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# CHAPTER 1

## BORN GREAT, BUT TIED DOWN

**God** has an agenda for your life. With this divine agenda you are supposed to fulfill your destiny. However, it is possible for a glorious destiny to be buried or forgotten. Many great men and women are tied down. Their glory has accumulated dust, their stars are dim and they are lying down in the valley of dry bones.

This book is out because God wants to cut off every rope used to tie you down and release you. He wants to make you rise up from the dust and fly like an eagle.

Divine agenda requires divine positioning and this will cause a personal transformation in your life. It will therefore be better for you to position yourself in prayers. The moment you are correctly positioned through prayer, you are on the highway of greatness. I want you to take the following prayer points in readiness for divine positioning for greatness.

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Power of the grave, power of death, get out of my way right now, in the name of Jesus.
2. You harassment in the dream, you shall not stand, you shall not come to pass, in the name of Jesus.
3. Arrows of tragedy. arrows of untimely death, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.

4. Every spiritual coffin, constructed for my sake, roast, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every witchcraft poison, deposited into my body, die, in the name of Jesus.
6. Any problem planted into my life through my dreams, die, in the name of Jesus.
7. I shall not be demoted, I shall go from glory to glory, in the name of Jesus.
8. I, \_ \_ \_ (mention your name), this is my seasons of testimonies, in the name of Jesus.
9. You habitation of darkness, hear me and hear me well, my time has come, in the name of Jesus.
10. I command my hidden glory to manifest by fire, in the name of Jesus.

A lot of people who are born great are living under chains and fetters of iron today. Let us go through the book of Mark 11: 1-10.

Mark 11: 1-10: And when they came nigh to Jerusalem. unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied. whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. [4] And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them. What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. [8] And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest

A good number of deep truths can be found in the passage which we just read. These are outlined thus:

## **DESTINED FOR GREATNESS**

The first point is that no matter how bad and terrible one's present situation might be, it does not dictate such person's future. Your present crisis does not imply that you are bound to have a hopeless future. Any ugly situation confronting you now, cannot set any limit on your future. Also understand this beloved, that the fact that chains are tied around you does not mean that there is no hope for a better tomorrow. You must therefore break every yoke if you want to enjoy your future.

Let us look at the story of the donkey that was destined for greatness: Although, the Lord was supposed to ride on it, but it was tied down all the while. A lot of people might think the end had come for the donkey as its journey did not go beyond the circumference of the rope used to tie it. The donkey notwithstanding its former state, experienced a turn around and became free.

The story of so many people today can be likened to the story of the donkey in Mark 11. This passage makes it clear that a lot of people are destined for greatness but they are severely limited at the present. But unfortunately there is monumental ignorance in the church on how to deal with demonic shackles.

Jesus looked at the woman whose back was bent and declared that her problem was as a result of spiritual bondage. Jesus saw that she was chained but the people could not see her chained physically. My prayer is that every invisible chain used to tie God's people shall be broken asunder in the name of Jesus.

## **CHAINS AND SHACKLES**



The point I am making here is that you might be dreaming of the great heights God wants to take you to, but all the things you find around you are ugly chains and shackles. This is the second point.

The truth of the matter is that the final verdict about your future will not be based on the present chains and fetters that limit you. Rather, your future lies in the hands of God. He who has planned great things for you is greater than the forces behind the chains and shackles that bind you. He who had purposed greatness for your life is stronger than the forces who chained you. He who has destined you to be great is greater than all the witches in the world.

## **DISGRACING PROTESTING POWERS**

Some people were setting a watch over the donkey and immediately the people sent by Jesus to loose the donkey came they protested "Why are you loosing the donkey?"

A lot of us face terrible attacks whenever we pray fervent prayers. The moment those who want to see you remain in bondage sense that you are about being set free they react violently. These are spiritual watchers or guardian spirits keeping watch over their victims. I pray that such spiritual watchers shall be blinded in the name of Jesus Christ They queried those who come to set the donkey free just as they query those who come for deliverance prayers.

