and present it to God, reminding Him of His promises, God is committed to act. All it takes is to discover such Word, personalize and present it to God in prayer, God is covenanted to meet your need. Hence, when we learn to pray the Word of God, we will always receive answer to our prayers unless our lives are not right with God.

BIBLICAL MEN THAT PRAYED THE WORD

Everything written in the Bible is for our examples; the Holy Scriptures has records of such men who held on God's Word in confronting life threatening situations and had tangible results. Looking at the prayer style of such biblical men like David and Daniel (as would be previewed), it was all word based.

DAVID

As a scriptual man, David knew very well how to challenge God by His Word. He practically knew how to pray such prayers as a spiritual man that knew God. All through his dispositions towards God especially at the time of distresses, he never relented to show his immeasurable hope in God's Word. Hence he said:

“Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.” Psalm 119:49

Picture David kneeling before God and challenging the covenant keeping God, who hath said:

“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.” – Psalm 89:34

DANIEL

A time came in the life of the people of Israel; they were in a fix and were carried away captive to a strange land. At the time appointed, Daniel went in, unto God in prayers, crying and presenting God's Word back to Him, according to His promises to their fathers during the reign of King Solomon. Hear his prayer in the book of Daniel 9:14-19

“Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.”

In this passage of the scriptures, Daniel drew His strength of prayer from II Chronicles 7: 14:

(If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land) and simply called on God for His mercy.

The scriptural review of these men of God showed that what David and Daniel did was just challenging the covenant keeping God to remember His Word unto them. What have you been doing? How have you been dealing with that frustrating situation? No wonder, it never had worked as supposed or expected; why not try applying the Word of God and see for yourself, the inestimable power in using the Word of God at the altar of prayer and in dealing with life situations.

IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD

Ø Praying the Word of God keeps God in remembrance of His promises. In other Words, you use the Word of God to get the attention of God to that, which you are presenting. Recall that He said:

“I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.” – Isaiah 43:25, 26

Ø Praying the Word of God increases our faith – Numbers 23:19

(God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?). and II Corinthians 1:20 (For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.).

The knowledge and authenticity of these scriptures, when understood and applied in prayer, helps to raise our faith in the 'All True God' who only is true and powerful to make good His promises in our lives. It brings you to the knowing that no matter how bad the situation is, the solution is settled in the

Word of God, who is bound to His Word to bring them to pass – making hopeless situations hopeful.

Ø Praying the Word of God will build your prayer language - A lot of Christians lack the language of prayer and many are empty of the Word of God. Of course, it takes a person who has soaked his/her spirit with the Word to gain the ears of God in the place of prayer. WHY? God said: “Challenge me by my Words”. Therefore, if you go challenging Him with mere English, Spanish, American, Igbo, Hausa and Yoruba languages, you are wasting time. Going to God at the times of misery, pains, sickness, lack, opressiong, wars, with such words as:

1. Lord you know this thing is not fair

2. I mean I do not just like the way things are moving in my life

3. Is it that you do not know I need help, how come I feel like I am alone in this?

4. I mean do something, I am not happy any more, fear is on every side.

5. Well since you are keeping silent over this, I take it as my lot in life – DOES NOT JUST WORK. RATHER APPLY THE WORD OF GOD. Why? You cannot win a case in the human court, if you do not know the constitution of the land or the application of the works of authorities that are persuassive and relevant to the case you are having at hand. In the same way, you lose in the court of heaven if you do not know the Bible (the Constitution of heaven).

Indeed, God's covenant and promise to us is His Word, He has promised that He will never alter nor change the promise He has made in His Word. It is binding! This is part of the reason why scriptural praying is the most effective method of praying

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.” Hebrews 4:12-13

SOME SCRIPTURAL PRAYERS

Psalm 89:34; Isaiah 43:25, 26

Psalm 119:49, 89

Matthew 24:35

Matthew 5:18

Isaiah 55:11

Job 6:25

Luke 21:15

CHAPTER TWELVE

PRAYER QUAKE

Precious people, the problem of many of us is simply because we have refused to pray. Incidentally, God is burdened about our problems. He is concerned as a loving Father. He is not happy that you are hungry, He is not happy you have not paid your rent, He is not happy you are struggling.

God is a good God; there is nothing bad in God. Healing the sick is God's goodness to us His people, promotion, breakthroughs, favours, breaking bondages etc are all God's goodness to His people.

WHAT THEN IS THE PROBLEM?

“Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” James 4:2-3

A lot of people claim they are praying but the truth is that a lot of people are not praying; “You have not because ye ask not, you ask and receive not because you ask with the wrong motive.” This is the verdict of the All-Knowing God; you can change if you will be honest with yourself.

“AND WHEN THEY HAD PRAYED, THE PLACE WAS SHAKEN WHERE THEY WERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER; AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED

WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND THEY SPAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS. And the multitude of them that believed was of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." Acts 4:31-32

From the scripture above, you discover that because they had genuine burden to pray, when they prayed, the place of the prayer meeting was shaken, physically and spiritually thus: "AND WHEN THEY HAD PRAYED, THE PLACE WAS SHAKEN WHERE THEY WERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER". Such was the spiritual fervency of their prayers.

From the book of Acts 1:12-14 quoted below, you will find out that prayer was the main focus of this retreat and that yielded result.

"Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. THESE ALL CONTINUED WITH ONE ACCORD IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION, WITH THE WOMEN, AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND WITH HIS BRETHREN."Acts1:12-14

As Christians called to pray, the Apostles prayed down the wind of God and the wind came with such sound and velocity that people living around heard it. It was the result of intense agonizing prayers. In describing the velocity of the sound, the bible says:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." – Acts 2:1-4

BRETHREN, LETS PRAY DOWN THE WIND FROM HEAVEN!

Prayer quakes are energy sapping prayers; they are prayers that come from the

heart. They are prayers that come from burdened hearts, desperate for change.

You cannot pray earth quaking prayers, running from pillar to post and your confidence on mere man. God must be the ultimate focus of your prayers.

Brother, can you really pray and sing praises unto God? Can you really forget your pride and what you are and cry out to God without minding what the people around feel about you? That was how the Apostles always prayed. When they were praying for Peter's release, they were so focused and concentrated in the prayer that nobody heard Peter knocking except the maid in the house (Rhoda), as shown below:

“And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.” – Acts 12:11-14

(If it is now, everybody will stop and rush out to hear the latest – NO CONCENTRATION!)

Accordingly, for us to pray and have desired result, we need this spiritual gear of prayer. It will never fail to produce spectacular manifestations. When saying this type of prayer, you need to switch-off your phones and shot yourself off from the crowd.

As a people that belong to a Great God, we need signs and wonders to make people accept the Supremacy of the Almighty; we need signs and wonders to shake people out of complacency and inetia. We need signs and wonders as evidence that God is in the midst of His people.

Let's pray down the rain of God's blessings now; when we do our own, God will never fail. For the bible says:

“I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace,

and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:11-13

God is not the problem, lets obey the scriptures; they are open cheques. – The following scriptures will guide you:

John 15:7 Matthew 7:7-8

John 14:14 Jeremiah 33:3

I Peter 3:13 I John 5:14-15

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

WE WILL GIVE OURSELVES CONTINUALLY TO PRAYER

"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, it is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, which we may appoint over this business. **BUT WE WILL GIVE OURSELVES CONTINUALLY TO PRAYER, AND TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD."** – Acts 6:1-4

Whenever, spiritual men overload themselves with canal matters, there will be carnality/flesh in the house. A canal man is a faithless and prayer less man. It is good you know that prayerlessness is the source of every failure, hardship, poverty, sickness and every imaginable sin in the world. In fact, prayerlessness is the reason why a lot of people deny Jesus, and feel ashamed to preach Jesus as Lord and Saviour of man.

Brethren, we have not been called to serve tables. Thank God the Apostles located their error in time. As a result, they resolved to give themselves continually to prayer. Because:

1. They had watched their Master overtime and discovered that He was addicted to prayer

2. They also saw the miraculous results of the prayer life of their Master.

This knowledge influenced their lives so much. As such they came to understand that:

v Prayer is one never-failing rescue operation

v There is no weapon formed against prayer that can neutralize it.

v The devil keeps his distance from praying Christians.

v The devil only succeeds during prayer less moments.

v The first thing that Jesus did on the cross was to pray; they decided to follow His example and begin and end everything with prayer.

v The devil must be chased out of every holy convocation through prayer.

v The spirit of prayer is the spirit of creation; thus, prayer is a divine instrument of beautification.

Have you given or decided to give yourself continually to prayer? If you have, may your prayer life challenge those around you.

A LOOK AT THE PRAYER LIFE OF JESUS

Honestly, if there is a man that should not have need for prayers it is Jesus:

WHY?

v He is the second Person of the Trinity

v Heir of all things

v He is God Himself

Nevertheless, He prayed and did not neglect effective fervent prayers.

“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the holy ghost

descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, thou art my beloved son; in thee i am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22

From the scriptures we discovered that though He was being baptised yet intense fervent prayer was His lifestyle and because He prayed here, the heaven was opened. Giving us a pattern that we can pray at any place all the time; take for example; we can pray in the School, Bus, Kitchen, etc. Painfully, a lot of the people don't spend time in constant prayers, that's why they do not understand heavenly things. (See: I Corinthians 2:9-13)

BIBLICAL RECORD ON THE LIFESTYLE OF JESUS

"But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. AND HE WITHDREW HIMSELF INTO THE WILDERNESS, AND PRAYED." Luke 5:15-16

The bible shows that at the peak of breakthrough, success, prosperity, He would withdraw Himself from them and take time to pray. God is our source, do not cut yourself from the supply line, get yourself in-tuned into the life of prayer for the intensity of prayers needed to open doors, is still needed to keep the door opened always. At the peak of success, maintain your prayer life.

"And it came to pass in those days, that **HE WENT OUT INTO A MOUNTAIN TO PRAY, AND CONTINUED ALL NIGHT IN PRAYER TO GOD.** And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles." – Luke 6:12-13

When He had a vital task ahead, He spent all night in Prayer alone with God. We must avoid rushing into crucial decisions. It can be dangerous. We must seek the face of God in matters like choice of spouse or business partners. Ask God who the man is? What will it look like living or working with him?

"AND IT CAME TO PASS, AS HE WAS ALONE PRAYING, HIS DISCIPLES WERE WITH HIM: AND HE ASKED THEM, SAYING, WHOM SAY THE PEOPLE THAT I AM?" Luke 9:18

“And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.” Matthew 14:23

He taught us the need for being alone with God; this is important if we want to enjoy the leadership of the Holy Spirit. There is a time to pray united or agreement prayers but there is also a time to be alone and discuss with God without pretence.

“And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. **AND AS HE PRAYED, THE FASHION OF HIS COUNTENANCE WAS ALTERED, AND HIS RAIMENT WAS WHITE AND GLISTERING.”** Luke 9:28-29

The quotation reminds us of the man Moses; remember how his countenance was changed because he was in God's presence. There will be transformations in character, health, beautification, attitudes, and habits etc if we will seek the face of God

“And it came to pass, **THAT, AS HE WAS PRAYING IN A CERTAIN PLACE, WHEN HE CEASED, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY, AS JOHN ALSO TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES.** And he said unto them, when ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.” – Luke 11:1-4

The life of a man of prayer is a challenge; HOW? In power, fruitfulness, peace of mind and character. He taught them the simple basic steps to follow in prayer.

“And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” Luke 22:41-44

Look closely at the nature of His prayer life; in conflict, His pattern of prayer

changed, He prayed earnestly. The intensity of that prayer was high; it was a persistent, agonizing prayer. What is the intensity of your prayers like? Learn from the Master.

See how Paul described His pattern of prayer at the time conflict:

“Who in the days of his flesh, When He Had Offered Up Prayers And Supplications With Strong Crying And Tears Unto Him That Was Able To Save Him From Death, And Was Heard In That He Feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.” – Hebrews 5:7-9

The Lord prayed here with all His energy and being; all the human faculties were in that prayers. It was travailing prayers indeed!

“And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I SAY UNTO YOU, THOUGH HE WILL NOT RISE AND GIVE HIM, BECAUSE HE IS HIS FRIEND, YET BECAUSE OF HIS IMPORTUNITY HE WILL RISE AND GIVE HIM AS MANY AS HE NEEDETH. AND I SAY UNTO YOU, ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? IF YE THEN, BEING EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS UNTO YOUR CHILDREN: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?” – Luke 11:5-13

Here He took them into a deeper dimension of prayer. Brethren, prayer is contention, it is a fight. It must cost you some pain and energy, that's why you need prayer burden, without prayer burden, you cannot be concentrated or

focused in prayer.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

FIRE UP YOUR PRAYER DNA FOR MIRACLES

DNA is a scientific word, meaning Deoxyribonucleic acid. They are very important bimolecules that is very vital in the storage of genetic information and protein biosynthesis. Infact, all the information used in the development and functioning of your life are coded inside the DNA.

It makes sense, however, to say that there is a physical DNA and a spiritual DNA. To appreciate facts about spiritual DNA, we need to understand the physical DNA. In the physical (human) understanding, scientists had opened our eyes to the existence of these coiled molecules (DNA) in the human system. They also made us to understand that these molecules carry genetic codes/blueprint that contain all that the individual needs for adequate body functioning and survival. Accordingly, spiritual DNA is a spiritual code, coded by God inside of you, which determines who you are, what you are now and what you will be; in fact it determines your overall functioning as a creature of God.

Talking about your DNA being determined by God in codes already deposited inside of you, the bible has this to say:

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him;

male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Genesis 1:27-28

From the scripture above, we discover that before you were born, there is certain photographic information that God coded into your life from the beginning. This information demand that you are supposed to be fruitful and be above every created thing. At the time God encoded them, He spoke into them and commanded that you multiply, replenish, subdue the earth and have dominion over all creatures. But unfortunately, some are living their lives in contrary to what is contained in their DNA. Thus, you need to fire up our DNA; you need to reawake what is inside. You need to know that there is an information God has coded into you as to what He wants you to be in life.

The serious thing about DNA is that they are coded and unless they are decoded, you will end up living a wrong life and moving in a wrong direction. This can only be decoded through your conscious relationship with God, by which He reveals that, which He encoded into you. This, He does in several ways: maybe through revelation, speaking to you (that is if you hear God directly), dreams, Scriptures etc.

Talking about God's readiness to reveal these codes to us, the bible says:

"Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction." – Job 33:14-18

Regretfully, a lot of people have a noisy nature while some do not listen to God at all. Some incidentally, do not have time for God; some do not even have time to come for bible study. God being a merciful God suitably communicates/directs such people when they are asleep through dreams. But these things (dreams) come in coded languages, so they still need to be decoded for you to understand them. The decoding of these coded languages demands special prayers (not religious prayers) because this information determines your security, direction and in fact everything you need for survival.

Indeed, this information contains everything about all aspects of your life such as; your health, your security, your life's direction (whether you will be fruitful

or promoted) and all the necessary alarm needed to keep you alive. But you know something; they are coded and need to be decoded with a special level of prayer. Unless you come to that level of prayer, you will be living your life anyhow and that is why you need to fire up your spiritual DNA with prayer.

In our work with God, it is not all that are under divine direction because of their level of spirituality but there are others that have the privilege of being talked to mouth to mouth by God. Hence by the level of their spirituality, they hear God and He gives them direction but many do not have such privilege. Because of this fact, you need to be guided, you need to get/catch spiritual fire and wake up your spiritual DNA through intense prayer, so that what is coded there will be made open to you. If you pray it and it opens now, your destiny will change and you will be having testimonies every day.

