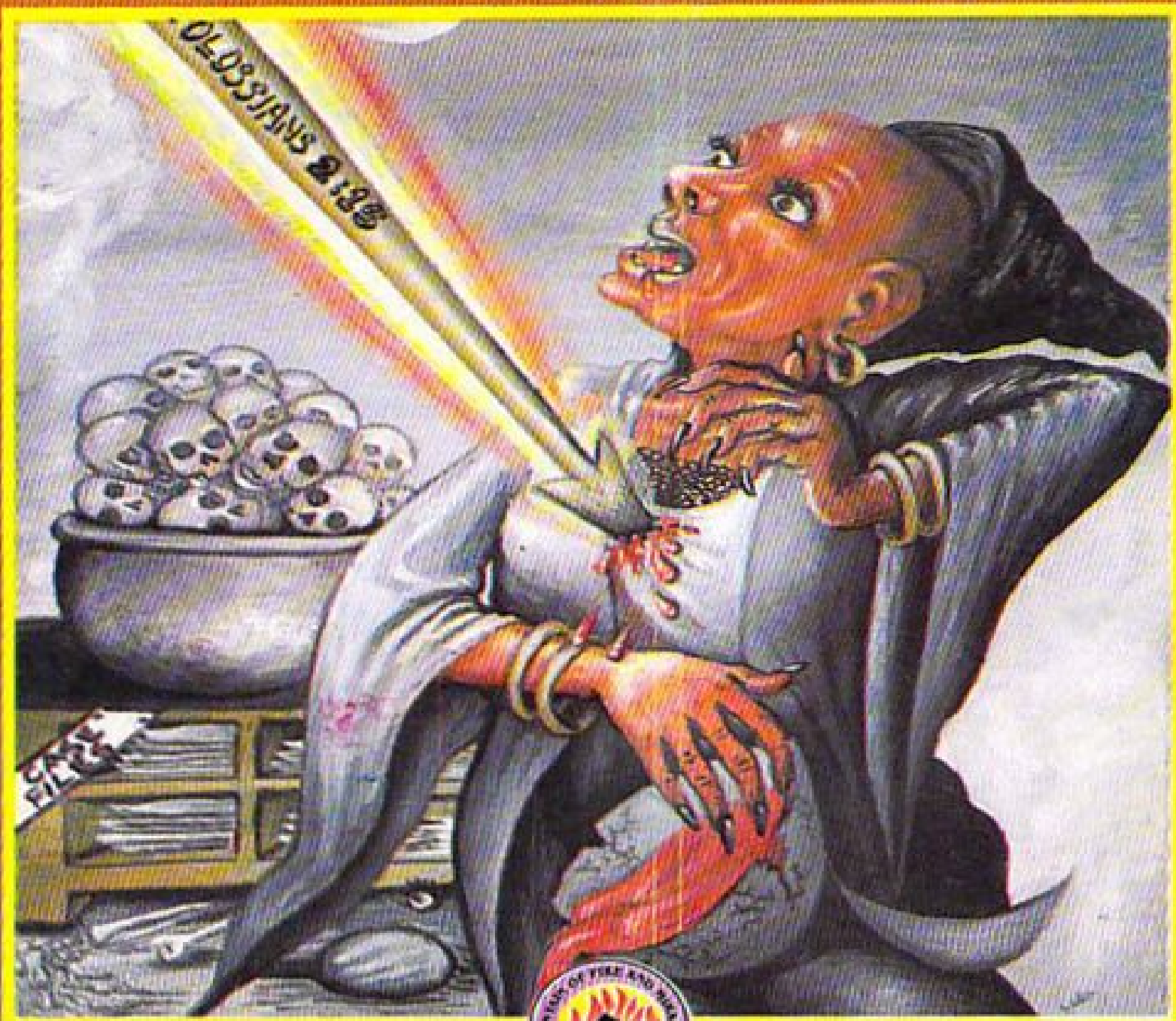


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Disgracing The Ministry of Witchcraft

The teaching on the ministry of witchcraft is one of the most neglected teachings among Christian believers. The understanding of most people is either shallow or limited in this area. The problem of witchcraft is as old as humankind's history.

Witches and wizards have operated from time immemorial. Sadly enough, many Christians are afraid of reading any literature on the subject of witchcraft. They prefer to remain ignorant as a result of the fear of receiving spiritual harm from witches and wizards. Unfortunately, such people have suffered in ignorance. Some of them have been attacked by witches and wizards.

Those who are not attacked live under the paralysing force of fear of witches and wizards. At the end, a lot of people suffer unnecessarily when they ought to be living in victory. It is my desire, therefore, to demystify the ministry of witchcraft and provide sound biblical teachings about the believer's victory over the power and manifestation of witchcraft.

You may ask? What insights has the Bible given us concerning this subject? Let us read Ezekiel 8:7-12:

⁷ And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. ⁸ Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. ⁹ And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. ¹⁰ So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about, ¹¹ And there

stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of Incense went up. ¹² Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

This passage reveals one of the earliest recorded manifestations of witchcraft in the Scriptures. Witches and wizards were operating in the form of creeping things, abominable things and idols. The Lord gave Ezekiel this revelation.

Do you know that you can also pray to the point, when God can give you a revelation which will bring you face to face with the physical operations of witchcraft.

Let us also look at the book of Nahum 3:1-4:

¹ Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; ² The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. ³ The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: ⁴ Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

This passage gives us a very clear picture. about the reality and the operations of witchcraft. Does this not sound like a clear picture of what is happening in our cities today?

This passage makes certain things clear.

One, the practice of witchcraft goes side by side with the shedding of blood.

Two, prostitution or halotry and witchcraft are strange bed fellows. Witchcraft abounds wherever there is prostitution. Nobody can be a prostitute without being initiated into witchcraft. It is a pity that some men and foolishly initiated into witchcraft by committing immorality with prostitutes. Prostitution is the mother of witchcraft. Conversely, witchcraft is the mother of prostitution.

Three, witchcraft brings about multiple deaths.

Recently, there was a terrible catastrophe in Jesse town Nigeria where almost one thousand souls were lost in a fire incident. Was it ordinary? It was a clear manifestation of the wickedness of witchcraft. This shows us that any city or community that is dominated by witchcraft will be bloody in every practical sense of the word.

Let us look at another equally important passage. Isa 49:24-26:

²⁴ Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? ²⁵ But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. ²⁶ And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

This passage teaches that there are two types of captives: lawful and unlawful captives.

EXPERIENCES – WITCHCRAFT OPERATIONS

A mother in-law resorted to the use of witchcraft after failing to exert the kind of influence which she wanted, on her son's family. She was very

much unhappy with her son's wife. She came in around 6 a. m. one day and told the man and his wife, "Watch out! I'll soon prove to you that there are certain powers which cannot be seen with the naked eye. I am going to teach you a lesson. I will prove to you that this house belongs to my son." After this, the woman turned back and went away. The family woke up the next day to behold a strange scene. The man's wife was disturbed by sounds of footsteps of more than a dozen men or women. She wondered why such a crowd was coming to visit them early that day. The door opened on its own accord and she almost fainted when she saw a group of headless bodies, who tried to pounce on her with in intention of beating her up. She was scared, afraid and confused. She shouted for help but none came. Her only saving grace was the timely intervention of her housemaid.

Incidentally both the woman and her housemaid were barely two weeks old in the church. Somehow, the housemaid had learnt one or two fire prayers. She therefore began to command the fire of the Holy Ghost upon the strange demonic beings. Somehow it worked. The evil personalities were refrained as a result of the force of the little girl's prayers. The demonic beings then decided to warn the little girl, "Why are you commanding fire upon us? What is your business here? Why are you trying to rescue her? After all we did not come for you. Stop your prayers or we shall deal with you." However the girl continued her prayers until the demons decided to go out of the house in a single file. They took the staircase and departed from the house.

That day was a horrible day for everyone in that environment. The demonic presence was so palpable that everyone who passed through the environment suffered one calamity or the other. That shows us how terrible witchcraft operations can be.

This example goes beyond the level of the elementary stories of witchcraft which we often hear.

A man lost his property to a so-called spiritualist. Although the spiritualist had warned him to steer clear from the property, the man refused and said that he could not abandon his building. The spiritualist visited the man and ordered him to steer clear of the building. The owner of the house said, "How can I abandon my house, why must you use your magical

powers to dispossess me of my house? This house belongs to me." Then, the spiritualist became infuriated. All of a sudden, he hit the wall with his fist and three old men came to the living room from the direction of the man's bedroom. The man's hair stood on end. "How did you get here?" he shouted. "We have been here for one year. This house does not belong to you", they replied. That is another manifestation of witchcraft.

A man and a woman informed their pastor about their intention to get married. The pastor interviewed them and decided to fix a date for their wedding. Certain strange things then began to happen as soon as a date was fixed. The woman who was supposed to be happy went every where feeling sad. Everybody was surprised and people were asking, "Why is this woman not excited about her wedding?" No body could penetrate into her heart. Even the bride groom did not succeed in extracting any information from her.

However, the wedding took place as planned. The bride and the bridegroom were conveyed to their home in a beautiful car. Later on, the newly wedded lady refused to enter her husband's bedroom. The husband was both confused and embarrassed. Somehow, he felt that the woman was only being shy. He managed to drag her inside the room. He looked up at her and said, "Is there any problem. Please don't hide anything from me. I am sure you know that I am your husband." The woman said, okay, I am going to show you who I am. Come nearer. Without saying anything, she undressed and drew the attention of her husband at her private part. Behold, she was an hermaphrodite. She had both male and female organs. That was not all, her leg was exactly like the leg of a lion.

The man almost fainted. He quickly grabbed her hands and said, "Let us go back to the pastor: He narrated his strange experience to the pastor saying, "Pastor you must dissolve this wedding. Can I show you what I discovered on the lady that you joined together with me? This marriage cannot work. You must dissolve it now." The pastor looked up and down and said, "I am sorry. It is impossible. After all you know that the Bible says, 'What Gad has joined together let no man put asunder'. After all you came to me and said that you wanted to marry each other." The new bridegroom did not know what to do.

Later the wife was queried concerning why she did not disclose her condition. Every one was surprised when she said, "It is not my fault. I was not born that way. I found myself in that condition exactly on the day when our wedding date was fixed. I was so confused that I could not tell anyone. I just found myself in that condition one month ago" That is an example of one of the terrible operations of witchcraft. No doubt those who were responsible for such wickedness would have been present at the wedding ceremony.

THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF WITCHCRAFT

Original meaning of the word 'witch' means to bend or to change. The primary function of witchcraft is to bend what is straight, and make it crooked. They change and refashion things to conform to their wicked intentions.

Spiritual witchcraft is the power of Satan, similar in comparison with the Holy Spirit. It is perhaps, the major leader in Satan's kingdom.

There is a major difference between the Holy Spirit and witchcraft. The Holy Spirit is a person while witchcraft is a spiritual force distributed among countless numbers of agenis.

It is unfortunate therefore that many intellectuals, well disciplined people and morally upright men and women, are being carefully and intelligently controlled by witchcraft spirit.

To be quite honest with you, this nation as well as other nations are being controlled by witchcraft forces. The battle for this country and other African nations is not the battle to be fought with guns. It is a battle to be fought in the heavenlies.

Today, many people are battling with these forces without been able to discern what exactly is happening. Some people even know that their problem is rooted in witchcraft, but they are at a loss concerning how to break free from the tentacles of these wicked forces. Although they are averse to being victims of witchcraft attack, yet they are slaves of witchcraft.

However, we must admit the fact that things are a lot better in the nations of the world because of the power of the gospel. In those days, things were very bad. People were dying every day. A lot of things happened in those days. There were women who had twenty children, and lose eighteen of them.

It is amazing today that some university professors sit down in their ivory towers to declare that there is no God. To wonder what would have happened to such people if they had lived in the days of terrible manifestations of witchcraft. What saved such people is the fact that certain preachers of the gospel brought civilization into their dark community. Such self styled atheists would not have survived beyond their tenth birthday.

Witchcraft is much more complicated than we can ever imagine. It is deeply entrenched in the heavenlies. It has a lot to do with the sun, the moon and the stars. Witches and wizards are wicked. No matter how much love they claim to have for their children, they still go ahead to sacrifice them.

The operations and manifestations of witchcraft have become very complex in our days. Sad enough witchcraft has infiltrated into the house of God. A lot of things are now happening. Most of these strange occurrences are pure manifestations of witchcraft, which have become part and parcel of the life of the church.

The other day, a man of God went to a video shop to buy some video cassettes. He went back to the video shop when he discovered that he was sold the wrong one. Instead of asking them to correct their mistakes he began to rain abuses on them. But to prove that he was under the anointing he would stop momentarily and speak in tongues. Then he would revert back to calling them all kinds of unprintable names.

Was he really anointed? How can you combine anointing with the use of abusive language and cursing? That is an expression of witchcraft manifestation. You cannot combine the anointing of God with cursing and bitterness. To combine the two means to be under the influence of witchcraft manipulation.

Other people had been manipulated through the power of witchcraft even in the house of God. Two people joined their hands together to pray. Then, someone came up with a prophecy. "The man whose hand you are holding is your husband you must accept it by force. There is nothing you can do about it: Is that not an example or clever witchcraft manipulation?"

Why is witchcraft manipulation in the church? It is simply because the word of God has lost its central place in the mind of many. Evil spirits have taken over. Manipulation have become the order of the day, and anything goes, in the name of religion.

Many have succeeded in substituting the word of God with tradition. Practices like infant baptism, giving sacrament to those who are about to die, the granting of indulgences and other ungodly practices have come up as a result of the manipulations of witchcraft.

Many people have found it very difficult to obey the word of God due to the influence of witchcraft forces. Witchcraft has been allowed to operate within the church.

There are lots of witchcraft operations within the church, although those operations remain shrouded in mystery. These evil powers take away the word of God from the heart of the people. They incite men and women into all kinds of ungodly behaviour. They lead Christian leaders into all kinds of imaginable behaviours. They sometimes infiltrate into the working teams of the church. They also introduce certain things which are not part of the gospel, into the church.

Once a person is being controlled by any other spirit different from the Holy Spirit, it is witchcraft, Witches and wizards have mastered the art of the deception. The moment they are able to perceive the seed of royalty in someone's life, they go ahead to use every wicked method to get rid of that person. Whenever a child appears promising right from infancy, they try everything in order to get rid of such a child.

Recently we were praying with a fourteen year old boy who needed deliverance. The boy was so wicked that he had siphoned the fortunes of his parents, and made them extremely poor. His father sat for a particular exam fourteen times and failed in each attempt.

The boy made a lot of startling confessions. He told us a particular story concerning a wicked assignment which they carried out in Australia. According to the boy, he belonged to a group of five wicked wizards. He told us that the number four wizard was assigned to kill a particular child in Australia. They had foreseen the future of the child and according to divine destiny, he was supposed to cause a lot of havoc in the kingdom of darkness. They therefore went for the kill and succeeded.

Surprisingly, the parents of the little baby were born again Christians, but were careless. Instead of providing a spiritual cover for the innocent baby, they decided to become tools in the hand of the devil. They abandoned their new born baby and started fighting. They spent over one hour in their attempt to give vent to their carnal emotions. While the fight lasted the wizard who was assigned to kill the child succeeded in finishing his job. That was how they were able to kill the child.

That was exactly how they attempted to kill Moses but they did not succeed.

WHAT IS WITCHCRAFT?

1. It is the universal religion of falling humanity. Immediately man fell and departed from the living God in rebellion, the religion they went into as well as the power which motivated them was witchcraft. You wonder how that happened? It is simple. The Bible says, "Rebellion is as the iniquity of witchcraft."

2. It is the exercise of supernatural power by possessed persons, who are in league with the devil.

3. It is conference with the devil to carry out evil acts. Today, many people are having regular fellowship with the devil.

4. It is the practice of magic and soocery.

5. It is the use of demonic influence to undo or subdue other people. Witchcraft agents generally use their powers to manipulate or subdue innocent men and women.

6. It is an intercourse with evil spirits to fulfil a very wicked design.

7. It is the use of satanic weapon to cause evil to others and to destroy their good prospects.

8. It is the use of invisible powers to carry out evil assignments.

A pastor told me how he faced stiff oppositions in his locality. Fellow ministers were against him because almost everyone was rushing to his church. When the persecution became too much he decided to set some time apart to seek the face of God. He had a strange dream. Someone decided to fight with him in the dream. Although he wanted to beat up the person but he was somehow reluctant. The opponent happened to be a fragile looking white lady. He felt that it was indecent to beat up a lady. However, he changed his mind when the lady pounced on him and beat him up mercilessly. It was then he realised that the whole thing was not a joke and decided to fight back like a wounded lion. He almost overpowered the white lady.

Then, something happened. Suddenly, the lady looked towards the heavenlies and summoned some demonic forces to assist her. It was then the pastor knew, that the people were using witchcraft powers to fight against him. Is there any gang-up by witchcraft forces against your life? Are you being attacked in any way? Then you must take this prayer point.

"Every satanic reinforcement against my life, be scattered by fire in the name of Jesus."

9. It is spiritual defilement. That is why some people find themselves in the toilet in their dreams. Others find themselves in dirty environment with faeces rubbed all over their bodies and flies covering them. These are manifestations of witchcraft operations.

10. It is stealing of peace from a particular person or place. Once peace is withdrawn from a particular place you are left with chaos. Witchcraft powers tamper with peace in many homes.

11. It is the art of causing constant oppression to other people using satanic weapons.

The enemy does not mind employing a whole army to fight against a single individual. That is why some people are surrounded by multiple battles. They fight one battle only to face another one. They conclude that the battle is over when evil powers are only taking their time in over to get more reinforcement.

WEAPONS OF WITCHCRAFT FORCES

Let us now examine various weapons used by witchcraft forces in order to destroy men and women.

- MANIPULATION

This is perhaps the most powerful weapon used by witchcraft powers. They use their power to manipulate men and women, leading them by the nose to total destruction.

- CONTROL

A lot of people are remotely controlled by witches and wizards. Such people fail to do what they plan to do. Rather, they are under a strong demonic control.

- INTIMIDATION

This is another weapon used by witches and wizards. The use of the word intimidation in English language connotes detaching someone from his purpose by instilling fear into his heart.

- ISOLATION

These powers isolate their victims. They successfully use this weapon to drive everyone away from you and turn you into a loner. If you come

across anyone who does not talk to anybody and lives alone, in his own world, he is a victim of satanic operations. Those who are afraid of mixing with others, those who are scared by crowds and those who are fond of hibernating are all victims of attacks by witches and wizards.

- SOUL TIES

This weapon is used to tie the soul of a particular person to the soul of another, giving him no option to live without under influence. It becomes very difficult to do what you want to do. For example a man who has been involved with several women before he got married has automatically pushed himself into several soul ties. A man who tried to marry forty different women without succeeding, but only managed to get married to the forty first woman, would have formed so many soul ties. If he has told thirty of them, 'I will marry you', he has formed thirty soul ties. These multiple soul ties, will affect him one way or the other later on.

- FEAR

Fear is a very effective weapon used by witchcraft agents. Fear leads into bondage. The moment the weapon of fear succeeds in your life, witchcraft powers will be able to do what they want.

- CONFUSION

Whenever these powers want to destroy anyone they lead him or her into confusion. The state of the heart is so important that none can afford to harbour confusion in his or her heart. That is why Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." It is your responsibility to keep your heart from confusion.

- LOSS OF PERSONAL IDENTITY

When witches and wizards wants to destroy a man or a woman they make him or her loose the sense of personal identity.

A man once shared an experience with me. He narrated how he went to visit his mother at home, after he got his first salary. He drove to his village in his personal car and was very smart to travel back immediately.

A few moments later, some of his relatives came to ask after his welfare. They said, 'Woman we heard that your son came from Lagos today. Has he gone back? How exactly is he doing over there? We are interested in knowing the details.' This brother told me, that the mother said, "Oh you came to check my son. He had to run back to Lagos because he was ashamed of himself. He is just suffering in Lagos. Everything is upside down." Then the people turned back. However what the mother said got to the knowledge of the brother.

When he later saw his mother, he asked her, "Mummy why did you say all those bad things about me?" The mother replied, "Oh you are a small boy. You don't understand this village. If I had told them that you have a car, and a plum job, they will kill you with witchcraft within one month. That was why I lied to them." What was the purpose of those people. They wanted to know if the brother had discovered himself.

- SICKNESS

Witches and wizard send demons of sickness and diseases to attack their victims. Most of these sicknesses are incurable.

- PROPHETIC DIVINATION

This weapon is also called charismatic witchcraft. Witches and wizards have infiltrated the churches. They give false prophecy through their agents. Thus they are able to confuse and destroy innocent souls. It is unfortunate that those who will never go to consult witch doctors often consult witchcraft agents who disguise themselves as prophets. A lot of prophecies which people receive today are from witchcraft origins. How can a prophet ask someone to submit himself or herself for incision? How can a prophet sell anointing oil for N20,00000 (Twenty thousand naira)?

- CASTING SPELLS ON PEOPLE

Witches and wizards specialise in cursing people. The African society is filled with witches and wizards. Men and women who are witchcraft agents often rain curses upon their children with impunity.

The other day, I overheard a mother raining terrible curses on her little son, thinking that she was merely playing. This is what she said, "Come here now, if you delay in coming your life will become restless like the gate. It will shuffle back and forth." While I was trying to ask her to stop cursing her son, she issued a second one, "If you delay in answering me, your life will become like the sole of the foot where hair do not grow. Nothing good will grow in your life." When I challenged her, the woman simply laughed and said, "Don't mind me, I was only joking."

- **DARK DIVINATION**

Those who go to consult powerful mediums or fetish priests are consulting witchcraft agents.

- **CONSULTING HERBALIST/WITCH-DOCTORS**

Those who consult herbalists are dealing with agents of witchcraft.

- **SACRIFICES AND RITUALS**

This weapon is used by human beings to appease evil powers. In the real sense, these sacrifices are given as bribes to witchcraft powers to enable them fight against those to whom they are sent.

- **SINGING AND DANCING TO RAISE EVIL ENERGY**

When some people attend evil gatherings where there is a lot of drumming and dancing they become frenzied, jumping up and down. After warming themselves up in the way they begin to give some strange prophecy.

- **CURSES**

To curse someone means to utter words which are capable of bringing misfortune to the person.

- **FAKE HEALING**

Unfortunately, witchcraft agents pass counterfeit powers which they use in removing sicknesses from those who are afflicted.

- **CULTS AND THE OCCULTS**

Students who join cults in higher institutions are juniors in the school of witchcraft. Members of occults societies are also in the school of witchcraft. Such people may say that they are only trying to discover their inner powers. They constitute an extension of witchcraft. Members of lodges, international secret societies like free-mason. Rosicrucianism, the African lodge and scores of other occult movement, practise different levels of witchcraft operations.

- **CONVERTING PEOPLE INTO ANIMALS**

Witchcraft powers generally covert their victims to animal before dealing with them.

- **LIES AND DECEPTIONS**

They use deception and lie as a weapon for destroying peoples lives. Having looked at their weapons we need to also examine the characteristics of witchcraft manifestation and operation. What then are the characteristics of witchcraft?