Some years ago I prayed for a sister. When she got home that night she dreamt and found herself in a big palace where a big king resided with all kinds of human beings. The king then pointed to the sister and said "You! Who asked you to go to that kind of place for prayer? Why did you go to such a place?" the king continued. The king further said; "If you dare go to such a place again, I will blot out your dream life." Then the sister awoke from her dream.

The following day was the prayer meeting day and the sister came for the prayer meeting again. To the amazement of this sister, she noticed that from that day she could no longer remember her dreams again. There are lots of demonic watchers or guardian spirits that protest anytime breakthroughs are about taking place. Your fervent prayers will advertise the obituaries of these spirits today, in the name of Jesus.

A sister was in a serious trouble somewhere in one of the developed countries. The white doctors called her and told her that, her condition was helpless. She was advised to continue to manage the problem as there were no medical solutions they could offer her.

In one of our foreign crusades abroad, this lady came to me for counselling and prayer. I told her that the only way out for her was to get to the MFM Prayer City in Lagos. Before 10.00 p.m. that day, she got to the plane on her way to Nigeria. In fact, she got there before I did and she started praying.

It was about half way into the prayer service that her mother called the husband to ask after the whereabouts of her daughter. The husband wanted to keep her journey to Nigeria secret. He said, "she is around the neighbourhood." The mother said, "No! you are telling me lies. She had gone to a stronger herbalist. She is presently before a powerful herbalist." There was a protest but she received her breakthroughs. Every power protesting against your breakthrough shall be disgraced too, in the name of Jesus.

Let us continue with our reflections on the donkey:

## **SATANIC PROTECTION**

Although, the donkey was not totally bound, its freedom was limited or curtailed. Jesus said, "If the son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" Limited freedom is not freedom indeed. This is not the kind of freedom Jesus promised. Though the donkey was partially free it was limited in movement and there were people watching over it

Perhaps someone was looking after you when you went for satanic fortification so that you would not be killed. Such kind of care or protection from the devil. has brought severe limitations and setbacks into the lives of the beneficiaries of such satanic care or protection.

Several people are under satanic yoke because satan still claims ownership of such people for the protection he once offered them. Satanic powers are claiming ownership over so many people just as some people claimed ownership over that donkey. Many of these spirits remains hidden until an important thing such as breakthrough is about to erupt in the life of the persons whom they held captive. When God is about to perform a miracle in the victim's life, they come up with a battle or protest

## **SATANIC EMISSARIES**

Another important lesson from this passage is that satan often sends his agents to people to destroy such people. For example, satan sent Portiphar's wife to Joseph. Satan sent Delilah to Samson to decrease and to destroy him. May the Lord separate the portion of satanic messengers from yours in the name of Jesus.

## **DIVINE CONNECTION**

Another crucial lesson which you need to learn is that you must be quick to recognise God's agents of increase and multiplication sent across your way to add to your life and to multiply you. For example, those who went to set the donkey free came to add to the donkey's life; they came to multiply and increase it. Elisha also added and increased the life of the Shunnamite woman. Also Ananias who went to pray for Saul added to the life of Saul and increased him.

The house maid who advised Naaman to go to the prophet in Samaria added to and increased the life of Naaman. The little maid was God's agent

of increase and multiplication for Naaman.

There are certain people who are destined by God to cross your path in a certain way at certain points in your life. Such people will affect you positively for eternity but, if you miss them, your life would have missed a vital touch. And here is where the enemy is attacking many people. I pray that the angels of blessing God have sent to you will not be chased away by your lifestyle or character, in the name of Jesus.

We can also deduce from this passage that God has commissioned His agents to release you into glory. You must pray not to miss them. Understand this, that no darkness can hide you from the eyes of God. In the multitude of some six billion people on earth, God knows where to find you. There are so many donkeys in the world, yet Jesus located that particular donkey.

## **KNOW YOUR ENEMIES**

Presently, there may be several guardian spirits of yoke and captivity that are surrounding you but you will hear a specific word from the Lord like the one heard by the donkey. There are things and spirits we should get violently angry with. When we pray against enemies, many do not understand us. Many even tell us that they do not have any enemy. This is ignorance on parade!