FACTS ABOUT PHYSICAL DNA WITH REFLECTION ON THE SPIRITUAL DNA

Experts in the study of chromosome, made us to understand that occasionally mistakes may occur during DNA replication and protein synthesis resulting in Mutation, which is described as any alteration in the structure of a gene. They also made us to understand that most mutations harm an organism and a major problem with the DNA can cause the death of an organism.

In this vein, any alteration in the Spiritual Code (DNA) encoded into you by God can affect your general functioning as a Christian. The question is: “Are you aware that something can go wrong with your spiritual DNA? Of course something can go wrong with your spiritual DNA and if such is done, it will duly affect your overall functioning as a Christian and as a living being. Most unfortunately and regrettably, a lot has gone wrong with some people's spiritual DNA.

WAYS A PERSON'S SPIRITUAL DNA CAN BE DAMAGED

I want you to know that spiritually, there are a lot of ways through which your DNA can be damaged. Do you know that there are some Satanists, whose job (on daily basis) is to speak into the foundation of your life, releasing some words (spells, evil, decrees, etc) that are affecting your spiritual DNA? The effects of

these words are made manifest in the problems you are going through, which ranges from:

- Health complications
- Frustration
- Limitations
- Denial
- Oppression
- Strange occurrences

All these consequently affect:

- Your health
- Your destiny
- Overall functioning

And from generation to generation, if you do not address it, you will reap what your father reaped.

However, a person's spiritual DNA can be affected as a result of:

- Corruption or distortation
- Evil seeds
- Parental curses
- Sickness that runs in families
- Satanic manipulation and bewitchment
- Arrows of affliction
- The person who gave birth to you

Now that you are born again, you need to appreciate that these areas need to be addressed. Therefore, you need to pray and break these things to experience change. Example, if your father inherited poverty, you can decide to be different

from who your father was, how he lived a low life and his awful experiences as a poor man by firing up your spiritual DNA with sophisticated prayers, crying to heaven for adequate financial change.

Are you aware that Gehazi was cursed by a man of God and as a result of that curse; leprosy was released on him and his family? Are you aware that when Israel had problem, the lepers who went to discover that there was food, were the whole children of Gehazi who were leprous?

Have your tried to find out what and what affected your spiritual DNA from your family? Have you discovered that some sickness run in the family? Have you discovered that some satanic manipulation and bewitchment can affect your DNA? Have you also discovered that what is affecting your spiritual DNA can be as a result of the life you lived before you got born again?

In the light of this understanding, you need to catch fire by praying some level of prayers to break out from these frustrations. You need to pray some levels of sophisticated prayers to reverse and revoke satanic manipulations and bewitchments that are affecting your DNA. I have been praying some of them for some time now and they work. They will also work for you.

I want to tell you something ahead of time, everybody cannot do it, but if you can do it, fine. If it is money you are looking for you will have it. If it is marriage, you will have it. It only needs discipline! Whether you like it or not there are gates and doors in heaven. If heaven has gates, there are gates that will lead you to different directions in heaven. In the same way, there are prayers you will pray and it will usher you straight to the throne room. Remember, these matters are not changed or decoded by religious prayers.

WHAT TO DO

LEARN TO GIVE GOD QUALITY PRAISE

In this kind of prayer, we need to give God quality praise; if you have to use hymns, use them. I want you to change that type of religious prayers you have been praying. If you will do what I am telling you now, every day you will be giving testimony, if you are sincere and honest. Spend about thirty minutes or

more in praise and worship and God's blessings will begin to flow. Psalm 119:164 says;

“Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.”

David as a king made praise a major part of his prayer pattern. This is part of the secrets of his success story.

YOU NEED TO CLEAN THE TEMPLE PROPERLY

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” – Romans 3:10, 23

If you say you have no sin you are lying, so I will advice you to take time and pray Psalm 51 quietly, put your life into it, after reading it, study it, after studying it, take the prayers and pray over your life line by line. If you put this two to test, with intense concentration, even if you have never heard the voice of God before, you will hear it or God will give you a vivid revelation. God wants to speak to all of us, if you are not hearing the voice of God, let Satan not make you settle there, it is hell that does not want to hear God, God wants to guide you, He wants to direct your life, but Satan wants you to walk in darkness, so that you will fall ill and miss God's direction.

LEARN TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ALMIGHTY GOD

You need to acknowledge Him as Jehovah and you make sure that your heart is totally surrendered to Him. I am assuming you are born again already; if you are not, you have no part in His blessings no matter the level of your religiosity and spirituality. If you will not humble yourself and surrender your life to Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, God will humble you Himself; He said He will resist the Proud. Do not tell me that you are more disciplined than the other person who is born again; it is your ignorance that is troubling your life. No matter how honest a servant is, he is still a servant and no matter how bad a son is, he is still a son. “As many as received Him”, 'JESUS CHRIST' “to them gave He power to become the sons of God.”

MAINTAIN A HEART OF GRATITUDE

I would want you to know that as a Christian, when the blessings of God begins to come as you pray these prayers, you need to maintain a heart of gratitude, for ingratitude is the worst of all vices. Maintain a heart of gratitude for everything God is going to give. The attitude of heart of being grateful, adds to the effectiveness of your prayer. So you have to do that through your lips, give Him thanks as he blesses you. The little blessings you are seeing now in your life are God's test to you to prove whether you are worthy of being given more, so do not fail the exams. Be a blessing to somebody else that somebody would bless God because of your life. As God is blessing you, try and put joy in the heart of somebody out there.

Being a blessing to somebody else does not mean that all your need has finished. On the contrary, if all you do is to remember more of your wants everyday that God blesses you, then you will not go far. God will find somebody else because we are stewards of the blessings of God and everything we have, we received from Him as the bible stated in I Corinthians

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

MAINTAIN A FOCUSED PRAYER STRATEGY

“The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.” – Matthew 6:22

“And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. AND AS THY SERVANT WAS BUSY HERE AND THERE, HE WAS GONE. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.” 1Kings 20:3940

If you must be outstanding in life you must be focused. This strategy entails that you sit down and do the following:

a) Define your immediate needs and be very specific about them – Many

people are praying for too many things at a time; unfortunately, when you target nothing you will get nothing. You need to be very specific about the prayers you pray and when you are focused, you put your enegy in what you are doing.

b) Find definite scriptural promises for the need you are presenting (for instance, the promise of God in Isaiah 34:16 'as quoted below', can be a wonderful prayer point for prayer on life partner)

“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.” – Isaiah 34:16

The Word of God will not fail to produce result. But, our religious prayer life makes the Word of God a lie. I challenge you to go and try this one, and every day you will have testimony. Find the scriptures, read them, meditate over the promises therein, God's promises will give you result. Our mind is a photographer and it takes photograph and stores. As you meditate on these scriptures like that of Isaiah 54:17 which says:

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.”

A scriptural image of victory will be raised in your mind. As you meditate on that scripture, your mind begins to call forth all the forces and laws of heaven, mobilizing the angels to come and defend the Word of God.

Unfortunately, many Christians use the time that they are supposed to use in studying the Word of God and in returning the Word of God back to Him in prayer to do mid-night calls. Believe you me, there is a demon behind this thing called midnight call and Satan is using it to corrupt the heart of our young ladies and boys. It is manufactured from hell, I do not believe in it. Come to think of it, Midnight calls, when you should be praying. Midnight calls during the highest hour of satanic activity. Midnight calls during the greatest period of sickness in the life of men. Midnights call, during the greatest time people die out of this planet earth. Instead of you to watch over that period, Satan dislocates people from praying, so that his children can take control and dictate to us what to do. I

am sorry I do not believe in it - STUDY GOD'S WORD AND PRAY AT MIDNIGHT.

c) Argue your case before God, plead your case in an organized logical way (i.e. point by point) – In praying, you are expected to argue your case in a logical manner scripturally. In my book titled “Witchcraft Operation” I gave one example about somebody's prayer and how it produced a comprehensive result. Do not ever forget that God had invited us in His Words where He says;

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD – Isaiah 1:18a” and He also said “Bring your strong argument so that you will be justified” (Isaiah 43:26 - Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.)

Take time and give God reason for which you want Him to do what you are asking for. You must be sincere and give scriptural reasons also.

d) Pray fervent, earnest and continued prayer. Be totally focused in your prayer. When you are praying this kind of prayer, you must be conscious of intensity in prayer. There has to be strong intensity in your prayers. Your whole energy must be focused in the prayers and I tell you what, all over the bible, all the prayers that gave result were prayed with concentrated focus. If you want to have immediate result, pray like:

v Elijah – When the heavens was closed for three and a half years (maybe in your family nobody has prospered). And the man of God wanted rain to fall at all cost, he prayed. How did he pray? Intensive, fervent prayer! The bible says in I Kings 18:42-45 that he prayed agonizingly and travailed in prayer. Seven times he refused to be distracted, refused to leave the place of prayer and refused to take “NO” for an answer. He prayed it and prayed it and pushed through until something happened and he had result. Thus, the bible records:

“So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. AND HE WENT UP, AND LOOKED, AND SAID, THERE IS NOTHING. AND HE SAID, GO AGAIN SEVEN TIMES. AND IT CAME TO PASS AT THE SEVENTH TIME,

THAT HE SAID, BEHOLD, THERE ARISETH A LITTLE CLOUD OUT OF THE SEA, LIKE A MAN'S HAND. AND HE SAID, GO UP, SAY UNTO AHAB, PREPARE THY CHARIOT, AND GET THEE DOWN, THAT THE RAIN STOP THEE NOT. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel." I Kings 18:42-45

v Blind Bartimaeu – "And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. AND WHEN HE HEARD THAT IT WAS JESUS OF NAZARETH, HE BEGAN TO CRY OUT, AND SAY, JESUS, THOU SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME. AND MANY CHARGED HIM THAT HE SHOULD HOLD HIS PEACE: BUT HE CRIED THE MORE A GREAT DEAL, THOU SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME.: AND JESUS STOOD STILL, AND COMMANDED HIM TO BE CALLED. AND THEY CALL THE BLIND MAN, SAYING UNTO HIM, BE OF GOOD COMFORT, RISE; HE CALLETH THEE. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Mark 10:46-52

In the case of the man called Blind Bartimaeus, the day Jesus passed, there were many blind people in Israel as at that time. But, when He came to where Blind Bartimaeus was, this man realized that the kingdom of God is suffering violence and that it is the only the violent that take it by force. He also realized that it is only the shouting side that attracts attention. Although there were so many people that were following Jesus as at that time, but they could not get Him to do any miracle for them because they were following Him religiously.

In the case of this man, he refused to be like other religious men who were following Jesus and instead of keeping quiet (hence dying in pains), he rather shouted when he heard it was Jesus of Nazareth. Note that Jesus had already passed him but despite that he shouted and said "Jesus thou Son of David, have mercy on me". At his shout, the bible says; Jesus stood still, but Religious men

who were with him went to him and said “my friend, why are you shouting, it's like this your God is dead, my own God, hears us without us having to shout” – (beloved do not believe such useless stories).

Despite their effort to stop him, this man (Blind Bartimaeus) did not give heed to their rebuke rather he shouted even further (the more) and said; “Jesus thou Son of David, have mercy on me”, and Jesus turned and said “Bring him here”. At the command of Jesus, it was still the same men who told him to keep quiet that went back to tell him that Jesus was calling him. (In this vein, if you do not give up, these men that are shouting at you now will be your servants when God blesses you) Thank God this man (Blind Bartimaeus) continued the shout; my brother/sister, start today and continue the shout until you are heard like the Blind Bartimaeus because he had his miracle because he continued to shout and fortunately, that day was the last day Jesus passed through that road; which is to say that if he had waited till the next day he may not regain his sight for the rest of his life. As some people in the church today would do, letting their day of divine visitation get over them because they wore gorgeous dress to church. Satan on the other hand would be telling them “do not pray too much here in the church, when you get home and remove your gorgeous wear, you can start praying so that you will not dirty or rumble your clothes and stupidly they will agree with him.” Do you know that the co-operate anointing and the prayer force that is in any church gathering is peculiar. When you go back to your house where principalities and water spirits are living with you in the same bedroom and where sleep captures you before you say in Jesus name is that where you intend praying and moving that high mountain before you?

v Jesus – The prayer of Jesus when He wanted Lazarus to wake up from the dead was intense and focused. In the same way, when you need your Lazarus to rise up, you have to pray the way Jesus prayed. Remember that He is the very Son of the very God and so, who are you and who are your father and your mother with all these religious prayer you are praying?

The bible said that Jesus came to that grave and asked them to remove the stone and when they removed the stone, He prayed and said “Father, I thank you that you heareth me always”, then when He wanted to address the Satan (the mountain) the bible says “He shouted and said, Lazarus ……. come forth!”, his

spirit traveled from Abraham's bosom where it was already, rushed back into his body, jacked his body up and said the Master of Creation is calling and you must respond.

When you are praying this kind of prayer, the person by your side is inconsequential; because you want answers to your prayers not to impress any “broda” or “sista”. Do not ever forget that 'Abnormal problem requires abnormal action to solve it.'

v Like Rhoda Army – unfortunately, the prayer life of many people lacks focus, but the truth remains that we need to be focused in prayer so as to get result. In a more practical way, assuming I am praying for a battle, all my spiritual energies are focused on that battle and my spiritual eyes are already seeing the victory and as all my energies are transmitted there, there will be a quality result. In the same vein, if you are praying for money, focus money, command it to come and once you can see it with your spiritual eye, believe that it is done. The same thing applies in all situations, for instance, if I am praying for a woman to get pregnant and I lay my hands on her, focus it and pray until in my spiritual eyes I can see conception and eggs traveling through the fallopian tube and settling on the uterus. Even without a vision, I know in my spiritual eye and heart that the matter is settled.

If you go through the bible, you will discover that a lot of prayers that had obvious result were prayed with intense focus (go and make biblical research if you doubt). So, if you want to have an outstanding prayer result, you must be focused.

DO NOT EVER JOKE WITH THE GATES OF TIME

“Whoso kept the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerned both time and judgment. Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.” – Ecclesiastes 8:5-6

“AND OF THE CHILDREN OF ISSACHAR, WHICH WERE MEN THAT HAD UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIMES, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.” – 1Chronicles 12:32

According to Pastor Bake, “Everything goes through the gates of time.” “Both animate and inanimate creations have to pass through yesterday to get to today.” “You have to pass through today to get to tomorrow.” If that holds through, it makes sense to say that praying through the gates of time with intense concentration, will engender adequate result. Examples of time gates are: - 6are, 9am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm, 12am, 3am. It is good to pray at all times but when you need a desperate miracle, you must not take lightly the gate of time. There are also some special block of days for special miracles, these are: 3days, 7days, 21days, 40days, etc

Biblical Events That Show the Important Of Keeping the Gate of Time

v The slaughter of the first-born in Egypt was by mid-night

v The killing of 185,000 Assyrians soldiers was by midnight

v Paul and Silas deliverance through praise and worship was at midnight

v The prayer of Elijah that opened the heaven had to wait till time of the evening sacrifice

v The Rhoda squad deliverance prayer was by midnight (Acts 13)

v Remember the Dayspring and Evening tide – This is a mystery one can activate to work on his/her behalf during the day or evening times (See my book on MANIFESTED TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF DARKNESS).

Maintain a Life of Fasting and Praying Through the Gate of Time

In the world we live today, we can attest that in life, there is no shortcut to success, breakthrough etc hence nothing is without a price. Prayer price through fasting is one principle that when you know how to apply, nothing will be difficult for you.

By extension, it has been shown through experiences that there are situations that you cannot handle without praying and fasting.