CHARACTERISTICS OF WITCHCRAFT

5. They curse people.
6. They control people.
7. They harm people.

8. They destroy things.
9. They corrupt things and people.
10. They damage a lot of things.
11. They cause great damage.
12. They are enemies of God.
13. They are blood thirsty - Whenever their blood banks are empty they go for more blood by causing accidents.
14. They lie in wait to destroy souls.

There are two types of witches: conscious and unconscious witches.

Conscious witches are very destructive. They carry out most of their activities in the night. Their reason for the choice of the night as the hour for carrying out their wicked activities can be traced to the fact that most people are not generally alert at that time. That is why we encourage Christians to pray in the night. They will find it difficult to attack you if you pray in the night.

15. They generally believe that they can conceal their identify.
16. They tell lies
17. They are always proud
18. Human lives means nothing to them

They are able to destroy human lives with ease. A lot of men often come to me, to ask what to do after discovering that they married witches. Some of them have attempted to drive away the women.

I have been a Christian for a long time now, but I am yet to see a man who drove away his wife because she was a witch and later prospered. The witch will not prevent you from driving her away. She will simply go somewhere else to reinforce and attack you. The best thing to do is to look for a way of running such wives through deliverance. Even if she says that

she is not ready to go through deliverance, there are prayer points which the husband can make use of in order to bombard her into submission.

19. They are very fearless.

Those who are involved with witchcraft fear nothing; that is why some ladies are not afraid to stay in darkness under the bridge waiting for a lift. Why is she not afraid? It is because she is a member of the larger witchcraft society.

16. They lay curses on people with coded language.

You must be fervent in the Lord to be able to cancel that kind of coded curses.

17. They relish human flesh.

These wicked creatures love human flesh. The Bible says, "Who hate the good and love the evil, who pluck off their skin from off them and their flesh from off their bones; who also eat the flesh of my people and flay their skin from off them, and they broke their bone and shut them in pieces as for the pot (Micah 3:2).

18. They are robbers, and also very bloody.

They can ride human beings as horses to their meetings, and can see what is happening in the light as well as in darkness.

19. They can manipulate their victims in the dream through feeding them and through spiritual sexual intercourse.

20. They can make use of cannibalistic and nocturnal animals.

21. They can put marks on people's head.

These witchcraft agents can put marks of hatred upon people. They can also put evil marks on properties and certificates. They can programme their operations like a spider's web. There are people who see things like the spiders web each time they close their eyes.

22. They can put ancient marks on people. With that kind of mark, they make people older than their age. Such victims often become expired even when they are just starting life afresh.

23. Witchcraft instruments are often used to programme oppression into the atmosphere.

24. They can inject evil spirit into peoples' lives.

They do this by suppressing human strength and exchanging it with demonic spirit. Such people find it difficult to control themselves. They experience conflict in personality behaviour.

25. They go into astral projection.

They leave their body on earth and travel into the spiritual world.

26. They can project themselves into another creature in order to carry out evil activities.

I remember the story of a particular brother who threw a cutlass at a cat. The cat cried out in Yoruba Language. That is an example of witchcraft manipulation.

27. They contaminate their children and kill them.

28. They forcefully initiate people into their society.

How then can someone know when he is a victim of witchcraft operation?

What are the symptoms of witchcraft attack? What are the signs associated with victims of witchcraft attack?

How can you know when witches and wizards are working against your life? Here are the things to look for.

SIGNS OF WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS

1. Attack by wicked and intelligent network - If you find out that you are being harassed by a wicked and intelligent witchcraft network, you must use the weapon of prayer against them.

2. Denial of divine benefit - If you find out that you have never enjoyed your divine benefit, start praying against witchcraft operation in your life.

3. Pursuit by stubborn household wickedness - If you find out that unrepentant and stubborn household wickedness are pursuing you, start praying against them.

4. Intensive marital turbulence - If you are suffering from intensive marital turbulence, then you must pray against witchcraft agents.

5. 'Almost there' anointing - If you have discovered that your life is being characterised by the anointing of almost there but never there, then, something is wrong somewhere.

6. Attacks from satanic weapons - If you find that your life has been turned to a centre where all forms of satanic weapons are tested, then you must take your battle to the gates of witches and wizards. Let me give you the promise of God, 'And I will cut off witchcraft out of thy land and thou shalt have no more soothsayers' (Micah 5:12).

7. Attacks on progress in new apartment - If you find out that you no longer experience progress from the moment you begin to live in a particular house, then you can be sure that witchcraft powers are working against you.

A brother once moved into a block of flats in the company of two other tenants. The three tenants had very good cars. Incidentally, the landlord was also living with them in the same house. He had no car. The brother began to notice some development. The first tenant lost his car.

A few months later, the second tenant also lost his car. The only person who now had a car among the tenants was this brother. Then he began to have a problem with his car. He decided to go into sections of aggressive prayer when it dawned on him that he might also lose his car. He prayed for hours, days, and weeks.

One day the Lord spoke to him, to go and look into the well at the back of their house. To his amazement, he saw a tortoise. He decided to bring the tortoise out with a bucket. What he saw shocked him. The names of the three tenants were written in pieces of paper and tied to the neck of the tortoise. He thought of what to do. He looked everywhere and found nobody. Then he snatched the tortoise, poured anointing oil on it burnt it. That was how God turned the tide in favour of the Christian brother. His car began to work and he no longer lost it.

Strange enough, the landlord had no car when they packed into the house. By the time the tenants were losing their cars, the landlord was buying several cars. The brother who prayed would have suffered like his colleagues but for the power of prayer. He attempted to tell his fellow tenants who happened to be university lecturers, about what he found inside the well. They simply told him off, saying that. 'such stories are not real'. That was how they continued to suffer while the landlord continued to prosper. The only person who was exempted was the brother who prayed.

8. Financial embarrassment - If you are experiencing unexplainable financial embarrassment or stagnancy in your business. Witchcraft powers are at work.

9. Spiritual stagnancy - You must deal with all forms of spiritual stagnancy. When witchcraft forces want to deal with a person, they first afflict him with spiritual stagnancy. Once a person is spiritually stagnant, witches and wizards find it easy to attack him or her.

10. Hidden and clever devourers - Witchcraft powers are always clever in programming hidden and clever devourers into the lives of their victims. You must not allow any hidden and clever devourer to function in your life.

11. Buried talents and virtues - Witchcraft powers destroy people's lives by burying their talents and virtues. Anyone whose talent and virtues are, buried would never be anything in life. That is why you cannot afford to allow the powers of witchcraft to tamper with your talents and virtues.

12. Disappearance of those who desire to help - Whenever those who have promised to help you disappear suddenly, you must be conscious of the fact that powers of witchcraft are at work. These powers are very wicked. They remove helpers from those who are in need.

13. Chain problems - Some people go through certain problems which lead to other problems. When one problem leads to another, and the next one also leads to another, witches are involved. People who are in this condition generally spend their lives jumping from one problem to another.

14. Struggling and working tirelessly before achieving anything in life - Witchcraft powers change people's destiny by making them to struggle unnecessarily before achieving anything in life.

15. Occupying wrong positions in life - Most people are made to occupy wrong positions in life through witchcraft manipulation. They place them in positions that will not contribute anything to their successful achievement in life.

16. Untimely death - Witchcraft forces are responsible for untimely death.

17. Desert businesses - Many people have good proposals and invest huge amount of money into their businesses only to lose everything at the end of the day. Witchcraft forces turn such businesses into desert wastelands.

18. Unexplainable huge debts - Many people have found themselves in terrible debts. The amount owed is so huge that the possibility of getting out of debt is narrow.

19. Prayer paralysis - Witchcraft powers paralyse the prayer lives of their victims.

20. Evil diversion - Witchcraft agents also divert their victims to wrong places.

21. Dead organs of the body - Some people are sick mysteriously. Certain organs of their body refuse to function. Problems like cardiac arrest, kidney failure and so on are caused by these powers.

22. Vagabond anointing - Witches attack people by afflicting them with vagabond anointing. They turn intelligent people into vagabonds who roam the streets aimlessly.

23. Gradual loss of goods and property - Some people discover that their goods and property are being lost gradually. That kind of mysterious loss continues until everything disappears.

24. Spiritual blindness - Witchcraft agents attack their victims by making them blind spiritually. Consequently, such people walk into traps set by witchcraft powers.

25. Verbal traps - Witchcraft powers set traps and catch people with their own words. These words are later used against them.

26. Mark of hatred - Some people discover that they are hated for no just cause. Unknown to such people they have received marks of hatred from witchcraft agents.

27. Unexplainable loss of good things - Some people are fond of losing good things no matter what they do to prevent the loss of such things. Such people are victims of witchcraft manipulations.

28. Tortoise and snail anointing - Some people are generally embarrassingly slow in every area of their lives. Such problems can only be solved through deliverance.

29. Leaking pockets - A lot of people suffer the loss of money perpetually. Witchcraft agents have attached leaking pocket into their lives. It is even worse when people keep money in a particular place and it vanishes mysteriously.

30. Spirit of rejection - Many people are haunted by the spirit of rejection. They feel rejected by everybody.

31. Polluted children - Many people's children have been polluted by witchcraft powers. They infiltrated into the lives of the children and turned them into something else.

32. Husbands that have been caged by strange women - The problem of some women is that they have lost their husbands to the control of witchcraft powers.

33. Backsliding - Witchcraft agents also programme backsliding into the lives of their victims.

The list is almost endless.

What is the judgement of God against all these? What is God's judgement against witches and wizards. Let me state these in unequivocal terms. God has passed the sentence of both physical and spiritual death upon all witchcraft practitioners.

God's judgement upon them is clearly stated in Exodus 22:18

Suffer not a witch to live.

Do not allow witchcraft activities in your life. You don't have to kill a witch physically but you can pronounce spiritual judgement against her. Paralyse their activities. Kill the spirit of witchcraft that is operating in them. That is why you must be ready to learn how to pray red-hot prayers like the Psalmist. No doubt the Psalmist was praying against the spiritual powers that was working in the lives of his enemies. You don't have to attack physical things. But you can attack the witchcraft forces within them.

GETTING RID OF WITCHCRAFT PROBLEMS

How then can you get rid of the problems of witchcraft?

1. Repentance

You must repent from all known sins. You must be ready to settle your account with God. Evil speaking, gossiping, backbiting, slander, malice, anger must all be repented off, if you want to be free from witchcraft operations and attack.

2. Dedicate your household to the Lord

You must get to the point where you can declare like Joshua 'As for me and my household we would serve the Lord'.

3. Train your children in the way of the Lord

Failure to train your children in the way of the Lord may lead them into involvement with witchcraft. When such children acquire witchcraft powers, they may turn back to attack you.

4. Be careful concerning what, where, and how you eat

Be careful, don't eat just anything. Watch where you eat.

5. Cleanse your household and business premises spiritually

You must sanitise your surroundings spiritually through prayers.

6. Pray warfare prayers against witchcraft operations

7. Go for deliverance

You must go for deliverance if witchcraft powers have gained access into your life.

8. Bring litigation against them by bleeding the blood of Jesus

Finally don't ever attempt to rebuild your Jericho. Whatever God has destroyed in your life must remain destroyed. Let there be a clean break between you and your past unregenerate life style.

PRAYER POINT

You witchcraft powers, carry your evil load, in the name of Jesus.

Christian Witches

The title 'Christian witches' appears like a contradiction in terms when viewed ordinarily. But a second look at the subject will reveal to ali and sundry that there are certain mysteries which need to be unravelled.

Is there any thing like a Christian witch? Yes. Witchcraft is not only found in the domain of so-called satanic agents. It is an undeniable fact that witches and wizards abound in the camp of the ungodly. But the fact that may well shock Christian believers today is that witches and wizards can also be found within their ranks. Lack of understanding in this direction has caused a lot of problems for many people.

A lot of people have suffered untold agony. Others have been held under bondage. More to that, multitudes have been subjected to a lot of harassment from the camp of the devil. Therefore, ignorance is costly. The price to be paid is too high. You must therefore decide to seek knowledge in order to experience freedom from all kinds of satanic manipulations.

In view of the importance of this topic, we shall start on an aggressive note by taking the following confession and prayer point.

1. Affirm the following words: "God has created me for a specific purpose. God has committed unto my hands something He has not committed to another. Therefore, I must fulfill my divine task. I shall reach my goal. God has not created me for nothing. I shall not come to the world in vain. I shall do good. I shall do God's work. I shall be an angel of peace. I shall fulfil my divine destiny. For God is my rock and the lifter of my head. For greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. Therefore, I will trust

Him. Wherever I am, I shall never be ashamed. I shall do good. I shall serve God, in the name of Jesus.

2. Every pollution in my destiny, be cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

To put this message in proper perspective, we shall start by examining 1st Samuel 15:18-24.

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. 19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? 20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice. and to hearken than the fat of rams.

The above story reveals quite a lot on the subject of witchcraft.

People generally think that witchcraft bothers only on flying as a witch in dark hours of the night. People hardly consider the fact that a lot of actions and reactions which emanate from men and women in seemingly ordinary situations can amount to witchcraft.

The story we are considering appears very simple. A king was given a mandate by the Lord. He stood up to obey. But he ended up doing things his own way. To the average mind, there seems to be no element of witchcraft manipulation in what the king did. Human beings would even say that the king tried. After all, he captured Agag the king of the Amalekites and destroyed most of the people and their property. Everything appeared alright.

There was only one exception. He decided to spare the best things. He even had a good reason for sparing the best properties owned by the Amalekites. He was smart to give a religious reason for his disobedience. According to him, those things were spared for the purposes of sacrificing them to the Lord. A very smart reason. Isn't it?

He was smooth in explaining himself. In his own estimation, the best things which he preserved for himself and for the Lord did not sound like disobedience, but he was wrong. The people saw the scurry of activities which Saul carried out. They would have easily given him a pass mark. Saul appeared magnanimous in battle. He fought and won the battle. No doubt he was hailed by the people. Human beings gave him a pass mark but God did not.

Partial obedience was unacceptable to God. God's verdict was simple, clear and unmistakable. What he did amounted to disobedience to the word of the Lord. His action led him to the realm of witchcraft. Thus he became an example of those who go into witchcraft practices but deceive themselves by claiming that they also belong to the Lord.

Witchcraft is terrible. Surprisingly, it's nearer most people than they ever imagine. The characteristics and the attributes of witchcraft sometimes become so hidden and subtle that we are generally unaware of them. Christians who live in these last days must graduate from the level of ignorance to the realm of knowledge.

The most difficult group of witches and wizards are the hidden ones. It is often easy to locate a blood sucking witch. But it is difficult to identify people like Saul who are labelled witches by God.

Witchcraft has been aptly tagged public enemy number one. It makes men and women to follow the devil and do his bidding. Witchcraft is not localised to one particular environment or community. It is an evil universal phenomenon. Witchcraft can be found among all races, cultures and communities. There is no people or group that lacks the presence of witches and wizards.

Witchcraft is run through a highly sophisticated method. Unfortunately, the modern age has ushered more complexity into the

practice of witchcraft. Witchcraft has therefore become so complicated that children, youths, men and women are involved in it without their knowledge. It appears that it is easier to get involved with witchcraft these days than it was fifty years ago. Witches and wizards have so simplified their manifestations that they have been able to catch thousands of people with little or no effort.

WITCHCRAFT MANIFESTATIONS DIFFER

I had an experience in the United Kingdom, many years ago, which prepared me for the ministry. Actually, the Lord had laid the foundation of this ministry when I was in Nigeria but I had a lot more to learn when the Lord gave me the opportunity of doing my doctorate programme in U.K. As an African student, I thought that I had known quite a lot in the area of spiritual warfare, deliverance, breaking of curses and yokes, but my experience overseas was much more revealing.

While in England, God raised me up to pioneer, nurture and lead an African Christian Fellowship. The African Christian Fellowship consisted of Christians from many African countries. It was my responsibility as the president to counsel, teach, pray with and conduct deliverance for many Africans. That experience exposed me to the diversity of the manifestations of witchcraft and demonic power in the African continents. I discovered that demons and witches change their characteristics from one community to another.

The average Nigerian Christian knows little or nothing about demonic or witchcraft operations when compared with his counterparts from French speaking countries within the sub-region. In fact, experience of Nigerian Christians cannot be compared with that of his counterparts from neighbouring French speaking countries, where there is one idol per household.

My experience made me to know that the level of bondage of Christians from some French West African countries was higher. Although we were all Africans, I found out that the Zimbabwean, the Ghanaian, the Beninese, the Chadian, the Kenyan and the Togolese all had their unique

experiences. I remembered particularly, the manifestations of a Botswana lady when we ran her through deliverance. It was without doubt a new experience for me.

Witchcraft manifestation cannot be pinned down to one mode of behaviour. The African mode differs from the European, Asian or American modes. The European witches and wizards behave in very different ways. They don't suck their children's blood like most African witches do.

I remember a particular incident which took place during my years of studying abroad. A white couple was arrested and charged for kidnaping and killing little kids. They could not give any reason for their obsession with killing little children. That was what their own witchcraft demons compelled them to do.

African witchcraft demons leads people in different ways. My own African experience gave me a very different exposure. I came face to face with an example of a certified witch when I was a little boy. I ran into a crowd when I was coming back from school as an elementary school pupil. The crowd had gathered in order to listen to the strange confessions of a haggard looking old woman. It was such a scary Sight. The woman was half naked.

She spoke uncontrollably. It was obvious that she had no control over what she was saying. She opened her mouth and made very fearful confessions. "I am a witch. Nemesis has finally caught up with me. I have killed so many people in my family that I have lost count of the exact number. I have eaten up many of my children and grandchildren. The last straw that broke the camel's back was the last incident in my family. My daughter gave birth to twin babies. As usual, I had tried to eat both of them up. I succeeded in eating the first baby. The second one led me into this problem. The baby's bone choked my throat. I couldn't swallow it. The spirit of those twin babies were so powerful that I couldn't get away with it. I am in trouble. The evil effect of witchcraft has taken a huge toll upon my life. I am in trouble. The blood of the twin babies is fighting against me. I am a witch"

The whole market was thrown into an uproar. People gathered stones, broken bottles, sharp objects, empty tins, rotten tomatoes and every

conceivable objects on which they could lay their hands. Those objects were hauled at her from every angle. She continued to make weird confessions while she was bleeding. The mob did not pity her.

That was how she was stoned to death. Nobody was willing to stop the irate mob. Before any of her relatives could arrive the scene, she had breathed her last breath. The woman suffered on earth. She opened her eyes in hell the next second only to begin an eternity of endless suffering. The devil is indeed, wicked. The same devil who gave her the witchcraft was the same devil who led her to confess her wicked acts. The same devil went ahead to gather the crowd and mobilized them to kill her instantly. The same devil who sent her to hell will also accuse those who killed her of committing murder. What a case of different strokes with different people.

I used to have a very aggressive evangelist friend. His ways were very queer. He did not spare witches and wizards. He used to share some of his experiences with me. He told us about a crusade which he conducted in a church. It lasted for seven days. The church which invited him was notorious for being an abode of witches and wizards. He warned the witches while the seven days lasted.

Every day, he would go to the pulpit and deliver a terse one sentence sermon. "This is a warning to every agent of satan, you've had your own time. If you don't repent, I will descend on you. Your days are numbered. Repent or perish." He repeated the same message for seven days. On the seventh day, the tide turned against the witches and wizards. The Holy Ghost began to torture them. They started confessing what they had done one after the other.

He told us about a particular woman who happened to be a prominent member of the church. The woman was popularly called 'Mother-in-Israel' by the members of the church. She came to the man of God complaining of backaches. However, God opened the eyes of my evangelist friend and he discovered that right where the woman was seated in the counselling office, somebody's thigh was hanging right in her mouth. Then the man of God became angry and told the woman: "Woman, I can see the thigh of a human being in your mouth. If you don't vomit it now, you will die instantly."

The witch had no option but to comply with the instructions of the man of God. She had to vomit the person she swallowed.

I would like to take this prayer point right now.

"Every part of my life swallowed by witchcraft, be vomited now, in the name of Jesus."

I have discovered that some people often attract witchcraft into their lives and families on their own volition. However such people are not able to absolve the consequences of their actions. Some people travel to their villages only to handpick a witch in the name of getting a housemaid, When such witches join the family, they go ahead to initiate all the children. By the time the parents discover that they had wrongfully taken up a maid, a lot of damages would have been done.

A housemaid was brought into a particular-family and the wife felt that she had been successful in solving one of her problems. As she felt that she had no time to do all her house chores. Things took a different turn when the woman slept in the night, thinking that there was no presence.

Somehow, the husband wanted to go to toilet in the night and he had to pass through where the house girl normally sleeps. To his surprise, her posture was embarrassing and suggesting. She was lying on her back stark naked with her two legs on the wall. The man was infuriated. Initially, he felt like screaming at her and giving her a dirty slap. But he soon found out that his emotions changed from wanting to rebuke her to desiring to have on affair with her. Immediately, a force began to push him towards the direction of the girl. He tried to resist but he could not. That was how he found himself on top of the housemaid which they brought from the village.

Unfortunately for him, the wife woke up at that particular time and discovered what both of them were doing That was how the housemaid broke their home. In any case, the husband and wife were responsible for what happened to them. They wanted help but got more than what they bargained for.

There is a growing consciousness of the activities of satanic agents. Specifically, there is a burgeoning of interest in the body of knowledge concerning the subject of witchcraft. This trend should not come as a surprise to anyone. The Bible has predicated that the last days will be characterized by an increase of satanic revival. Therefore, witchcraft is no longer the preserve of a select company. More and more people are now becoming unaware and gaining more knowledge concerning witchcraft. However, there are people who are still in the woods as far as the knowledge of witchcraft activities is concerned.

A brother once thought that his mother was a witch and he decided to do something about it. Having had of a very powerful prophet who normally calls out witches openly in his meetings, he decided to take her there for a deliverance ministrations. He succeeded in cajoling her by saying that she was only following him to a crusade.

The man of God in his usual manner demanded and commanded that all the witches in that gathering should come out in a single file. Then people started coming out. The brother had to open his eyes to see whether the mother was going out like others. To his amazement she stayed put. He decided to talk to her: "Mummy, why don't you join those who are walking out as instructed by the man of God?" The mother simply smiled and said "Don't worry. that instruction is not for people like me. Those who are going out are the ones we have just initiated. Hard-core witches won't obey that kind of general instruction. We operate at a higher level" That was how she refused to go out.

The son was shocked. What shocked him beyond that point was the fact that his own fiancée was one of the people who went out. She had also been initiated. The man discovered that he was surrounded by witches and decided to run to me for help. I asked him only one question: "Have you got the baptism of the Holy Spirit?" He appeared surprised. "How much is it?", he asked me. May be he felt that the Holy Spirit was a book or something, no wonder he was surrounded by witches.

Witchcraft had become an open secret. The young and the old are now fully aware of the activities of witches and wizards. It is even shocking that young people and children are even fully entrenched in witchcraft.