Who is an enemy? It is any power, spirit, force working against the fulfilment of God purpose for your life. Who is the enemy? It is any power that disturbs the assignment of God for your life. It is the power that sabotages the God given assignment for your life.

How can we recognise an enemy? When there is any power that hates your desire to attain greatness. Who is an enemy? It is any power that is unhappy about your progress. An enemy is any power or personality that strengthens those things that God desires to remove from your life. Who is an enemy? It is the spirit that increases your doubt and diminishes your faith in God.

Who is an enemy? An enemy is any evil laid down for you by your late ancestors. It would be a disaster to say "I don't want to pray against my enemies, I just want to pray for them." Would you pray for the evil foundation of your father's house to remain in place?

Who is an enemy? Satan is our eternal enemy. Who is an enemy? It is any power that has vowed that instead of you to progress, it would rather die. The first initial step to shame your enemy is to surrender your life to Jesus. This is a very crucial and critical step to be taken.

## **AGGRESSIVE PRAYERS**

The next thing to do is to exhibit holy anger. That holy anger should propel you to do violent praying. With such violent prayers, things would begin to happen. The scripture says "From the days of John the Baptist, until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent taketh it by force."

There is a Christian proverb in Nigeria. It says "pass me not oh gentle Saviour; is not a gentle man's prayer." In the kingdom of heaven there is no room for gentle people. A gentle man cannot exercise force or violence to obtain something. A gentleman prays gentle prayers and gentle prayers will not get you anywhere. You must be violent as you battle enemies that are sponsored by the devil.

# CHAPTER 2

## PIGS IN THE TEMPLE

***There*** are certain things you must do if you must fulfill your destiny. If God has mapped out a glorious destiny for you, you must frustrate every attempt at destroying such destiny.

One of the most disheartening situations in life is when those who are supposed to live as princes and princesses are living as slaves and beggars. We have heard the story of the prodigal son expounded time and again. However, we are yet to explore the spiritual meaning of the steps taken by this son to tend pigs and desire their food. There are lots of things to learn from the prodigal's degradation.

To prepare yourself for the teaching expounded in this chapter, pray the prayer point below.

*Oh thou that troubleth my Israel, the God of Elijah shall trouble you today, in the name of Jesus.*

Let us now examine the familiar story of the prodigal son in Luke 15: 11-13.

Luke 15:11-13: And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father. Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country. and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

Here we are told of a journey into a far country. My prayer is that those who have gone to satanic far country shall be brought back in the

name Jesus.

The younger son went to a far country where he could not be monitored and there he wasted his substance with riotous living.

Let us read through Luke 15: 13-19.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said. How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

## **THE POWER OF THE TRUTH**

Let me tell you something here about the truth. You will loose every battle you fight against the truth. The truth is always very stubborn and it can never die. And whenever the truth is present, you can be sure that God is there. The Bible says; "They that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth." It is a lie that is always afraid of an examination the truth will always call for such examination.

If you desire to go far with God, you should take particular note of this message. No matter how, the truth shall always prevail. The truth is always stubborn; If it is slammed down, it would not break. If truth is against you, you are contending with a stubborn enemy. Anytime the truth is blocking an individual's way, it means that such an individual is heading towards a wrong direction.

Several people come to the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries with good intention; to be used by God as His instruments for this generation. The Lord has called and chosen them as prophets and evangelists for this generation. Unfortunately they are wrestling against the truth. This message may be the last warning to such people. God may soon treat them as He treated Jonah.

When the truth is crushed, it will surface again. If the truth is ignored, this does not kill it. A proverb in the western part of Nigeria goes thus: "No matter how far and fast a lie has travelled, truth will overtake it in a moment"

The beauty of the truth is that it never dies, it will always rise again.

## **THE PIG CULTURE**

There is a serious trouble in the sanctuary of God. Many are flocking into the temple, but the "traders" of their lives still remain in them. The temple of their lives is still occupied with one evil spirit or the other. The most serious one that is becoming epidemic now, is the appearance of several pigs in the temple of the Almighty.

Why is this so? A lot of people in the house of God are behaving like pigs. What is the culture of the pig?