WHAT IS FASTING?

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that involves going without food completely or

partially to seek the face of God. In other words, it involves a deliberate denial of the pleasures of food to concentrate on God. In the life of a Christian, fasting is essential because it enhances the spiritual contact and harmony with God (John 4:23-24)

From the bible record, Jesus made us to understand that there are situations we cannot change unless we fast thus He says “This kind cannot go except with praying and fasting.” You need to prove that God answers prayer and this can be done through fasting and praying especially praying through the gates of time.

Consequently, there are different kinds of fasting which includes:

v Congregational fast

v Team fast (can be a family)

v Personal fast

v Enemies fast

These kinds of fasting can be done in the following ways:

v Partial fast, involves abstaining from certain foods and maybe taking only fruits.

v Total fast, involves taken water (although optional) but no food and can last for a full day example 6am-6pm.

v Absolute fast, has to do with “No food, No water”.

You Can Find People Of Like Mind with You to Pray With

To deal with certain situations, there may be need for you to engage yourself in “Agreement Prayer” with person/s of like mind. It is very efficacious and has produced tremendous result in application even in the bible but it must be done sincerely and with focus. Talking about agreement prayer, the bible says:

“Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **AGAIN I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT IF TWO OF YOU SHALL AGREE ON**

EARTH AS TOUCHING ANY THING THAT THEY SHALL ASK, IT SHALL BE DONE FOR THEM OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM." Matthew 18:18-20

NEVER DOUBT

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." – James 1:6-8

THANK GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND FOR ANSWERS TO PRAYERS.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

DESTROY THEM

There are enemies and there are enemies. There are enemies whose uttermost interest is to destroy you. They fight day and night, tooth and nail to see you frustrated or even killed. All they live for is to see you in pains and in a bid to actualize this goal, they then go extra mile. They can even go further than you could ever imagine, making sure that they frustrate or block your testimonies, breakthroughs and successes. When you are dealing with such enemies, you do not need to retreat or blink your eyes one bit. Your maxim should be crush and crush totally. Why? What you do not stop will stop you.

The bible has stories and records of such enemies and how their victims strived to be saved from their grips. The world we live in, on the other hand also has stories of such people and shockingly, they live with us and are everywhere around us. They are manifest in our places of work, compound and we tread with them even in our villages. Most surprisingly, they maybe our aunties, uncles, mother-in-laws, father-in-laws, sister and brother-in-laws, step mothers etc. For such enemies this text comes to say DESTROY THEM!

Consequently spiritual Herods, Heman and Pharaoh such as this must not be handled with kids gloves. These human beasts like to kill bright stars prematurely. They boast in iniquity because there are altars behind them. The Word of God in Deuteronomy 1:6, 7, 21; 33:27 (quoted below) says: DESTROY

THEM!

“The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged. THE ETERNAL GOD IS THY REFUGE, AND UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS: AND HE SHALL THRUST OUT THE ENEMY FROM BEFORE THEE; AND SHALL SAY, DESTROY THEM.

Pathetically, a lot of Christians are like the Jews in the wilderness; they do not want to fight. They want an easy life while the enemy is swimming in their blessings. But in the scripture quoted above, God is saying that where you are now is not your promised land. Do not settle this way of the Jordan. The land is before thee, the blessings of God are before you. His promises are Yes and Amen.

However, there is a call to battle. You must be ready to confront the enemy; do not be discouraged. As you take the step of faith to possess your possession, you will see God. There is a promised land; the blessings promised us are in the camp of the enemy already. Thus, we must be ready to fight for it. There is no free food anywhere; we are in the midst of wolves. The children of Israel had to clear them in order to enter into their destiny.

You need to rise up to your feet and do what you should do. Why? There is a strong backing from God that if you step out to confront the enemy, Our God who is a Consuming Fire shall destroy them on your behalf as recorded in Deuteronomy 9:1-3

“Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven, A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak! Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as

a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.”

Notice God's assurance of going before us as a consuming fire. He promises to destroy them that want to make His Word concerning you a lie. He goes on to emphasize that He will bring them down before your very face. But you do not sit down and expect the promises of God on your life to be fulfilled. No! In every promise of God, you have your own part to fulfill and God's part to fulfill. Thus the bible says:

“so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee”.

Beloved, war is war. In every war you either kill your enemy or your enemy kills you. There are enemies to drive out and there are enemies that must be cleared quickly.

However, you have to resolve here and now to clear all that:

- Have to die for you to live
- Need to be destroyed for your star to shine
- Have to die for your to recover
- Need to be transferred or retired for your sake
- Need to expire for you to appreciate.

Do not ever forget that the everlasting Word of God is behind you and it keeps giving you the assurance that God is ever there for you to defend your course. To give you more hope, hear what the bible says concerning you in Psalm 63:9-10

“But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.”

With all these assurances, brethren, you need to target every power that is standing between you and the plan of God for your life. You need to declare war

or battle against:

- v Star hunters
- v Breakthrough killers
- v Anointing killers
- v Business killers
- v Development killers
- v Success killers
- v Promotion killers
- v Prosperity destroyers
- v Poverty promoters
- v Sickness manufacturers
- v Pregnancy destroyers
- v Life terminators

Therefore, there are some powers that must be cleared from the way for you to arrive into destiny. There are people that need to die for you to experience a tangible breakthrough or success in life and there are people to confront in spiritual warfare for you to:

- v Survive
- v Prosper
- v Be pregnant etc

Are you aware that there are sworn enemies? The bible has their records and among them are:

1. Jezebel

2. 40 Jews – like in the case of Paul, they vowed that his head must go down to shell, binding themselves with an oath.

Do not take sworn enemies for granted. Remember that the forces of darkness attacking you know that you are a Christian. They are aware that light conquers darkness; they are also aware that a lot of Christians are careless and lack discipline and other's ignorant. Therefore, they make use of the ignorance of many to attack them.

Intensely, when they come against your life:

v They do not give up until they hunt you down.

v They do not stop and pity you because you are sick, rather they attack you until you die

Thus, when you have such battle, you are foolish if you go to rest/sleep. You are rather supposed to give the battle all your attention and energy until the enemy is subdued. DO NOT RELAX! Although some say, relax God is in control, I want to tell you that the bible says; “Woe to him that is at ease in Zion”

BIBLICAL SUPPORT ON DESTROYING THE ENEMIES THAT TROUBLE YOU

1. Isaiah 6:1 “In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.”

Here the bible recorded that Uzziah had to die for Isaiah to be delivered from spiritual backsliding

2. Exodus 4:18,19 “And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.”

Here Pharaoh had to die for Moses to return back to Egypt

3. Exodus 12:29,30 “And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and

all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead."

Here all the first born in Egypt had to die for Israel to leave Egypt, for God's children to be free from servitude.

4. Exodus 14:27 "And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea."

All the soldiers of Pharaoh had to be cleared.

5. I Kings 18:40 "And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there."

Here all the prophets of Baal had to be cleared.

6. Matthew 2:19, 20 "But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life."

Here, for Jesus to come back Herod had to die.

7. Luke 22:36-38 "Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough."

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

LET SATAN DO THE WORK

Our God is a man of war and He has thousand and one ways to fight His battle. Being the creator of the whole universe, (Satan inclusive) He can use anything to perfect His moves and what He wants. A critical look at the way Jehovah fights His battles is revealing. In fighting His battles, He can use anything (including His enemies) to accomplish His aim and bring glory to Himself, because He is God, the Creator of all. From Genesis to Revelation, you will discover that Satan is a servant of God and God even uses him, (Satan and cohorts) to ensure his (God's) own victory.

In a bible instance when the Israelites were in bondage in the land of Egypt, God used the daughter of Pharaoh (as quoted thus) to perfect His plans. Thus the bible says;

“And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, this is one of the Hebrews' children. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child

away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it". Exodus 2:5-9

Here we see the birth of the human instrument of God for delivering Israel out of Egypt. Note how Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and also that an Israeli woman should raise him instead of an Egyptian, that's divine arrangement. Thus Moses was trained in the palace of the Pharaoh who made the decree to kill him. Surprisingly, the Moses that was used to devastate Egypt was trained, fed and prepared by his enemies.

When king Saul turned against God, remember what happened; God anointed David into his place and arranged for David to come into the palace and be administratively coordinated. Fear God!

When King Ahab became too tough that he could not respect God's laws nor hear God's prophets, what happened? He surrounded himself with all sorts of prophets that were monitoring the physical and spiritual realm; hence he felt comfortable. How did God handle him? It was a lying spirit in the mouth of all the prophets of Ahab that God used to dismantle him. As shown below:

"And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee". 1Kings 22:19-23

When God wanted to liberate His people from the deadly plans of their enemies in book of Esther, He used their enemy Haman to perfect His work by making him to pronounce judgment on himself without knowing it, thinking that he was advising the king rightly. To buttress this victory, the bible says;

"And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the

gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified. Esther 7:9-10

However, God arranged for Haman to be hanged by his own best friend; what Mordecai and Esther could not do. Therefore, Let Satan and his children be mobilized fast to punish themselves.

When God wanted to deal with Egypt, the bible in Isaiah 19:1-5 records that:

“The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up”.

However, God was to set the Egyptians against the Egyptians, every one against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom.

In order to perfect God's Will to save humanity, God used the available which were the Satan and the Jews to perfect His mission through Jesus Christ. This was done by allowing Jesus to be crucified so that through His crucification and death all mankind would be saved. According to the bible, it is recorded thus:

“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory”. 1Corinthians 2:6-8

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ”. Acts 2:36

Therefore, Satan and the Jews were used by God to crucify Jesus. In doing that they were God's instruments for the total liberation of man. If Satan knew the implications of that single act, he would not have done that.

In the Book of II Corinthians 12:6-9, it was a messenger of Satan that God allowed to stop Saul/Paul from pride and self-exaltation. Hence, the bible says:

“For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me”. II Corinthians 12:6-9

In the same vein, we can use the enemy to deal with his own children. We have a covenant with the Creator of the all things and He must have preeminence in all things. That is a spiritual law! We are privileged to be member of the senate council of heaven. From this exalted position, we exercise control and dominion. We command and must be obeyed.

Beloved, you can return every arrow of the enemy back to sender. Whatever Satan and his agents send to you, you can send it back to them. In doing that, build your spiritual muscles on the strength of the quotations below:

“The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken”. Psalms 9:15

“How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied? Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!” Numbers 23:8, 23

You have the power to condemn every tongue that is making evil pronouncement, decree, chanting etc against you.

“In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. Isaiah 54:14-17

The bible says, I shall be far from oppression. It is rebellion against God to bring oppression towards me. Every tongue rising against me is condemned

Remember that amongst works of creation includes the forces of darkness that are being used against you. If you understand your position in Christ Jesus and that water flows down and not up, you can give those spirits sent against you a reversal order. Command them to go back to the man or woman that sent them to you and vomit their poison.

Some years ago while I was a bachelor and also new in the faith; an agent of Satan kept challenging the hand of God upon my life. One day, he went too far, thinking he would scare me with his demonic power. I got up from my bed and commanded the spirits that gave him power to enter my house without permission to start tormenting him until I have testimony for the church. By the next day he was in the sitting room lamenting that I want to kill him. That is how it is been done, you are created to have dominion and to be a god over creature on earth.

OTHER SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 49: 23-end

Isaiah 17:1-3

II kings 19::8-9; 36-37 - Senchaerib, king of Assyria was killed by his own sons,

inside the house of his gods.

II Samuel 12:10-12 - David's judgment from God

I kings 13:20-25 - The young prophet killed by him

II kings 9:7-10, 30-37 - Jezebel and the dogs.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

SUPERNATURAL POWER OF VOWS

A vow is a special pledge, solemn promise or a binding commitment by an individual to God for His favours or assistance. It could also mean the giving away of things that are valuable and dear to God, as a pledge for His power to be released on your behalf.

A vow is a way of saying to God, “trust me in this matter”. I can be depended upon. It is a spiritual discipline of binding commitment. Thus, it is not for fair weather friends or for canal Christians. It is for men of their words and that is why it mobilizes the attention of the Trinity and the Angels of God. Interestingly, GOD LOVES VOW!

However, the consequences of breaking your vows either with God or man can be very serious and disastrous. Man is very unreliable and God knows what is in man. Thus, a vow is a special instrument in the hands of man to show his dependability to God. It is you saying to God, I am reliable. In fact, it is a unique access route into the immeasurable power of the Almighty God. Hence, when a Christian is in trouble and need God's immediate intervention, a vow is the supernatural way out.

HANNAH'S VOW

Hannah was the first wife of Elkanah. She was barren for many years, she felt

comfortable with the words of her husband that he loved her despite the fact that he married a second wife into the house. According to the Holy Scriptures, Peninnah (the second wife) had children but Hannah had none. Although Hannah knew that she needed a child, she did not know the importance of having children, until her mate Peninnah began to provoke and deal with her.

When the bitterness caused by Peninnah's provocation became a burden to Hannah, she wept sore, prayed and cried bitterly to God and VOWED A VOW. As shown in I Samuel 1:9-11, where the bible says:

“So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.”

This vow changed the history of Hannah, because it is a very serious business. The vow stirred up the mercenaries in heaven to be set in motion for her to have a child.

And because Hannah had learnt through her adversity the nature of God whom she prayed to, the bible in verse 24-28 of I Samuel 1 says:

“And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.”

Hence, immediately the child Samuel was weaned, Hannah fulfilled her vow to God with joy.

Do not be hasty to make a vow to God. Take time to think it over and once you

have made a vow, please keep it. WHY? When you keep your vow to God, God will be committed to fight your course and bring you peace in all ramifications. In the case of Hannah, when she honoured God and kept her vow to God, God gave her three sons and two daughters. He is faithful; He is not a wicked taskmaster.

BASIC REASONS FOR CHRISTIAN VOWS

The nature of man is made in such a way that problem is common to the total existence of man. In other words, in every man's existence, man experiences problems from mild to severe or from controlled to overwhelming encounters. In a bid to strike a balance, man tries to free himself from negative encounters no matter how mild. This can be done through vow.

However, vows are made for diverse reasons; and sometime vows are made in direct proportion to what is being demanded. Specifically, vows can be made for the following reasons: -

- When in danger
- You need special blessing
- You need an impossible miracles
- When you need a new level of power
- For protection
- For job or promotion
- Marriage and for children
- Deliverance from adversity
- Healing from sickness and diseases

However, a lot of people vow to God

- To sponsor the gospel

- To talk to somebody about Jesus (Soul Winning)
- To remain a virgin till they marry
- To care for the lost/backsliders
- To love and serve God
- To be an intercessor
- Never to mechandize the gospel
- Never to touch God's glory
- To take care of God's servants
- To care for the less privileged
- To build a house for God
- To pay your tithe and first fruits to God

Thus, a vow is also a form of predetermination to reject evil, and to do good. It is a special promise from an individual to God. In fact, vows have a special way of committing God into a matter. That's why God expects you to keep your vows before Him.

KEEP YOUR VOWS

We are living in a fast changing and disposable society. These are days when men cannot be relied upon to keep their words, not even the ones they signed their signatures upon. These are days when marriage vows are broken without blinking an eye. These are days when men, big time Christians are very selfish. They hardly remember the needs of God's house, programs talk less the less privileged among us.

At a time like this, when men lavish the blessings of God on themselves, God will deal more with faithful Christians through solemn vows. That is why I want to admonish you, WHEN YOU MAKE A VOW, PLEASE KEEP IT!

To show the seriousness God placed on keeping of vows made, the bible says in Numbers 30:1-2:

“And Moses space unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded. If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceeded out of his mouth.”