The other day I got a letter from a young girl. She was very angry with her father whom she accused of calling every body in the house agents of satan. The young girl was so bold to ask me to warn her father or she would deal with him. But how did such a girl come about such a level of boldness. No doubt she must have been empowered by witchcraft. We have so many of such innocent looking but very powerful young boys, girls and children. They are young in age but they are very old in the spiritual world.

We are in for lots of surprises today. Our concentration in the time past has been limited to discovering witches among those who are outside the church. We have not yet looked inwards to consider the possibility of the presence of the witches within the church. Hence we have not been able to locate the enemy within. Many people who talk about witches and wizards are not free. So called witch hunters are also bewitched.

It is frightening to know that many of the places which we called Christian gatherings are gatherings of witches and wizards. We need to forget and discard our traditional beliefs and begin to take a new look into Christian environment. We may soon discover that the problems of most people are caused by witches who turn Christian gathering into a hiding place. The moment you begin to realize that witchcraft can be practiced within the church, you will discover the solution to most of your personal problems.

GROUP OF WITCHES

Let me lay the ground work. There are two distinct classes of . . . witches. There is witchcraft by evil power and there is also witchcraft as a work of the flesh. I am sure you need more explanation.

1. WITCHCRAFT THROUGH EVIL POWER

You will take a closer look at the first category. Witchcraft which thrives *on* the use of evil powers. There are four major sub divisions under this category.

A. Those who became witches by inheritance

This category of people were probably initiated by their parents or grand parents. Such people might have been given food, gift items, drinks and so on by their parents as means of initiating them into witchcraft. They discovered that witchcraft becomes transferred to them from their parents.

Some people may even have a dream in which they attend meeting in the company of their mother or grandmother. That kind of dream has become the entry point for such people. They begin to find themselves in strange actions and behaviour.

B. Witchcraft by decision

This category of people acquire witchcraft through personal decision. Maybe they were cheated in a deal or they were punished unjustly for something they did not do. Then they made up their mind to acquire witchcraft at all cost in order to use it as a weapon of witchcraft. Such people think that they would only be able to fight back If they acquire witchcraft powers.

Recently, I got a strange letter from a fetish priest otherwise known as a herbalist. He wrote asking me to forward prayer points to him with a promise that should those prayer points work for him. he would throwaway all his charms and all his object of divination and accept Christ. No doubt his charms had failed him. He was looking for spiritual power. Thank God he turned to the source of true power.

C. Witchcraft by force or coercion

This category of people were probably not interested in witchcraft at all. Someone just decided to conscript them into witchcraft at all cost. Such people are generally overpowered by those seeking to initiate them.

Some of these people will have dreams in which they were grabbed by very powerful witches and injected with witchcraft poison. From that moment, they became witches. Such people become victims of abuse of power and illegitimate authority simply because they were not strong enough to resist initiation.

D. The blind witches

This is perhaps the worst group. Members of this group are generally blind to the fact that they are members of witchcraft society. They attend strange meetings in the night and do nothing about it because they thought they were only dreaming. During such drill meetings, things like meat, drinks with dark colour or palm oil are shared among all participants. These people are witches but they are totally blind. They are unconscious agents in the hand of the devil.

Others have also become blind witches by having sex with witchcraft agents. If a lady mistakenly sleeps with a wizard, she is in trouble. In the other hand a man who decided to have sex with a witch without knowing who she is, will also find himself in complicated troubles.

It becomes clear therefore that it is possible to be a witch without being conscious of it.

These four categories of witches are even simpler to deal with than the witches which we find in the churches today.

2. WITCHCRAFT AS WORKS OF THE FLESH

Witchcraft as a product of the works of the flesh is much more complex than general witchcraft.

This second major category has claimed countless numbers of victims, that is why we are devoting a whole of this chapter to identify and expose Christian witches.

It is unfortunate that many Christians are witches by reason of the work of the flesh. However, the problem there is that either you are a regular witch or you are one by virtue of the presence of the work of the flesh in your life, you stand the risk of experiencing the terrible consequences of belonging to the witchcraft society.

The same principles are in operation whether it is the witchcraft by evil powers or witchcraft as a manifestation of the work of the flesh. The

same kind of weapons are used in both ways. Satanic instrument are applied in both ways.

We must therefore come to grips with the fact that God's judgement remains the same for any form of witchcraft manifestation be it minor or major. What is God's judgement in this witchcraft?

Thou shall not suffer a witch to live.

God's verdict remains unchanged for every category of witchcraft,

The Bible also states that a man or woman that hath a familiar spirit or that is a wizard shall surely be put to death. They shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them. (Lev. 20:27).

God's verdict is unmistakably clear. Death sentence hangs over the head of every witch or wizard. It is very easy for us to accept death sentence as normal for congenital or hard-core witches and wizards. But do you know that the same sentence had been passed on all those who are guilty of witchcraft as a work of the flesh?

This goes on to say that if you are stubborn or rebellious, you are as good as a witch and if rebellion makes you a witch then death sentence hangs over your head. Either you are a witch by regular definition or a witch as a result of rebellion, the sentence remains unchanged. The blood sucking witch and the rebellious man or woman are the same.

Strange enough, rebellion and stubbornness are twin brothers. Rebellion makes a man to say I won't do it. While stubbornness makes a person to say I will do it my own way no matter what anybody says. God puts a rebellious person in the same category with witches and wizards. The moment you are rebellious, you will become a witch. You may be a pastor a general overseer, a superintendent. a choir master, a worship leader. a pastor's wife, or an international Christian leader, you are a witch if rebellion is n prominent father character.

Unfortunately. a lot of people are in this category. The problem here is that a man or a woman who claims that he has a wonderful destiny with God will surely get no where if such a person has allowed rebellion to place him or her in the same category with witches and wizards.

For example, how can you fulfil your destiny if you happen to be a witch. You have already lost your bearing. If you pray saying 'Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered' you are in trouble yourself. If God should decide to scatter his enemies, he will surely start with you. The fact that you are religious notwithstanding you are under God's judgement the moment you allow rebellion in your heart.

Let us take a further look into the Scriptures.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh ore manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (Gal. 5:19-20).

Here, the Bible categories witchcraft as a work of the flesh. This goes on to establish the fact that many so called Christians are excellent witchcraft practitioners. Such people cannot escape the consequences of their actions whether they are ignorant or not. The judgement of death hangs upon their head. The only difference, however is that although they are under dead sentence, their own death is slow. But like someone has said the mill of God grinds slowly but surely. Such people would end up dying. That is why such people are suffering from strange diseases. Some of these people loose weight mysteriously and die away.

The only explanation is that they had a sentence unto death upon their lives. When such people suddenly die, people begin to wonder. We have sometimes wondered why some people whom we take as fine Christians suddenly slump and die. What we have not considered is the fact that some of these people might have been witches as a result of the works of the flesh. What must have happened in that case is that such a person would have disobeyed God or showed signs of rebellion in one way or the other. Such people would have aligned themselves with satan and become witches or wizords through the works of the flesh. Then in that moment death came. Some people go ahead to mourn the death of such people not knowing that they were only mourning the death of witches.

The picture in most Christian homes is completely unpleasant. The wives are witches while the husbands are wizards. The wife may be a real witch while the husband may be a wizard as a result of the works of the flesh.

When so called Christians disobey the word of God, they go into witchcraft. Let a man decide to rebel against the word of God, he becomes a wizard according to the standard of the Bible. Let a woman decide to throw overboard the Biblical teaching concerning submission and decide to go her own way, then she is ready to become a witch "For rebellion is as witchcraft."

There are many husbands and wives who possess this world goods in abundance but are dying inwardly because of God's judgement against witchcraft. These people are grossly dissatisfied with life in spite of the fact that they have all the comfort that their heart desired. They have cooks, gardeners, stewards, washer men, security guards, drivers, nannies and so on. Yet, they are frustrated. They eat the best meals, buy the most expensive clothes and lavish money on whatever they believe would make life comfortable yet when you see them they look haggard, sickly and malnourished. Why? The sentence of death had been passed against their lives.

This explains why there are Pentecostal or evangelical witches today. Yes, the situation is absurd but it is real. Men and women who live in rebellion and go about claiming that they are children of God are simply religious witches. No doubt, they have submitted themselves for water baptism yet, they are witches.

Rebellion is as witchcraft. I know that some of these witches even speak in tongues. That does not mean that there are no longer witches. Rebellion and witchcraft are one and the same thing. Everyone who allows rebellion in his life has automatically opened the door for witchcraft to come in.

We have examples of such religious witches who are harbouring witchcraft spirits right in the house of God. In the same vein, there are pastor wizards. We also have many chorister-witches. The children of Eli

were practising witchcraft right in the house of God. What exactly were they doing. 1 Sam 2:12:

12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

This brief statement shows us that it is possible to be a minister without knowing the Lord. Putting on a collar, being given a religious title, does not mean that someone knows the Lord. The most tragic; situation in religious circles today centres around the fact that many people who are extremely religious do not know the God they claim to be worshipping. It is unfortunate that a lot of people who have no relationship with God are busy gallivanting up and down trying to run God's business.

Let us examine verse 16: "And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force."

The picture we have here centres around the children of Eli. In a normal situation, the fat of the animals slaughtered are generally burnt upon the altar. What they generally do was to separate the meat from the fat. The children of Eli were not ready to go through the normal process. They were so impatient that they were not ready to wait for the time when everything would be done according to the dictates of the law of God. They took the laws on their hands and went ahead to devise special forks in which they were removing the meat from the altar contrary to what was supposed to be done. That is exactly what many pastors are doing today. They mortgage the gospel and make money out of their members.

A lot of victims of this kind of manipulation have come to me in regret to narrate foolish stories concerning how they sowed their cars, houses and properties to some smart prophets or pastors. Such people ended up living in poverty while their pastors are feeding fat and living in stupendous wealth and luxury.

What was Eli's response to that kind of sacrilege and abomination in the temple. Let us look at verse 22:

22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Eli's children disobeyed God fragrantly and attained the height of rebellion. They were so rebellious that they took their fornication and adultery from their homes into the temple.

They drew caution and adultery from their homes into the temple. They threw caution to the winds. Their companions still abound today. Many churches are peopled with clever and stubborn fornicators who think they can do whatever they like and get away with it. That is witchcraft in action. In their disobedience to God, Eli's children became wizard and priests and since witches and wizards should not be suffered to live, God killed both of them in one way. Their father also died as a result of becoming involved in witchcraft.

God did not spare them. Neither would God spare all Christian leaders, pastors, minister's, choir leaders who are sleeping with members of their groups. They are all wizards.

So-called deliverance ministers who deceive themselves by saying that they are only trying to set women free by anointing them naked are also wizards. It would be unfortunate therefore, if pastors end up getting to the same hell with notorious characters like Jezebel, Lot's wife, Saul, etc. If such persons should find themselves in hell, they might try to find out why they were in hell. They would be told that witchcraft is the reason. They may go ahead to demand the fact that they never knew anything about witchcraft then God will tell them that for as much as they allowed rebellion in their lives, they automatically qualified to be witches and wizards.

It is unfortunate that the same people who passed the buck and recommended others for deliverance are the same people who need deliverance from witchcraft. The congregation in some churches can be described as a motley assembly of various categories of witches and wizards. Such people are living in various levels of disobedience and

rebellion. If it ever happens that a woman comes to the church with blood dripping from her mouth and shouting, "I am a vampire spirit", I am sure that the ushers would bundle her out immediately. But nobody would suspect anyone who is possessed by witchcraft as a result of disobedience or rebellion.

Religious witches are not easily identifiable. They generally come to church smartly dressed in latest designer wears. They make use of exotic perfumes. They come in elegant suits. They sound so religious that nobody would ever suspect them but nonetheless, they are witches in disguise. Such people will be so quick to respond with violent prayers whenever the word witchcraft is mentioned when they themselves are witchcraft practitioners.

How can a man who is rebellious, arrogant, incorrigible, insubordinate and over-sophisticated honour or reverence those who are in authority:?

Why must you go to church only to belong to the same category with witches and wizards as a result of rebellion and disobedience?

Why must you go from the church to hell fire? Why do you want to pay an exorbitant gate fee instead of humbling yourself and making up your mind to accept a free ticket from the Lord to heaven?

Do you know that one gram of disobedience is heavier than a million kilograms of obedience? How then can you escape hell if God has concluded that you are a witch or wizard by virtue of rebellion?

How can you fulfil your destiny as a witch?

If you are a serious Bible student, you would have discovered that God carried out the number of executions in the Bible. Specifically, there are sixteen such cases in the Scriptures.

I must not fail to point out this fact. A lot of people have embraced modern trends without knowing the implication of what they are doing. The modern vogue these days is to give churches very stylish, fashionable names. We have names like: Anointing Chapel, Success Chapel, Miracle Chapel. Chapel for Men and Women of Distinction and so on. People who come up with such names have not talked about finding out the origin of the word Chapel.

"Chapel is a word of Roman Catholic origin, taken over from Latin into English. Chapel is from the Latin 'CAPELLA. French CHAPELLE, Middle English CHAPELE. It means 'a cape or little cloak.' It refers to the 'holy' cloak (CAPA) of the patron 'saint' of France, the Roman Catholic St. Martin, 'Bishop' of Tours (330-397 A.D.). He was the founder of monasticism in France, and acquired a reputation for working 'miracles.' A legend states that as a soldier, he divided his military cloak (CAPA) into two pieces and gave one half to a naked beggar at the gate of Amiens. In a dream that night he saw Christ wearing the half-cloak. Shortly afterwards he was 'baptized.' The half-cloak which he kept he wrapped around his shoulders, thus making it a cape, or CAPELLA. This cape was preserved as a 'sacred' relic, and accompanied the French kings in their wars. It was borne before them in battle and also used to give 'sanctity' to oaths."

"The tent or shrine which sheltered this 'St.' Martin's cape or CAPELLA become known as the Capella. in which 'Mass' was celebrated by the military CAPELLANUS; hence the words chapel. This peculiar use of CAPELLA or CHAPEL was soon transferred to any 'sanctuary' containing 'sacred' relics; or to any 'oratory' where 'Mass' and 'Divine Service' were celebrated. The word is first found used in this sense by Maralfus in the 7th century." (Authorities - The Encyclopaedia Britannica, The Catholic Encyclopaedia, Protestant Dictionary)

Historically, chapel has Roman Catholic French origin but many people know nothing about it. All they want is to be identified with what sounds modern or elitist.

THE SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL

The kind of witchcraft which we are talking about in this paragraph can be so hidden that it often becomes difficult to detect the manifestations. The spirit of Jezebel, we all know is rampart in these last days.

It is that kind of spirit that makes ladies to reject authority

It is also the same spirit that makes men to abdicate their roles and abandon their responsibilities.

This spirit operates in many people's lives.

Incidentally, spirit of Jezebel is a highly religious spirit. Its best field operation is within the four walls of the church.

The spirit of Jezebel loves to operate within the family. Here, I will not fail to mention the fact that Jezebel is the mother of all those who paint their faces like masquerades. Again, to refuse to accept correction is to be possessed by the spirit of Jezebel.

The Jezebel spirit is not only feminine. It operates among men.

When somebody is busy telling blatant lies, such a person is possessed by the spirit of Jezebel.

Showmanship is also an index of being possessed by the Jezebel spirit. Turning ones live into a showcase is also an evidence of being affected by the Jezebel factor.

To feel threatened by anyone who tries to compete with you smacks of the Jezebel spirit.

If you are found of dominating every conversation whether you are really making any point or not you are Jezebel's pal.

Every form of dominee attitude and bossy character are evidences of being a witch after the order of Jezebel.

Show me a man or a woman who always wants to be the centre of attraction then I will show you a modern day Jezebel.

All those who want to receive every accolades and hates to see any other person commended are brothers of sisters to Jezebel.

Whenever someone is always bent on retaliating, such a person is possessed by the spirit of Jezebel.

THE ACTIVITIES AND MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL

1. It is the spirit of Jezebel that makes women reject authority.
2. It makes many men abandon their responsibilities. This happens in many churches today.
3. Jezebel is the grandmother of all those who paint their faces and apply all forms of heavy make-ups.
4. Those who refuse to be corrected are portraying the spirit of Jezebel.
5. It is the spirit behind those who tell lies convincingly.
6. It makes people become critical of everybody and everything.
7. It is responsible for all forms of hypocrisy and religious entertainment.
8. It makes people talkative.
9. When somebody wants to be the center of attraction all the time, and does not like to see others being praised, and receive commendation, that is the spirit of Jezebel.
10. Being vindictive in nature.
11. Immorality.
12. Manifesting unteachable characteristics.
13. Intimidation and domination.
14. It does not accept responsibility for wrong doings.
15. It sows seed of discord.
16. It harasses and maltreat the prophets of God.
17. It believes in using gifts to control.

18. It is pushy and domineering.
19. It never gives credit.
20. It hates repentance and opposes righteousness.
21. It enthrones witchcraft.

The spirit of Jezebel is manifested in diverse ways. Sometimes, it comes up in a very pronounced manner. While at some other time, it operates unnoticed, under cover. Churches are filled with various manifestations of the attribute of Jezebel.

If as a Pastor, you discover that immorality has become so rampant and you decide to rebuke those who are involved sharply, do you know what they will say?, they will retort with statements like: "Pastor, you don't have to blame me. In all honesty do you think I have done what no one has ever done? What's the big deal in what I've done. You have to minimize what you are saying to me. I'm sure you know that nobody is really above the flesh. There are people who are higher than me spiritually and yet they have made the same mistake. Don't scold me as if I'm a baby. Nobody is above mistake." That is the spirit of Jezebel at work.

To be very frank with you, things have become so bad that things which were never heard about in the past have now become common place these days. Nowadays, those who are given to the loose life style do not have to go outside looking for prostitute.

Many modern day churches are filled with that category of people, they come to the church as if they are on fashion parade. Such ladies dress so seductively that one wonders whether they have come to the church in search of salvation or on a hunting expedition. Such people have turned the church into hotels. Some men come to the church with very bogus chains or pendants, leaving their chest in an attempt to display their chain. Some people are so fearfully dressed that you wonder if they have come to the church for a fight. Without doubt, things have become so embarrassing that one often wonders whether people who come to the church are aware of the fact that they have actually come to the house of God.

It is also part of witchcraft manifestation when people resort to the use of manipulation, intimidation, domination and undue use of influence to make people do what they would ordinarily not have done. It is nothing but a clear manifestation of witchcraft. I am sure you know that the Holy Spirit does not manipulate people. Neither does He dominate or intimidate people. Although it is very easy to manipulate people and get away with it, but you must remember that success is not the yardstick to measure what is right or wrong.

Clever manipulators end up becoming seasoned witchcraft practitioners. Those who are fond of dominating other people may enjoy the game and they may have their way all the time but they are no better than witches who hypnotize people and make them do what is not in their mind.

If we are to judge the actions of many ladies and men who boast that they know how to have their way any time, we will be left with no other conclusion than the one which the Bible has tendered; that they are witches, as a result of the works of the flesh.

To decide to use your money, influence, position or social advantage in order to have your way would amount to using witchcraft power.

There are families in which young children succeed in manipulating and ruling their parents. Such young children even go as far as knocking the heads of their parents together. Sometimes, such children pretend to be sick with an eye on getting what they desire from their parents. When such children grow up, they become master manipulators.

Some husbands control their wives by beating them up until they have no power to resist. I remember a particular case of a lady who came to me to complain that she was no longer seeing with her right eye because her husband gave her a deafening slap on the face. What was the intention of her husband? He wanted to be free to do what he likes, drink, go home late at night and draw no response or query from the wife.

If you decide to beat up your wife in order to silence her, you are a wizard, no matter what you think about it. You are controlling your wife through intimidation and the use of thought. If as a man, you are completely

sold out to drinking beer, wine and smoking cigarettes and other dangerous substances, you are a wizard.

There are people who have mastered the art of controlling people through sickness, by keeping everybody restless when they know that they are actually using their conditions to control other people.

There are members of the family who make everyone to spend money, keep vigil and live in constant fear just because they constantly fall sick. I'm sure you know that there are children who delight in draining the finances of their parents for the fun of it, such wicked children would not mind reducing their parents to paupers. Such children are using the weapon of witchcraft; manipulation and domination.

Some wives are prepared to do anything in order to manipulate their husbands to dance to their tune. Some of these wives cook bad foods in order to teach their husband a lesson and manipulate them. There are many couples who live together as cats and rats. There is no iota of unity among them. The husband tries to manipulate the wife while the wife also tries to manipulate the husband. They use intimidation and manipulation to control each other. At the end, the home is turned upside down.

If you don't get rid of all these traits you might find yourself inside the cobweb of witchcraft. You can not afford to face the consequences of involvement in witchcraft through the work of the flesh.

I want you to close your eyes at this point and take this prayer point.

"O Lord, change the changeable in my life today."

The lives of so many people have been destroyed through blind involvement in witchcraft. Many of the people in this category have been led into destructive actions as a result of allowing witchcraft manifestations in their lives

Recently, I went to pray for a particular man. The moment I closed my eyes in prayer, the Lord told me to stop praying for the man. My heart was touched by the condition of the man, he was so sick that it was clear that he could die any moment. "Why don't You want me to pray for him?" I quietly asked the Lord, "He is going to die", the Lord told me. "Lord, why must he

die?" I asked the Lord. The Lord gave me a surprising answer. "He will surely die because he has driven his Angel away." I had to interview the man to find what was really wrong with him. I asked to know who the woman standing by his side was. He told me that, she was his second wife.

"Where is your first wife?" I asked him. "Don't mind that foolish woman, I had to drive her away because she was pestering me with her prayers. She never allowed me a moment's rest. She was always praying night and day against enemies, I couldn't cope with her excessive prayers. That was why I drove her away." He answered.

Then it dawned on me that the man had actually driven his angel away. Then the Holy Spirit made me to know that his enemies wanted to destroy him but could not as: long as his praying-wife remained with him. In fact, his wife was acting as a shield for him against arrows from the enemy. They therefore, instigated him to drive his first wife away. They did not stop there. It was arranged in the spiritual realm that he should get a second wife who would be a witch.

The second wife was the witch drinking his blood. And she was standing right there when I was trying to pray for the man. There are lots of people who are in the same condition with that man today. They have driven away their angels. They are now surrounded by witches and wizards.

Witchcraft thrives in the church today. I have heard about Pastors who try to manipulate members who decide to go to other churches. They make what I would call witchcraft pronouncements against such members. They say, "If you leave this church you will never prosper. Nobody leaves this church and makes it in life. Go and check it out, all those who ever left this church have ended up with mysterious sicknesses, accidents, business failure, death, imprisonment and all kinds of terrible calamity. I am an anointed Pastor, nobody has ever left me and prospered." That is witchcraft. I have never read anything like that in the Bible. That sounds like what they do in the occult.

When an occult member renounces his membership, the other members can go ahead to cast a spell on him. What some Pastors say when they want to intimidate those who are trying to go to another church is no different from what lodge members say to those who attempt to decamp. It

appears that the church has become the centre of witchcraft these days. There are cases of Pastors who have cursed members who left their churches. Unfortunately, many terrible things have actually happened to some of these members.