The pig is a very dirty and gluttonous animal. It appears as if pigs have a covenant with very dirty things. If a pig is drawn away from the gutters, very soon it would be back to it. The pig will mess up anywhere and at any time. Pigs can feed on anything and anyhow. Pigs can feed on dead bodies including dead bodies of human beings.

The truth of it is that a pig is only a pig from the heart. If a pig is washed up and dressed in a suit and perfumed, it will not take long before it goes back to its dirty life. It will soon go back to where it belongs. What makes a pig therefore is never the skin but its heart.



When Jesus entered into the temple in those days. He exhibited holy anger against the merchandise that was going on in the temple. He took a whip and chased out those who were buying and selling in the temple of the living God.

Now, we do not have such kind of temple as it was in Jesus days. The present-day temple is that of our heart. For the Bible says "We are the temple of the living God." If Jesus is not allowed to purge our temples, several sellers or traders will be harboured in the temples of our hearts. And this will result into serious troubles.

If you fall into trouble with the devil or the devil is harassing your life, someone with God's anointing can rebuke the devil and cast out the demon with the word of authority and the demon will take a leave. But if you ever get into trouble with God, you have a great problem.

## **EVIL INFLUENCE**

If you stay long enough with someone, you will soon imbibe some of the person's characteristics. The Bible says, "Evil communication corrupts good manners." But such evil communications corrupt in a gradual way.

There was a story of a woman, whose friend became suddenly wealthy. She bought an expensive car and completed her house. She was living in an abject poverty before this sudden jump into wealth. This woman was very interested to know the secret of her friend's wealth. She made enquiries to know the secret of her friend's quick financial success and decided to better her lot, too.

After much demonstrating persistence, her friend introduced her to a fetish priest who was living at the outskirts of Lagos. The herbalist demanded for some things including a life goal. He informed her that other things would be demanded from her too. The woman agreed without even asking from the fetish priest what the other things would be. When this woman got home, money started coming in for her mysteriously.

One day, her first-born fell down and he started holding his throat and was rolling on the floor. The boy said, he saw a fetish priest lying a rope on his neck and dragging him away. The woman quickly ran to her friend who introduced her to the fetish priest to explain her ordeal. To her amazement, her friend just took the incident lightly and said "That is the second price to be paid as the herbalist told you." She further explained that the same thing happened to her own firstborn.

The woman screamed saying that she was no longer interested in the money. They went back to the fetish priest who presented series of sacrifices to be made on behalf of the dying child. And, although sacrifices were made for the child he never recovered fully. So, the word of scripture, which says, "evil communication corrupts good manners is true. If you live long with something or somebody, you would soon be exhibiting the nature of that thing or that person.

The Bible says;

Proverbs 22:24: Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

If you start walking with an angry person, you will soon start losing your temper too.

## **HUNGER FOR FILTH**

The story of the prodigal son is a sad one. The son was previously staying with his father in the house but gradually, he retrogressed into a lifestyle of a pig. He started craving for the food of the pigs because he lived with them.

How did he become a pig? By eating the food that belongs to a pig and by developing an appetite for the culture and the mannerisms of pigs.

How did it start? It all began when he started associating himself with pigs; keeping company with them and living on their food. Soon he was

living on pigs' food.

The foods of pigs were no longer new to him. His intestine got adjusted to the type of food eaten by pigs. He had become a pig not from the outside but from the inside. The person who makes friendship with pigs will eat pigs' food, sooner or later.

All pigs do not go on four legs. The human-pig walks on two legs. A good number of two legged-pigs have invaded the temple of the Almighty. It is not the skin that makes a pig but the heart.

As far as the Bible is concerned, pigs are unclean. The Bible even forbids the eating of pigs. Pigs are fierce and have ugly habits as one of their characteristics.

What kind of people can be referred to as pigs in the temple of the Almighty? Who are those with abominable creatures in the temples of their lives? And if all these abominable creatures possess you, will God use you?

