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Psalm 74:20: "Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty." This means that there are places on earth that are dark and the Bible recognizes them. The only place on earth that light shines is the church of God. The Bible says, "Ye are the light of the world." What is done at the dark places of the earth are wickedness and cruelty. It is from the dark places that wicked stones are thrown at the sons of men. In those places, there are no friends, they are only enemies.

Somebody vomits witchcraft into a woman and pushes her to the market place to confess that she is a witch. The old woman goes to the market and says, "Behold, I have eaten twins and their legs are in my mouth." And people at the market said, "Abomination." The same person who put witchcraft into her and sent her to the marketplace to confess tells his children to pick up stones and stone the woman.

It is a useless activity to serve the devil. If you call yourself a witch, wizard or familiar spirit, you are wasting your life and at the end of the day, you will land in hell. So, it is a senseless thing to do. It is a certificate of destiny demotion. Think about it.

If you are to be a battle-axe for the Lord, you will face a lot of problems. The Bible says that they who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus must suffer persecutions. If you do not want to be a battle axe for the Lord, if you just want to be a mediocre Christian, if you want to warm the benches and be quarrelling with people who sit beside you or even fight people at the car parks to the extent of tearing their clothes, and at the end you say, "amen," no problem. But know that at the end of the day, you will go to hell fire, the home of unprofitable servants. Personally, I have faced many problems in my life, but I overcame them all. You cannot become God's general without confronting adversity and afflictions. You cannot become a world general without fighting any war. Afflictions and adversity have no friends. Adversity is that unwanted enemy who continues to knock at our door in the middle of the night calling us again and again to come and fight. Somebody was tired of reading stories in the newspapers, which he called bad news. So, he decided to publish his own newspaper to carry only "good news." But to his amazement, people were not buying it and within a short time the newspaper folded up.

The news media, you would find out, specialized in publishing pains and adversity. They know that people are ready to read them, to feed themselves on negative sensational painful news. For example, the caption, "Girl burns herself to death after she was jilted by a boyfriend," will attract the attention of many people. But a headline such as, "Man celebrates 90th birthday," would not have such an effect. Many people would say, "Eh, this one should die and go." The devil is cleverly feeding the whole world with the negatives. If you want to run an advert that will attract the attention of many people, just put a naked woman in it and you would succeed. The message will sink in their brain because the devil has programmed women like that.

However, in spite of the adversities, we have a promise that we are conquerors. Isaiah 54:17: "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 servant of the Lord and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." It does not matter what the weapon is, the Bible says that

the prosperity of the weapon shall be withdrawn completely. Proverbs 28: 10: "Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit, but the upright shall have good things in possession." What the Bible means here is that the enemy will fall into his own pit. Proverbs 26:27: "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him." There is something called a boomerang. It is a small stick, when you throw it at a person and it misses its target, it will come back to you who threw it. Proverbs 11:8: "The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead."

Ecclesiastes 10:8: "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him." Some of us are wasting time crying, worrying our brain and calling God a liar. If you study the Bible very well, you will discover one of the principles of the power of God. That principle says, "The weapon formed against the people of God falls back on those who set the force in motion." Sometime ago, I was praying with a certain sister. Everything was upside down for her. As I was praying, a woman appeared and said, "What is your business in this matter? Why? Is this person your sister? Do you know her before? Why are you wasting your time? Leave her alone. We have not come here to cause trouble. So, you too, don't cause trouble. Just stop this prayer and let her go." I continued the prayer and told the sister what I saw. Thereafter, she went home and the following week somebody died. It was the woman that appeared to me while I was praying for her. The weapons formed against the people of God often fall back on those who form them.

I can give you various testimonies on that. When I was an undergraduate we were going to have an examination on Chemistry. I had two notebooks on that course. Life was not as easy as it is now. In those days, examinations were taken more seriously than is the case now. At the end of the year, you would be tested on all you were taught throughout the year. If you fail, you will repeat the class. It was unlike now, that questions are broken into pieces and people are still failing, or they claim to be sick when the examination time draws close. All examinations were done in June. Somebody stole one of my notebooks, the one I needed most and no student agreed to give me his note book. I went home very sad, but I heard a voice from the Holy Spirit saying, "You still have one note book, don't you remember?" I said, "Yes." The voice said, "Read that one." It didn't take me up to two hours to read the notebook I had with me but I was still worried about the stolen one, until I got to the examination hall. There was not a question from the big notebook that was stolen. So, all the person who stole it did for me was to allow me to concentrate on where the questions would come from, and I am sure he would have wasted his time studying the notebook that he stole and eventually he would have failed.