Another manifestation of witchcraft is the practice of using unlawful methods to obtain results. If you fail to repent of these practices you will continue to live under the sentence of death.

Rebellion is an evidence of the presence of witchcraft in your life. God hates rebellion with perfect hatred. Failure to repent of rebellion is to be ready to face the consequences of being a witch. God has never tolerated rebellion at any time. He denounces it in very strong terms. Unfortunately, deep-seated rebellion resides in the heart of so many Christians. The plague of rebellion has spread from Pastors to congregations, elders to ordinary members, workers to new members and from children to adults. This shows that rebellion has become the order of the day. And from what was been stated time and time again in this chapter, it is clear that rebellion is an evidence of the manifestation of witchcraft. It goes without saying, therefore, that the church has become the centre of witchcraft manipulation.

Any sincere believer will admit that obedience and submission which happen to form part of the fundamental requirements which God expects from those who belong to Him have become virtually non-existent in many churches. It is crystal clear that obedience and submission is fast disappearing in churches today.

Many people find it difficult to submit to God and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit. Obedience has become the greatest thing which the modern man tries to avoid by all means. That is why rebellion and disobedience are more visible in an average congregation. But we all know that the more visible these vices are, the more pronounced the presence of witchcraft in that particular congregation.

It is easier to go wrong than to do what is right. Many people do what is convenient to them not knowing that they are giving in to witchcraft elements to come into their lives. Although, it is easier to tread the part of disobedience, obedience pays. Joseph had to make a choice between obedience and disobedience.

Obviously, the easiest option was disobedience. He found himself in Portiphar's house where he had unlimited favour with his master's wife. It was easier for Joseph to decide to go in a convenient way by accepting the advances which Portiphar's wife made. After all, he was sure that if he had accepted to commit immorality with her, he would have been in her good books as long as he lived in that house.

Obedience to God was not palatable to the flesh. It was also clear that to refuse to lie with Portiphar's wife was to face a threat of being scandalized. Joseph decided to obey God, if he had disobeyed, he would have faced the consequences of being a witchcraft practitioner.

Every student of the Bible knows that disobedience and rebellion have continued to cause havoc in the lives of individuals. It also leads to destruction and disintegration of communities and nations.

The height of arrogance is to rebel against the Almighty. It is amazing that arrogant and rebellious people who try to do everything to resist the Gospel are the least intelligent. While professors are embracing Jesus and praying with holy aggression, school drop-outs are going every where with signs of rebellion and arrogance.

During my school days, I discovered that the students who put on the most flashy dresses were the dullards. People who are truly intelligent are generally humble. They hardly show-off. But people with empty skulls make the loudest noise. But why should a human being be arrogant?

What does man really know? Take a look at the heavens, the stars, the seas, the animal kingdom and the plant kingdom. Is there any room for arrogance? What has man created? The sun is 93 million miles away from the earth. How long do you think it will take to cover 160 million kilometers by road.

That is obviously more than what anyone can achieve in a life time as it will take more than 180 years to cover The distant. Yet God's word holds the sun and earth together. That word is so important that we are told that he exalts His word above His name. What the devil did to Adam and Eve was to make them disobey the word of God. The devil knew that the moment he

succeeded at making mankind to disobey God, he would successfully carry out his plans. The moment man disobeyed God, he became a witchcraft practitioner since rebellion and witchcraft are the same.

Although God has demonstrated His supremacy over man, yet man has continued to live in arrogance and rebellion. God created the galaxies, the stars, the moon and so on. Yet man has continued to position his will against the will of the Almighty. That kind of attitude sparks of demonic pride. That was exactly what Saul the first king of Israel did.

Here was an excellent soldier, anointed king, handsome man, gifted and elevated by God yet he lost everything because of disobedience and rebellion. God's instruction to him was unmistakably clear. "Make utter destruction. Don't spare anything in Amalek." But he disobeyed God. What he did constituted an affront to God. God's verdict was that the act of disobedience which was perpetrated by Saul was viewed as an act and a manifestation.

His disobedience and rebellion were seen by God as clear manifestations of witchcraft. Saul was given an assignment by God. He started well but ended up with becoming a wizard. God did not mince words, "rebellion is as witchcraft." That was how Saul become an enemy of God. He became a wizard through rebellion and God was extremely angry with him.

The modern man has come up with lots of euphemistic terms which are being used to play down things that are of great consequences. When someone has sinned against God, human beings say that he has only made a mistake. When a man becomes angry, people excuse him by saying that someone has stepped on his nerves.

The proud man is labelled ambitious, the liar is clever, the thief is smart, the dubious is intelligent and the wicked is self-assertive. If modern man were to define all the sins in the Bible, every sin will be given glamorous names. However, modern man cannot change God's standard. Today, some people have accepted rebellion and disobedience as part and parcel of their characters, attitude may sound trendy but God views them differently.

Rebellion is a character with stubborn and strong roots. Many Christians detest anything that will tamper with their evil character. But anyone who wants to be free from every trace of witchcraft must be willing to go whole-hog and deal with the stronghold of rebellion. This is an unavoidable task that must be done.

Most of the common sins which people commit like smoking, drinking, fornication, adultery, etc. can be likened to tiny pimples when compared with the large malignant boil of rebellion.

If you want to get rid of rebellion, you must allow God to penetrate deep into your life. If you are ready to repent from every sin of rebellion and disobedience today, you will be free from sentence of death and destruction.

But if you choose to remain in witchcraft and rebellion, you are deciding to sign your death warrant. God will not be under any obligation to preserve your life. When God looks at you, He will say "why should I preserve you"?

To live longer in order to commit more sins. To have opportunity to perfect your rebellion"? God can not preserve such a life. Rather he will allow the sentence of death to work against your life.

I remember the story of a sister who approached a man of God because she was becoming lean at an alarming rate. When the man of God wanted to pray for her, he received an instruction from the Lord. He was told to instruct the woman to spend one month without murmuring, complaining and picking quarrels with others. The man of God relayed the message to her. In her characteristic rebellious manner. she flared up. She ended up abusing the man of God. However, the spirit of the Lord convicted her of her rebellion and she repented by the time she got home.

She complied with the Holy Spirit and refrained from every act of rebellion for one month. Surprisingly, she was healed of her strange ailment. By the time she came to the man of God she had become an epitome of robust health. Repentance and obedience were the keys that opened the door to her healing and health.

At this juncture, are you prepared to make amends? Will you get rid of rebellion and disobedience? Are you doing things which God did not ask you to do? Have you become an expert in rebellion? Are you ready to repent today? Do you know that if you repent, the Lord will forgive you?

David was called a man after God's heart because he never offered excuses for his sins. He always cried unto God in repentance. On the other hand, Saul was fond of shifting blames on others. David repented and became a man after God's heart while Saul went into rebellion and became a wizard.

Are you following the foot-steps of David or are you a modern day Saul?

A lot of people today are so full of themselves. They are possessed with the spirit of personal independence. They always do what is in their mind. They hate correction. Also, there are people who cannot control their lips. Such people tell lies, gossip, use abusive language and exaggerate.

You must answer the following questions:

1. Who is at the centre of your life?
2. Do you please yourself or are you pleasing God?
3. Have you learnt how to serve others?
4. Are you stubborn and self-willed?
5. Are you disobedient?
6. Do you follow the dictates of your depraved mind?
7. Are you a clever manipulator?
8. Do you dominate others through some hidden powers?
9. Are you fond of intimidating your friends and colleagues?
10. Are you living in rebellion in any area of your life?

If your answer to questions 4 - 10 is yes, then you must repent or else you will continue to be a witch or wizard in the sight of God. Now is the

time to repent and settle your account with God. Don't allow any trace of behaviour that has anything to do with witchcraft in your life. Don't be a religious witch.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every spiritual maggot inside my destiny, fall down and die, in Jesus' name.
2. Oh Lord, let Your divine purpose be settled in my life.
3. The devil will not break the back bone of my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
4. My destiny will not be put to shame, in Jesus' name.
5. My life will not disgrace Jesus, in the name of Jesus.
6. My name shall not disappear from the book of life, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every covenant of sorrow be broken now, in Jesus' name.
8. My angel will not disappear, in the name of Jesus.
9. My joy will not cease and my glory will not sink, in the name of Jesus.
10. All the gathering of the tormentors be disbanded, in the name of Jesus.
11. I capture all my floating blessings, in Jesus' name.
12. I prophesy on my destiny to move forward, in the name of Jesus.

Mr. Flesh Must Die

The greatest enemy of man is on the rampage.

This enemy has disguised himself, pretending to be a friend. Sadly enough, the enemy has been accepted, pampered and celebrated. As a result of all the alluring attractions which, he dangles before man, he has been offered a seat and crowned as king. This enemy is the devil. Yes the devil is on the rampage. However, he does not come with fearful looking horns on his head. Rather, he comes through a bait something that is acceptable to us - the flesh. It is our greatest problem.

This is the area where many of us have been defeated in the practical sense of the word; except you know how to handle the flesh, you can not understand what the Bible calls abundant life. Of course, you can operate on the minimum level and be satisfied. You can not understand how sweet it is to serve the Lord until you deal with the flesh. If you don't want to become a permanent deliverance candidate, you must deal with the flesh. The flesh must receive a devastating blow.

The Bible says

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me (Luke 9:23).

There are three keys to the understanding of what it takes to follow Jesus.

One, deny yourself.

Two, take up your cross daily.

Three follow Jesus. The Bible says, "If any man". That leaves nobody out. Everyone is included, your academic level notwithstanding, whether you are educated or not, whether tall or short, handsome or ugly. The Bible simply says, "If any man". The call of Christ goes out to all and sundry. You owe yourself a great duty to heed that call.

To heed the call of Christ, you must deny yourself. To deny yourself means you should forget about yourself. It also means to forget your-self in the hands of God. To follow Christ, you must be ready to lose the sight of yourself, and must renounce yourself. You have to look away from your personal rights and opinions. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians chapter 15:31,

I die every day.

Why did Paul the great apostle choose to die daily? It is simply because the flesh constitutes a great hindrance to Godly living. The flesh is, the man within us who seeks to control the affairs of men. The flesh is not visible, yet it holds a powerful influence. It is in constant rivalry and conflict with the spirit.

His place of abode is the head where he controls, enforces, dictates, manipulates, whispers, tilts and influences his host. The flesh is the totality of the way of life which we inherited from nature. For example, you don't have to teach a child how to steal or tell lies. It is a natural thing to do evil.

The flesh does not always come up in a negative way. There are times when the flesh takes up some positive manifestations. It may sometimes bring you money, fame, position or one form of worldly advantage or the other. But whatever the flesh does, there is always a negative intention behind it. If the enemies of our lives were not harboured by the flesh, there would have been no problem of satanic attacks. Then every deliverance minister would have been jobless.

The flesh is that part of man which is in rebellion against God. It is the evil entity within each human being that propels him to go against his makers - God. The Bible calls the flesh various names in identifying the various shades of its character. The Bible calls it, "sin in the flesh". It also calls the flesh, the "old man". It calls it, "sin which dwells within". Again it

calls it, "every evil present within". It also refers to the flesh as, a "different law". The flesh of sin, which functions against the law of God.

The flesh is that recalcitrant old man which forbids the practice of everything that is spiritually sound in the life of the believer. When the believer says; "I am going to be holy. I will read my Bible regularly. I will pray and fast fervently", the flesh will raise up every conceivable opposition.

Mr. Flesh, is that being which produces action of self-satisfaction. The flesh engages in self-satisfaction all the time. It is the key that the devil uses to gain control over your life.

It is the producer of evil works within and without. This is exactly why repentance amounts to the destruction of the works of the flesh.

The flesh is the fountain head of all sins. Name any sin. It emanates from the flesh. Anger, impure thoughts, lust, adultery and fornication are evidences of the fact that the flesh is on the throne. You may be free from some particular sins, but the flesh is ruling your life through some other types of sin. You are not free totally.

The flesh operates a very beautiful satanic division of labour. There are fleshly agents in the area of sexual immorality. They handle a particular department of temptation. There are also agents in the area of speech and those who are responsible for lying, cursing, exaggeration and so on.

Again there are those that are responsible for the sins of the heart like pride, malice, envy, jealousy, evil thoughts, anger etc. So the flesh gives out various assignments in order to send the sons of men to hell fire. Either it is lying or, fornication, selfishness or anger, all these things are fellow instruments in the workshop of the flesh.

The flesh often comes with a powerful surge, when least expected by careless men and women. The flesh can be likened to a mango tree. The fact that there are no fruits on it at a particular season, does not mean that it can no longer bear fruit. In the same vein, do not rejoice that the works of the flesh are not visible in your life at a particular season. Unless your

repentance is genuine and your spiritual temperature is hot, you may discover that the flesh will rear up its ugly head again.

The fact that the mango tree is not producing fruit now does not mean that the mango fruit is not there. It is just waiting for the season, a convenient season when the environment would be conducive. Do not think that you are free from a particular sin because you do not have the tendency of falling into it. Do not think that you can never commit fornication or adultery. It might be because the environment is not conducive and you are always before watchful eyes. Only God knows what you will do when a secret opportunity comes. That is why some respected believers or men of God have fallen into one abominable sin or the other.

The flesh waits eagerly for any opportunity to strike. It can keep quiet for one year, someday it will strike the unsuspecting victims. This is why a pastor can beat his wife and a sister can slap the husband after she had just finished personal evangelism. The flesh may put on a religious garb yet it still remains Mr. flesh. The flesh is that arrogant, disobedient, rebellious, sinful nature, that makes it difficult for man to put God in the right position. This is the reason why some people prefer to dwell on it, and such are ready to argue on what is in the Bible.

Recently I told a sister not to wear trousers because of the spirit husband. She came back and started to argue with me. It is very easy to argue and even win the argument. Often times the flesh is behind such clever arguments.

Something happened, many years ago when I was a school teacher. There was another teacher who was also born again. Somehow, he did not believe in total separation from the world. Whenever I challenged him concerning the traces of worldliness in his life, he would explain everything away. For example, he was always fond of hanging some fashionable chains on his neck I told him that such an action was an evidence of worldliness; he argued.

However something happened in the school which shook him to his foundations. A fifteen year old secondary. class three student walked up to him to say, "Teacher, I just, want to say that I love you." "But I am your teacher. Do you know the meaning of what you are saying? What kind of

love are you talking about She simply replied: "You are free to take any decision but whether you like it or not. I love you. There is nothing you can do about it." He tried to flog her, then on a second thought he dropped the cane and rushed to me to narrate his strange experience. He said "something strange is happening to me, the more she says she loves me the more I began to fall in love with the tiny girl. Is she trying some evil power on me?"

It was then he decided to listen to me and receive counsel on the Christians' attitude to the world.

The flesh is not submissive to the will of God. The flesh wants to be noticed. It does not want to be embarrassed. When it receives insults, it reacts negatively. It is the flesh that pushed people to commit suicide saying: "It is better to die than to live a shameful life."

The flesh gets angry wherever it is not congratulated. If you forget to acknowledge the flesh, it gets angry and sometimes, an inward anger may be concealed, waiting to be provoked again, that is the flesh.

When flesh is accorded recognition and given on exalted position, it is happy. Put the flesh under instruction, or supervision and he is unable to express himself freely. Mr. Flesh will feel bad. Does that describe your attitude?

Every little opportunity that the flesh has, it always wants to dominate.

The flesh gives us the tendency to think that you can do something without God. But then the Bible says,

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thy own understanding.

The flesh leans on his understanding.

The flesh will always present worldly alternatives to the wisdom of God.

Two brothers entered a bus and one of them was led by the spirit to share the gospel with the people in the bus. The one who had the leading told the second brother to preach. The second brother refused because there were many ladies in that bus and he was ashamed of making grammatical slips before them.

However, the first brother stood up and preached a fiery message. God took control, the entire bus was electrified by the fire of the Holy Spirit. The second brother became jealous. He decided to stand up to preach an additional sermon. Was he led by the Holy Spirit? No. He was led by the flesh. Self was on the throne of his heart.

Self always wants to succeed. It does not want to fail. If the flesh goes out on evangelism and nobody got converted, it will become jealous of those who have gained some converts for the Lord. The flesh may even develop complete hatred for those who are succeeding. Those who live in the flesh would even down-play those who are successful in order to satisfy himself and cover his shame.

The flesh does not want to be disgraced. The man of the flesh would rather borrow money than cut his coat according to his own cloth.

The flesh wants everybody to know that it is important ascribing glory to himself. A man of the flesh would want to ascribe glory to himself and take credit for everything.

The flesh is secretive. A man who live his life on the flesh doesn't want anybody to know his secret.

I have a scientist friend who made a discovery that would have made him a billionaire. He discovered a tropical root in the bush which, when processed would produce unusually large species of farm produce. The scientist experimented with the root, he planted yam in a secret location. By the time of harvest, the yams were so large that the villagers ran away calling the tuber, demonic yam. As soon as he succeeded, he kept everything to himself. The only problem he had was that he could not identify the botanical name of the miracle root. So he decided to send a sample to an American botanist to help him identify the wonder-root. He waited in vain for a reply. None came.

Two years later he traveled to America and discovered that the botanical expert had been able to find out the name and the uses of the root. The only problem was that the white scientist had decided to monopolize the discovery. That was how the Nigerian scientist lost a great opportunity. If he had shared his discovery with fellow Nigeria scientists, the case would have been different, but he lost that great opportunity.

The flesh is always very defensive. It hates to be criticized. That is why the Bible says, "The flesh profiteth nothing."

If there is something that will send majority of people to hell fire, it is the inability to control the flesh. You cannot experience revival in your spiritual life until Mr. Flesh is dead. As long as the flesh continues to rear up its head, you still have a long way to go. Why don't you close your eyes, at this point and pray this prayer point.

Every enemy of spiritual revival in my life come out now, in the name of Jesus.

The flesh does not like to accept correction. If you fail to accept correction you will never grow. Students who hate correction can never become first class students.

Self is always ashamed of accepting blame. rather it is fond of shifting blames to others.

A minister friend of mine surprised me recently. There was a crisis in his church that involved his pastors. It was such a big crisis that it almost resulted into a big fracas. The general overseer friend of mine tried to mediate in the conflict, they shouted him down. Then he patiently addressed them begging them to give peace a chance. Before they could understand what was happening the general overseer, who is for older than I am, prostrated before all his forty Pastors. Then he started crying. The pastors were overwhelmed. The overseer's actions broke down every resistance in them. You may ask: But how can a general overseer prostrate before his pastors? The overseer must have been dead to the flesh.

The flesh is greedy, and always wants to possess all.

The flesh is very domineering. Women who are ruled by the flesh want to dominate their husbands at home.

Again those who try to hide their age are ruled by the flesh.

The flesh always likes to protect his own interest.

The flesh is pompous and proud. It can manifest its ugly characteristics whether in the classroom or in the market place. We often see the flesh in action in the church: on the pulpit or in the choir.

The flesh likes to be alone. It likes to dominate, so as to be praised.

It avoids participation in group projects where its own effort cannot shine and be singled out.

Some people break out from a big ministry like ours saying that God told them to go out, its the flesh. I know a brother who also broke out of a ministry saying, that, God told him to start a ministry. He borrowed ten thousand naira from an unbeliever to hold a crusade. At the end of the crusade he was only able to raise three thousand naira. The unbeliever who lent him the money decided to embarrass the Pastor during a church service. The pastor became confused and ran to me asking for help. I wondered why he had to borrow money to hold an evangelistic crusade. Certainly the crusade was not sponsored by the Holy Spirit but by the flesh.

Certainly, you will agree with me that something has to be done to the flesh for believers to be fervent for God.

BE THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYES OR BE CRUCIFIED

God has reserved an exclusive doss of those who have a special relationship with Him. This group of people are referred to as the apple of His eyes. When such people pray they receive instant attention. What is their secret? They came to a point when the flesh and all its ugly characteristics are crucified, and the life of God is lived in all its entirety. What is referred to as the fulness of God, cannot be clear to you until flesh

dies. You cannot enjoy the Almighty and share in His secret until self is crucified. The deep things of God cannot mean anything to you until the flesh is crucified.

The flesh is stubborn. It can only be tamed by the cross.

The Bible says,

And he bearing his cross went forth to a place called the place of the skull which is called in the Hebrew tongue, Golgotha and in Greek, calvary: (John 19:17).

The scene referred to here took place on a mountain outside the city. The mountain looks like a skull. The first lesson we learn from here is that when you succeed in taking a man's skull from his head, you have killed him.

Another lesson is that crucifixion normally takes place at the outskirts of the city - an undesirable place.

Crucifixion entails going through shame, ridicule and pains. Hence we discover that most people do avoid it. The Bible says:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:20).

Again we come across an example of crucifixion. Paul the apostle declared, without fear or contradiction that he has been crucified with Christ, that the old man had died and that he had become completely new in Christ. Paul was saying that what took place in his life was not refurbishment. It was a total transformation. Paul had died and a new man had emerged. How did this happen?

Let's look at the Scripture again.

Blotting out the hand writing that was against us, which was contrary to us and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross (Col.2:14).

And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me (Matt. 10:38).

If you say that you are a Christian and you have not taken your cross to follow Christ, you are not worthy. That means that you are not qualified. In other words, you are disqualified. The Bible says:

Then said Jesus unto His disciples. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me (Matt. 16:24).

The Bible makes us to understand that the issue of crucifixion cannot be dismissed by a wave of the hand. It tells us again:

And He said to them if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily. and follow me (Luke 9:23).

Mark another Gospel writer, has preserved the word of Jesus for us. In Mark 10:21, he writes:

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell what-so-ever thou hast, and give it to the poor, and thou shall have treasure in heaven: and come. take up the cross, and follow me.

But what was the man's response? Let's check it out in verse 22:

And he was sad at that saying. and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Two of the songs that changed my life when I gave my life to Christ goes thus.

Take up thy cross, the saviour said.
If thou wouldest my disciple be;
Deny thy self, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the
shame, Nor let thy foolish pride
rebel; The Lord for thee the cross
endured To save thy soul from death
and hell.

Take up thy cross, then in His
strength And calmly every danger
brave, 'Twill guide you to a better
home. And lead to victory o'er the
grave.

O God, my heart doth long for Thee.
Let me die. let me die; Now set my
soul at liberty: Let me die.
To all the trifling things of earth,
They're now to me of little worth,
My Let me die,

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm: His
strength shall bear your spirit up, And
brace thine heart, and nerve, thine
arm.

Toke up thy cross, and follow Christ
Nor think till death to lay it down For
only he who bears the cross May
hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise for evermore ascend; O
grant us in our home to see The
heavenly life that knows no end.

Lord I must die to scoffs and jeers;
Let me die, let me die; I must be freed
from slavish fears; Let me die.
Unto the world and its applause, To
all its customs, fashions, lows, Of
those who hate the humbling cross,
Let me die.

When I am dead, then, Lord, to Thee.
I will live, I will live.
My life my strength, my all to Thee.
I will give, I will give.
So dead that no desire shall rise
To pass for good, or great, or wise,
In any but my Saviour's eyes;
Let me die, let me die.