And in Deuteronomy 23:21-23:

“When thou salt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou salt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou salt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou salt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.”

Failure to keep your vow before God is sin. God will require it. A vow is not ordinary but a very serious business with the Trinity. A vow commits God more than anything else; thus, never tell Him you have changed your mind.

“Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. When thou vows a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.” Ecclesiastes 5:1-2, 4-5

This is very serious; that's why canal and dime men do not like to make a vow. They want too much freedom/liberty. But a vow is a solemn spiritual discipline of commitment to God. God loves vows. He expects you to keep your vows.

MORE BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF VOWS

Genesis 28:20-22 – “And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.”

In this portion of the bible, Jacob vowed a vow unto God. The substance of the vow is, if God: -

- Will be with him
- Protect him on this journey
- Give food to eat
- Give him dress to wear
- Bring him safely home (his father's house)

On his part, Jacob made a solemn bond to: -

- Serve the God of heaven and earth
- To build God a house at Bethel
- Give God ten percent of all his income (tithe)

Judges 11:30-31 – “J'g:11:30: And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.”

A lot of writers see this as a hasty and foolish vow. One is at a loss to what Jephthah actually expected to welcome him from the house if not the wife or daughter. We could not have expected the dogs, cats, and goats to come and welcome him. That's why it is important to think properly before making any vow to God.

However, whether foolish or hasty, your vows must be honoured. Jephthah fulfilled his vow.

CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING YOUR VOW

The consequences of breaking your vows either with God or man can be very serious and disastrous. God wants to spare you and bless you. He places so much importance on vow and keeping of vow. These are revealed in diverse portion of

the scriptures as shown below:

“Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.” - Job22:27

“Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High.” - Psalms50:14

“Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.” – Psalms 56:12

“So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.” – Psalms 61:8

Breaking your vows with God can result in disastrous consequences or judgment. It will definitely lead to loss of divine trust and approval. In addition to personal guilt and unworthiness, it can be the source of hindrances and blockages as God withdraws His grace. God may not kill you. If you repent of your wickedness to God, He will surely forgive you. Note this:

“Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.” – Proverb 11:21

You may forget your vow to God but God never forget our vows. It is a covenant of great value to Him.

“And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.” Genesis 31:11-13

God was reminding and encouraging Jacob to fulfill the vow he made to Him. The vow was made about twenty-one years before then. Jacob had tried to settle in Shechem, but God compelled him to move by: -

1. Allowing the daughter to be raped
2. Levi and Simeon went on vengeance slaughter of the people
3. Jacob became afraid of retaliatory attack and was ready to move. Do not

wait for God to compel you to obedience.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

LOVING THE LORD

According to the English Dictionary, the word love is described as a very strong affection directed towards a person or a thing. By extension, to love is to feel tender affection for somebody such as a close relative or friend, or for something such as a place, an ideal, or an animal.

A feeling of love can be shared with oneself (which is actually what gives you the ability to love, for you cannot love another right if you do not love yourself well) and also between father and son, mother and daughter, parent and children, husband and wife.

A good and better understanding of what love for self and that for humans is will go a long way to help us understand what the bible means when it says that God is love and requires us to be like Him both in loving Him and loving our neighbour as ourselves.

From the bible, we discovered that every commandment given by God is centered on two things: love for neighbor and love for God. Thus we are commanded to love both God and neighbour as we love ourselves, which is to say that the best way to keep the commandment is to view our daily existence on the table of how well we love God and the man he created around us.

However, to love requires a whole lot of movement and activities that flow from

the inside; it requires some levels of denial and inconveniences just to get at loving perfectly. The whole and totality of perfect and sincere love revolves around sacrifice/s, without which love is not complete.

In our history of salvation, we discovered that the act of love is divine; God was the first person to embark on the journey of love by sacrificing his only begotten son to die for our sins even when we were still His enemies, bound to sin and ungodliness.

Brethren, I want to tell you that it is not enough to pray, loving the Lord is another way of getting the Lord interested in you and in case/s concerning you, which helps to fasten your miracles while you pray.

Unfortunately, it is quite painful to note that most of us do not love God as we ought to, although we pretend that we love God but the sincere truth is that we do not love Him; but the God we serve expects us to love Him with all our heart. It is quite worthy of note to say that the spiritual power of any Christian is directly proportional to his heart-love and commitment to God. That's why from the beginning in the Israelites' journey with God, God emphasized that they were to be informed that for one to be a Jew, one thing is important and that all important thing is found in the book of Deuteronomy 6:4-9, as quoted:

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou salt love the LORD thy God with all thane heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thane heart: And thou salt teach them diligently unto thy children, and salt talk of them when thou sit test in thane house, and when thou walks by the way, and when thou list down, and when thou rises up. And thou salt bind them for a sign upon thane hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thane eyes. And thou salt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”

The same thing is applicable in Deuteronomy 10:12, which reads:

“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.”

We are expected to love God with all our power and all our faculties, our

resources, valued time and above all with reckless abandon. Talking about our valued time, it is time when we are still very strong to give our best to God and not when we are tired. So that we will not cry like the man we were told about who lived his life on earth without knowing about Jesus. Until he was about to die, he then met Jesus and began to cry, saying:

“Must I go and empty-handed?”

Must I meet my Savior so?

Not one soul with which to greet Him

MUST I EMPTY-HANDED GO?

I want to ask you this day, are you going to meet this God ashamed? Some of us, when we were in the world we know how we organize parties in a question of hours and load them with girls. We took our energy and made disciples for Satan, we got the big men to join our club. Today we got born again and we are now ashamed to preach to big men about Jesus. Do not forget that Jesus said if you are ashamed of me before men in this world filled with evil, I will be ashamed of you before my father who is in heaven. The day God and his kingdom becomes your treasure, your heart disposition will change for the bible says in Matthew 6:21:

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

IS YOUR TREASURE IN GOD?

In Economics, we were taught about opportunity cost and scale of preference. In the later (that is scale of preference), you arrange your needs according to their importance to you such that you put the ones that are so important to your heart within the first range in the list, while in the former (that is opportunity cost), you sacrifice the alternative. Therefore, when people say that they do not have time for God, it's simply because they do not love God enough because you create time for what you value and for what matters most to you. When people sacrifice their money, time and service for another thing other than God it is also because of lack of sincere love for God. Unfortunately, today you discover that some of us are sacrificing Jesus because He is not in our priority. My lecturer

who taught me recreation in the higher institution said that time is a human concept; you always create time for what you want to create time for. In the same way, if you sincerely love Jesus and sincerely have a heart-disposition for God, you will create time for Him and when you create time for Him, He will create time for you also and harkens unto your cry when you call on Him in prayers. Do not forget that your heart love determines your heart commitment.

The question still rings: “How much do you love that God that you pray to?” “Where is your heart-love?”

My brethren, our lack of time for God is because of lack of heart-love for God and that is why when it is time for fellowship, you will be tired; when it is time to serve God you will be busy. You cannot create time to serve Him because you do not love Him. Your lack of love for God makes you to even take His graces and mercies for granted and makes you to be less worried about sacrifices for His kingdom to expand. White men brought this gospel to us at great sacrifice, I read about some of them, they sold their duplex and parked into a bungalow (boys quarter) in order to use the remaining money to print tracts. Today money is in Africa, it is our turn to continue with spreading the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ, unfortunately you do not love God enough to do that, you cannot preach on the internet and the result is that Satan is at work there and even to your children. You don't have time, you cannot preach even in the bus. People have problems and Jesus is waiting for you and I to speak to them and the devil is making many of us quiet. Many of us feel indifferent while the Master's work is being ridiculed. Has it ever occurred to you that the death of Jesus will never be in vain? It should give you burden and if it is not giving you burden you have never loved Him.

We tend to be very insincere in our dealing with God, with a non-committal attitude to the things of God and tend to be hypocrites such that when the things of God are talked about, we have reasons and say that we are busy because of lack of sincere heart-love for God and the things of God.

Quite painfully, in most cases we claim to love God and pretend as if we are truly His because of trouble we encounter but in the real sense of it, we remember God only when we have needs/problems. Think about this: if you

were God and you are only remembered by the people you love and who know you love them so much only when they have problem, how will you react to them when they come/call on him?" Unfortunately, this is the case with many of us and as a result when some of us call in prayer, it appears God is telling them next week and you know next week can be next year.

A woman was sick of cancer and doctors have given up on her, Kenneth Hagan was called to come and pray for her which he did because that was his sister and God healed her. Then this Kenneth Hagan's sister became sick again after five years and was taken to the doctor but instead of getting better, she was going down every day. Kenneth Hagan had to come and pray, and prayed again and even fasted but the woman was going down the more. As result of his sister's ailment that seemed not to be responding to treatment and that had refused to go even after his praying and fasting, he went to God and said: "God what testimony will it be that my sister died of this little sickness when you can do all things?" God said to him: You know you are my friend, you are not just my son I honour your word but you see this woman, I showed her grace and mercy five years ago but she had never made any effort to know me. And he (God) went further to tell Kenneth, if you love her, prepare her so that I can receive her, she will surely die – and she later she died. That was Kenneth Hagan's sister!

You need to love God, for the bible says in Galatians 6:7:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

So you cannot deceive God, when you love a person, you do unimaginable things to please him; I have seen lovers and I have seen them take risks because of their love. In the same vein, when you see people who love God, they do strange things, they take strange risk in order to please God. When you see people who love Jesus, they climb on top of the bottles at the risk of their lives to tell somebody that you need this Jesus. My brother, allow God to do a surgery in your heart, allow the Holy Spirit to stop you from deceiving yourself.

The question still is: "Where is your heart, your heart-love?" Surprisingly, some people go for fellowship because they are trying to maintain relationships not because they love God but when you love God, is not all about what He does for

you. If in some marriages, some women love their husband and stay in the marriage, not necessary because the man has much money but because of their heart-love for the man. What testimonies have you concerning your love for God? In any case, when you truly love Jesus it should not be because of what He is doing for you but because He first and truly loves you to have given His life for you on the cross of Calvary for an offence He did not commit, just to set you free.

What is your heart desire? Do you know that the reason why a lot of the people are not blessed is because their heart is not towards God and because their hearts are not perfect before God? I have seen a lot of people struggling with things they should not struggle with, and in a bid to breakthrough in their struggles, they have prayed all manner of prayer but God did not answer, as a result they started murmuring against God. They however forgot that God cannot be mocked, what a man soweth, that shall he reap. For when you seek the face of God, God will tell you that you don't love Him.

BLESSINGS THAT FOLLOW LOVING GOD SINCERELY

It is good you know that genuine and sincere love for God does not go without blessings. Throughout the bible record, men and women who loved God sincerely and genuinely had manifestations of God's power in their lives and today, their stories serve as a pillar of faith to us as pertains to what Our God can do. In other words, most prayers unanswered today can be implicated on lack of sincere love for God amongst several other reasons.

However, beneath are the blessings that tag along loving God sincerely and genuinely:

1. Psalms 37:4 “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” – When you love Jehovah, He will give you the desire of your heart, some have not gotten the desire of their hearts because they do not love God, they are toying with God but forget the bible says be not deceived, God sees your heart.

2. Psalms 145:18-20 “The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he

also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy." He will hear their cry, He will save them, and He will fulfill their heart desire that love Him sincerely and genuinely.

3. Proverbs 8:17 "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." – That statement is graphic enough. Thus, if God says that He loves them that love Him, the reverse of it should be that He hates them that hate Him, He despises them that despise Him and that's God for you.

4. I Corinthians 2:9 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that (sincerely) love him." Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of any man, the unimaginable blessings, unimaginable breakthrough, unimaginable promotion, unimaginable advertisement, unimaginable wisdom etc God is going to deposit on them that really love Him. I pray that somebody will decide today to love Him.

HOW DO I SHOW MY LOVE FOR GOD?

This is one common question people always ask, how do I serve God? How do I show Him that I love Him? The answer is, you can love God and serve Him in so many ways and these ways are:

1. The bible says in the book of John 14:15, 21:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

He that has my commandment and keepeth them, it is he that loveth me and he that loveth me shall be loved by my father and I will love him and I will manifest myself to him. This is powerful! When you love the Lord obey His commandment, when the Lord says: Do not neglect the fellowship of the bethren, keep it. When God says, honour your father and mother, honour them as part of your Love for God.

I John 2:3-6 "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments,

is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." And in I John 4:19, the bible says "We love him, because he first loved us." – So let's love Him.

2. Put God first in everything you do – Mark 12:30

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

Do you know what that means? We should just love God and when you love Him, love Him so much that every other thing becomes inconsequential

3. By loving the brethren – find out the feeble ones. There are some of the people that we have in our midst that will not go to school if you do not help to train them. Some come to church crying and weeping in their heart and God is waiting for you and I to be neighbours to them. Find somebody that will praise God because of your life. Be a blessing to somebody; wipe the tears on the face of somebody. Jesus said, I will ask you; I was in the hospital but you never came to look for me, I was in prison but you never came there/cared

4. By telling others about Jesus – II Corinthians 5:10-11

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

Snatch some as from fire, the bible says because we know the terrors of God, we persuade men. One of my pastor-friend, the sister who led him to Christ later became his wife. The sister thought the man was joking but today they are living together.

5. Attend church/fellowship regularly – Hebrew 10:25:

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day

approaching.”

God does not like it when you neglect the fellowship of the brethren, if you love God.

6. Tell people about God's Words, be faithful in proclaiming the Word of God. Live for God during your time, anywhere you are, be an evangelist for Jesus. Anywhere you are affect lives, affect destinies, live a life of impact. If your life does not change other people's life is a useless life. Your life must affect other people's life positively. Live for God and be forgiving. Taste for God in prayer, for you cannot say you love God if you cannot spend time in His presence. You cannot say you love God and you cannot spend time reading the bible at least three-five chapters' every day, two hours forty minutes every day in prayer. You must have a sense of urgency.

7. Giving cheerfully for the work of God Hebrews 13:16:

“But to do well and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Be generous for it is part of God's character. In II Corinthians 9:7, the bible says:

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

I John 3:17 “But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?”

8. Strive for approval of God, not approval of men. Serve the Lord with a perfect heart. A lot of people are serving God but not with a perfect heart, and God does not give in to that for there is a different between working for God and working with God. Unfortunately, a lot of people are working for God and not with God. However, I want to tell you my brethren, work with God and not for Him, because the one you work for Him may not count – it is work done in the flesh. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in truth and in spirit. It is important that you become a spiritual man in order to do the spiritual work of God well.

9. You must be ready to suffer for the gospel. You must be willing to suffer persecution for God. The bible says that when the early apostles were persecuted instead of murmuring, they came home and gave God thanksgiving offering that they were counted worthy to suffer for the gospel. My sister, defend this gospel everywhere you are.

It pains me that a lot of people can defend their name, their church but they cannot defend Jesus, when people are making mockery of Christianity they are not bothered. In real life, people defend what they love with such intensity that if they do not have power, some of them go as far as borrowing so as to defend what they believe in or what they love. You do not defend the gospel because you do not love God enough to stand for Him. Defend the gospel, stand for the truth everywhere you are, do not allow people to make a caricature of the gospel and of God.

Finally, in the book of I Corinthians 16:22, the bible says:

“If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.”

This bible portion talks about the curse that needs to be broken on the head of as many as they are that love not the Lord Jesus. This curse did not come from the witches but it came from the Lord, from the throne of Jehovah God. My brethren, please endeavour to love God while you live or sojourn on the planet earth, He requires that from you and all the blessings attached to loving the Lord will start manifesting in your life.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

DEALING WITH THE SPIRIT OF INIQUITY

Iniqiuty is morally objectionable behaviours, injustice to human persons, crime and wickedness in the highest order. It is an illicit way of living that is not in keeping with moral standards and bible injunctions on acceptable behaviours. This cuts across many dimensions of strange happenings that are being perpetuated by human persons through the possession of wicked spirits.