When somebody has holy look but lives a dirty life, such is a pig in the temple. Yes! They look holy outside but their dirty lifestyles can be embarrassing! When someone has a prayerful mouth but dirty mind - such is a pig in the temple. When someone has a prayerful mouth but weak mind such that when they see dirt, they will not refuse it then such people are pigs in the temple. When someone claims to be born again, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost yet there is character disorder noticeable in him, such is not far from a pig in the temple.

It is a thing of shame these days, to find believers arrested and taken to the police station. I have seen such kind of situation where police officers asked the people arrested to name their denominations. To my surprise, almost all of them came from popular Pentecostal churches. What brought them to police custody? Breaching of business contracts! There are all pigs in God's temple.

## **CHARACTERISTICS OF PIGS**

👉 A so-called believer with a gentle look but has a gluttonous heart is a pig in God's temple.

There are some self-proclaimed gospel workers. They claim that they are working for God but heaven does not reckon with them any longer. God has already declared their posts vacant at heaven's notice board - these are pigs in God's temple.

👉 When someone is full of activities in the church but he is filled with dirty thoughts.

👉 When a man or a woman is handsome or beautiful outside but is a wolf inside.

👉 When you see somebody with a humble look but very proud heart.

👉 When you see someone presenting unclean things before God, such is a pig in the sanctuary.

👉 A believer who easily conforms to the world, or one who practices masturbation is a pig in the temple.

👉 Those who are filled with sexual thoughts and acts are pigs in God's sanctuary.

👉 Believers who are still moving with unbelievers are pigs.

These constitute those who have stayed long in God's house but whose characters remain unchanged.

👉 Those who cannot play with their stomachs, fasting is a punishment to them while absolute fasting is a either suicide or taboo are pigs in God's temple.

Such people cannot rise beyond their foundations. And no matter what message they hear, they will always go back to their old ways.

If someone has a lot of strangers in the temple of his life and cries unto God to fight a particular battle in his life, God will never answer, because of the presence of abominable creatures in the heart.

## **EVIL TRADERS**

It is very unfortunate that such people with "strangers" in the hearts are the ones that pray the most, saying, "Every witchcraft power, fall down and die." If God were to really answer the prayers of such people, they are the one to first fall down and die! Because they themselves are witches.

Pigs will always lose in the battles of life. They will never be able to have effective victory over the battles of life. There are some other people who have dogs in their temples; they are sexually loose. Some have serpents in their God's sanctuary. Until these traders are dealt with, the glory of God will not be visible in such lives.

No matter how clean a glass of water is, a bit of faeces introduced into it will render the water impure. In the same way, little bits of uncleanness in the vessel that God wants to use will render it unusable.

If you fail to confront the "traders" in your life you will remain in the spiritual wilderness as far as God's purpose for your life is concerned.

To discover your physical and spiritual identity, to experience the restoration of the glory of the Lord into your life, the first thing is to deal with the nature of the pig in your life. Since these traders differ, you ought to ask yourself "What are the traders that are found in my life?" Anytime you get to the arena of your breakthrough, at the verge of victory or any time you are determined to possess your possessions, you will find the strangers saying "No! No! No! you cannot go because you have not resolved our cases"

## **ITCHING EARS**

When the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries started, there were some serious teachings such as this one, which we taught then. Those teachings helped a lot of people tremendously. People who are just identifying with this church have not heard most of these teachings. Many people do not even know the true vision of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries.

Some people sent some messages to me recently saying, "G. O. we like your church, we like to belong to the place, but the idea that we cannot use our make-ups and ear-rings, wear trousers as ladies do not go down well with us. If you remove those don'ts then all of us will be there and you will be surprised." I said, "No, we have a covenant with God and we have God's blue print. We cannot lower the standard. We have a God to please, a charge to keep and God's changeless word to uphold."

You may cut a tree to the level of the ground and you may think it is all over with the tree. You may be ignorant that you left the stump behind and you may even cement the ground. Very soon the cement will start to crack. The stump under concrete cement will let you know that it is still there; yet to be uprooted.