To crucify the flesh, therefore, you must deny yourself. You will take a journey to Golgotha and get crucified. To be crucified means you are completely dead. No longer alive.

A brother entered the bus and mistakenly stepped on a fellow passenger. Before he could say sorry to the aggrieved passenger, the man had given him a dirty slap. Then everybody in the bus urged the brother to retaliate, except he was a bastard. The brother smiled and apologised to the passenger. He said "I cannot slap him because my hands have been crucified with Christ" The passengers looked at him and rained abuses on him. That is a crucified man.

THE CROSS

The cross stands at the center of Christianity. Without the cross the Christian life is non-existent. What ever runs contrary to the cross is not part of the gospel.

Christianity without the cross can be likened to a tree without fruit. The flesh does not want to be disturbed, yet the flesh and the cross cannot co-exist, they are contrary to one another. Man is always looking for respectability, but the cross is the center of God's glory.

The flesh loves what is fashionable and glamorous, but the cross is crude, old-fashioned and ugly. Right through the history of the church, anytime the cross is relegated to the background, darkness sets in. Remove the cross and you weaken the church.

The cross cannot be forgotten or ignored. Even if all preachers refuse to preach about the cross, that will not remove its centrality in Christianity.

The cross is the soul of Christianity. It commands attention. There is something of an enigma in the cross.

The cross is a phenomenon.

The cross is a mystery. It is the instrument of Christ's death and the object of wonder throughout all ages. It can never lose its power.

The power of God resides in the cross. When Christ was crucified on the cross, it was gruesome. The cross was first placed on His shoulder as a burden. He carried it to the place of crucifixion. He surrendered Himself for crucifixion. His two hands and two legs were nailed to the cross, this was a symbol of suffering. Unbelievers even identify the cross as a symbol of cross-road.

You cannot avoid the cross and remain true to your conscience. I have made up my mind to surrender everything I own to the Lord. You are free to decide to either ignore or accept this message, but let me tell you right away, that you are going to be held responsible for the consequences of your decision. As for me, I have taken my decision more than twenty years ago, that as for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord.

The cross is a symbol of crises. It is also a symbol of choice. You have to make a personal choice not to go to hell fire.

The cross is a figure of frustration and adversities.

The cross is a symbol of punishment and suffering. How convenient will you feel, if I ask you, to spread your two arms for an hour or two. I am sure you will cry in pain.

The cross typifies suffering and redemption from sin.

The cross addresses the direction which means a *ióí* to mart One, the cross goes backward, it addresses the past; Two, the cross goes forward, it addresses the future. Three, the cross goes inward, it addresses our innermost feelings. Four, it goes outwards, it points to what we must fight, ignore and what we must come to terms with.

The cross is a horrible instrument of torture. A man who is on the cross goes through a painful death. He dies slowly. Therefore any man associated with the cross is regarded as a dead man.

In those days, whenever any man was condemned to death on the cross, members of his family would gather together and begin to cry, because their relative was going to die in a very shameful manner. The cross terminates the transaction with the world. The moment a man is taken out to die on the cross, everyone would begin to cry and wail for him. Some

people would even accompany him to the cross knowing that, it was going to be his last day on earth. No matter how sympathetic the crowd may be. It is only the man who actually hangs on the cross who knows the shame, the ridicules and the pains of crucifixion.

The cross is a symbol of life through death, light through darkness, glory through shame and redemption through death.

The flesh is the place where God judges sin. There God took sin and sinful flesh out of the way.

The cross became God's instrument for handing over the flesh to die in disgrace and dishonour. Jesus gave us an example. He showed the only way to please the Father - the way of crucifixion. Many love the miracles of Jesus but few are ready to bear the cross of the Lord Jesus. Relatives of those who were nailed to the cross always felt miserable. The cross was equivalent to a social stigma.

The cross is the only thing that can siphon the poison of the old serpent out of our lives. Through the cross the venom of the serpent is rendered null and void. A man who has been to the cross is free from the poison of the serpent. The serpent no longer has any power over him. But for a man who refuses to be crucified, the poison of the old serpent will continue to work in his blood stream. Avoid the cross and keep your satanic poison. Push away the cross and live with the poison of the serpent. The cross is God's strategy of rendering the devil impotent.

The cross was God's instrument for removing the nature of the devil out of our lives. The cross is the terminating point of the old Adamic nature.

At the cross, all the sinful habits, sicknesses, disobedience, bad behaviours, evil traits and so on are terminated.

The cross is the gate way to prosperity, wealth, signs, wonders and miracles.

The cross is the power of God. When you get to the cross, therefore, all carnal substitutes will fade away. You must take a trip to Golgotha, if you must have power with God and man.

When you are crucified, the world will shout, "These are the men turning the world upside down." Of course, this is necessary.

Have you had this experience? Have you become a captive of the cross? Have you embraced the message of a shameful death?

Generally speaking, the cross is reserved for the worst criminals. They are usually stripped naked and hanged on the cross. Jesus was numbered with notorious criminals. Can you imagine that the Saviour of the world was naked on the cross, just to pay the price for your salvation? He was, indeed put to open shame and ridicule. That is why the Bible reveals that the Roman soldier had to cast lots to see who was going to claim Jesus' dress.

Again to hang on the tree was to be reckoned as an accursed person on earth and in heaven. A man who dies on the cross is both rejected, Thus it were, in heaven and on earth. Thus, a crucified man is judged as unfit to live either in heaven or on earth.

Let us think about the life of Jesus again. When He was born, angels announced His birth. Great men went to see Him. Throughout His ministry, until when He was in the garden of Gethsemane angels ministered to Him. But the moment He was hanged on the cross, angels deserted Him. The Roman soldiers ridiculed Him, they mocked and laughed at Him. There was nobody on His side. The road to the cross was painful and tortuous.

The cross is the point where God's will and your will cross each other. It is the place where you lay down your life for Jesus. Nobody will take your life from you by farce, you have to voluntarily lay it down yourself.

Your cross is not a particular problem or sickness.

Your cross is that place where you take a decision that you will no longer please yourself. The only people who have genuine authority over Satan are those who choose to die on the cross.

Here is the greatest news of all the ages. It was on the cross that Satan was defeated. It was there that he was completely disgraced, and destroyed. If you want to reign, therefore, in life, be crucified.

The cross is a throne. If you want to know what it means to exercise power and dominion over satan, you must go to the throne and be crucified. But take note of this, the moment you decide to die on the cross. Oppositions will arise from every where. Sympathies will come from front, back, left, right and center, telling you that the cross is too painful, and shameful. You must turn deaf ears to such sympathetic words. Go ahead and crucify the flesh. You must allow the cross to slay the flesh. Don't feel sorry for the flesh. The Bible says "the flesh profiteth nothing." If you don't kill the flesh, it will kill you. If you don't get rid of the flesh, it will get rid of you.

If you are fond of taking the easy way out when spiritual principles are involved, you are not on the cross. It is possible to choose to remain at the foot of the cross rather than climb up the cross to where the crucifixion took place. It is very easy to choose a more convenient place when it comes to Crucifixion. Somebody might decide to stay at the foot of the cross while telling himself that it is better to stay there than to move away from the cross, but it is clear that the foot of the cross is not the cross.

A lot of Christians are only abiding at the foot of the cross, they refuse to die on the cross. I always feel nauseated whenever I come across Christians who claim to be so close to God but are living in the flesh.

I went to a Christian bookshop to buy some books. The young man who attended to me called me aside and said that he was going to give me a discount. I thanked him, not knowing that he was trying to play a game. He gave me a receipt and asked me to give him part of the discount he had granted me, as he needed the money to eat. It was at that point that I discovered that he had been cheating on his employer in order to enrich his pocket. Then I looked up at him and asked why he had chosen to work in a Christian organization and yet wanted to go to hell because of money. He became afraid. That is an example of Christians who are near the cross but are not crucified.

All those who want to live crucified lives and yet live like any other person are deceiving themselves. Can you be a talkative and claim to be crucified at the same time? How can you exaggerate and tell white lies, and claim that you are crucified? How can you become too intimate with those

whom you are not married to? How can you say that the cross is at the center of your life when you are so self-centered? How can you say that the flesh has been crucified when you get angry at the slightest provocation?

All the pastors who secretly extort money from innocent members are not crucified. All the pastors who have become professional beggars in the name of preaching are not crucified. Such pastors visit the rich and the privileged. They will never visit poor members. A pastor recently asked me why his church offerings were reducing very fast.

I Simply told him to pray believing that the situation would change. He prayed one Sunday, and decided to give a large offering to God. Out of curiosity he checked up what the offering looked like, to his amazement, all the crisp notes which he dropped into the offering bag were no where to be found. He quickly summoned the usher in charge of counting the church offerings. The usher was searched, surprisingly, the money was found in his pocket. But why should that happen in a Pentecostal church? Somebody can listen to every sermon on revival and never get revived. Somebody can pray fervently about having relationship with God to no avail.

There are many good church members who drink and smoke secretly. There are lots of choir members who have boy-friends and girl-friends. Again there are members who attend worldly parties and do what everyone around is doing because there are no brothers around to challenge them. Self display and self-exhortation show that you are not crucified. Gluttony, lust, lack of self-control, hypocrisy and other forms of ungodly attitudes are evidences of the fact that you are not crucified.

There are so called Christians who are ready to go away from a church that preaches sound doctrine just because their pet sins are touched.

There are ladies who will run away from living churches just because of cosmetics. They are not crucified. They are living in the valley. Women and men who hear the word of God, but fail to make restitution in the area of marriage have never been to calvary. Young men and women who steal their parents' money or drive their parents' cars secretly without permission are not crucified.

Many years ago there was a pastor who had a very shameful problem. He was bed-wetting. As a result of this he never accepted any invitation to preach outside his station. Somehow he was forced to accept a particular invitation. He preached powerfully and went to sleep. By the time he woke up around 4.00 a.m. he discovered that he had urinated on the bed. Out of shame, he ran to the room of his interpreter asking her to exchange bed with him so that his host would believe that it was the sister-interpreter who urinated on the bed. What was his problem? He was not crucified.

If something happens to you and you lock up your door and begin to cry out of self-pity you are not crucified.

If you give in to resentment and malice, you are not crucified.

When you refuse to accept blame and are for what you did wrong you have not been to the cross.

When you are always quick to shift blame never ready to take responsibility for anything, you have never known the cross of Christ.

When you take offence at everything people say to you, you have not been to the cross.

The truth, beloved, is that very few Christians are living the crucified life. That is why the power of God is disappearing fast from many churches. Prayer meetings are become formalities.

The only part of our nature which the devil can never touch are those parts which have been crucified. The only time that Satan can not touch the believer is when he is on the cross.

If your thoughts, your handling of money, your sexual life, your temper, and your eating habits are not crucified, then you have not started at all. As the devil can easily manipulate you. The devil will always triumph over a believer who is not on the cross.

The cross is the only place of safety. It is the only place where we have power. Without the cross, you are susceptible to all forms of satanic attack.

Lack of crucifixion can prevent the fullness of the Holy Spirit from being manifested in our lives. The crucifixion must start from the innermost part. We must say bye bye to worldly ambitions and the pride of life. We must be ready to part with friends who are enemies of God. Spiritual arrogance must go. Your past religious experiences must be sacrificed at the cross. Worldly gains, worldly preferences, the praise of men and fleshly comfort must be crucified.

Jesus went to the cross, and was crucified, to show us that the cross is unavoidable. By going to the cross, He was showing us that crucifixion is possible. To reject the cross is to reject everything that is for your utmost good.

The cross divides men into two categories. Those earthly-bound and those for whom heaven is their goal. Those who get irritable. who refuse to forgive those who offend them, who are envious are not on the cross.

It is possible for a man to receive the call of God and give up a lucrative profession, in order to make more money in the ministry. Such a person is living in self-deceit. The service will be worthless. If you are working for God, and you are seeking for power just to make a name for your self, you are not crucified.

The flesh was defeated by Christ, legally, at the cross. If you want to experience legal and practical victory over the flesh. then you must be crucified with Jesus. How can we do this? The Bible says:

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (Romans 6:1-6).

What can we gain from this reference?

One, recognize the fact that sin has been defeated for you, hence, sin has no right to control you. Verse seven tells us another important thing, "For he that is dead is freed from sin." What do we learn from this? A dead man does not commit fornication, does not get angry, or steal. A dead man does not abuse or fight with people.

Again verse 8 tells us, "If we be dead with Christ we believe that we shall also live with him" This simply means that if the flesh is not dead you will not be able to reign with Christ when the time comes.

Two, reckon yourself dead unto sin but alive unto God. For example, if somebody often gets angry and he wants to reckon himself dead to anger, he should simply refuse to do what he normally does each time he gets angry. The demon of anger loves expression. To reckon yourself dead unto anger, you must refuse to allow it to express itself.

Again if your problem has been malice and unforgiving spirit, what do you do? If the devil tells you not to greet a particular person? If you want to reckon yourself dead to malice, you will simply walk up to him or her and greet the person. You may even decide to buy a gift for somebody you attempted to keep malice with.

I remember the story of a brother who died and was kept in the mortuary, awaiting burial. After four days, the mortuary attendant found tears on his face. It was a strange sight. He woke up from the death bed after four days. After he rose up, he could not eat. Eventually he opened his mouth and began to declare what he saw when he died. He made a particular startling statement. According to him, there is a particular department in heaven where there is an angel. All that the angel did was to ask for your name and all the sins you ever committed (for which you never asked for forgiveness or covered same with the blood of Jesus) would appear on a large screen.

He narrated the story of a particular man who stood before that angel. The angel asked the man, "Do you say that you are a Christian?" "Yes", the man replied. The angel said, "but what are these in your pockets? The man

dipped his hand into his pocket and brought out anger and pride. The angel asked him, but why did you allow these sins in your life?" "The devil deceived me", said the man. The angel asked him to wait while he summoned the devil. The brother who died said that he was so surprised that instead of an ugly looking creature, it was a beautiful person who came forward as the devil. He was asked why he deceived the man. He laughed and said, "Mr. man, can you tell me the kind of clothes I was putting on, the day I came to deceive you?" The man could not answer the question. The devil laughed again and dragged the man into hell fire.

Finally, let us look at the third key, agree to suffer or lose your position instead of committing sin. To say 'no', is sometimes the best thing to do rather than to compromise.

A Christian traveled abroad for further studies and decided to stay in the country. The only option he had to remain a legal immigrant, was to take up a white lady as a wife in a kind of marriage of convenience. The Christian brother felt reluctant initially. He had lots of pressure which made him to go in search of a possible white partner. He eventually found one who agreed to go into a mock-marriage with him for a little money.

This man who claimed to be born again, he thought that he was being smart. On the particular day when the man was supposed to obtain his residence permit based on the fact that he had married a white lady, the lady called him and told him that she would go back on the agreement, unless the so-called Christian brother was ready to act as a real husband to her. The brother was surprised, and confused. He contacted a minister who told him that it did not matter and that he was free to have sex with the woman since that was the only way to collect his residence permit. He was misguided. He carried out the instruction, committed the sin with the woman and contacted aids. That was how he became a candidate of hell fire. A Christian who has been to the cross will not do that.

THE CROSS OR THE WAY OF THE CROSS

It had become increasingly difficult to come across Bible-based messages in those days. A lot of ministers major on the goodies of the

gospel. They remove every thing pertaining to the cross from their messages. They, rather, prefer smooth sermons and other things that will entertain their hearers; the message of the cross has been relegated to the background. If you desire to hear the type of sermon that Jesus preached, you have to look very far before you can find the preacher who has both the message and the mind of Christ. That is how far the situation has generated, and this should make us weep!

There is no other pathway to the heavenly city except through the way of the cross.

We cannot become fervent spiritually except we go back to the cross. No cross, No fire.

To avoid the way of the cross is to remain cold spiritually. Many people are looking for Jesus where miracles are taking place. But here, I submit to you that you can only find Jesus at the cross. He resides at the cross. You will never know what it means to be hot spiritually, and burn with Holy Ghost fire, until you surrender all you have at the foot of the cross. Beloved the problem we have today is that the cross has been forgotten and the flesh has been enthroned.

The greatest tragedy that mankind has ever known is the tragic error of putting the flesh on the throne and celebrating the coronation of man's untamed nature. What happens when Mr. flesh is on the throne? Your guess is as good as mine. But let us go beyond what we can guess as human beings. How does God look at those who deliberately decide to worship the flesh? How does God view those who are bent on doing what they like and pleasing the dictates of the flesh?

The word of God has made it crystal clear that the flesh is totally useless in the sight of God. No amount of white-washing can make it acceptable to God. The Bible says,

If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, let him carry his cross daily and follow after me (Luke 9:23).

This passage tells us, without mincing words, that without the cross there is no Christianity.

There is no possibility of living the Christian life that is approved before the Almighty without carrying your cross. For you to continue to experience abundant life, you must first carry your cross, deny yourself and follow Jesus. You must do these daily, and follow Jesus all the way.

In a nutshell, to deny yourself, means, to say no to your flesh. Whenever it demands for carnal pleasures, sinful actions, and when all forms of things that violate God's word raise their ugly heads.

We must echo the prayer of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane when He said. "Not my will. but Thy will be done." But how many of us are ready to say that today? It is easy to say that we have given our lives to Christ but the qualities of our decision will come out at the time of trial. We can only ascertain if you have truly surrendered your WILL to God when you come face to face with the practical life situations. What will you do if you have to make a choice between doing the Will of God and getting financial gain? Won't you opt for financial gain?

I remember a sister who claimed that she had surrendered her will to God, and went ahead to pray that God should reveal to her whom He wanted her to get married to. God showed her in a vision, a brother who was blind in one eye. Immediately she woke up, she began to argue and cancel the vision saying that God could never have revealed the one-eyed man to her as her future husband, next she began to pray telling God the kind of man she would like to get married to.

That shows that she was only ready to do her own will and not the will of God. Yet. those who want to deny themselves and take up their cross, will simply say, "Lord as a human being I would not make this type of choice, but I am ready to do your will. You know what is best for me. Thy will be done," It is only after you have denied yourself, that you can go ahead to take up your cross and follow Jesus. A man who is truly ready to deny himself would neither be ashamed of taking up the cross nor reluctant to do so.

Across is not beautiful to behold.

A cross is not fashionable, rather it is old fashioned.

The cross of Jesus therefore is the old fashioned cross. One song writer has described it as, "The old rugged cross".

What is the cross? The cross is the place where God's Will crosses yours. We can then, say, that we are carrying our cross, when we drop our own Will and lift up the Will of God as our only choice. To accept the cross is to decide to align yourself with the will of God. The cross is a place of execution.

In the sixth verse of the sixth chapter of the book of Romans, we are told that, "our old man is crucified with Him." "What the Bible is saying is that. the rebellious Sinful nature which we inherited from Adam must be dealt with through crucifixion.

God has that, as the only solution for the flesh. Without Crucifixion, the problem of the flesh cannot be solved. Deliverance does not remove the problem of the flesh. If you go through deliverance a thousand and one times, but fail to deal with your flesh and carnal nature, you will always have spiritual problems. You can not cast out the flesh. You can only cast out evil spirit.

A lot of people think that they can bribe God by going thorough deliverance. Those who fall into terrible sins and keep on running to attend deliverance programmes without taking a sober look at their lives, and dealing a decisive blow on the flesh; are only wasting their time. The only scriptural method for dealing with the flesh is to crucify it. God does not send Mr. Flesh to the Sunday School or the Bible college. Neither does He send the flesh to a seminar, on "How to improve your self-image.

God's solution to the nagging problems of the flesh is simple and final-execution. The flesh must be given a mortal blow.

The good news of the gospel, then, is that the execution of the flesh took place some 2000 years ago, when Jesus was on the cross. Our old man was crucified with him. It is a historical fact.

More than that, it is a spiritual fact. It is true, whether we believe it or not. The only thing is that we can not benefit from it until we come into

practical terms with the call to crucifixion. The flesh detests crucifixion, yet it has to be buried.

God has made three provisions to rescue man from the grip of sin and the flesh.

One, He has to deal with our sins-all the sinful acts which we have carried out.

Two, He has to deal with the corrupt nature - that thing in us which makes us to go on committing sin.

Three, God has to replace our old man with a new one. So we can see that God's solution for completely delivering us from the powers and shackles of sin, is to deal with our total spiritual needs. This is where people get stuck.

How does God deal with our sin?

Through forgiveness. When you commit a sin, He forgives you. However, if He shows you what is bad and you stubbornly go ahead to commit the sin, with the decision that you are ready to damn the consequences, then there is no repentance and there is no forgiveness. You will receive your stripes complete from God. You knew that it was wrong and you went ahead to do evil. But for the things you do ignorantly and you are truly repentant of, you will be forgiven.

God has to deal with our corrupt nature which makes us to continue to commit sin. God's provision for this problem is for you to allow him to put the sinful nature to death. How then will God replace the old man with the new man? How will God give you a heart transplant? The Bible says, that "Ye put off concerning the former conversation, the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lust and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that Ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

There is no short cut to receiving the power of God. You must put off the old man and put on the new man. When that takes place in your life, people will notice glaring changes. You will become a brand new man or woman. Until your friends and acquaintances notice the change in your life,

you cannot claim that you have had an encounter with Christ. When you have an encounter with Christ, unbelievers will either complain about or commend your life.

Beloved, don't assume that the old man will passively accept crucifixion. Never allow it to cross your mind that the flesh will accept the sentence of execution without any argument. On the contrary, the flesh will struggle, fight, kick, and rebel against any attempt to get it executed. That is why the apostle, Paul warned in Galatians 3:3 that you must put the flesh to death, so that he does not regain control over you. It will always struggle to gain control over you.

Hence, many Christians have not come into the understanding of the Divine provision. They have therefore kept the deliverance ministers busy. They claim that their sins have been forgiven only to go back to those sins, running an evil circle. Today they are forgiven, tomorrow they commit another sin. Such a life style leaves much to be desired. They are yet to experience freedom from the power of the fallen human nature.

A lot of people go about saying that they are sanctified. But how can a sanctified man make his wife a punching bag? How can those who say they are holy be the same group of people who tell lies, steal money and fight with everyone around? Sanctified indeed! Sometimes, the so called sanctified man comes back to say, "M Sorry I have lost my sanctification. How can I regain it?" That is not the question. You should arrange to execute the old man. Why don't you look inward at this moment and take a personal inventory in order to ascertain your standing with God.

Are you completely free from the shackles of the flesh?

Are you completely free from the domination of Mr. Flesh?

Can you say that you now put on the new man? Can you personally echo the word of an old song writer, "The thing I used to do I do them no more?"

The death of the flesh makes it impossible for witchcraft as the works of the flesh, to operate in our lives.

Overpowering Household Witchcraft

ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLD WITCHCRAFT

It is my prayer that this chapter will usher in great changes and breakthroughs into your life. The problem of household witchcraft has continued to baffle both the educated and the illiterate. Many lives have been destroyed. Many destinies have been turned upside down and many people have been reduced to walking corpses.