Somebody, who was very close to me and has gone to be with the Lord now, was sitting in his sitting room and one day, without knocking at the door, a demon-idol entered. Such a thing may be strange to some people, but in some places it is a normal fighting spirit seen often. This demon-idol walked up to this man and called him by his full names, including the ones nobody usually call him. It said, "I have been sent to you." And before this man could move, the idol struck his right hand with the big stick in its hand and the hand became paralysed instantly. The idol walked out slowly and disappeared. Such spirits are never in a hurry. The man was a child of God but did not have enough knowledge. So, all he could do was to grab a bottle of water by his side prayed on it and poured it on his hand and the hand became normal again. The demon-idol came back another time because the first time it came; the man did not deal with it thoroughly. It

was allowed the second chance to fight. The case of one sister was different. The enemy sent a similar demon to her but as it announced its name and said, "I have been sent to beat you," the sister said, "Are you sure you are at the right address? I command you to stand at attention, in Jesus' name." The thing stood at attention and the sister said, "Take your big stick and begin to beat yourself according to what is written in the Bible that "no weapon formed against me shall prosper but it shall prosper in the camp of the enemy." The demon-idol beat itself until it smashed its head and disappeared. After that five people died in the sister's village, including the chief priest, and they never sent another demon-idol to her. What I am saying is that what shall be your deliverance shall bring doom to your enemies. That is God's principle. The same Red Sea which brought deliverance to the Israelites, brought destruction to the Egyptians. The pillar of fire which gave light to the Israelites gave darkness to the Egyptians. The night which brought deliverance and joy to the children of Israel also brought lamentation and tragedy to Egypt. The den of lions through which Daniel moved into promotion brought disgraceful termination of his opponents.

Say this loud and clear, My problem shall become my promotion, in the name of Jesus. The fiery furnace which was air-conditioner for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego killed those who threw them into the furnace. Glory be to the name of the Lord. That which is life to you will kill your enemy. The sword with which Goliath meant to cut off the head of David was eventually used to cut off his own head. All the credentials of Goliath did not scare David. In fact, looking at him, David was not impressed. David said, "For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" The same force that the enemy has created to destroy will as a matter of necessity destroy the enemy. The arrow fired by Joseph's brethren got back to them even though it took a long time, in 15 years Joseph sold into slavery and expected to have been dead became their lord.

As somebody uses his biro and paper to deal with you, the same biro and paper shall deal with him. The Syrian soldiers who came to Dothan to take Elisha were the ones taken captive. The Bible tells us that the wicked are always firing stones and arrows at the righteous but glory be to God that all the stones and arrows can be forced to go back to them.

The Bible talks about the fiery darts of the enemy. The spiritual world is fashioned in such a way that once a bad thing has been initiated there, it must happen to somebody. It is the same thing with God. Isaiah 55:11: "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 whereunto I sent it." If God says that somebody should go and receive blessing at a service and the person happens not to come to church, or he is sleeping, that blessing will not go back to God, it will look for somebody else and give it to him. When the enemy programmes death into a child of God, God will do a simple substitution, the righteous is removed from trouble and the wicked is used as a replacement.

MANY THINGS FIRED AT CHRISTIANS THESE DAYS INCLUDE:

Physical and spiritual sickness: When a person who is usually very happy, reads the Bible and rejoices every morning, wakes up one morning and does not feel like reading the Bible or praying and instead feels depressed and unhappy, it means that the stone of the wicked has been fired

against him. If it is the day that the angels of blessings are coming to him, there will be problem because he has started the day on a deficit.

Arrows of disappointments: There could be the arrow of curses, spells, death, poverty, confusion, etc. A person who receives such arrows will be confused. There are also arrows of self-destroying utterances and of terrifying dreams. Do you know that some people are afraid of sleeping because, immediately they close their eyes, they are surrounded by evil things and problem starts. Sometime ago, a woman shared an experience with me. She said that while she was sleeping, she felt somebody beside her whom she thought was her husband, and this person made love with her throughout the night. In the morning, when she woke up she did not find anybody by her side again and she started looking for her husband all over the place, only for her husband to come in at 9.00 a.m. and told her that he spent the night in the office. It was then she was scared. That was the stone of the wicked. It could be a stone of disappointment, frustration, doubt, temptation into sin, etc.

THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL SPY

The greatest spiritual spy that reports us to the camp of the enemy is fear. Fear reveals our strength and weakness to the enemy. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind." A believer should be free from fear at all times and under all circumstances. When fear occupies your heart, you make yourself a subject of arrows and stones of the enemy. The enemy, with the help of his scanning machine, would see fear in you and know that all the prayer points you are calling are out of the heart of fear. That spirit of fear will show itself. That is why it is often said that the most common demon in the whole world is fear.

ARROWS OF THE LATTER DAYS

Many weapons and arrows are used against people these days. Some people are choked on their beds and they find it difficult to breath. Some people hear voices asking them to do strange things. The kind of sin they did not commit before they became born-again would become easy for them because the strange voice urges them to do it.

It is like a sister who on her bed suddenly heard, "Daughter, rise up," and she got up naked at midnight. Her husband and the children did not wake up. She passed through the sitting room and walked into the street. However, as she was going, she suddenly heard another voice which said, "But the daughter of God does not run mad, go back home." It was then that her eyes cleared, she saw that she was in the street and she went back home. When she entered, she woke her husband up and told him what happened and he could not believe that she walked out naked. But she actually did.