Such is the work of these strangers. When you cry unto God, "Lord, fill me with your Spirit," the stranger will respond, "No! You cannot ask for God's Spirit, we are still here." "Or, we will not pursue you but we will wait for you at the gates of your promised land. We will wait for you at the gate of your inheritance. We will wait for you at the gate of your promotion." These are common statements made by these strangers.

Do you wonder why after many prayers and hot sermons you have not entered into your breakthrough? The reason is, there are many pigs, dogs and or other strangers contending with you and contesting for your miracles. If you bar Jesus from gaining entrance into your heart in order to drive away those pigs and other strangers, then the temple shall be destroyed as Jerusalem was destroyed.

## **SALIENT QUESTIONS**

Do you reflect on spiritual things? Do you carry out self-examination? Do you take note of God's word and build your life on it? Have you sold off your birthright? Are you still satisfying your flesh?

Have selfish motives caught up with you? Is your Christianity fake? Has pride and lust overshadowed your life? Has indiscipline filled your life?

Perhaps you left your former husband and married another man as husband, the "traders" are waiting for you.

Do you owe and refuse to pay? Remember, the traders will be waiting for you at the edge of your promotion and breakthrough.

Maybe, you have aborted and you cleverly hid it away from people, the traders know this and they will be waiting for you.

Could it be that you are working with forged certificates? Nobody may know how you made your money but the traders are waiting for you.

Maybe you have slept with your sister, cousin or niece thinking that nobody knows about it - the "traders" know about it and they are waiting for you.

Are you a young girl who is very clever with the usage of contraceptives in school? Or you are a man who has 'secret children' outside your marriage - the traders are waiting for you.

## **GOD'S HEARTBEAT**

The traders may be silent now but, when you are at the edge of a promotion and unlimited breakthrough, and you want to enter in, then they will say, "No, you cannot enter."

At the gate of your promised land the 'traders' will scream saying that you have not settled them and so you cannot enter into your blessings. I want you to realise this that for God to conquer your external enemies, He must first of all conquer you. God will not allow you to conquer your external enemies until you have allowed Him to conquer you.

How can a believer be struggling with a particular sin for years and because of this sin, his destiny is put on the shelf or because of this, God has refused to promote him. Won't you cry unto God before He starts to treat you like Jonah? This is the time for you to cry to God for an internal surgery.

This is a personal matter. It reveals the heart cry of the Lord. There are so many people who are behind their divine schedules. Many are still running after wrong things. Many are writing examination that God did not ask them to write. Many are becoming experts in what God did not ask them to get involved in. It is time you pray until something happens. It is time to pray that heaven should come down and that the glory of God should fill your soul.

When heaven comes down upon you, the anointing of God descends on you. The first thing that will happen is that your personal yoke will be broken and then you can go forward and help others. A lot of people are under serious bondage or yoke. Many people are doing unprintable things. They need the heaven to come down upon them.

## **EVIL TRADERS MUST GO**

I remember some years ago, a man came to the church to make a confession. He said that, after he was tired of committing fornication with prostitutes, he went to the market to buy a duck which he was committing fornication with!

If you desire to be used by God you need cleansing and pruning. God loves you. He wants to use you. But that is why He cannot tolerate any form of defilement from you. You ought to succumb to God's discipline. If you



fall short of God's requirement. He may use you for sometime and then throw you away.

Some of the bad dreams that trouble you are indications of the fact that you have inward traders to deal with.

When traders are dealt with, God's power will come even without much prayers.

God is looking for people whose hearts are free from the presence of traders. If God calls you a prophet and you end up becoming a parrot, that does not fulfill the purpose of God. If God created you to be a giant or a champion in your generation and you are picking marbles or playing games, you are walking opposite the direction of your destiny.

## **WHAT DO YOU DO?**

👉 First ask God for forgiveness for your mistakes of permitting traders in your life.

👉 Ask that God will purge you and expel traders from your heart.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

1. Anything planted within me that hinders God, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. My first shall not become the last, in the name of Jesus.
3. Oh Lord! Give me a second touch, in the name of Jesus.
4. My spirit life, catch revival fire, in the name of Jesus.
5. Blood of Jesus! Purge my heart.
6. My Father, in my dream tonight, appear to me, in the name of Jesus.