Many people are tired of their lives because wicked forces within the extended home front have tampered with their destinies to the point of making their entire existence totally useless. Bombarded with problems from every angle, many people have run from pillar to post, from prophet to prophet and from fortune tellers to fetish priests, in order to get a release from the evil cob-webs, which the enemies resident in their families, have used to enmesh every department of their lives.

Household witchcraft activity is wickedness beyond comparison. You cannot really enjoy your life on earth until you deal thoroughly with the problem of house hold wickedness. You can not live as ordained by God except you paralyse all wicked household forces. That is why I want you to close your eyes at this juncture and take the following prayer points aggressively.

1. I cover myself, from the top of my head to the tip of my toes with the blood of Jesus, in Jesus' name.
2. Father Lord, let power change hands, let signs and wonders be my lot and Jet every form of satanic power working against my life be

disgraced, in the name of Jesus.

3. All those who come against me in one way, flee seven ways, in the name of Jesus.
4. Make the following confession of faith: "I am a unique creation. I thank God for making me unique. I appreciate myself. There's none like me. Others may not believe in me. But, by the grace of God, I believe in myself. God created me with potentials and ability for success, greatness and victory. Therefore, I refuse to take the back position in life. No matter what my situation is, I know that all those who trouble my Israel shall fall. In the name of the Lord of hosts, I shall make it. I will succeed where I have failed in the past, as well as where others have failed. God is stronger and bigger than any of my mountains. Even if I start at the bottom I shall get to the top, God will bring the right people to help me and I will be in the right place at the right time. I refuse to be a slave to any negative thought. The Holy Spirit will empower me and I will do exploits, in the name of Jesus."
5. Also, make the following confession of faith: "Thank You, Father, because despite all the harassments of the enemy You have not given me up to their teeth. You have not allowed them to prevail over me. I refuse to be consumed by their fire, in the name of Jesus."

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

Take a look at two important Scriptures which give us insight into the power of household wickedness.

For the son dishonoureth the father. The daughter riseth up against her mother. The daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemy are those of his own household. Therefore I will look unto the Lord. For the God of my salvation and my God will hear me. Rejoice not against me oh my enemies when I fall I shall arise. When I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me (Micah 7: 6-8).

The Scripture you have just read is taken from the Old Testament. Jesus came hundred of years later and expantiated upon the same Scripture. I am sure you know that Jesus does not make empty statements. Every word spoken by Him is important. All the words spoken by Him come directly from the heart of the Father.

Jesus said,

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household (Matt. 10:36).

How close to these words of Jesus is a common African proverb which says: "If the death within your house does not kill you, the death from outside cannot succeed in killing you." Another equally relevant local African saying puts it thus: "It is the thief that is within the house that invites the external thief to come and rob."

These sayings go a long way to prove that those who are really familiar with you are usually the brains behind your problems. Foreign powers cannot gain access into a country unless there are supportive internal agents. The point enunciated here has been corroborated by history.

China happened to have had the most fortified walls in human history. These walls were penetrated only on three occasions. On these three instances the security personnel were bribed by those who wanted to gain entrance into China. Without bribing the guards it would have been impossible for anyone to gain entrance.

All these go to prove that it is easy for those who are close to you to betray you or do some havoc against your life. The kind of havoc they will do would be so deadly that it cannot be compared to what an outsider would do against your life.

To deal with wicked forces from within your family, you cannot pray a gentleman's prayer and expect things to change for the better.

You would have to pray like the early Christians who prayed and shook the place where they held their prayer meetings to its foundation. With this kind of prayer you have to pray like an embattled person. You

have to muster all your spiritual energy to battle against all wicked family forces. That is the only thing that will work for almost everyone that has an African background.

THE SIX GROUPS OF PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

There are generally six groups of people in the world. If you find yourself among a particular group and the condition in which that group lives, happens to be unpleasant to you, then you must realise that it is the handi-work of wicked household enemies. To be wrongly positioned by evil family forces and suffer ignorantly is to remain under perpetual bondage.

There is no gainsaying the fact that many peoples divine positions have been changed by wicked enemies from within their families.

I am giving you this guide-line to help you discover that wicked household forces are responsible for the exchange of destiny which has been the major reason behind the suffering of many people today.

Take a look at your present position.

Are you where God wants you to be?

Have you fully occupied your God-given position in life?

Are you a failure when you are supposed to be an exceptional achiever?

Why must you die a follower when God has destined you to be a leader of men?

Why must you remain a perpetual borrower when you are supposed to be a lender?

You must never be satisfied with the wrong positions in life. You must not accept any form of evil relocation from wicked household enemies.

GROUP 1 Those who never discover themselves

This group of people go through life without knowing who they really are. There are people who are 50 years and above without discovering who they are. They go through life blindfolded. They grope in the dark, and go from one bus stop to another without any inkling whatsoever concerning their destination.

There are many people who appear intelligent, mobile and aggressive but they are not going anywhere. Such people are nameless and faceless. They exist, but the totality of their existence amounts to nothing.

Men and women in this category are nothing but non-entities. If this describes your condition, you are Mr. Nobody, or Mrs. or Miss Nobody.

The greatest tragedy in life is to lead a purposeless life. Your life is void and empty if you do not know who you are and where you are heading to.

To live without identity and purpose, is to be a drifter in life. Household forces will keep you busy to make you restless, confused and un-settled. It is even worse when a man without a focus gets married to a woman, without a purpose. The two of them will end up as monuments of confusion. Join two zeros together in marriage and you will still be left with zero. let two zeros join forces together, their combined efforts will still be equal to zero. Make a zero as big and as embellished as possible it is still zero.

People who fall into this category have had their goodness and virtues removed while they were in their mother's womb. Some of these people have been caged by the strongman attached to their families. Their senses have been taken away from them, hence they have no sense of direction in life. When others are moving forward, victims of household wickedness move backwards. When such people go into business they end up producing goods which nobody is ready to buy. As applicants, they always go to companies which have no vacancy. When they go to school. they study subjects which will not lead them into meaningful employment, If they are professionals, they practise their profession upside down.

When they are almost getting to the point of breakthrough they pack it up and go into another profession which appears lucrative but equally turns

out to be non-beneficial because of a wrong approach.

They are perfect examples of the proverbial jack of all trades and master of none. They go from ministry into politics, from politics into business and eventually from business to academics only to have nothing to show for their professional merry-go-round.

At the beginning of their lives. they had no idea concerning where they are going. And at the end of their lives they end up not knowing where they are coming from and where they are going. They run on the wrong track from the starting point to the finish line. It is indeed tragic to suffer from the hands of household enemies.

GROUP 2 The non-starters

They never start anything, so, they never achieve anything. They may have wonderful ideas, wonderful insights into great possibilities and they may even envision great dreams but they never get to the starting point.

How many people have spent thousands of naira to write beautiful project proposals, only to stop at that stage?

A lot of feasibility studies have found their ways into the garbage heap.

Many business men even got to the point of inviting foreign partners and acquiring land and machinery only to fail to start the project.

Go to some people's companies. you will discover that there are many machines and gadgets which have been packed for years and were never installed or used for one single day.

What else can we say about this except that

An enemy hath done this (Matt. 13:28).

Household enemies are thoroughly wicked. Or how else can you explain the reason behind a situation where a man has invested a Million naira or two to acquire all the machinery needed to commence production

in a factory without ever getting started? This is household wickedness at work.

An Olympic runner who is good in every sense but becomes incapacitated will not win any race. No matter how good you are on the track, you cannot win any prize without getting on the track and starting the race.

The world is inhabited by many sprinters who never get on any track. Who knows? The world's fastest man has probably never run any race. Most men and women who would have won fantastic prizes in sports are busy farming, learning some trade or idling away their time as jobless men and women.

Household enemies will try to manipulate your destiny. They will keep you at the backside of the desert when you are supposed to be a front-runner in your chosen field or profession.

Household enemies will ensure that a person becomes sick on the exact day when that person is supposed to begin an important project. Especially when such project has the potentiality of turning the person's life around.

Evil powers from within the extended family system in most African communities will use sickness, mental disturbances, court cases, untimely deaths, accidents and all forms of misfortunes to prevent men and women from beginning programmes or projects that will lead to their success in life. No matter what effort they make and no matter how long they try, they will never go beyond the realm of non-starters.

Strange Experiences

Life is filled with many surprises. There are many strange experiences that have left many confused and baffled.

Recently, one of such cases was brought to my notice. The man in question went to England and bagged the highest academic degree attainable, a doctor of Science. After completing his studies in flying colours, he decided to come back to Nigeria to prove himself. Immediately

he came back home, he made up his mind to set up an International Private School. He acquired a befitting building in a suitable location within the city, built enough seats to accommodate a large number of students, installed state-of-the-art-gadgets and embarked on an intensive publicity drive. But nothing worked. He ended up being the teacher, the student and the proprietor because no single student showed up. He set up a school which existed only in name.

Although he has the most impressive array of credentials and excellent academic records, he was a non-starter. Each time, he went to the school, he became saddened by the fact that his life-long dream crashed like a pack of cards.

When he got to his wits end, he came to me. He realised that his destiny has been caged by enemies within his kindred and therefore needed urgent rescue.

Have you found yourself in a similar condition?

Are you a non-starter?

Do you always get stuck at the point of commencement or implementation of a project?

Have you abandoned many projects at the point of commencement?

Is your environment littered with monuments of abandonment at the planning stage?

Are you a dreamer, always planning without ever getting to the point of implementation?

Do you find your-self facing recurrent hindrances each time you are about to begin something that is capable of launching you out in a unique manner?

Then, it is clear that household enemies have labelled you a non-starter.

Have you spent years overseas without anything to show for it?

Do you labour tirelessly for hours on end without achieving any tangible result?

Do you shuttle back and forth without ever getting any project off the ground?

To be a non-starter is to be a non achiever.

Evil powers know that if they can succeed at preventing you from getting started, they have sentenced you to a life of non-achievement. You owe yourself the duty of freeing yourself from the chain of these wicked forces.

GROUP 3 Those who struggle throughout their life time without achieving anything

This group of people struggle from the cradle to the grave. They sweat before they can obtain what others get effortlessly. They struggle for survival, everything around them is difficult.

They spend all the days of their lives sweating. fighting and rushing.

When such people experience occasional success they also have problems which nullify their achievements. thereby rendering them totally useless.

Of what use is an achievement if a greater problem follows in its trail?

Such people go from one struggle into some insignificant achievement only to waste the gain of the achievement on a problem, which had just emerged. Their lives are characterised by constant struggles. They struggle to go to school, they struggle to finish their studies, they struggle to get a job, they struggle to make ends meet and they struggle to live.

For this group of people, almost everything is impossible. They have to struggle and spend their last drop of blood to rise above subsistence level.

How many people there are, who are sweating it out, day in day out, in order to get little or nothing when they are supposed to achieve wonderful

results with little effort. The reason, of course, can be traced to the activities of household enemies. These enemies will make a man go through needless struggles. They will subject a man to un-ending, gruesome suffering and struggles. They make their victims achieve in forty years what they ought to achieve in forty days. They make sure that those who are under their clutches live a life of constant struggles.

Such victims spend their entire life struggling so much that they have no breathing space for constructive and productive ventures. They are, as it were, under some hostile demonic task masters. Hence, they cannot live a life that is free from struggles and troubles.

GROUP 4 Those who have achieved a level of stability in life

Obviously, this looks like a desirable group. However, it is far from being the best position attainable. It is just an average position. Unknown to most people, there is a level of interference by household enemies.

Those who are stable do not generally think; that they have any problem at all. They are neither poor nor rich. They are neither dissatisfied nor satisfied. They are just stable.

People in this group often console themselves by saying that they belong to the middle class. To accept the minimum or what is barely overage instead of going for the maximum confirms the activities of household enemies. Their duty is to allow you to achieve a level of stability without a complete breakthrough into stupendous wealth.

Most people are permanently glued to this position. They try to maintain the status-quo without thinking of breaking new grounds. They think that a fifty percent achievement is good enough.

Such people find out that they always stop at a particular point, even when they feel like making further progress. They go about recounting their successes when they are supposed to have gone far beyond their present level of achievement. This is an indication of the fact that they are under the remote control of wicked household enemies.

You have dwelt long enough at your present level. You need to make progress. But progress is impossible unless you break loose from the control of household wickedness.

GROUP 5 Those who are successful

People in this group know what it means to experience all round success. They are generally comfortable, self-sufficient and are fulfilling their divine destiny. They have come to a point when everything they touch turns out right. These people have been able to overcome household enemies. They are free from every form of demonic manipulation or hindrance. Success becomes easily achievable when household enemies are kept at bay.

This kind of people succeed with ease. Whatever they attempt becomes successful. They go from one level of success to another by virtue of the fact that household enemies are no longer tampering with their destiny. They have achieved success because they are not limited by the powers of enemies from the extended family unit. Whether in business, academics, ministry, family, or any other pursuits, they have and do enjoy total success.

But the price of success is not cheap. For you to get to a point when success crowns your effort whichever direction you turn to; you must have known what it means to declare war against household enemies and win. In other words, you must have known what it means to pray your way to breakthrough. A man who has taken time to pray aggressively and deal with foundational enemies which have been fighting against him, from the time when he was born, will experience dominion over powers that once stood between him and his success.

This is what it takes to experience dominion. This kind of success lasts for a long-time. It doesn't get aborted prematurely. In fact, you will go from one level of success to another when household enemies are paralysed.

GROUP 6 People who are not only successful but significant

This group of people have been able to reach the highest level of attainment possible in human experience. They are to climb to the mountain top. Having scaled the utmost heights they are also able to help those who are around them.

If you are self-sufficient, but are not able to help others you do not belong to the class of significant people.

A man who is not significant can be sacked in his place of work without anyone feeling that someone would be missed. But once a significant employee is sacked the entire place would be thrown into confusion.

Are you significant?

Do you exert an important influence on those around you?

Can your life be likened to the life of David the king of Israel, who was told that; "...For if we flee away, they will not care for us: neither if half of us die will they care for us; but now thou art worth ten thousand of us..." (2 Sim 18:3) If you find yourself in a wrong group in spite of the fact that you are talented, hard working and enterprising, then it is clear that household wickedness has taken a controlling position in your life. We should not deceive ourselves.

Members of your household can be responsible for lack of progress in your life. Outwardly, they may try to impress you while in secret, they perpetrate all forms of wickedness against your progress.

God did not make a mistake when He said, "For a man's enemies shall be they of his own household." And it is very easy for household enemies who are thoroughly familiar with you to carry out wicked plans against your life.

A lot of people have dug their own grave by confiding in relatives who are wolves in sheep's clothing. I pity those who do not agree with the fact that their own family members can turn round to devour them like lions.

Such people are fond of exposing every detail of their lives to those who will take such vital information to demonic meetings.

What do you think will happen when all your advisers are household enemies?

They will simply take your case to their demonic meetings to deal with you thoroughly. One will sit on your progress, another one will destroy your finances, while the rest will kindle strange fires in your family. Before you know what is happening, they would have finished you. You will do yourself a world of good by declaring war against household wickedness, be they big or small.

WITCHCRAFT WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD

I have discovered that there is ignorance among religious people concerning the subject of witchcraft. There are people who believe that witchcraft can only operate in dark places. They think that a believer has nothing to worry about as far as witchcraft is concerned.

What is witchcraft?

A lot of people think that witches are weird-looking, toothless old women who fly about in the night.

Witchcraft is closer to most people than they can imagine. People rub shoulders, eat, drink and share things in common with witches daily. Your attitude will change if only you knew what the Bible teaches concerning witchcraft. You will see things in clearer perspective and you will begin to call a spade a spade. Witchcraft will come under the bright light of divine revelation, Witchcraft forces will find it difficult to operate within your vicinity by virtue of the fact that you have become a specialist in destroying the works of the devil.

Evil forces have continued to cash in on the ignorance of countless numbers of people. They have, therefore, multiplied the number of their victims. The wars which are most easily won by the enemies are wars which those who are being attacked are ignorant of.

UNDERSTANDING WITCHCRAFT

Witchcraft, therefore is the exercise of supernatural power by possessed persons, who are in league with the devil or evil spirits. Witchcraft or wizardry is not written on people's faces; a witch can be well dressed, good looking, and attractive.

A wizard on the other hand, can appear to be the most reasonable man around. Appearances can be very deceptive.

Again, what is witchcraft?

Witchcraft also is the practice of magic, sorcery and occultism. It is cooperating with the devil and evil spirits to achieve some results.

In ancient times. the word witchcraft connoted moving something back and forth. In modern English the appropriate word is manipulation.

Manipulation is the stock in trade of witches and wizards. They are specialists in shuffling the destiny of men and women back and forth. They do this unnoticed and without leaving traces of their activities for anyone to detect their evil deeds.

Something happened in England a few years ago. A woman who attended one of our overseas branches had an experience which opened her eyes to the reality of the operations of witchcraft. The woman in question happened to be a new member at the time. Who knows? She would have dismissed the idea of witchcraft with a wave of the hand until what happened under her roof made her to know that witchcraft manifestations can come in any form. in any place and through anyone.

The woman had two young children. Being a busy mother she employed a nanny whom she paid for minding these two children whenever she went to work. The nanny did her job until she began to experience some strange things. The mother of the two children was oblivious of what was happening until one night she was woken up by a strange cry which emanated from the children's bedroom.

On that fateful night, she wondered whether or not she was dreaming. Half-asleep and half-awake she listened for the second time to the shrill cry of a beleaguered child. It began to dawn on her that something terrible was happening.

She sprang up in a jiffy and rushed towards the children's bedroom. Her two children lived in separate rooms since she had a very big house. When she got to the room of the five year old boy, the sight she saw shocked her to the marrow. She discovered that the boy wasn't crying, the boy was seated on his bed, staring at the wall in a strange manner. She quickly rushed to the second room where a very clear but fearful cry was coming from.

It was indeed strange that the boy who was crying was shouting and telling his brother who was sitting on the bed in another room to leave him alone. When the mother got to the room of the boy who was crying he looked like somebody who was being strangled to death. She sensed danger, and tried to calm the boy down by carrying him up in her arms and telling him to stop crying.

When she couldn't stop him from crying she realised that what was going on was beyond the physical realm. She then rushed back to the room of the five year old boy and decided to use her authority. When she saw that the boy was staring at the wall, she raised up her voice and commanded: "I command you to stop your satanic activities right now, in the name of Jesus" To her surprise the eyes of the five year old boy became normal and the cry of his brother who was in an adjoining room stopped instantly. The bizarre experience left her speechless and dumbfounded.

She rushed to the house of the nanny early in the morning seeking an explanation for the strange event which occurred during the night. As she narrated what transpired during her night of ordeal, the nanny stopped her, and said, "Madam, wait a minute let me narrate what I have been going through since I took up the job of a nanny with your family". Then she stopped abruptly and pulled off her dress.

She pointed to multiple scratches which were all over her body and said: "Madam I have never enjoyed my sleep for one day since I started minding your two kids. I have never had that kind of experience all my life.

Each time I close my eyes to sleep. I always woke up the next day with strange marks all over my body." Pointing to the marks she said, "Madam how do you explain this? I didn't fight with anybody. How then did I receive physical marks over night? I suspected that one of your children might be possessed". That happened in far away England and the woman discovered that witchcraft is real.

Witchcraft activities abound. Adults, youths and children, have been endowed with witchcraft powers by the devil.

WITCHCRAFT AND CHILDREN

Recently, a woman brought her six year old boy into the counselling room. She complained to me that something was wrong with her little boy, but that she was not sure. The Spirit of the Lord came upon me and I looked at the boy straight in the face. Then he opened his mouth and began to confess.

A lot of startling revelations came out. The boy's mother was shocked when he confessed to killing his father. The boy admitted that he did so many wicked things through the powers of witchcraft. If not for the power of God who would have thought that a six year old boy could have killed his father? That is how dastardly wicked witchcraft is. That is why witchcraft is described as public enemy number one.

Another manifestation of witchcraft centres on the use of demonic influences to harm, subdue or to subject another person to unnecessary suffering. Those who have the power of witchcraft often dominate their superiors as well as those who are under them.

There are superiors who are afraid of giving orders to their subordinates just because such people possess the power of witchcraft. Why should a boss be afraid of a junior officer? It is not ordinary. Obviously, there is a power behind such a strange attitude.

Why should you become afraid when your subordinate comes into your office?

Why should the heart of a husband beat faster as a result of fear each time the wife comes around? It is an index of witchcraft manipulation. Why should the sight of a particular relative make you cringe in fear? It is unnatural. It is another example of witchcraft manipulation. These activities abound in most African households. Sometimes those who do not go to church even sense some strange powers in the lives of neighbours and relatives. They may not be able to explain it as witchcraft but they know that something is wrong somewhere.

There are instances when ordinary people who are not supposed to command any respect, often make people's hair stand on end, and their hearts miss a beat as a result of fear.

There are times when the entrance of a particular person into your home or an office makes everyone restless, fearful and embarrassed. This is nothing but witchcraft manifestation.

How else can we understand the workings of witchcraft?

It is the use of satanic weapons to destroy the good prospects of innocent members of the family. When you come across a man who is brilliant, hard working and has maintained a good track record, but suddenly gets into mysterious problems then you know such a person is suffering from an attack of witchcraft powers. Witchcraft forces are mostly active when they gain inroads into the family. Thus, they are able to make use of members of people's households as points of contact.

A few months ago, a woman experienced the greatest shock of her life. She was working with one of the most popular companies in Lagos. When she was due for promotion to a top level management position, her colleagues and competitors confronted her openly vowing to give her a go tight on all fronts in order to prevent her from getting to that position. She dismissed the threat with a wave of the hand and told them that God was her strength and protection. She told them off by asking them to try all their powers against her and that nothing was going to scratch her.

The woman's office was located at the last floor of a sky-scraper. She was sitting down in her office over a cup of tea when she noticed a cold object around her legs. She decided to shake off whatever the object was,

without looking down. The thing would not go off. Then, she decided to look down only to discover that a snake had coiled itself round her leg. Fear gripped her. She wondered how a snake could be able to find its way to the fifteenth floor. She pressed the bell in a split second and summoned her hefty messenger who rushed back immediately he sighted the snake in his boss's office.

When she discovered that her messenger was equally helpless and confused she decided to tackle the problem head on. She stood up in anger and rained curses on the snake and its sender. She went ahead to demand that the consuming fire of the Holy Ghost should descend on the snake and burn it to death. Within five minutes the snake had become motionless. God had descended in judgement on the demonic agent, leaving it dead. She went home not knowing what had really happened. All she did was to order the messenger to burn the snake.

When she got home she was shocked beyond belief. She met her husband lying lifeless on the bed. Something strange had happened to him. That was how she lost her husband. But it was dear that the snake that was sent to her in the office and her husband had something in common. It then dawned on her that a member of her household had been her enemy. God had arisen in judgement. No wonder the Bible says: "He killeth and maketh alive."

God does protect his children from demonic onslaught. The Bible says: "Touch not my anointed and do my prophets no harm." To touch God's children is to court disaster. All those who touch God's children are touching the apple of God's eye. Nobody ever does that and gets away with it. Let a wizard dare God by putting his finger into the eyes of the Almighty he will never live to tell the story.