Thus, it is most sensible to opine that this obnoxious behaviour (iniquity) has spirits that gear them off otherwise how would you explain most of the scenarios which are inordinate, barbaric, devilish and the strange wicked happenings (often perceived in our world today) that only having a devilish mind can account for its manifestation.

In our contemporary society, we often times hear stories on man's inhumanity to man that are so frightening to an alarming point. It is frequently striking to behold and ponder on the alarming height of these iniquities in our world and time, but amidst this confusion and fright, the bible pulls our mind to understand that a time will come when things will go out of hand and for such time, it says:

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” Matthew 24:12-13

My brethren the spirit of iniquity is already at work and my bible says that in the last days (and that's the time we are in) iniquity will abound which means you will not go far to look for iniquity. The love of many will wax cold, the heart of many will not have conscience and men will be strange in their behaviour.

I was reading something on the newspaper one of the days and discovered human beings that Satan has incarnated their hearts whose activities were to collect human cells and produce another creature through cross-breeding with animals. And the result is that you will see a dog with a human head and an animal that have human legs but has the head of a pig. And you know something, these people are living in our midst and some of them, when they are smiling is the worst part of their lives – that's the time we live in (the last days). The bible says, it will abound and in this time (last days), people will go on to do their own will and not the will of God, doing things that are wicked and unjust, in gross violation of the law, that is iniquity.

These are days you hear strange things happening with complete impunity. In one of the stories on paper, I read about a boy who got into a girl's life and promised to marry her. This boy left his business and would always come to feed and sleep in this girl's house and then go to his business from her house. This thing continued for sometime but one day, this girl (I think) woke up from the wrong side of the bed (but it was rather late for her at that time) and said to him, I see that you came to dismantle me, therefore, everything about marriage between us closes from now. The man began to beg her but the girl refused his pleas and rather went further to tell him that she had studied him for some time, had seen what is inside him and had also concluded that he could not change now because his nature had been announced. The boy pleaded further but she insisted on the ground that he only wanted her to open up the more so that he could dupe her. This pleading continued for about three months but to no avail.

So, one Sunday morning, as this girl was preparing to go to church, the boy came by but unknown to the girl the boy came prepared. He said to her, have you forgiven me? In response, she said I have forgiven you but the issue of marriage between us has been canceled, though I will always help you anytime you have problem. But he kept pleading with her and also opted for peace; the girl said in return that they are not quarrelling but the case of marriage is closed. After

dressing up, the girl asked him to come out that she wants to close the door. As the girl moved, not knowing that he was carrying a well sharpened knife, he brought it out and cut off her head and nobody was in the compound because he came at a bloody hour – (late comers if you know the prize of lateness you will avoid it because if that girl had dressed up and had gone to church when others were going, there would have been people in the compound to rescue her. Some people are used to late coming because the demons inside them have decided to keep them from coming to any gathering early. I do not care your excuses, you better bind it, because when the enemy wants to attack you he knows your weakness). Of course for the girl, nobody was around to help her. The boy pulled her corpse into the room and cleaned the blood; after that, he went and opened the girl's store and continued to sell.

Later in the night, he came back to her house, and carried her corpse into the gutter. In the morning he went back to open her store. That was the level of the boy's wickedness and stupidity! Why? Because blood is heavy, when you waste blood, it will turn your head such that you will start behaving like a stupid person. Do not forget, life is in the blood.

However, the girl's body stayed in the gutter until children that were playing football whose ball fell inside that same gutter saw human leg that had started decaying and shouted, that was how the police located him. When they wanted to torture him, he told them that the girl was his finance and that he had been pleading with her for forgiveness for three months but she refused to forgive him. That was iniquity in the highest order; indeed, iniquity has abounded and the love of many waxing cold.

Have you not heard about blood suckers, people that are bathing with human blood? I was reading on the internet about a retired inspector of police, that human beings buried alive because of land dispute. If a man such as this (Inspector of Police) could be buried like that, then picture the type of world we are into. Have you not seen people kill human beings as if they are not human beings? Iniquity shall abound and the love of many will wax cold.

Have you not seen the level of pregnancy among women that are mad? Are they not been impregnated by human beings, or is it to talk about one woman who

was pregnant and it was not as if she was quarrelling with her husband but before you knew what was happening the pregnancy disappeared. What happened was that she gave birth to the child and sold the child without telling the husband. Iniquity shall indeed abound and it is already manifesting before our very eyes.

Have you not seen the level of iniquity in the land? Read papers and see for yourself! Hear this, something happened in Jos, a woman had a baby and invited her mother to come and look after her and the baby (omugwo) and the woman came. Unknown to the woman (who put to birth), the woman had already arranged to sell the child and in a bid to actualize her mission, she sent out the daughter and the children. When they had all gone out, she arranged with some people and sold the child she came to take care of, which was supposed to be her granddaughter. When they came back and asked her, she said it must be the children that took away the child. When the children came back and were asked, she could not allow them to talk but the children despite her dominance, reported that they did not go out with the child. The mother to the sold child raised alarm and the neighbours gathered to hear her story. After narrating her story to them, they said that they were watching the mother from their compound when the woman handed the child over to some people. That was how the child was sold in Jos for Two Hundred Thousand naira and was brought to Anambra. In Anambra, the child was resold for Three-hundred and Thirty thousand naira – first class iniquity with human traffic. Iniquity has definitely abounded and the love of many waxing cold - that is the time we are in.

Amidst all this, I want to remind you that the bible says that he that endureth, the same shall be saved, which is to say that endurance is needed at a time like this, for this kind of people are not normal people, they are hardened personalities. And if you are going to meet them in warfare what kind of Christian must you be. That brings us to what the bible says about sin and its warning to Christians at a time like this, concerning sin.

I have been worried in recent times with the level of unanswered prayers of many Christians, and I have been asking God why? And God said I have promised and my promise is real

“Ask and you will receive” “Call upon me and I will answer you, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not” “I will give men's life for your sake.”

So, why is He not giving men's life for our sake, with all these experiences manifesting in our world today? The straight answer to this is that many of us are not real; many of us are not true and some of the vessels that pray are not worthy vessels. Consequently, there are many things we need to put out because some unbelievers are better in character than some Christians.

Correspondingly, many Christians go with the fact that they love and fear God, but they still relax in their weaknesses. That is an error! The watch word is striving for perfection if we so claim that we love and fear God. Why? The bible says that Satan fears God and trembles. So what's the difference between you and him if you do not strive for perfection? You must fear God, obey His words and find out what you need to take out so that God will be pleased enough to sacrifice men for your sake, in order to keep you alive. Listen, if God can trust you, if you can be reliable, if you will be that person God can boast about like He boasted about Job, there is nothing God cannot do to keep you alive. Importantly, because of the degree of significance placed on living right as good soldiers of Christ, which is one of the weapons required to deal with the spirit of iniquity, we need to go through scriptures in this text, to understand those things God wants us to put away to be better people in this dark age.

In my years of service in this kingdom, I discovered that many of us are very dishonest to ourselves and I want to advice you to please, stop cheating yourself because life is about choices and when you make that choice, you are totally responsible for your choice. Some of us may look very simple physically, but we are strong willed and unbreakable to such a point that the Word of God does not break us and that's why you are where you are. But if you can allow God to bend you, it will go a long way to helping your spirituality.

In the book of Collosians 3:5-6, the bible says:

“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of

disobedience."

In this portion, the bible makes us to understand that these things bring the wrath of God. The above scriptures contain six things we must put off, and they include; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence and covetousness.

Surprisingly, in our church today, the major problem of many of the believers is their thoughts, which can be very impure that mouth cannot speak of. What does it mean to mortify? It means that we must feel ashamed of these things and must subdue them by self denial.

The bible also went further in verse 3:8, to say:

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds".

HERE ALSO ARE SIX STRANGE GARMENTS, WHICH WE MUST PUT OFF

1. Anger – talking about anger, the bible says that the anger of a man can never work out the righteousness of God. And also admonishes us not to have anything to do with any brother who is given to anger.

2. Wrath – this is a higher dimension of anger and that was the kind that made the young man earlier talked about to slay his financee.

3. Malice

4. Blasphemy

5. Filthy Communication

6. Lie

The book of Romans 13:13-14 accounts for seven sins we must take note of and deal with. And it says:

"Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord

Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."

Here are seven sins we must not engage in, one of which is; Rioting, which talks about group disorder. Do you know that in our church today, there are some Christians who, the disorderliness inside them will manifest when you put them in a group? For some, there is revolutionary spirit inside of them already, waiting for a time of expression. These are bad spirits and the bible says, "Get that dress off".

In 1 Corinthians 5:9, Paul began again to talk to us about six sins which we must not be associated with. Thus, if you are a child of God he said, you must not be associated with these and what are they? They are there in verse 9 of I Corinthians 5, which says:

"I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world or with the covetous, or extortionist, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."

Brethren these matters are very grievous and serious; the bible says, "Do not company with them".

By implication, however, you may think that fornicators (which are the number one in the list noted above) are not in the church but it may shock you, if I should tell you that there are many of them in the church, even among the church workers team. The only thing is that it has not come to the open.

Still on the list above, the bible talks about covetous, there are too many of them in the church; (these are people having a strange desire for something that other people have. And that's why many people steal and also why some people push their husbands to do strange things, because they want to look like the other person there. This is greatly influenced by unnecessary competitions in our head!

Brothers when you see a sister that has quiet competitive spirit inside her, please be careful because it can lead her to anything. For instance, if her friend's husband buys her a new car and you do not have money to buy for her yet, she

will fire you up because as long as that spirit is inside her, she wants to be like every other person outside there.

The bible also says if a brother or a sister is a railer, withdraw from him. How about drunkards? You think that brethren are not drinking, I am sorry to tell you that even some ministers now are drinking and some brethren have special fridge in their bedroom. Do not forget that the church is mixed and there are a lot of things going on in the church even behind the pulpit. To stretch this the more, there was one crooked brother who pretended to be born again but in the real sense of it, he just came to church to be able to marry a born again sister that will not give him trouble. He ended up marrying another crooked sister who also came to church when she was tired of the world, after a long stay in the world just to get married because she felt her time was going. In order to fulfil his mission, he went and bought a big sized bible in a pretense to be a born again. The crooked sister on her own side went and bought a very long head-tire and overflowing dresses. Having being experienced, she was able to know what the man was searching for when she looked the man in the eye and so they met and got married. This sister did not know that this guy was a strange guy, who would sometimes enter his bedroom after work, to take beer and cigarette secretly.

One day, this lady came back from work and somebody told her that her husband was around, so she did not need to start knocking at the door. She walked straight and entered through the back door into the bedroom and there was the husband drinking beer and was trying to hide it. She said, No! No! No! No! you don't have to hide, I also drink beer. And the husband gave her and was watching her, surprisingly she finished the beer. Suddenly the lady discovered that there was cigarette too then she asked; “So you smoke too? He said yes and she said likewise me, I smoke too and this is a life story that nobody would have known if not that they came to church to tell us. The two of them now decided to tell themselves the truth on how they came to church – that is the time we live in, people being dishonest to themselves.

Another thing you must put off is the spirit of gossip and swelling in pride. Listen, it is not difficult to see people as they are, because these things are spirits and they must manifest. There are people whose own is to create confusion and everywhere they arrive there must be confusion. I tell you something, some

spirits follow people because of their background; thus, if you are coming from a polygamous family, from where they quarrel every twenty minutes. You need to deal with it. Because if that kind of a person comes inside the church, it takes time or even much more for the person to be changed from creating confusion at any department he or she finds himself without even minding but the simple answer to it is the person's background.

The bible also says that we should put off uncleanness and this is also prevalence in the church. Some of the brethren are unclean, even if you give them fifty dresses, they can never iron them and they will tell you there is no electric light.

In Ephesians 4:2- the bible says:

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.” (Brethren, there are people that know how to lie), let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.”

In these three verses, you will discover nine sins that we must put off and these are:

1. Lying (even lying to ourselves) – Some of us know that we are not yet born again but yet we refuse to be honest to ourselves. For example, somebody is coming to the church, he hears the bible every day, believes the bible and he is convinced that he needs deliverance but six months, one year passed yet he has not considered it worthwhile to go for deliverance rather he sits comfortably with his demons and strange covenants. The painful thing there is that this person is inside a deliverance ministry/church. In fact, there are things that when you watch happen in the church to some of such brethren you will be forced to ask yourself, “How honest is this person to himself? When you come closer, you now discover that he does not believe the bible but is just pretending.”

2. Stealing – when you ask some brethren whether they steal they will say no, but some of them eat their tithes. God said such persons are thieves, and the question is: when are you going to stop stealing? The funny thing is that you are robbing God not even your pastor with clear face.

3. Corrupt Communication – some of the things that come out from the mouth of some brethren, while they joke with friends, is really filthy. The bible says, grieve not the Holy Spirit, but you grieve him by your behaviour and the result is that He withdraws from you. When you grieve Him and He withdraws from you, you become naked. That is why after nine hours of night vigil, the person still gets bewitched. But I tell you what, it is not normal because after spending such long hours in the presence of God, the devil should keep off from you with complete respect – deal with the spirit of iniquity for it is dangerous, cancerous and destructive to abide with.

In Ephesians 4:17-22 the bible says:

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind

(Brethren, there is a way Gentiles work and the bible says that we should not work like them for Gentiles lie and are proud unnecessarily, they marry and remarry, they are polygamists but this is not for christians. You are a loyal priesthood, a holy nation that God has called out, that you should be different. Do not disappoint or betray His trust.),

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts” (Ephesians 4:18-22).

Do not walk as Gentiles, do not walk in the vanity of your mind, do not walk with a darkened understanding, do not be alienated from the life of God, and do not walk with the blindness of your heart. Get rid of lasciviousness, uncleanness,

greediness, formal conversation, and deceitful lust, the formal dealings.

The same thing is talked about in II Timothy 3:1-5 as quoted:

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

In this portion of the bible, you discover about twenty-eight sins that we must run away from, which include:

1. Do not be a lover of yourself. Unfortunately many people are lovers of themselves. They only pray for themselves and since they repented they have never asked God what they will do for Him. My brother, what is your usefulness to God since you repented? How many people have you interceded for, knowing fully well that somebody prayed for your salvation? Remember that the bible says: “Do not be a lover of yourself”. Is the only world existing, yourself and your needs? If it is so, that's a sign that you are still a baby. For babies, the only world existing is the world around them, where everything belongs to them. Unfortunately, there are too many baby Christians.

2. The same scripture quoted above talked about boastings and it also says, get rid of pride, blasphemy, disobedient to parent.

3. Another is unthankfulness – Ingratitude is the worst of vices. Sometimes you see some born again Christians who claim to know the bible full of ingratitude both to God and to man. I admire people who always share their testimonies for it shows their gratitude to what the Lord has done for them. And when they testify that the miracle was as a result of one prayer or the other made by one man of God or the other. They are still saying that they truly appreciate the effort of such people to their miracle because some times, it takes out a lot from the people or men of God who God uses to reach out to His people. Most painfully, some people don't appreciate these efforts rather, all they have is criticism. This is not right, that's a bad spirit!

4. Another is without natural love – some of us don't have natural love, while some are law breakers such that when they go to the church and open a sachet of water, instead of disposing the empty sachet responsibly, they leave it in the church hall or auditorium and go, forgetting that the bible says respect the house of God and keep it holy.