Some people hear voices from the spirit world. Many just pray short prayers and sleep. You should be giving testimonies if you know what some people face everyday. It could be the arrow of sudden depression. When it comes upon a happy person, all of a sudden the joy of the Lord disappears. It could be a paralytic wind. We have people blown by that wind who come for deliverance. They could be in front of their houses and a small breeze blows upon them and they

just suffer paralysis. Until that evil wind comes out, they will remain paralysed. It could be a cold chill at night. The room could be hot and all of a sudden becomes cold and before you know it, the heat clears away. It is the stone of the wicked. It could be a heavy head. It could be things moving all over the body. These are arrows of the latter days. Somebody could be eating food and all of a sudden he sees a strange item in the food which could be a very big insect or a cockroach.

When weapons are set in motion against the children of God, as a matter of necessity the weapons fall back upon the forces that set them in motion. People's hair or part of their body could be cut off. Spiritual or physical snakes could be sent to somebody, these are wicked arrows. A sister working in an office gave a testimony. Somebody told her that if she got promoted to a particular post she would not live to enjoy it. She thought it was a joke. One morning, as she was drinking tea, she perceived something cold on her legs and by the time she looked, it was a big snake. She called in her messenger, who was a huge and strong man. When he entered and saw the serpent already winding around her legs, he ran out and at that stage the woman knew that she was on her own. Then she prayed one prayer point: "You evil serpent, be electrocuted, in Jesus' name." As she prayed it, suddenly she saw fear in the snake which shortly stretched out and died. If that sister did not know what to do, she could have died and be forgotten by now. It could be heat in the head. Do not take it lightly and say that it will go. Even if it would go, deal with it first. There is no harm in doing that.

Feeding people in the dream with what they would not ordinarily eat is also a wicked stone. Women having affairs with men in the dream is an arrow of the wicked. Receiving emergency false message from home, that somebody is dying, only to be told on your getting there that nobody is dying and they tell you that they have not seen you for a very long time and it is the only method they can bring you home, is an arrow of the wicked. You need to pray against it. When a person begins to see coffin in the dream, it signifies the spirit of death. The enemies are sending the person to the grave. You really need to pray seriously if you have that kind of dream. When anything at all comes upon you and you want to shout for help to Jesus in your dream and you cannot shout, or you are not able to pray or fight against the thing, it is a wicked stone.

Anything that does not allow you to have the consciousness to shout Jesus when you are under satanic attack in a dream is a wicked stone. It must go back to the sender. Some people dream and see themselves picking eggs in the dream and eating them. The meaning of that is that they are putting incurable diseases in their body. Such people really need to stand up and do something quick. If you dream of flood carrying away your property, send back the flood to where it came from. If somebody sees herself doing wedding with a strange person in the dream, she needs to destroy that church where she found herself and send fire to the bridegroom or bride. If somebody dreams that his hat or cap was flying away or that his dress was being removed and he found himself or herself naked, he or she needs to pray against the spirit of disgrace. The enemy is using many things like that to harass the people of God. You must learn to take action because the Bible says, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper."

WAY OUT

If you are attacked, do not panic. If you do and you expose your situation or announce yourself to the unbelievers around you they will not offer you any useful advice. They may only rearrange your problem and you will have more problems. Do not be afraid, because you know what the

Bible says in Psalm 23:4: "Yea, though, I walk through the valley of shadow of the death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

You must not try the devil's solution: If you do, the arrow will multiply because it is only light that can overcome darkness. If you receive help from him, you will pay back. The devil has no free gift. Anywhere you go to and any gift said to be of God is not offered freely, that gift is something else it is not from God.

Learn to cover yourself with the blood of Jesus.

Learn warfare scriptures: For example, Deuteronomy 28:7, which says, "The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face, they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways." See also Deuteronomy 7:15, Jeremiah 1:19, Isaiah 8:10, Isaiah 54:17, Numbers 23:23, Psalm 68:1, Psalm 91. They are examples of warfare scriptures. (Proverbs 26:2)

Learn to call on the fire of God: When the situation becomes hard, the answer is fire. Learn to send evil arrows back to sender. This is how to deal with the stones of the wicked. When the enemy throws a stone at you and it goes back to his camp, then he will know that our God is the Almighty.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I break the law of sin and death upon my life, in Jesus' name.
2. O Lord, heal my waters and my bread, in Jesus' name.
3. Satanic garments, tear away from my body and be cast into the sea, in Jesus' name.
4. Oppression, be shifted away from my foundation, in Jesus' name.
5. O Lord, you promise to take away evil plantation from my life, therefore, take it away, in Jesus' name.
6. O Lord, command men on my behalf, in Jesus' name.
7. Every wind of darkness, fade away by fire, in Jesus' name.
8. Every arrow fired against me and my family, backfire, in Jesus' name.
9. Every arrow fashioned against my destiny, backfire, in Jesus' name.
10. (Grip your head with your two hands and pray like this): I fire back every arrow of the enemy fired into my head, in Jesus' name.