WITCHCRAFT INSTRUMENTS

Witchcraft also entails using satanic instruments to cause problems in the lives of innocent men and women.

Something happened recently after we ended a special programme on powers that trouble marriages. A woman came into the church office with all kinds of strange instruments which she had been using to cause problems in people's homes.

Among those instruments was a broom which she confessed that she had been using to sweep women out of their matrimonial homes. Can you ever imagine that such instruments are used against women and men?

The people who perpetrate such wicked acts are generally not far away from the family.

Witchcraft is also the control, influence or manipulation of persons or objects by evil spirits. This shows that objects can also be bewitched. Houses, machinery, shoes, clothes, work tools and other items can be bewitched. Witches and wizards know that the moment they are able to cast a spell on physical objects the owners are also in trouble.

To work with bewitched instruments as a professional is to experience inexplicable suffering and failure. That is why we conduct deliverance on inanimate objects.

Have you experienced set-backs in your life because your tools and properties are bewitched?

Then you must seek out a seasoned deliverance minister who will pray and remove witchcraft marks from everything that belongs to you. Then you will be in a position to cancel every embargo placed on your life through witchcraft powers.

Witchcraft is evil. It enslaves and defiles. In Leviticus 19:31 the Bible says:

... Neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them.

Witchcraft torments people by making them restless. Witches/Wizards use their powers to make their victims go from one problem to another. They also make their victims dull, confused and disjointed in their reasoning. These kinds of problems are caused by witchcraft powers.

Witches and Wizards also operate through summoning evil invisible powers to carry out evil assignments. In the words of a white brother, witches and wizards are "Wickedly wicked and badly bad." Witches can kill their sons and daughters without batting an eyelid. A wizard on the other hand can also kill his children with impunity.

Witches are heartless. They perpetrate wickedness of the highest order. There are instances when witches give birth to as many as six children and kill all of them without feeling bad. Witches are fond of destroying members of their families. That is how far the devil can go in making people destroy themselves.

INITIATION INTO WITCHCRAFT

How do people get initiated into witchcraft?

People become witches and wizards in so many ways.

ONE - People become witches or wizard by inheritance. It can be passed on through their parents. They just wake up one day to discover that they have been initiated into the witchcraft society. For such people witchcraft has become a family affair.

TWO - Others become witches or wizards through personal decision. Such people go out of their way to acquire witchcraft power to even a score. Some people also join witchcraft society to achieve greatness in life. They believe that they can get whatever they desire through the power of witchcraft.

THREE - There are those who are forced into witchcraft by other people. They are forced into the association against their will. Some people find themselves in witchcraft covens because some witches over-powered them and carried them into such places. A lot of people who are witches today never had such plans. But they were forced into witchcraft because of low spiritual power.

STRANGE AGENTS

A thirteen year old girl once came to me and confessed, that she was not only a witch but also took her mother along with her each time she went to their wicked meetings. According to her she had so much power that she was able to carry her mother each time she went for the meeting. She also explained that the mother had remained sickly as a result of occasional accidents which they had whenever she flew with her into the meeting.

At that point I told her to bring her mother and she brought a thirty year old woman to me. Immediately I saw the woman I pitied her because her health had been battered by witches and wizards. I told both of them to seat down and began to cross-examine them. I asked the thirty year old woman who looked like a woman in her seventies: "Do you know that your daughter is a witch?" She looked at me and nodded. "No, I don't know. I find it very difficult to believe such a thing" Then I asked her daughter to tell her story again. She opened her mouth and began to speak, "Mummy, do you remember falling into a ditch last week?" The mother said, "Yes. that is true" The young girl continued, "Can you also remember that somebody helped you out of the ditch?" The woman also answered in the affirmative.

Then the young girl told the mother that she was the one who pushed her into the ditch and that the person who helped the mother was also a member of their witchcraft society. They were just passing her from hand to hand. Their intention was to destroy her completely.

FOUR - It is also possible to be a blind witch. There are unconscious witches who are not aware of their involvement in the witchcraft society. They are witches anyway, though they are totally unconscious of their membership of the evil society.

One of the most common methods of becoming a blind witch is through sex outside marriage. If you sleep with a witch you will become initiated into witchcraft. If you have sex within the bonds of marriage with a demonic partner, God can protect you with His sovereign power, but to violate the word of God by hailing sex outside marriage is to be foolish and to surrender yourself voluntarily for initiation.

When such blind witches sleep they dream of drinking palm-oil and coke. They also dream of eating meat in the night. They may not know the meaning of those kinds of dreams because they are blind witches. Unless such people go for deliverance they' cannot experience freedom.

Just as servants of God use their delegated authority to bless others and to defeat the devil, servants of satan use their powers to control and harm people. They are destructive and wicked. They do wicked things wherever they are found.

Witches are scattered all over the world, though their wickedness may be more pronounced in the African continent because their activities are supported by many people.

Witchcraft has such a pervading influence that the possession of occult books and materials can invite witches and wizards into your house.

Christians who are ignorant of this, can be brought into bondage through witchcraft. Countless number of souls have suffered and died from the hands of wicked witches.

It is sad that witchcraft has been developed to such a high degree that they can call the spirits of people from one place to another. Witchcraft practitioners are able to remove human spirits and transplant witchcraft into them in a split second.

THE AFRICAN WITCH

African witches go into astral projection. They get their wicked spirits out of their bodies and transfer them into animals which they use as weapons of destruction.

A witch can transform into an animal or a familiar face to avoid being recognised by unsuspecting victims. A lot of people wonder why they see all kinds of animals in their dreams.

Something happened recently in Lagos, Nigeria. There was a avalanche of cats within the city, and they were crying like babies in the

midnight all over the places.

Have you seen strange animals in your dream?

Then let me give you a prayer bonus right now. Close this book for a moment and take this powerful prayer point with holy anger. "Every witchcraft animal delegated against me and my family, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus."

DEITIES

The traditional African witch can materialise and dematerialise at will. Witchcraft spirits cause untold havoc regularly in the society. Although they sometimes tell the truth, they do so in order to capture their victims. For example there is a particular demonic deity among a particular Nigerian tribe, known as "Ayelala", and people believe that this idol is the husband of all witches.

So, whenever someone is accused of witchcraft, such a person is dragged to an Ayelala shrine where he or she is made to swear and be exposed by the idol. They believe that this idol is so strong that many people have been hoodwinked on the lies of the devil.

If a tragedy occurs in a family which people suspect to be the handiwork of a witch, every member of the household will be taken to an Ayelala shrine to confess. Each member of the family will come up and say, "If I am a witch who is the cause of the tragedy, let Ayelala kill me."

I remember the story of particular woman who was so demonic (in fact, she was a principality) that the idol could not do anything against her. When she was paraded before the idol, knowing that she had a greater power than the idol, she simply told the idol to keep quiet and attack an innocent woman who knew nothing about the family's tragedy.

An innocent woman became the culprit while the offender was free just because she was able to manipulate the idol through a higher power. The power of the idol was so strong on the innocent woman that she started confessing what she never did.

MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCES

Witchcraft can convert a human being into an animal. They can also convert human flesh into what looks like normal meat for consumption. That is why you must pray on your food before eating. The piece of meat which looks normal to you may actually be human flesh, while the palm-oil with which the soup is cooked may be human blood.

Let me tell you the strange story of Anima the 'Moi-moi' seller. 'Moi-moi', is an African bean cereal delicacy. Anima was not the only 'Moi-moi' seller around. But each time she got to the market people would abandon all other 'moi-moi' sellers and form an unusually long queue, just to buy 'moi-moi' from Anima. One strange thing that was always a common feature in the market was that no 'moi-moi' seller ever sold anything, until Anima had sold her last 'moi-moi'.

One day, one evangelist popularly called, 'The Lion of Jesus' came to hold a crusade in Anima's village. Strange enough, Anima was the first person to come forward to give her life to Christ. They started conducting deliverance for her and she began to confess and said that a major ingredient of her popular 'Moi-moi' was human blood. Members of the community who heard her strange confessions became afraid and felt nauseated. They even tried to see if they could vomit the witchcraft 'moi-moi' which they had consumed unknowingly. They were at a loss concerning what to do. It took an evangelist, to expose and stop the sale of demonic 'moi-moi' in that community.

Witches and wizards are wicked. They can ride human beings like horses to their witchcraft meetings. If they want to destroy somebody's life they can urinate on his head or pass excreta on a man's precious possession to render the owner of the property, as well as the property useless.

Witches and wizards can also see what is happening in the darkness and in the daylight. In actual fact, they see almost everything. What happens in the dark can not be seen by ordinary men and women. But as for witches and wizards they see better in the night. Most of the strange visitors who come to people in the night are spirit-wives and spirit-husbands. As a

result of all these evil activities. God has passed the Judgement of physical and spiritual death on all witchcraft practitioners unless they repent.

If they repent God is ready to accept them. That is why we must all exercise caution. For example, the boy who killed his father referred to earlier on, has been preached to and sent for deliverance. I believe that the boy is going to repent and get delivered. Although it is strange that the person he killed died as an unbeliever and is most likely in hell, the boy, may get to heaven. That is the mystery of the gospel. Or how do we explain it? The killer gets to heaven while the victim goes to hell as an unbeliever?

There are many instances of witches and wizards who repented and got born again.

There is the story of a popular wizard who got born again and subjected himself to deliverance. However, he forgot to confess to the minister, that he had swallowed some evil birds. Having failed to renounce and reject the presence of those birds, they remained in his stomach. He felt that everything was over and began warfare prayers.

Each time he prayed aggressively those birds became agitated, and they began to peck his intestines violently. This affected his health and he was rushed to the University Teaching Hospital for special medical attention. Good enough, the Lord later healed him. He now goes everywhere preaching the gospel.

There is another spectacular case of a notorious wizard who nicknamed himself, "Jesus of Agege". He was so wicked that he destroyed countless number of lives. He later repented and professed salvation in Christ.

But what happens to the souls that he had destroyed?

No doubt, most of them would have died and gone to hell. Again, the killer may go to heaven while those who were killed would spend eternity in hell fire. Witches and wizards who repent can therefore get to heaven.

THE DANGER OF LIVING WITHOUT PROTECTION

I pity those who carelessly play into the hands of witches and wizards. I wonder why some people fail to pray to protect themselves from evil attacks.

How can you go about without divine protection?

You are an unbeliever. You don't have talisman, charms, occult rings, amulets and other things which people carry on them to protect themselves.

If you fail to pray how will you be protected?

How can you be careless in view of the fact that you rub shoulders with witches and wizards regularly?

Some people go about saying: "Why should a Ph.D. holder like myself be afraid of witches and wizards?" May I announce to you that witches and wizards do not recognise academic degrees. If you boast with your degrees they would first swallow it up before killing you.

When you come to grips with the wicked activities perpetrated by witches and wizards, you will realise that they actually deserve high-handed punishment from God. If a witch can be so wicked to destroy lives and properties without feeling bad at all then we should not pity them when they begin to reap what they have sown. The Bible says: Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live (Ex. 22:18). That is the decree of the Almighty. God has stated in unmistakable terms that a witch should not be allowed to live.

Therefore, when you hear members of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministry pray that witches and wizards should fall down and die, you should not be surprised. That type of prayer is in perfect agreement with the divine command stated above.

To ask a witch or a satanic agent to fall down and die, means a lot. What happens in the real sense of the word? Nobody actually dies. Even if it happens that somebody dies physically, all that has happened is that the

spirit has only gone out of the body and a person becomes unavailable to us physically.

So when you ask an evil spirit to fall down and die, what you are saying is that the human agent should become unavailable. When that power is no longer available, it cannot trouble you again.

Lev.20:27 says:

A man also or woman that has a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard shall surely be put to death, they shall be stoned with stones, their blood shall be upon them.

That was the practice in the Old Testament era. Today, we cannot throw stones at witches and wizards. But, as born again believers we can throw spiritual stones at them. This approach agrees with New Testament teaching.

The Bible says,

Though we walk in the flesh, we do not walk after the flesh. The weapon of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

The New Testament believer has no problem with human beings. The only people we have axes to grind with are satan and his agents. The Bible has made it clear that, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places". That is why we use spiritual weapons and throw spiritual stones at witches and wizards.

However, if any human being who happens to be a witch or wizard decides to stubbornly pursue a true child of God, he or she should be ready to face the consequences. A witch who decides to face a child of God will only have himself or herself to blame.

Recently, I got a letter which was written to me by a witch who got into trouble by following one of our members to the church. The woman

felt bitter about the member because, according to her, she was threatened by the fire prayers which the brother had been praying in the community. She was equally angered by the fact that all the attempts made by satanic agents, who are ladies, to entice and destroy this fire-brand brother, were futile. She, therefore, vowed to deal with him. She got up one day and decided to follow the brother to the place where he gets his power. On getting to the church, the witch discovered that our service was too hot for her. During the prayer session, she found herself, as it were in the midst of a fiery furnace.

According to her letter, it got to a point when she became unconscious and began to bark like a dog. By the time she got home, her condition had worsened. She had become totally blind, and was being tortured night and day. She regretted ever attacking a Christian who is on fire for the Lord. She ended that letter pleading with me that I should have mercy on her and come to her rescue. She even Said that she was ready to repent, renounce her membership of the witchcraft society and submit herself for deliverance in our church. God had dealt with her and she had no option but to surrender or perish.

Job 8:22 says,

They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to naught.

Again, the Bible says,

But the eyes of the wicked shall fail and shall not escape and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost (Job 11:20).

The Bible further states that,

Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out and the spark of their fire shall be put out (Job 18:5).

God is serious about the judgement of witches and wizards. This is also made abundantly dear in Job 20:5,

The triumphing of the wicked is short.

What the Bible is saying is that although the wicked may have scored one or two points against you, their triumph is short and their victory short-lived.

The book of Psalms also tells us that,

Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone and then a horrible tempest, this, shall be the portion of their cup (psalm. 11: 6).

We are also told in Psalm 27:2 that,

When the wicked, even my enemies and foes come upon me to eat up my flesh, they shall stumble and fall.

Isaiah 3:11 also declares,

Woe unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Are you wondering whether that. is the end of the Judgement of witches and wizards? No.

The Bible has not finished with them. Isaiah 57:20-21 says,

But the wicked ore like the troubled sea when he cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace sayeth the Lord to the wicked.

Witches and wizards are in trouble, they have no rest. and will surely suffer in time and in eternity.

TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD WITCHCRAFT

So far, we have seen that the greatest weapon used by household enemies is the power of witchcraft. Household enemies who operate with elementary powers can do little or no havoc in people's lives. Familiar spirits, junior satanic agents, fetish priests, false and occult people who operate from within the extended family system are more or less harmless when compared with witches and wizards.

With little or no effort, a man can overcome attacks which come from elementary forces. But when the battles in the life of a man get to the level of witchcraft attacks, then there is a great problem. Witches and wizards belong to a higher class in the demonic kingdom.

Witchcraft problems are highly complicated for a number of reasons.

ONE - Witches operate a net-work that is intelligently established and carried out.

TWO - They belong to one of the highest hierarchy in the kingdom of darkness, and succeed where junior demonic powers fail.

THREE - Their strength lies in cooperation and interdependence on one another.

FOUR - They receive a lot of attention and support from their master, the devil, since they are responsible for most of the wicked acts done by the kingdom of darkness.

FIVE - They have representatives in almost every large family unit.

SIX - Members are drawn from every section of the society. Both the rich and the poor belong to the witchcraft society. Babies in the womb, children, young men and women as well as aged men and women are among their members.

SEVEN - They hold their meetings in almost every conceivable place on earth. Forests, rivers, seas, great oceans like the Atlantic Ocean, great mountains, palaces, shrines, school buildings, cemeteries, market squares, abandoned vehicles, big companies like banks, factories, consulting firms, e.t.c. are being used as witchcraft covens.

If God can open your eyes to the totality of the sphere of the influence of witches you will declare war on them.

When I reflect over the number of cases that have been brought to me, which were as a result of the destructive acts of witches and wizards, I wonder why any man should decide to live without divine protection. There are families where more than half of the members have been sent to untimely graves.

I have come across men and women whose names would have been known all over the world, but have remained poor, tattered and confused. A lot of people have been brought to me who would have been classified among the list of achievers in the Guinness Book of Records but became reduced to vagrants, vagabonds, drop-outs, dunces, derelicts, and drug addicts. I have come across people who have counted millions but later had to beg before they could eat. That shows how wicked, witches can be.

CONGENITAL WITCHES

Some years ago, one pregnant woman became a target of witchcraft manipulation. It happened that she was carrying twins in her womb. Some witches decided to remove one of the babies and substitute it with a witch. This was unknown to the woman; she did not realise that she was carrying a normal baby and a demonic baby in her womb. At the time of delivery, the normal baby came out without any problem but the demonic one came with lots of problems and had to be placed in an incubator. The woman took all these things for granted not knowing that the abnormal baby was going to give her family terrible problems.

As the children began to grow up the normal baby presented no problem but the one that was a witchcraft agent grew up to be a strange

child, and brought untold hardships to her parents.

The mother noticed a particular strange occurrence which made her to tremble in fear. She noticed that a strange snake always entered their house at a particular hour of the day, and would crawl towards the direction of Kehinde, the twin baby girl who was the abnormal one. Immediately that happened, instead of seeing one snake, the mother would begin to see two snakes. The visiting snake and the snake into which Kehinde had turned to, would play with each other for a fairly long time. The two snakes would then crawl out. Immediately that happens. Kehinde would re-appear again.

The first day she beheld that strange sight. she had a sleepless night wondering why her own daughter could turn to a snake. This kept on happening regularly for two years. But she could not tell anybody. She kept on wondering in her heart why one of her twins should be half-snake and half-human being.

At a point. she made up her mind to kill the external snake but she forgot the idea as she thought that she might end up killing her own daughter. She could not even tell her husband. Neither could she confide in her closest friends. "How can I cope with a snake child?" She pondered in her heart time and time again. She however decided to speak out when she started attending Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries. She took courage and walked up to one of her pastors, and shared her strange experiences. The pastor asked her to go and bring the daughter.

She could not take any further step without informing her husband. When she told her husband, he came up with a different opinion, and refused to allow her to take the daughter to the pastor. He even blamed her for letting out such strange secrets. While she was still pestering her husband, begging him to allow her to take her daughter for deliverance, the husband thought of a clever method to end the shame and the scandal in order to protect his name. He decided to poison the "snake daughter". That was how the daughter slept and could not wake up. The husband later admitted that he actually poisoned the strange daughter, because he felt that it was the most reasonable way to get the problem solved. This according to him, is in keeping with a popular Nigerian aphorism. "Death is better than shame". But did that really solve their problem?

WITCHCRAFT AND GREAT PROBLEMS

People who are involved with witchcraft at one level or the other unwittingly invite great problems into their lives.

A wealthy man came to see me sometime ago. He sat down, took a long look at me and narrated the unusual problem which he had. I have listened to all kinds of stories as a deliverance Minister, but his own story was baffling. In search of wealth, he did something that was strange: he beheaded his mother and buried her head in his bedroom. Each time he called the mother's name, wads of currency notes would fill the room. Indeed, he was stupendously rich. All he had to do was to lock his doors, call his mother's name and, hundreds of thousands will appear on the spot.

But things were not as simple as they appeared. There was a condition to fulfil for the money to continue to appear. He had to look for people to use as a sacrifice. He eventually got tired of killing new people each year. To stop was difficult, he stood the risk of losing his life. If he ever took the risk of venturing to break the terms of the covenant he would lose his life. He knew that no single herbalist can come to his rescue, so he ran to the church and narrated his ordeal. He ran to Jesus when he came to grips with the destructive consequences of witchcraft manipulation.

WITCHCRAFT NETWORK

Household enemies are wicked, but they cannot be compared with the wickedness of household witches. A witch who is resident within the extended family is the most difficult type of witch to deal with. Such witches generally know the minutest details of the lives of their victims.

Can you imagine what happens when those who were present during the naming ceremony of a particular child are witches and wizards?

What do you think happens when a wizard is the one who puts things like honey, bitter kola, kolanut, salt and alligator pepper in the mouth of the child in the pretence of blessing the child during the naming ceremony?

If witches have access to a child at infancy, they generally ensure that they destroy the life of such a child. They know where the placenta was buried. With all that information at their finger tips, they work in collaboration with external witches.

Witches run one of the best net-works that the world has ever known. When external witches find it difficult to penetrate, they ask for assistance from internal ones. With such a combination, witches ensure that they totally destroy anyone they choose as their victim to the point that defies human understanding. Those who ever got into the hands of family witches and wizards have always experienced untold suffering, misery and woes.

Family witches have always succeeded because they are always fully entrenched and rooted in the family. They work undetected, unknown and un-hindered. They are indeed wicked. They cause problems and also come to sympathize with you. Then you give them more information about your problem which they go back to use to prolong your sufferings. They ensure that your problems, travails and attacks are complicated. They never stop until they complete their assignments.

Witches and wizards employ various methods to carry out their assignments. They don't have to come to you directly before they can work against you. They can shoot their arrows from a very long distance and at the same time keep you in the dark as far as the source of the arrow is concerned.

Household witches specialise in eating deep into people's lives without allowing their victims to be aware of what is going on.

Many years ago, I had a friend, who was a victim of this kind of witchcraft manipulation. This friend of mine was extremely wealthy. He was made a target of attack. Witches and wizards fired an arrow of display into his life and was manipulated into a compulsive display of his wealth. He would throw parties and waste a lot of money. He could lavish any amount of money on praise singers and musicians. He had a regular habit of throwing expensive parties every week. His house was always a bee-hive of activities. Friends, hangers-on and so called well wishers always gathered in his home to wine and dine with him. He never cared how much money was spent as long he maintained an expensive life style.

All these went on, until he multiplied his enemies and became a target of attack. Envious neighbours, jealous competitors and embittered members of the family who wondered why he was swimming in money, while they could not afford a single meal decided to attack him. He slept one fateful day and did not wake up the next day. All the records waxed by musicians in his name could not help him at the moment of death.

My friend did not know the Lord when he died prematurely at the age of 32. Instead of enjoying long life, he played into the hands of witches and wizards who ate him up at the prime of his life. They set a trap for him, which made him to display his money and also drew unnecessary attention to himself. By so doing he drew the attention of multiple enemies to himself and died an unnatural death. That is how hundreds and thousands of people have met their Waterloo.

Beloved, I don't want you to continue to live under any form of witchcraft manipulation. Such a state is both deadly and dangerous. You need to come under divine protection.

To expose yourself to satanic attack is to allow Satan to lead you by the nose into destruction. The wisest step you can take therefore, is to become a man or woman who is beyond the reach of satanic agent.

How do you get into that position? You can do that by giving your life to Christ.

A man or woman who is without Christ is a helpless victim of witchcraft manipulation. Witches will carry out periodic invasion into the territories of such men and women. You can move out from the camp of besieged victims into the camp of protected victors by giving your life to Christ today. That is the starting point as well as the doorway to freedom from witchcraft attacks and manipulations. If you are ready to give your life to Christ right now, you can pray this simple prayer:

Father in the name of Jesus, I come before you today. I'm sorry for all the ways I have sinned against you. I repent of all my sins. I surrender my life to you. I repent of my sinful habits. I say bye-bye to the devil. I enter into the kingdom of light and I turn my back to the

Kingdom of darkness. Lord Jesus, come into my heart. Change my life today. Make me a child of God and a member of the family of God. Let every old thing in my life pass away and let everything become new. Give me the power to follow you all the days of my life. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Did you really pray that prayer from your heart?