5. False accusers, no control, incontinent, fierce, cruel people, despisers of those that are good with jealous words such as: “look at her moving around to be seen, is she the only one in this church.” This is a bad spirit. Let it not be found in you.

6. Lovers of pleasure – Some people dress well to church but when they leave the church, they change to something so indecent. The bible wants us to put away all these things for in this kingdom there are acceptable behaviours and unacceptable behaviours.

Summarily, praying vessels who seek the attention of God in prayer must deal with the spirit of iniquity. You must be free of iniquity to able to deal with the spirit of iniquity.

CHAPTER TWENTY

WONDERFULLY AND FEARFULLY MADE

In many years of my experience, I discovered that what is limiting a lot of people (Christians inclusive) is that they do not know who they are. The second point to it is that the devil keeps repeating to them that they are sinners. I also know and agree that even though some are born again Christians; they still meddle with sins, which is very bad. But I want to tell you that the problem is not your sins, but the guilty conscience you attached to your sins and your unwillingness to totally follow the right path.

Do not ever forget that the bible says that when we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So, when God forgives you, you better forgive yourself. Because if you allow the devil to keep making you feel guilty, he would eventually succeed in the following:

- Make you have fears
- Make you doubt yourself
- Make you lose confidence and this is what destroys your faith and separates you from God.

Hear this, my son is my son no matter the offence he has committed. I may not be happy with him because he has offended me. My part is to rebuke and flog him, inspite that, he is still my son. If enemy comes between us, he will see from my eyes that I still love him as a son. In the same vein, God shares the same feeling concerning us, irrespective of the situation or state we found ourselves if we are children of God. Therefore, settle it in your heart that you are special to God. And if you truly understand this; you will be a dangerous instrument to the enemy.

Pause and ponder a while on this! The disciples who were sent out by Jesus and at whose command demons were cast out and spirits falling down from heaven…… Did they have sins in their lives? Sure, they do! Of course, they were the people quarrelling and fighting among themselves, struggling for who will be in charge; and some even went as far as bringing their mother to come and speak on their behalf, etc. Are those behaviours holy? No! But then, God still used them.

What about Judas? Are you aware that Judas Iscariot was among those twelve and seventy-two disciples? Are you also aware that the church of Corinthians in the epistle to the Corinth's were recorded the most carnal Christians in the bible. But that notwithstanding, the manifestations of the Holy Ghost was recorded greatly amongst them. All these happened because they believed who they were and refused to allow any man to shift their position and confidence. Do not ever allow any man shift your position!

Talking about how special you are, the bible says in the book of Psalm:

“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well” (139:14).

David (king and a man after God's heart), probably may not know science and the internal mechanism of man, in his enthusiasm made the statement above. This young boy saw who he was much earlier even before the song was written. Although, he was regarded as the untamed boy who lived in the forest alone with animals, he did not bother and was not even afraid. WHY? This is because he knew he was a lion and was different from other human creature. This instinctive discovery made him to always play songs with guitar unto his God. And that was

why, of all the children of Jesse, the only one that stood in the presence of God was David.

Israel of the bible and even the physical Israel also know this fact. They are aware that they are different species and if you study the history, you will discover that their unique identity ignited jealousy. This led to diverse wars and even intending wars against the nation till date. WHY? Their enemies cannot understand why these people are special.

In the bible, that same envy moved King Barak to hire Balaam to come and curse the Israelites for him. This move failed after various sacrifices. On several occasion, prophet Balaam (after the sacrifice) would open his mouth to curse them but could not. Rather he would say:

“I have received a mandate only to bless and never to curse. Who can curse whom the Lord has blessed?”

Psalms: 139:14: I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

This continued for some time but when they were tired and came down from the mountain, Balaam said:

“God has not found iniquity among them. There is neither echantment against Israel nor divination against Jacob”

In the same way, I want to tell you that you are wonderfully and fearfully made. You are special unto God because you are a spiritual Israelite. The bible says that you inherited the covenant of Abraham; therefore, you are not for cursing rather you are for blessing. And God said:

whoever that curses you, God will curse and whoever that blesses you, God will bless.

Is that not fearful?

Brother, settle it in your heart that you are special unto God. You are not ordinary. You are for blessing. Let it not be in your head because if it is in your head, it will be useless to you. You better know that you are wonderfully and

fearfully made. When these words settle in your spirit, they will become arrows that shoot at the enemy whenever he comes to fire his arrows at you. Hence, let the spiritual injection of these words enter your spirit.

Do you know the number of battles you fought even before you came to the earth? Do you know that over one hundred and fifty million spermatozoa cells that fought; but you were the only one that won the battle? Others died but you survived. You could as well be the one that came when it was too late but the good news is that you survived – you are indeed wonderfully and fearfully made.

What about the Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)? – A blueprint that bears all that concerns you, carefully fashioned by God. Do you know that even before you came to being, God had already coded what you will be and how you will function on earth in your DNA? Get acquainted to this and tell yourself that you are not ordinary; stop believing the lies of the devil.

Brethren, of a truth we are wonderfully and fearfully made. We are created for a purpose. On the contrary, so many of us have believed the lies of the devil so much, that we no longer understand our purpose. Whether you are short, tall, ugly, handsome, beautiful etc; somebody is looking for you because you are wonderfully and fearfully made. You are special and there is none like you. You are excellently designed that even if you are identical twins, you are you and there is none second to you. You are a mouth piece, you are unique and you are specially fashioned by a Special God.

In order to fight the lies of the devil and feed your mind/spirit with who you really are, an understanding of how and why you were created will help paint a good picture of how special you are to you. That takes us to:

HOW AND WHY YOU WERE MADE?

Going through your physiological make-up, you will discover that God uniquely designed you in such a way that there is no creature like you. He made your internal and external body mechanism with such credentials that are so baffling and overwhelming to consider. Consider these:

Your Brain – This is the most essential part of you that is charged with the major bodily integrative function which (the brain) relates to the other parts of the body

through the spinal cord and the peripheral nervous system (in other ways as well).

However, every sensory organ in your body works through the regulation of the brain (via its various structures) for your normal functioning. Hence, there is no computer any man can manufacture that can do the work the brain does. That's why it is sometimes referred to as the central computer of the nervous system. God so fashioned it in such a way that without its integrative and regulatory functions, your body mechanism functioning as a human becomes obstructed and irregular. To show you how special you are to God, He used a kind of body casing to package it. WHY? Because you are wonderfully and fearfully made!

Endocrine System – God has designed your endocrine system to regulate such essential physiological functioning, through the regulation of the hypothalamus of the brain structure by releasing hormones essential for your normal existence. Such hormones include:

v Growth hormones

v Sexual reproductive hormones

v Hormones that help in the regulation of the blood sugar level in your body amongst the several hormones it releases. WHY? You are special unto God and He wants you to function, optimally.

Your Sensory Organs - In order to show you how wonderful you are, God fashioned the sensory organs of the body to help in communicating the environmental stimuli (i.e. nerve impulses) to the spinal cord and some to the brain for highly integrating function. Such organs are the eye, nose, ears, skin, tongue, which gathers nerve impulse/s through the sensory receptors attached to each of them and transmits same to the appropriate site in the brain/spinal cord. This is done through the various nerve cells God built inside of you to help the neuron to transmit your nerve impulses from the environment (i.e. stimuli) for interpretation in the brain and for reactions by you. Without this functioning, you will break down as a being.

WHY GOD CREATED YOU?

God created you to be the god of the earth. In His plan of creation, God never planned to live on the earth; it was never in His programs. He created man to take charge of the earth and to domesticate the earth. That's why He said to Adam, in Genesis “Subdue the earth” what does it mean to subdue? It means to compel the earth to submit to you/to obey you. By implication, this means that as a creature of God, you are supposed to compel the animals to obey you. Practically, you are not supposed to fear any idol or animal.

PURSUE, OVERTAKE AND RECOVER ALL

1. Jehovah the man of war, destroy by fire every power/any thing that hinders the manifestation of your power on my life in the Name of Jesus

2. Spirit of the Living God, take hold of the four corners of the earth and manifest the promises of God for my life in Jesus Name

3. I bind and destroy the spirit and curses of profitless hard labour in the Name of Jesus

4. I bind and destroy the spirit, and curse of limitation in the Name of Jesus

5. I bind and destroy the spirit and curse of failure at the point of miracle in the Name of Jesus

6. The Voice of the Lord, locate and destroy every cage, store house or prison holding my blessings in the Name of Jesus

7. Every power tying me down die by fire in the Name of Jesus

8. If I be a child of God, let destructive fire from heaven raze down every stronghold standing against my breakthrough in the Name of Jesus

9. Every satanic barrier, gate or wall raised against my next level shatter to pieces in the Name of Jesus

10. I renounce and destroy the controlling powers and influences of all family idols/shrines in the Name of Jesus

11. Every human and demonic power trailing my life, jam fire and die in the

Name of Jesus

12. Any wicked man or woman after my life, jam fire and die in the Name of Jesus

13. I speak fear and destroy the confidence of my enemies in the Name of Jesus

14. I command sudden darkness to cover any person making soulish prayers against me in the Name of Jesus

15. Let every covering, transfer or manipulation of my star be corrected by fire in the Name of Jesus

16. Jehovah, Jireh, let the hidden riches of secret places be opened unto me in the Name of Jesus

17. Voice of the Lord, locate and destroy all negative forces from the sun, moon, and stars working against my breakthroughs in the Name of Jesus

18. Voice of the Lord, locate and destroy all evil powers from the land, waters, graveyard, forests and hills working against my breakthroughs in the Name of Jesus

19. My Lord, My Lord, grant me the Divine enablement and provisions to suck the milk of the gentiles and the breast of kings in the Name of Jesus

20. I declare before heaven and earth, I am unstoppable and immolestable in the Name of Jesus

21. Hear oh heaven and give ear oh earth, I am a candidate for favour, prosperity, honour and distinction in the Name of Jesus

22. Mighty God, raise and connect me to my destiny helpers that will help my life to blossom in the Name of Jesus

23. Daddy, grant me the wisdom and discernment to rightly and fittingly apply knowledge in the Name of Jesus

I SHALL NOT DIE BUT LIVE

1. I bind every spirit of death released against me in the name of Jesus

2. Every evil wind directed against my life, uproot your sender in the name of Jesus (Job 1:18-19)

3. Any wicked man or woman planning evil against my life, jam fire and die in the name of Jesus (Daniel 6:22-24)

4. Jehovah the man of war, contend with those that are contending with my life in the name of Jesus

5. God of vengeance, terminate the life of any power making wicked consultations against me in the name of Jesus

6. Holy Ghost power, neutralize every evil power working in my body in the name of Jesus

7. Let every programme of shame and evil accusation against my be destroyed in the name of Jesus

8. Every conspiracy and gang up against my life, scatter, scatter in the name of Jesus

9. Every curse or evil pronouncement working against my life, be nullified by the Blood of Jesus

10. I condemn every tongue speaking evil against me in the name of Jesus

11. All envious and blackmail, statements against my life, be turned into publicity/my favour in the name of Jesus .

12. Mighty God, make diviners and enchanters against me mad, in the name of Jesus

13. Holy Spirit of God, reveal the plan of my enemies to me in the name of Jesus.

PRAYERS POINTS ON DESTROY THEM

1. Every power delegated against my star, be destroyed in the Name of Jesus

2. Every Herod delegated against my star, die in the Name of Jesus

3. Sword of the fire, locate and destroy every strongman manipulating my life, in the Name of Jesus

4. Let an artillery of heavenly bombardment of fire, be released against all powers from the: -

- Grave yard
- Covens
- Altars of darkness

- Waters etc that are against my life in the Name of Jesus

5. Any man or woman swearing to frustrate me, your time is up, die in the Name of Jesus

6. Every power aborting my breakthrough, perish by fire

7. Every gang-up or conspiracy against my life be cleared by the Sword of the Lord

8. Every agent of darkness blocking my breakthrough, your cup of iniquity is full, die in the Name of Jesus

9. Let there be a continuous bombardment of devouring fire against all the forces of darkness attacking my life in the Name of Jesus

10. Any witch or wizard, occult or sorcerer projecting against my life and breakthrough, die in the Name of Jesus

11. You strongman in my family, yard, office and profession, be bound and uprooted by fire in the Name of Jesus

12. Every altars of darkness working against my life, be destroyed by thunder,

by lightening, by earthquake, by fire in the Name of Jesus

13. Every conspiracy against my life and destiny scatter by fire in the Name of Jesus

14. Every avowed enemy of my life and destiny, your time is up, die in the Name of Jesus

15. All satanic devices working against my life and breakthrough be destroyed by fire in the Name of Jesus

16. All wicked manipulations and arrows against my life, back to the sender in the Name of Jesus

DEALING WITH SATANIC NETWORKS

1. Jehovah the man of war destroy all physical and spiritual conspiracy against my life in the Name of Jesus

2. Holy Ghost fire locate and destroy every foundational powers limiting my life in the Name of Jesus

3. All wicked powers of the night assigned against my life be destroyed by fire in the Name of Jesus

4. Every power monitoring my life with satanic mirror jam fire and die in the Name of Jesus

5. All witchcraft and occultic spirits flying against my life die in the name of Jesus

6. Strongman of my father's house be bound in the Name of Jesus

7. Every association of wickedness working against me scatter by fire in the Name of Jesus

8. All environmental and territorial spirits blocking my breakthroughs be paralyzed in the Name of Jesus

9. I revoke and destroy every appointment with tears, accident and death in

the Name of Jesus

10. I speak destruction against every power that make the world to ask where is my God in the Name of Jesus

11. Let every satanic records and information base being used against me catch fire in the Name of Jesus

12. Every satanic installation working against my life and breakthrough be destroyed by thunder in the Name of Jesus

13. Any power using the sand or dust to manipulate my life, your time is up, die in the Name of Jesus

14. The voice of the Lord locate and destroy all hindering and limiting forces against my breakthrough in the Name of Jesus

15. Oh altar, altars of darkness assigned against my life and destiny catch fire in the Name of Jesus

16. Let all my stolen blessings held in satanic bank be released by fire in the Name of Jesus

17. The sword of the Lord locate and destroy all eaters of flesh and drinkers of blood directed against my life in the Name of Jesus

18. Let the mantle of God's fury destroy all evil network of wickedness against my life in the Name of Jesus

19. I set the dominion of sun and the stars against every wicked man or woman attacking my life in the Name of Jesus

20. Oh Lord open my heaven in the Name of Jesus

21. Let the powers that liberated Jabez and Obed-Edom, liberate my blessings in the Name of Jesus

22. Every door the enemy has closed against my life be opened in the Name of

Jesus

23. Mighty God cloth me with unique grace and favour in the Name of Jesus

24. Money……..come to me now in the Name of Jesus

25. Jehovah the Man of War contend with those that are fighting with Warmen Ministries in the Name of Jesus

26. Pray for spiritual and membership growth in the Ministry

BATTLE AT MID-NIGHT PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, ordain terrifying, horrible and frightening dreams for my attacks in the Name of Jesus