# CHAPTER 3

## THE DOMINION AGENDA

**You** can experience dominion over the enemy. Even if millions of enemies should decide to surround you, you can experience dominion over them. The dominion agenda is the same as walking in dominion. Let us examine the first mention of dominion in the Bible. This is in the book of Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Here, God gave man dominion.

### WHAT IS DOMINION?

- 👉 It means to have supreme authority.
- 👉 Dominion means to dominate, or to control by strength or by power.
- 👉 It means to prevail over situations.
- 👉 Dominion entails being able to command respect.
- 👉 Dominion means ability to have complete control.

It is important in these perilous times that as Christians, we must locate our position and we should be able to do what God wants us to do.

## LEVELS OF DOMINION

Dominion can be seen in three levels. The first level is the dominion which is experienced at the level of the waters; The Bible says let them have dominion over the fish of the sea.

The second level of dominion is dominion in the heavenlies. The same verse says let them have dominion over the fowl of the air.

And the last level is that of dominion over the earth. The Bible says, "Let them have dominion over all the earth."

Summarily, God wants us to have dominion in the water, in the heavenlies and over the earth. These three realms are the three strongholds that control man. The moment you are able to exercise dominion in these three levels you will become an overcomer in the true sense of the word.

**Genesis 27:40:** And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

A man remains a slave until he starts to exercise dominion. The above scripture shows that Jacob would continue serving his brother until he has possessed dominion. The Lord has really called us to be able to exercise dominion over all the power of the oppressors.

**Psalms 8:1-9:** O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest

him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air. and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

According to verse six God created man and gave him dominion over all the forces of nature. It is indeed terrible not to make good use of what one has.

## **LATENT POWER**

The prediction of the scriptures in Hosea 4:6 is been fulfilled "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". By the time we try to consider Christianity generally, especially the modern-day Christians, there are three forms of sickness that are prevalent among them. The first debase is negligence, the second sickness is laziness and the third is ignorance. As far as the Scripture is concerned a man's mountain is that of his ignorance. The enemy will continue to exercise control over you until you come to the realization of your spiritual identity.

I remember a Christian brother who was in serious distress. He was so worried about the crisis, which he was going through that he decided to go to a former friend of his.

Unfortunately the friend happened to be a chronic sinner. That friend took him to a witch doctor. When they got to the house of the witch doctor, the witch doctor called the friend of the brother aside. And said. "Why did you bring this kind of person here? We don't want this kind of person here. Please tell him to go away." The unbeliever said, "But this man needs help." The herbalist insisted, "Take him away we don't want this kind of person here."

The witchdoctor went straight to the Christian brother and said, "Sir, do not come here again, People like you never come to places like this. You

possess a great power within you. And there is enough power to deliver you from your problem from the place where you received the power within you.

Here was a brother who had resident in him power to exercise dominion over the enemy, but he refused to use the power given to him because he could not acknowledge the power. It took a fetish priest (an enemy of the gospel) to point out to him what Christ has freely given to him.

## **THE SIN OF DISOBEDIENCE**

Man lost his dominion power in the garden of Eden through the most popular sin in the world which is the sin of disobedience. The prevalent problem today is the problem of disobedience. The moment you start to disobey God, you will begin to derail. There is nothing like little disobedience Disobedience is the same anywhere. If you refuse the voice of the Lord in any area in which the Lord has instructed you, you will begin to sink. It is when your obedience is complete that you would be able to stand against evil forces and overcome them.

## **HOW TO EXERCISE DOMINION**

Authority comes from above. If you do not submit yourself to the authority of God, you cannot command the lower creatures to listen to you. A sister had a dream. In the dream she saw some dark, small creatures coming to her in the dream. The sister said, "I bind you demons, in the name of Jesus, get out."

These small demonic creatures started to laugh until they fell to the floor. They said, "If everybody is casting out demons is it you who will cast us out?"

The demons continued, "You? Do you want to cast us out? Are you not part of us?"

That dream changed the life of the sister. She began to equip herself spiritually, she took away the wig which she added to her hair, she abandoned all the dangerous dresses she put on, and started to live the life of holiness within and without. She obeyed the Lord to the letter and began to exercise dominion.