If you did, then you have become a candidate of divine protection and dominion over domestic witchcraft agents. You, then, must maintain a consistent walk with God. You must also continue to abide in the realm of fire where no witch or wizard can touch you.

You cannot close this book without dealing a decisive blow on all witches and wizards who have been militating against your life. I have good news for you. After waiting on the Lord, I was given these powerful prayer points. If you can pray them with holy anger and aggression against agents of witchcraft who are trying to destroy you, you will experience victory and dominion.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Let the stones of my prayer locate my Goliath now, in the name of Jesus.
2. Any arrow of witchcraft fired into my life, gather yourselves together and go out, in the name of Jesus.
3. I remove myself from every witchcraft relocation by fire, in the name of Jesus.
4. I withdraw all my secrets from the possession of evil powers, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every witchcraft bird, vomit my blessings, in Jesus' name.

Place your right hand on your head as you go into this powerful session. Make sure that you are aggressive at this moment.

6. Make this powerful confession. Every effort of witchcraft to frustrate my work and my calling, I destroy you, in the name of Jesus. Father, increase my greatness and comfort me on every side. No household enemy shall be able to control my well-being any longer. All those who are looking down on me shall begin to look up to me. All those who are saying: "Let us see what Jesus will do for him". Oh Lord, surprise them. All those who are against me without any cause, let them go back and be brought into confusion, in the name of Jesus. Every door that witchcraft manipulation has closed against my progress, open, in the name of Jesus.
7. You, the strongman dedicated against me, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
8. The God that answereth by fire, answer me, in Jesus' name.
9. Let the stamp of heaven, stamp my prayer requests, in the name of Jesus.
10. Let every prayer point prayed today become testimonies, in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Warfare

Prayer is a gift to you and a privilege. The gift is offered to all and all may become the wielders of the great power in prayer. However, the fact remains that the power of prayer is least exercised by the average believer. You will do well to learn the art of warfare prayer. The present temperature of the prayer of many christians needs to rise if they expect serious breakthroughs.

The prayer points in this book are targeted at certain needs so that as you are praying you will not be beating the air. This is how to go use the book:

1. Locate your area of need by looking at the table of contents.
2. Select appropriate scriptures promising you what you desire. Meditate on them and let them sink into your spirit.
3. Go about the prayers in any of the following ways as led by the Holy Spirit:
 - a. Three days' night vigil, i.e. praying from 10 P.M. to 5 A.M. three consecutive nights.
 - b. Three days' fast (breaking daily), i.e. praying at intervals and breaking the fast at 6.00 P.M. or 9.00.P.M. daily.
 - c. Seven days' night vigil, i.e. praying from 10 P.M. to 5 A.M. seven consecutive nights.
 - d. Seven days' fast (breaking daily), i.e. praying at intervals and breaking the fast at 6.00 P.M. or 9.00.P.M. daily.

e. Three or more days of dry fast, i.e. praying and fasting three or more days without any food or drink.

4. Pray aggressively.

NOTE: Spend part of vigil or fasting praying in the Spirit - Praying in the Spirit is an ability to pray in tongues as given utterance by the Holy Spirit. To pray in the Spirit, you must have been baptised in the Holy Ghost (not water baptism) - 1Cor. 14:15.

You will be victorious in Jesus' name.

STRATEGIC PRAYERS FOR ATTACKING WITCHCRAFT POWERS

Areas to attack:

- Destroying their traveling route
- Plucking off their evil eyes
- Breaking off their evil wings
- Making them to vomit the blood in their possession
- Making them to vomit the flesh in their possession
- Reversing witchcraft burial
- Destroying their mantle
- Setting their covens on fire
- Power against marine witchcraft
- Destroying their instruments
- Breaking witchcraft curses
- Vomiting their evil foods
- Power against witchcraft infirmity
- Power against witchcraft embargo on finances

- Destroying envious witchcraft
- Destroying the seat of witchcraft
- Pulling down their thrones
- Possessing the gates of the enemy

Using appropriate warfare Scriptures you can organise functional and strategic prayer programmes for yourself or for others bearing the target areas listed above in mind.

HOLY SPIRIT, WORK IN MY LIFE BY YOUR FIRE

• **Praise worship**

1. O Lord, cleanse all the soiled parts of my life.
2. O Lord, refresh every dry area of my life.
3. O Lord, heal every wounded part of my life.
4. O Lord, bend every evil that has become rigid in my life.
5. O Lord, re-align every satanic straying in my life.
6. O Lord, let the fire of the Holy Spirit warm every satanic frozen area in my life.
7. O Lord, give me a life that kills death.
8. O Lord, kindle in me the fire of charity.
9. O Lord, glue me together where I am opposed to myself.
10. O Lord, enrich me with Your gifts.
11. O Lord, quicken me and increase my desire of the things of heaven.
12. By Your rulership, O Lord, let the lust of the flesh in my life die.
13. Lord Jesus, increase daily in my life.
14. Lord Jesus, maintain Your gifts in my life.

15. O Lord, refine and purge my life by Your fire.
16. Holy Spirit, inflame and fire my heart, in Jesus' name
17. Lord Jesus, lay Your hands upon me and quench every rebellion in me.
18. Holy Ghost fire, begin to burn away every self-centredness in me, in the name of Jesus.
19. Father Lord. breathe Your life-giving breath into my soul, in the name of Jesus.
20. O Lord, make me ready to go wherever You send me.
21. Lord Jesus, never let me shut You out.
22. Lord Jesus, never let me try to limit You to my capacity.
23. Lord Jesus, work freely in me and through me.
24. O Lord, purify the channels of my life.
25. Let Your heat O Lord, consume my will, in Jesus' name.
26. Let the flame of the Holy Spirit blaze upon the altar of my heart, in the name of Jesus.
27. Lord Jesus, come like blood into my veins.
28. O Lord, order my spirit and fashion my life in Your will.
29. Let Your fire burn out all that is not holy in my life, in the name of Jesus.
30. O Lord, let Your fire generate power in my life, in the name of Jesus.
31. Lord Jesus, impart unto me thoughts higher than my own thoughts.
32. Holy Spirit, come as dew and refresh me, in Jesus' name.
33. Holy Spirit, guide me in the way of liberty, in the name of Jesus.
34. Holy Spirit, blow upon me such that sin would no more find place in me, in the name of Jesus.
35. Holy Spirit, where my love is cold, warm me, in the name of Jesus.
36. Thank God for His mighty presence upon your life.

POWER AGAINST WITCHCRAFT FORCES

- **Praise worship**

- **Confessions:**

In the name of Jesus, I believe the word of God is steadfast and unshakeable, endures forever, powerful and it is the power of God that is able to deliver me out of any bondage.

The word of God is God Himself speaking and not man. Therefore, nothing shall be impossible for me because of the word of God I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth.

Father Lord, as I make this confession now, I pray that You will watch over Your word to perform it, because You are a faithful God. You are not a man that You should lie, neither the son of man that You should repent. Rather You will not break Your covenant, nor alter the word which has gone forth out of Your mouth.

It is written, when I ask, I should believe and receive. As I make this confession and go into prayer, I will receive, according to the word of God, dominion and power, because I know God will prove Himself strong on my behalf, for my heart is focused on Him.

I know who I am in Christ. I have been purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for me on the cross of calvary. I am a child of God. I am called by the name of the Lord. I am bought by the blood of the Lamb of God. I believe the power in the blood of Jesus. Jesus has translated my life from the kingdom of darkness into His own marvelous kingdom of light and peace. I now belong to the kingdom of God. I have the keys of the kingdom of God in my hands to bind and to loose. I have the authority to trample under my feet, serpents, scorpions and all the power of the enemy.

Jesus Christ, through His death, has destroyed satan, who had the power of death. Jesus has delivered my life from death and damnation. Before Jesus ascended, He first of all descended into the lower parts of the earth and stripped the devil of all his power over me. Jesus has taken from satan the keys of death and hell and has given them to me to bind and to loose.

By virtue of the work Jesus Christ did on the cross, I have power over all the power of the enemy. He has wiped out all the handwriting of requirements that were against me, taking them out of the way, having nailed them to the cross. He disarmed principalities and powers and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

I hold in my hand now the victory won for me by my Saviour Jesus Christ on the cross of calvary and I say, "Be shattered Oh you witches and powers of wickedness and be broken in pieces. Give ear all you powers of wickedness from my place of birth or origin, gird yourselves and you shall be broken in pieces. Take your counsel together and it will come to nothing. Chant your incantations, they will not stand, for the Lord is with me as a mighty and terrible one. Therefore, you shall stumble and fall."

"Encamp against me, but my heart shall not fear, for in the name of the Lord, I will destroy you. The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid. Surround me like bees and I will quench you all, like a fire of thorns."

"Fashion your weapons of wickedness, and they will not prosper. Rise up against me in judgement with all your legal grounds and you shall all be condemned because that is my heritage as a servant of God."

"I shall not die but live. Any power that has ever led me captive shall go into captivity. They that afflict and oppress me shall be ashamed. God will contend with all who contend with me. He will feed those who oppress me with their own flesh and they shall be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wine, for the Lord will bring upon them the day of the doom and destroy them with double destruction."

It is written that God will light my lamp and enlighten my darkness. But every satanic agent or power oppressing me shall grope in the day time as in thick blackness and darkness.

It is written that I should be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, therefore I ask that as I go into prayer right now the Lord will be my strength; strength to run through a troop. to leap over any wall, to pursue and overtake my enemies, to recover my stolen properties, to beat them

small as the dust, to withstand and overcome all spiritual oppositions and distractions.

I hold in my hand the shield of faith for it is written that whosoever is born of God overcometh the world. And this is the victory that overcometh the world and its wickedness, even my faith.

In faith I go into this prayer session. In faith I have the victory. In faith my enemies are all subdued under my feet and none shall be able to escape.

My heart steadfastly believes the word of God. I have confessed with my mouth and by the word of my mouth let me be justified Oh Lord and let all my enemies be condemned. I seal my confession with the blood of Jesus. (Amen.)

1. Let the thunder of God locate and dismantle the throne of witchcraft in my household, in the name of Jesus.
2. Let every seat of witchcraft in my household be roasted with the fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
3. Let the altar of witchcraft in my household be roasted, in the name of Jesus.
4. Let the thunder of God scatter beyond redemption the foundation of witchcraft in my household, in Jesus' name.
5. Every stronghold or refuge of my household witches, be destroyed, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every hiding place and secret place of witchcraft in my family, be exposed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
7. Let every local and international witchcraft network of my household witches be shattered to pieces, in Jesus' name.
8. Let the communication system of my household witches be frustrated, in the name of Jesus.
9. Let the terrible fire of God consume the transportation of my household witchcraft, in the name of Jesus.

10. Every agent ministering at the altar of witchcraft in my household, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
11. Let the thunder and the fire of God locate the storehouses and strongrooms of my household witchcraft harbouring my blessings and pull them down, in the name of Jesus.
12. Let any witchcraft curse working against me be revoked by the blood of Jesus.
13. Every decision, vow and covenant of household witchcraft affecting me, be nullified by the blood of Jesus.
14. I destroy with the fire of God, every weapon of witchcraft used against me, In the name of Jesus.
15. Any material taken from my body and placed on witchcraft altar, be roasted by the fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
16. I reverse every witchcraft burial fashioned against me; in the name of Jesus.
17. Every trap set for me by witches begin to catch your owners, in the name of Jesus.
18. Every witchcraft padlock fashioned against any area of my life be roasted, in the name of Jesus.
19. Let the wisdom of my household witches be converted to foolishness, in the name of Jesus.
20. Let the wickedness of my household enemies overturn them, in the name of Jesus.
21. I deliver my soul from every witchcraft bewitchment, in the name of Jesus.
22. Any witchcraft bird flying for my sake, fall down and die and be roasted to ashes, in the name of Jesus.
23. Any of my blessing traded out by household witches be returned to me, in the name of Jesus.
24. Any of my blessings and testimonies swallowed by witches, be converted to hot coals of fire of God and be vomited, in the name of Jesus.

25. I break myself loose from every bondage of witchcraft covenant, in the name of Jesus.
26. Any witchcraft coven where any of my blessings are hidden, be roasted by the fire of God, in Jesus' name.
27. (Lay your right hand on your head) Every witchcraft spirit plantation, pollution, deposits and materials in my body be melted by the fire of God and be flushed out by the blood of Jesus.
28. Every evil ever done to me through witchcraft attack, be reversed, in the name of Jesus.
29. Every damage done to my destiny through witchcraft operations, be reversed now, in the name of Jesus.
30. Every witchcraft hand planting evil seeds in my life through dream attacks, wither and burn to ashes, in the name of Jesus.
31. Every witchcraft obstacle and hindrance put on the road to my desired miracle and success, be removed by the East wind of God, in the name of Jesus.
32. Every witchcraft chants, spells and projections made against me, I bind you and turn you against your owner, in the name of Jesus.
33. I frustrate every plot, device, scheme and projects of witchcraft designed to affect any area of my life, in the name of Jesus.
34. Any witch projecting into the blood of any animal in order to do me harm or evil, be trapped in the body of such an animal forever, in the name of Jesus.
35. Any drop of my blood sucked by any witch, be vomited now, in the name of Jesus.
36. Any part of me shared out amongst household / village witches, I recover you, in the name of Jesus.
37. Any organ of my body that has been exchanged for another one through witchcraft operations, be replaced now, in the name of Jesus.
38. I recover any of my virtues / blessings shared out amongst village / household witches, in Jesus' name.

39. I reverse the evil effect of any witchcraft invocation or summoning of my spirit, in the name of Jesus.
40. I loose my hands and feet from any witchcraft bewitchment and bondage, in the name of Jesus.
41. Let the blood of Jesus wash away every witchcraft identification mark on me or on any of my property, in Jesus' name.
42. I forbid any re-union or re-gathering of household and village witches against my life, in the name of Jesus.
43. Let' the entire body system of my household witches be upset until they confess all their wickedness, in the name of Jesus.

As regards the household witches that are contrary to me:

44. Let the mercies of God be withdrawn from them, in Jesus' name.
45. Let them begin to grope in the daytime as in the thickness of a dark night, in the name of Jesus.
46. Let everything that has ever worked for them begin to work against them, in the name of Jesus.
47. Let them not have a clothe to cover their shame, in Jesus' name.
48. Let as, many of them as are stubbornly unrepentant be smitten by the sun in the day and by the moon at night, in the name of Jesus.
49. Let each step they take lead them to greater destruction, in the name of Jesus.
50. But as for me, let me dwell in the hollow of God's hand, in the name of Jesus.
51. Let the goodness and mercies of God now overwhelm me, in the name of Jesus.
52. I force feed witchcraft powers with their own blood, in the name of Jesus.
53. Every foundation of witchcraft in my household, be smashed by the Rock of ages, in the name of Jesus.

54. Every seat of witchcraft, receive the thunder fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
55. Every habitation of witchcraft, be scattered unto desolation, in the name of Jesus.
56. Every throne of witchcraft, be dismantled by fire, in the name of Jesus.
57. Every stronghold of witchcraft in my life, receive divine acid, in the name of Jesus.
58. Let the witchcraft network be shattered to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
59. Let their communication system be damaged by fire, in the name of Jesus.
60. Every stubborn and unrepentant witchcraft, be exposed and disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
61. Let their hiding place be dissolved by fire, in Jesus' name.
62. Let their transportation system scattered to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
63. I withdraw my blessings from every witchcraft storehouse and strongroom, in the name of Jesus.
64. Let every witchcraft curse go back to the sender seven fold; in the name of Jesus.
65. Every covenant of witchcraft, be melted by the blood of Jesus.
66. Every weapon of witchcraft, turn against your users, in the name of Jesus.
67. I reverse every witchcraft burial fashioned against me, in the name of Jesus.
68. I withdraw every organ of my body from any witchcraft altar, in the name of Jesus.
69. Every trap of witchcraft, catch your owners, in the name of Jesus.
70. Every witchcraft padlock fashioned against me, be roasted, in the name of Jesus.
71. I deliver my soul from every witchcraft bewitchment, in the name of Jesus.

72. Every damage done to my destiny by witchcraft, be reversed, in the name of Jesus.
73. Every witchcraft utterance and projections made against me, be overthrown, in the name of Jesus.
74. Any drop of my blood sucked by any witch, be vomitted now, in the name of Jesus.
75. I reverse the effect of every witchcraft summoning of my spirit, in the name of Jesus.
76. Every witchcraft identification mark, be wiped off by the blood of Jesus.
77. I frustrate every witchcraft exchange of my virtues, in the name of Jesus.
78. Anything planted in my life by witchcraft, come out now, in the name of Jesus.
79. Let each step taken by witchcraft against me lead them to greater destruction, in the name of Jesus.
80. I declare my environment and my house no-flying zone for witchcraft birds, in the name of Jesus.
81. I cut off the roots of witchcraft in the water, in the name of Jesus.
82. Anything deposited in my life by marine witchcraft, come out now, in the name of Jesus.
83. Anything deposited in my life by household witchcraft. come out now, in the name of Jesus.

DEALING WITH THE HEAVENLIES

- **Praise worship**
- **Confession: Obad. 1:3–4:** The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

1. I take authority over this year, in the name of Jesus.
2. I decree that all the elements of this year will cooperate with me, in the name of Jesus.
3. I decree that these elemental forces will refuse to cooperate with my enemies this year, in the name of Jesus.
4. I speak unto the sun, the moon and the stars,. they will not smite me and my family this year, in the name of Jesus.
5. I pull down every negative energy planning to operate against my life this year, in the name of Jesus.
6. I confess that this is the year the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it, in the name of Jesus.
7. I dismantle any power that is uttering incantations to capture this year, in the name of Jesus.
8. I render such incantations and Satanic prayer null and void over me and my family, in the name of Jesus
9. I retrieve this year out of their hands, in the name of Jesus.
10. Spirits of favour, counsel, might and power, come upon me, in the name of Jesus.
11. I shall excell this year and nothing shall defile me, in the name of Jesus.
12. I shall poses the gates of my enemies this year, in the name of Jesus.
13. The Lord shall anoint me with the oil of gladness above my fellows this year, in the name of Jesus.
14. The fire of the enemy will not burn me and my family this year, in the name of Jesus.
15. My ears shall hear good news and I shall not hear the voice of the enemy, in the name of Jesus.

16. My life and the lives of the members of my family are secured in Christ, in the name of Jesus.
17. Let every satanic check-point mounted against me in the heavenlies be dismantled by the word of the Lord.
18. Every evil altar prepared against my breakthroughs in the heavenlies, and in the sea, be dismantled by fire, in the name of Jesus.
19. Every arrangement that sorceries and witches have prepared against me, be overthrown, in the name of Jesus.
20. Any evil thing programmed into the sun and moon against my life, be dismantled, in the name of Jesus.
21. Your spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies militating against my star, I bring the hook of the Lord against you and frustrate your activities, in the name of Jesus.
22. I receive open heavens for my life this year, in the name of Jesus.
23. I take divine insurance against all forms of accident and tragedy, in the name of Jesus.
24. I send lightening, thunder and the hook of the Lord against the evil queen in the heavenlies militating against me, in the name of Jesus.
25. Every evil spiritual-equation programmed against my life, I command you to change, in the name of Jesus.
26. I speak unto my umbilical gate to overthrow every negative parental spirit, in the name of Jesus.
27. I break the yoke of any evil spirit having access to any organ in my body, in the name of Jesus.
28. I speak unto the headquarters of evil programmers and blow up their altars, in the name of Jesus.
29. Any evil thing written in the cycle of the moon against me, be blotted out, in the name of Jesus.
30. I command the careful siege of the enemy against my life to be dismantled, in the name of Jesus.
31. I come by faith to mount Zion, and I command deliverance upon my life, in the name of Jesus.

32. I file a counter report in heaven against any dark spirit militating against me, in the name of Jesus.
33. I bring the blood of Jesus over the stubborn pursuer that does not want me to go, in the name of Jesus.
34. I bring the blood of Jesus over every evidence that can be tendered by wicked spirit against me, in the name of Jesus.
35. I announce to the heavenlies that I am married to Jesus.
36. Every evil handwriting engraved by demonic iron pen against me, be wiped off by the blood of Jesus.

DESTRUCTION OF EVIL CALDRONS (POT)

- **Praise and Worship**
- **Confession Ezek. 11:3,7:** Which say, It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh . . . Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

Micah 3:3: Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

1. Praise the Lord for the power in His name at which every knee must bow.
2. Every wicked pot cooking my affairs, be roasted, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every witchcraft pot working against me, I bring the judgement of God against you, in the name of Jesus.
4. My place of birth will not be my caldron, in Jesus' name.
5. This city where I live, will not be my caldron, in Jesus' name.

6. Every pot of darkness seated against my life, be destroyed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
7. I command every witchcraft pot using remote control against my health to be broken into pieces, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every power calling my name into any caldrons, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every caldron making noise against me and monitoring my life, disintegrate, in the name of Jesus.
10. Every power cooking my progress in an evil pot, receive the fire of judgement, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every satanic programme emanating from the caldron of darkness. be reversed, in the name of Jesus.
12. Any evil fire boiling any satanic programme in my life, be quenched, in the name of Jesus.
13. The counsel of the wicked against my life in this city shall not stand and I command them to perish, in Jesus' name.
14. Let the counsel of God for my life prosper, in Jesus' name.
15. Every power cooking my flesh and my health in any evil caldron, receive the fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
16. Every evil bird of satanic programme emanating from any caldron of darkness, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
17. Every pot cooking my affairs, the Lord rebuke you, in the name of Jesus.
18. I rebuke the spell of any witchcraft pot from my neck, in the name of Jesus.
19. I break every witchcraft pot over my life, in the name of Jesus.
20. Let every evil pot hunt their owners, in the name of Jesus.
21. Mention the names of the items listed below one by one and pray in this format: I release my life from your caldron, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- blood hunters
- eaters of flesh and drinkers of blood
- household witchcraft
- star hunters
- mischief planners
- blood polluters
- envious witchcraft
- destiny killers
- health destroyers
- priests operating on evil altars

22. Every evil caldron or pot, be judged from heaven, in the name of Jesus.
23. No evil caldron will cook up my life, in the name of Jesus.
24. Every council of witchcraft working against me will not prosper, in the name of Jesus.
25. Every agreement with satan over my life, I cancel you now, in the name of Jesus.
26. Every astral projection against me, I frustrate you, in the name of Jesus.
27. I disentangle myself and my family from every witchcraft cage and pot, in the name of Jesus.
29. Every enemy that will not let go easily. I bring the judgement of death against you, in the name of Jesus.
29. This year, my blessings will not sink, in the name of Jesus.
30. Let the spirit of salvation fall upon my family, in the name of Jesus.

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