2. Father, release confusion and scatter, scatter in the camp of my enemies in the Name of Jesus

3. Father, let every information about me in the camp of the enemy be destroyed in the Name of Jesus

4. You powers that defeated my parents, my case is different, be destroyed in the Name of Jesus

5. Every terminator trailing my life, your time is up, die in the Name of Jesus

6. Death and destruction against every power working to frustrate me, in the Name of Jesus

7. Whatever the Lord has not planted in my life, be uprooted by fire in the Name of Jesus

8. Every spirit feeding me in the dream, die in the Name of Jesus

9. Every power that is stealing my blessing, be destroyed by fire in the Name of Jesus

10. The Sword of the Lord, locate and destroy all witchcraft and occult powers attacking my life, in the Name of Jesus

11. I speak destruction to the root of my problems in the Name of Jesus

12. Cauldron powers and charms working against my life, be destroyed in the Name of Jesus

13. The voice of the Lord, locate and destroy all marine powers working against my life, in the Name of Jesus

14. Every altar of darkness working against my life and destiny, be destroyed by thunder, by lightening, by earthquake and by voices in the Name of Jesus

15. Money eeeeeeeee come in the Name of Jesus

Favours come in the Name of Jesus

Connections, contacts etc

SCRIPTURAL PRAYING

1. Gen 26:22: Lord, destroy all contentions against my breakthrough and make me fruitful in the Lord in the name of Jesus

2. Gen 42:6: Lord, cause my oppressors to bow down to me. Make them to depend on me in the name of Jesus

3. Ex 2:23-25: Hear my cry Oh Lord and have respect to your covenant with me as your son/servant in the name of Jesus

4. Ex 14:30: Jehovah the man of war, save me from my oppressors and slay my Egyptians in the name of Jesus

5. Josh 5:9: Lord, roll away all my reproaches through this meeting in the name of Jesus

6. Zec 3:1-8: Lord, take away my filty garment and change me in the name of Jesus

7. Ps 24:7-end; I Cor 16:9: Command doors & gates of breakthrough,

prosperity and success to be opened unto you. Command every gang-up or network against your oportunities to scatter by fire in the name of Jesus

8. Jer 30:23: Command every spiritual strongman, attacking your life to be tormented by the whirlwind of the Lord.

9. Jer 30:24: Command every wicked man/woman, plunderer, witch or occult attacking my life and destiny to be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

10. Ex 12:12; 29-31: Let every destroyer attached to my destiny be exposed and disgraced in the name of Jesus

11. Ex 22:18: Command the fire of God to locate and destroy every witch, heathens and native doctors attacking my life, destiny and breakthroughs in the name of Jesus

12. Is 34:6; Is 66:16: Thunder of God locate and destroy all sworn enemies, stubborn pursurers, household wickedness, idols/shrines against my life in the name of Jesus

13. Gen 19:24: Command every evil gates, high places, spirit spouse and demonic strongman to collapse by fire and brimestone

14. II Sam 22:15; Ps 18:14: Command the arrowss and lightnings of God to scatter every conspiracies, witches, astral travelers and star hunters against my life in the name of Jesus

15. Is 14:23: Release the broom of destruction against all the forces of darkness that are attacking your life.

16. Is 30:30; 66:15-16; Psalm 97:3; Psalm 18:8: By the voice of the Lord and flame of devouring fire, let every demonic network and charms working against my life, breakthrough and destiny be scattered and destroyed in the name of Jesus

17. Rev. 8:1-6: Let the altar of God sit against every altar working against my life in the name of Jesus

18. Is 35:1-2, 6-7: Pray for showers of blessings

CRY FOR MERCY (PRAYERS FROM PSALMS)

1. Daddy please, forgive my iniquities and cover all my sins in the name of Jesus (Ps 85:2)

2. Dear Lord, take away thy wrath from me and turn from the fierceness of thine anger …. (Ps 85:3)

3. O God of my Salvation please cause thine anger towards me to cease ……. (Ps 85:4)

4. Daddy please, revive me again that I may rejoice in thee (Ps 85:6)

5. O God of my Salvation, show me thy mercy and grant me thy Salvation …….(Ps 85:7)

6. Have mercy upon me O God, according to thy loving kindness, according unto the multitudes of thy tender mercies blot out my trangressions ….. (Ps 51:1)

7. O God of my Salvation, wash me thoroughly from mine iniquities and cleanse me from my sins …… (Ps 51:2)

8. Dear Lord hide thy face from my sins & blot out all mine iniquities ….. (Ps 51:9)

9. Daddy, please creat in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me ….. (Ps 51:10)

10. Please dear Lord, do not cast me away from your presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me …… (Ps 51:11)

11. Lord, restore unto me thy joy of thy Salvation and uphold me with thy free Spirit (Ps 51:12)

12. Daddy, please deliver me from blood guiltiness and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness..... (Ps 51:14).

13. Open thou my lips O Lord and my mouth shall show forth thy praise……. (Ps 51:15).

14. Give ear O Lord, unto my prayers and attend to the voice of my supplications …….. (Ps 86:6)

15. O Lord turn unto me and have mercy upon me for I am ashamed of my sins (Ps 86:16)

16. Dear Lord, give strength unto thy servant and save the son of thine handmaid ….. (Ps 86:16)

17. Blood of Jesus, cleanse me from my sin in Jesus name

OPEN THE GATE

Praise and worship

Repentance prayer

1. Every organised satanic network against my life and breakthrough, be destroyed/scattered in the name of Jesus

2. The Voice of the Lord, locate and destroy every spiritual gate or barrier against my life and breakthroughs in the name of Jesus

3. All satanic installations against my life and breakthrough, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

4. All human and demonic gang-up against my life, be destroyed in the name of Jesus

5. Every spiritual blockage against my life and breakthrough, be shattered to pieces in the name of Jesus

6. Any person manipulating me with the gift I gave out of love, receive the judgment of fire in the name of Jesus

7. Let every effigy or representation, being used against me be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

8. The Sword of the Lord, locate and destroy any agent of darkness attacking my life and destiny in the name of Jesus

9. Every spiritual stone or burial holding my life and breakthrough be shattered to pieces in the name of Jesus

10. Let every demonic gate opened against my life and breakthrough be sealed

by the Blood of Jesus

11. By the power of the Holy Spirit of God, by the Spirit of prophesy and the decree of the watchers, I command

v Gates of opportunities

v Gate of promotions

v Gates of favour

v Gates of prosperity

v Gate of connection

v Gates of elevation

v Gates of marriage

v Gates of appointment

v Gates of visions and knowledge

v Gates of blessing – Open in the name of Jesus.

12. Every strongman, standing against my life and breakthrough jam fire and die in the name of Jesus

13. Every demonic activity against my life and breakthrough, scatter by fire in the name of Jesus

14. Let every demonic mirror and monitoring gadgets against my life and breakthrough, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

15. Let every demonic covenant and dedication, caging my life and breakthrough be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

16. Every curse or evil wish, caging my life and breakthrough be broken in the name of Jesus

17. Every door of blessings and breakthrough closed against my life, open by fire in the name of Jesus

18. Earthquake of God's deliverance, scatter all satanic powers against my life and breakthrough in the name of Jesus

19. Powers, polluting/corrupting my life's glory, die in the name of Jesus

20. I command every gate of (see the list below) opened against my life, be closed in the name of Jesus

- Sickness
- Shame
- Failure
- Pre-mature death
- Barrenness
- Limitations
- Hindrances
- Spinisterhood

21. Death and destruction against every balaam against the star of my destiny in the name of Jesus

22. Jehovah, the man of war, locate and destroy all evil powers of cross roads working against my life in the name of Jesus

FOUR HOURS CONCENTRATED BOMBARDMENT PRAYER AND NOTES

1. Every power contending against my breakthrough scatter in the name of Jesus

2. Every conspirator against my life, destroy yourselves in the name of Jesus

3. Every wicked enemy making wicked consultations against my life, die by

fire

4. All evil power blocking my breakthrough shatter by thunder in the name of Jesus

5. Every evil power hindering my next level, jam fire and die in the name of Jesus

6. Every destiny killers, working against my life die in the name of Jesus

7. Every power expecting my death die by fire in the name of Jesus

8. Every power delaying my blessing, your time is up, die in the name of Jesus

9. Jehovah, the man of war terminate the wicked against my life in the name of Jesus

10. Every evil imagination, polluting my spirit, die in the name of Jesus

11. Hunters of the Lord, hunt down every star hunter against my star in the name of Jesus

12. Every evil arrows against my life, catch fire in the name of Jesus

13. Every power assigned to kill me, you are a liar die by fire in the name of Jesus

14. Every power attacking my dream life, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

15. Everywhere I appear, favour shall pursue me in the name of Jesus

16. Every plan of the wicked against my life, be scattered by fire in the name of Jesus

17. Every curse from my family break in the name of Jesus

18. Every inherited curses hindering my destiny be destroyed in the name of Jesus

19. Every cauldron manipulation against my life, catch fire in the name of Jesus

20. All my stolen blessing be released by thunder, by lightening and by earthquake in the name of Jesus

21. Every evil meeting called against me, catch fire in the name of Jesus

22. Every evil imaginations in my heart, be uprooted by fire in the name of Jesus

23. All wicked powers assigned against me, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

24. Every satanic timetable against my life, de destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

25. Every strong man against my life, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

26. Every power that want me to cry, you are a liar, die in the name of Jesus

27. All foundational power, hindering my star be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

28. Every evil umbilical covenants, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

29. Every human and demonic power assigned against my life, destroy yourselves in the name of Jesus

30. Every stubborn power assigned to frustrate me, jam fire and die in the name of Jesus

31. Every foundational power caging my star scatter by fire in the name of Jesus

32. Every power weakening my spiritual life, die in the name of Jesus

DESTROY BLOCKAGES AND RECEIVE OPEN DOORS (MATTHEW

11:12)

Proper repentance prayer

1. Every spiritual bondage holding my life, shatter in the name of Jesus

2. Every power feeding me in the dream, die in the name of Jesus

3. Every satanic network blocking my star, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

4. Every power ridiculing my Christianity, die in the name of Jesus

5. All powers manipulating my spiritual life, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

6. All foundational power holding my star die in the name of Jesus

7. All evil implantation in my life, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

8. Every spirit released against my life, back to sender in the name of Jesus

9. Every satanic installation against my breakthrough, destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

10. Every evil hand directed against my life, wither in the name of Jesus

11. All witchcraft powers attacking my life, die in the name of Jesus

12. Every satanic altar directed against my life, catch fire and kill your owner in the name of Jesus

13. I speak:

Destruction to the powers blocking my star/destiny in the name of Jesus.

Every spiritual and physical human after my life, die in the name of Jesus.

Helpers of my destiny held by evil powers, come out now in the name of Jesus

You strongman of my father's house, your time is up, die in the name of Jesus

The sword of the Lord locate and destroy, every various enemy of my life in the

name of Jesus

Death and destruction against every power hindering my blessings in the name of Jesus

Spirit of the Living God, the power of the Highest, grant me …….

- Ø Uncommon elevation
- Ø Uncommon connections
- Ø Uncommon breakthrough
- Ø Unmerited favours
- Ø Divine Opportunities
- Ø Power to make wealth in the name of Jesus

14. Oh God, open my heavens in the name of Jesus

15. Every satanic surveillance against my breakthrough, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

I speak into ……(use the points below)

- Ø The water
- Ø The land

- Ø The heavens
- Ø Grave yards
- Ø Altars of darkness
- Ø Covens

And I command, all my held blessings, jobs, certificates, marriages, promotions, etc to be released by fire in the name of Jesus

16. I speak to the four corners of the earth and I command my divine helpers to come now in the name of Jesus

17. All witchcraft altars hindering my life, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

18. Every power resisting my prayer life and spirituality, be destroyed

19. Death and destruction against all foundational powers limiting my life

20. Every satanic horn, holding or tying me down, die in the name of Jesus

21. Let every satanic manipulation from the four cardinal points against me be destroyed by fire

22. The Voice of the Lord, locate and destroy all satanic installations working against my life and destiny

23. Every satanic horn behind my problems, jam fire and die

24. All witchcraft and satanic agents against my life, your time is up, die

25. Every manipulation of sickness and diseases directed against my life, back to sender

26. All negative powers from the land and from the heavenlies working against me be destroyed by fire

27. Every spiritual and physical herman after my life, die

28. I curse every physical and spiritual mountain blocking my life, be removed

29. Money, come to me now in the name of Jesus

30. My destiny helpers, come to me now in the name of Jesus

DESTROYING SATANIC NETWORK PART II

1. Let all the forces of darkness from the heavenlies, working against me be shatttered in the name of Jesus

2. Every spiritual door/gate blocking my breakthroughs be destroyed in the name of Jesus

3. Every demonic ritual or sacrifice working against my life, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

4. I withdraw my life and breakthrough from evil altars in the name of Jesus

5. By the Blood of Jesus, I break every curse or spell working against my life in the name Jesus

6. Any wicked agent calling my name before an evil altar, jam fire and die in the name Jesus

7. Let all the forces of darkness from the land working against my life be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

8. All witchcraft and occult powers monitoring my affairs, jam fire and die in the name of Jesus

9. I bind and paralyse every family strongman manipulating my breakthroughs/destiny in the name of Jesus

10. Holy Ghost fire, destroy whatever the Lord has not planted in my life in the name of Jesus

11. All evil hands, directed against my life and breakthroughs, wither in the name of Jesus

12. All wicked powers, trailing my life, die in the name of Jesus

13. You powers that limited my parents, you shall not limit my destiny, die in the name of Jesus

14. I speak into the four corners of the earth and destroy all negative projections, working against me, in the name of Jesus

15. Every power manipulating my blessings, die by fire in the name of Jesus

16. Every curse working against my breakthrough, be broken by the blood of Jesus

17. I revoke and reverse all evil decrees and pronouncements against my life and breakthrough in the name of Jesus

18. I speak destruction against all marine powers working against my life, in the name of Jesus

19. All graveyard powers, working against my life, let them be destroyed by fire, in the name of Jesus

20. I command all my _____ (use the list below) to be released by fire, in the name of Jesus

- Buried talents
- Stolen blessings
- Locked potentials
- Imprisoned stars
- Tied blessings

21. I speak to the four corners of the earth, and I command _____, come in the name of Jesus

- Favours
- Contacts
- Connections
- Jobs
- Money
- Destiny helpers etc

KILL THE KILLER, DESTROY THE DESTROYER

1. I decree death and destruction against every power keeping me down in

Jesus name

2. I decree death and destruction against every power blocking my life's breakthrough in Jesus name

3. I decree death and destruction against every power tying me down in Jesus name

4. Let the Spirit of Judgment and of fire locate and destroy every power stealing from me, in Jesus name

5. Let the Spirit of Judgment and of fire locate and destroy every power manipulating my blessings, in Jesus name

6. Thunder of God, locate and destroy every power manipulating my destiny in Jesus name

7. The voice of the Lord locate and destroy every power blocking my upliftment in Jesus name

8. Ever spiritual demotion working against me be destroyed by fire in Jesus name, by the blood of Jesus and by the fire of the Holy Ghost.

9. Every altar working against my life be destroyed by fire in Jesus name and by the blood of Jesus and by the fire of the Holy Ghost.