## **COMPLETE DOMINION**

Are you living in any form of disobedience? By such acts of disobedience, you are strengthening your enemies. At the instance of disobedience in the garden of Eden man lost dominion. That form of disobedience was followed by other sins like the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, carelessness, seeking for worldly wisdom, love for food, etc. Even up till now, the gods of many people is still their belly. Adam was enjoying physical, material and spiritual eternal life in Eden, but man lost so much in that garden because of the sin of disobedience.

Adam also enjoyed communion with God, but through sin he lost it too. Adam enjoyed dominion over animals; through sin he lost that opportunity. Adam had dominion over everything he lost that too. Adam enjoyed freedom from satan but lost it. Adam enjoyed a perfect relationship with God but lost that privilege. He enjoyed perfect self - peace but missed it after. Adam had a right to the tree of life but he lost this right Adam enjoyed perfect health, this he also lost. Adam had a home called Eden, he lost it. Adam had God's glory he lost this, too, It is not surprising then that the Scriptures say all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

When the glory of God departed from man, he started searching for artificial make-up to replace the lost glory. It is not only that man is driven by the forces he is supposed to dominate, but other things like sin, sickness, disease, demons, death are now ruling over man. What man is supposed to rule over, now rule over man. What a pity? This is why we ought to go back to the message of dominion.

## REASONS FOR DOMINION

When all believers are able to exercise their dominion then we shall be able to control everything around us. Why do we need to have dominion? The following are the reasons.

☞ The enemy is a wicked enemy

We are contending against a very wicked enemy. Sometimes when you hear what the devil has done against many people it sounds unbelievable.

☞ The enemy is stubborn and reluctant.

☞ The enemy is very intelligent and sharp.

☞ The enemy releases information to its agents at a speed of lightening.

☞ The enemy can interfere with and disturb the deliverance process.

☞ The evil power tormenting a particular victim could report him to a bigger boss.

☞ Anyone who is a threat to satan will face very serious attacks.

☞ A lot of people are at various levels of satanic slavery.

The Lord wants us to have dominion. He wants us to be able to defeat the greatest enemy of man.

## THE SECOND ADAM



The situation of man has remained pathetic after the fall of Adam. It took the second Adam, Jesus Christ to come to rescue man and bring him back to God's original purpose for his life.

The first Adam received a technical knock out at the war front; the second Adam had to come to our rescue. The second Adam did a lot to recover our lost glory. He stripped himself of the glory of God and took the form of a servant; so that he might restore us back to God. God never wept but Jesus wept when he became a man. Jesus put on himself the likeness of man so as to restore the human race to the likeness of God. He became obedient even to the cross. He died because the sins which He carried separated Him from God. Jesus rose from the dead and then handed the key of dominion to all the redeemed. And he said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

## HOW TO RECOVER DOMINION

You might be asking, What do I do to recover my dominion? Here is the answer:

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

When you have successfully submitted to God, then you will resist devil and he will flee from you. The first thing required of you is total submission unto God.

## TOTAL SUBMISSION

What does it mean to submit to God? To submit to God means to be broken. It means to be disciplined. The Bible says that upon mount Zion there shall be deliverance and holiness and then the children of Jacob shall possess their possessions. It is when you mix deliverance and discipline

together that you will have dominion. But man's greatest problem today is lack of holiness and discipline.

A lot of people go for deliverance but they do not get delivered because they are not submissive to God. What does it mean to be submissive to God? It is to be broken. What does it mean to submit to God? It is for anger to have no root again in your life. What does it mean to submit to God? It is for you to die to the flesh and to allow Christ to continue to live in you.

For this teaching to bear fruit in your life, much prayers are needed to saturate your life and grant you dominion in every department of your life.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

1. Every power of disobedience in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. My head, reject defeat, in the name of Jesus.
3. I receive the key to dominion, in the name of Jesus.
4. I walk in dominion, by the power, in the blood of Jesus.
5. My father, give me the stones with which I will kill my Goliath, in the name of Jesus.

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