10. Holy Ghost fire purge my spirit, purge my soul, purge my body of every internal stronghold of the enemy in Jesus name

11. Holy Ghost fire locate and destroy every charm or ritual working against my life in Jesus name

12. The voice of the Lord, locate and destroy every conspiracy against my upliftment in Jesus name

13. Every demonic court sitting against me, be scattered by fire in Jesus name

14. I revoke and reverse all evil decrees passed against my progress in Jesus name

15. Vengeance of God, answer from heaven against every agent of darkness working against me, in Jesus name

16. In the name of Jesus, by the fire of the Holy Ghost, I thread down to ashes every Herod/Herman of my life in the name of Jesus (Malachi 4:3)

17. The voice of the Lord, locate and destroy all evil decisions against my life in Jesus name

18. I decree death and destruction against every power haunting my life in Jesus name

19. I decree death and destruction against all foundational powers attacking my life in Jesus name

20. By the covenant of salt, I command destruction against all evil manipulations working against my destiny in Jesus names (Daniel 29:2-3, Jeremiah 14:6)

21. By the covenant of salt, I command all my blessings/destiny/talents etc held in satanic prisons to be released by fire By the covenant of salt, I command (Judges 9:45)

22. By the covenant of salt, I receive uncommon favours in my going out and in my coming in, in Jesus name (Job 6:6, Leviticus 2:13)

23. Every foundational altar or throne attacking my life be destroyed by fire in Jesus name

24. I am a royal priesthood and I invoke the priesthood of our Lord Jesus to destroy every satanic priest attacking my life in Jesus names

25. All cauldron powers and influences against my life and destiny, I command them back to sender in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER FOR FRUIT OF THE WOMB (UNITED PRAYERS FOR THE COUPLE)

Scriptures for Meditation: Exodus 23:26; Deuteronomy 7:12-15, Psalm 127:3-5; Psalm 128:3; Jeremiah 29:11; Jeremiah 33:3; Colossian 2:14-15

1. Quality time of praise and worship

2. We plead the blood of Jesus from the crown of our head to the sole of our

feet in the name of Jesus

3. Let the blood of Jesus purge our reproductive organs of every spiritual poison in the name of Jesus

4. We bind and destroy the controlling powers of every strongman hindering our reproductive system in the name of Jesus

5. Let every foundational power interfering our reproduction be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

6. Holy Ghost fire, locate and destroy every spiritual poison that is affecting our system in the name of Jesus

7. Let every charm or manipulation against our reproduction be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

8. We destroy every tyings or padlock against our reproduction in the name of Jesus

9. Holy Ghost fire locate and destroy every monitoring power against our marriage in the name of Jesus

10. We break every curse or spell working against our reproduction in the name of Jesus

11. Let every altar of darkness working against our reproduction be destroyed by thunder, by lightening, by earthquake and by fire, in the name of Jesus

12. By the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, we command life and strength into our reproductive organs for conception in the name of Jesus

13. By the blood of Jesus, we cancel every accusation against our marriage in the name of Jesus

14. We revoke and reverse all and every decrees and utterances against our reproduction in the name of Jesus

15. We destroy all occult and witchcraft power working against our reproduction in the name of Jesus

16. We renounce and destroy every covenant with demonic spouse, in the

name of Jesus

17. We paralyze the powers of every demonic spouse or children in our life, in the name of Jesus

18. We destroy all anti-conception powers working against us in the name of Jesus

19. Any man or woman standing against our reproduction, jam fire and die in the name of Jesus

20. Resurrection power of God, quicken our reproductive organs now, in the name of Jesus

21. Let creative power of God restore whatever the enemy has tampered with in our body in the name of Jesus

22. Thunder of God, locate and destroy every spiritual pot manipulating our reproduction in the name of Jesus.

DEALING WITH WATER SPIRIT

Text: Isaiah 43:2; Psalm 46:13, Exodus 15:21; Psalm 144:36

1. Pray and destroy every bondage of marine reversals over your life

2. Renounce and break all Ogbanje covenants, water spirits and their agents

3. Ask the Lord to deliver you from marine frustration and sexual pollution of your thoughts and actions.

4. Command the fire of the Holy Ghost to destroy all tokens of marine covenants like chalk, kolanut, cowry, shells, cloths, fanta, animals, nails, hairs etc

5. Pray and command a release of your spirit and organs from marine bondage, chains, prison or burial.

6. Pray that all marine deposits on/in your body be destroyed and uprooted: stars, diamonds, crystal, stones, snakes, crown etc

7. Pray and destroy your images and pictures in the river, wipe away every visible and invisible mark of the water spirits.

8. Renounce and cast out all legacies of the Water spirits given to you by covenant e.g. anger, sickness and immorality.

9. Pray and destroy every deposit and manipulation of the water spirits over your heart: Pray that you will love the Lord

10. Bind and cast out every spirit marine vampire and marine witchcraft.

11. Pray and command that all your natural endowments held in the store houses of the water spirits be released immediately

12. Take authority over every demonic timetable or clock set for you by the powers of darkness and decree that they be destroyed.

13. Break the marine influence of spiritual decline, deadness and stagnancy over your Christian life. Destroy the influence of water spirits over your spiritual life.

14. Bind and destroy by fire marine animal that is attached to you by snakes, fishes, crocodiles, spiders, scorpion, python, tortoise, birds etc

15. Renounce, revoke and break every sealed and unsealed covenant with the water power/spirits

16. Pray and destroy every spiritual star, mirrors, crystal balls, bells, and necklace of the water spirits on your body

17. Bind the spirit of carelessness, pride, immorality, spiritual weakness and taking God for granted.

18. Destroy every co-operation between your spirit and water spirit

19. Severe every communication between your spirit and water spirits.

20. Smash and destroy all properties in the spirit world, throne, crowns gifts, houses, cars, canoe, working against your life.

21. Bind and break every relationship with water friends, associates, parents, husbands, wives and children.

22. Pray for the restoration of all that the enemy has tampered with, within your body particularly the brain and other organs

23. Break and remove every spiritual skin or garment over your natural body

24. Destroy every throne in the waters attacking your life. Dissolve their palaces.

PRAYER POINT FOR SINGLES

1. Give God thanks and worship Him for your life

2. Start with repentance, repent over deceptive, false life etc and ask God to forgive you of deliberate/unconscious mistake you made that caused the delay

Ø It could be by way of despising men the Lord sent to you

Ø It could be a carefree or insulting statements you made that wounded a man's heart

Ø It might be sexual sin that led to rejection and withdrawal of interest

Ø Repent of any curse that caused this delay of your marriage.

3. Destroy any evil decree working against your marriage in the name of Jesus

4. Bind and cast out spirits of frustration, disappointments, promise and fail, hatred, rejection etc attacking your marriage

5. Command fire to consume any evil altar working against your marriage in the name of Jesus

6. I renounce and reject, you spirit husband resisting my physical husband from manifesting

7. Shout it loud and clear – In the name of Jesus, by the blood of Jesus and by the fire of the Holy Ghost, I severe every linkage, soul-tie, blood covenant binding us together

8. I renounce and destroy the oath/promise, I destroy every agreement made in the name of Jesus

9. Holy Ghost fire purge me within and without of whatever makes genuine and serious men resent/despise me in the name of Jesus

10. Bind and cast away every spirit of singlehood following you about

11. Using the blood of Jesus, destroy whatever that is holding you tight to your father's house

12. Shout it loud and clear – You spirit of delayed marriage, loose your hold over my life

13. Any voice, human or demonic speaking against my being established in a home of my own, be silenced by the voice of God

14. Any witchcraft/satanic manipulation making me unadmirable to men, be destroyed by the blood of Jesus

15. Any strange covering over my real being, catch fire in the name of Jesus

16. By the spirit that raise Christ from the dead, I destroy any soul-tie covenant blocking my marriage

17. Any force/power that resist genuine and serious men that come for me, be destroyed by thunder

18. Thunder of God, locate and shatter, any power from the marine kingdom resisting my marriage

19. You star of my marriage, shine forth in the name of Jesus

20. By the blood of Jesus, I separate myself from every curse of late marriage running in my family

21. Any blood line limitation attacking, manipulating or resisting my establishment be destroyed by fire

22. Ask God to open the eyes of the man He kept for you to see you

23. Ask God to provide for the man He kept for you everything he needs to marry you

24. Destroy every blackmails, demonic scent, evil marks working against your life

25. Pray and destroy conspiracies working against your marriage

26. Destroy cauldron powers working against your marriage

27. Deal with tyings and caging working against your marriage

28. Ask God to uproot every stronghold militating against your marriage

29. Pray that God will not allow you to make mistakes in marriage

ALTAR VERSUS ALTARS AND THEIR PRIESTHOOD

Study and pray the following Scriptures:

Revelation 8:1-5; I kings 18:30-40; Isaiah 19:19-22; I Samuel 5:1-12; Isaiah 64:1-3 etc

1. In the name of Jesus, by the blood of Jesus, I destroy every covenant with evil altars working against my life

2. In the name of Jesus and by the blood of Jesus, I destroy every vow or promise of service speaking against me before any evil altar

3. I destroy the control power of evil altars from my father's lineage affecting my life in the name of Jesus

4. I destroy the control powers of evil altars from my mother's lineage affecting my life in the name of Jesus

5. Oh you altars, you altars of poverty and limitations working against my

life, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

6. Let the heavenly altar sit against all the altars from my village and their priests working against my life and destroy them by fire (by thunder, by lightening, by earthquakes) in the name of Jesus

7. Every altar of witchcraft speaking against me, be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus

8. The voice of the Lord, locate and destroy (the voices of) every evil altar behind evil patterns of my life and family in the name of Jesus

9. By the blood of Jesus, I break every bondage of evil altars over my life and destiny in the name of Jesus

10. Holy Ghost fire, locate and destroy every satanic priest attacking my life in the name of Jesus

11. In the name of Jesus, I withdraw my life and my properties from every satanic altar in the name of Jesus

12. I withdraw my blessings and my destiny from evil altar by fire in the name of Jesus

13. The voice of the Lord, locate and destroy every astral ad occult altar working against my life in the name of Jesus

14. Fire and brimstone, locate and destroy every altar of sickness and premature death in my lineage in the name of Jesus

15. In the name of Jesus, I break the powers of family idols over my life and destiny in the name of Jesus

16. By the blood of Jesus, I break the hold of evil altars over my life, ministry and finances in the name of Jesus

17. Holy Ghost fire, locate and destroy marine altars and marine witches manipulating my destiny and blessings in the name of Jesus

(You can use the following weapons to pray the same prayer above)

Ø The sword of the Lord

Ø The voice of the Lord

Ø Earthquake of the Lord

Ø Horrible tempest

Ø Heavenly tornadoes

Ø Double destruction

18. I withdraw my (see below) by fire from evil altars in the name of Jesus

Ø My life

Ø My destiny

Ø My blessings

Ø My breakthrough

Ø My finances

Ø My promotion

Ø My brain

Ø My certificate

Ø My property

Ø My representation

Ø My ministry

19. Jehovah the man of war, destroy every evil satanic pattern working against my life and ministry in the name of Jesus

20. In the name of Jesus and by the fire of the Holy Ghost, I destroy all remote control powers working against my life, destiny and business in the name of Jesus

TOTAL LIBERATION PRAYERS (INDIVIDUAL DELIVERANCE)

1. Lord I am a sinner, have mercy upon me.

2. Lord, I confess before you the sin of (see list below), and I ask you to forgive me, in the name of Jesus

- Ancestral worship
- Giving honour to gods that are not God
- Necromancy
- Pouring libation
- Occult practices
- Tradition and culture
- Sexual immorality and pervasion
- Bloodshed and wickedness
- Involvement in false religion
- Oppression of the poor
- Anger, lying and dishonesty
- Doubt, jealousy and procrastination
- Impure thought and gossip

3. I renounce all ancestral covenant in the name of Jesus

4. I renounce all ancestral dedications, oaths and vows in the name of Jesus

5. I renounce every promise of service made to any ancestral spirits on my behalf, in the name of Jesus

6. I renounce all sacrifices and rituals made to ancestral spirits on my behalf, in the name of Jesus

7. I renounce every strange covenant with Satan through the burial of my umbilical cord, in the name of Jesus

8. I renounce every inherited bondage in the name of Jesus

9. I renounce every ancestral blood covenant and initiations in the name of Jesus

10. I renounce every personal and family charms in the name of Jesus

11. By the blood of Jesus, I separate myself from every ancestral linkage, in the name of Jesus

12. I renounce the spirit of divination in the name of Jesus

13. I break every ancestral soul-tying covenant in the name of Jesus

…….SONG……

14. I renounce every family, kindred, village and town's idols in the name of Jesus

15. I renounce every initiation and dedication to idol goddesses and spirits in the name of Jesus

16. I renounce every sacrifice, ritual and promise made by me or for me to any idol, in the name of Jesus

17. I renounce the spirits of reincarnation in the name of Jesus

18. I renounce every vow or oath made to idols spirits by me or for me in the name of Jesus

19. I withdraw my blood from every satanic altar, in the name of Jesus

20. I renounce all idolatrous festival, ceremonies and titles, in the name of Jesus

21. I renounce and destroy anything and everything linking me to any idol, in the name of Jesus

…….SONG…….

22. I renounce every spirit of tradition and culture, in the name of Jesus

23. I renounce all blood covenants with satan as a result of incision or marks on my body, in the name of Jesus

24. I renounce and destroy every evil blood covenants in the name of Jesus

25. I renounce and break every unholy soul-tie between me and any man/woman dead or alive, in the name of Jesus

26. I renounce any involvement with any secret cult (occults, witchcraft, water cult), in the name of Jesus

27. I renounce their meetings, practices and titles in the name of Jesus

28. I renounce their altars, initiation and dedications, in the name of Jesus

29. I withdraw my spirit, soul and body from their control and influence, in the name of Jesus

30. I renounce the spirit of the dead, in the name of Jesus

31. I renounce every initiation, covenant and dedication to the spirit of the dead, in the name of Jesus

32. I revoke and destroy every manipulation against my life from the graveyard, in the name of Jesus

…….SONG……

(Je-ho-vah, I – bu Dike na-agha, I – bu Dimpka n'ume)

33. I renounce the water spirit, in the name of Jesus, with the blood of Jesus

34. I renounce all initiation and dedications with the water spirits, in the name of Jesus

35. Queen of the Coast, and all water goddesses I renounce you, I reject you, in the name of Jesus

36. Every covenant I have with the Queen of the coast, water spirits and water goddesses, I renounce, I reject, in the name of Jesus

37. I renounce every ritual and sacrifice made to water spirits either by me or for me, in the name of Jesus

38. I renounce and destroy every serpentine, python and leviathan spirit, in the name of Jesus

39. I renounce all Satanic rings, bangles, staff, necklaces and regalia, in the name of Jesus

40. I renounce every covenant with waters in heaven, in the name of Jesus

41. I renounce every throne, assignment, gift, and titles, in the name of Jesus

42. I renounce and destroy every covenant with spirit husbands/wives, in the name of Jesus

43. I renounce all water friends, parents, children and associates, in the name of Jesus

44. I renounce Ogbanje and like covenants, in the name of Jesus

45. I renounce every sealed and unsealed covenant with the water spirits, in the name of Jesus

46. I renounce every oath of allegiance to any Satanic cult, in the name of Jesus

47. Whatever the Lord has not planted in my life, let it be uprooted, in the name of Jesus

48. Every Satanic decrees made against my life, be reversed and destroyed, in the name of Jesus

49. Lord, let every demonic reversal of my destiny be destroyed, in the name of Jesus

50. I close every door opened to Satan in my life, in the name of Jesus

51. I renounce all my involvement in prayer house(s), in the name of Jesus

52. I reject every candle-prayer made for me, in the name of Jesus

53. I reject and renounce every concoction I drank there in the name of holy

water and oil, in the name of Jesus

54. I renounce the effect of those concoctions in my life, in the name of Jesus in my life in the name of Jesus, by the blood of Jesus

55. I destroy the effect of every water bathing by the prayer-house prophet, in the name of Jesus

56. I separate my spirit, soul and body from any of my properties kept in any prayer-house altar, in the name of Jesus

57. I reject and destroy the effect of every false prophecy issued against me by the prayer-house prophets, in the name of Jesus

58. I destroy the effect of every 'saraka' made by me or for me in any prayer-house, in the name of Jesus

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