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BACKCOVER

Power To Recover Your Birthright

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CHAPTER ONE

Power To Recover Your Birthright

POWER OVER THE VAGABOND ANOINTING

This birthright belongs only to the first son, and that is why Esau was entitled to a double-portion of the inheritance. Unfortunately, he sold it for some pottage. If you pick an ant and say that it should be picking all the sand from the bar beach in Lagos, to Abuja one by one, by trekking, the day the ant succeeds in evacuating the whole of the sand, cannot be compared to eternity.

It is a tragedy for a person to use his life here on earth to destroy his eternity, even, if the person lives 150 years. Unfortunately, Esau sold his birthright; he exchanged his inheritance for a pot of pottage, which is a temporary thing. Anyone, who sells his birthright, for which Jesus Christ suffered and died, would be lost for ever. To trade this important thing for worldly things is sad indeed.

Sometime ago, a certain man offered me a Mercedes V-boot car. He smelled of adultery, and the chain on his neck was almost touching his bellybutton. I said,

"I am sorry, I don't want. The reason for a vehicle is for me to move from one place to the other. You are not born again, and broken, and you are giving me a Mercedes Benz car. The day I preach what you do not like, you would ask for your car. I prefer to tell the truth, without the car, than to have it, without being able to preach the truth. The day I see that your life changes and you are broken, I will take it from you, so that you can be blessed. But, if you are not broken and you are not a child of God, and I take things from you, I am a transgressor like yourself."

A birthright is the privileges you are entitled to, from birth. What is your spiritual birthright? They are spiritual and physical privileges you are entitled to, as a born again Christian. There are so many things attached to birthright. For example now, Esau was entitled to the following things as his birthright:

- 1. His family inheritance.
- 2. The ruling head of his family.
- 3. The right to collect his father's blessings first.
- 4. The spiritual leadership and priesthood of his family.
- 5. The best of all the family land.
- 6. A special providence meant for him alone.
- 7. A special party to the Abrahamic covenant.

Some years ago, we were at a crusade and people were divided into different groups, depending on their needs. There was a group for those, who were possessed by witchcraft spirits. There was another one for those, who were looking for employment. I was moving around. I got to the group of those possessed by witchcraft and familiar sprits, and found that many of them would qualify for Miss Nigeria, and some of the men, too, would qualify for models you see in magazines.

All of a sudden, one girl opened her mouth and vomited three birds: red, black and white. The birds were very ugly. The evangelist, who was conducting the meeting moved back, and pointed at me to do something about it. The girl, now pointed at a pastor in a far comer, who was calling

prayer points for those, who were experiencing failure at the edge of breakthrough, and said, "You see that one, he slept with me yesterday." I was shocked. I said, "Well, if he slept with you, what is the implication?" She said, "The prayer he is calling there are curses, because already I have polluted his life." This man of God had sold his birthright for a cheap price.

THE BIRTHRIGHT

It is a dangerous thing for you to have an important material, but fail to realise it. Before you give your life to Christ, God has attached some blessings to your life. When you now give your life to Jesus, more blessings are attached. Many do not know what it means to be born again. Being born again means, to be begotten from above. The reason many people are undergoing deliverance now is, because they are in trouble for selling cheaply, their birthright to their enemies.

There are sisters, who sell alcohol, attachment, jewellery and things that are Jezebelian in nature, because they are looking for money; may God have mercy on them, because they are trading their birthright cheaply. Many have sold their birthright to their enemies like the pastor I told you about, and they are busy rejoicing. The foolish man did not even know, that he had sold it just like Esau.

THE APPETITE

Esau's problem started with a small appetite. The appetite for food has destroyed many precious souls, that is why the Bible says, that the belly of some people is their god. The reason you find many churches in every comer is, because the belly of many people has become their God. If they can tell lies to one, or two people and get money from them, they are okay. I pray that your belly will not kill you, in the name of Jesus.

Stealing, or cheating to buy what you cannot afford, is selling your birthright. Why do you want to eat, what you cannot afford? It is better to die of hunger, than for you to sell your body, because of food. Many so-called believers do not want to leave their boyfriends, because they are

afraid of starvation. They are just selling their birthright. Have you sold your birthright, because of food? You better repent today.

Anyone, who sells his birthright, for which Jesus Christ suffered and died, would be lost for ever. To trade this important thing for worldly things is sad indeed. BOUND BY GRAVE CLOTHES

Although Lazarus was raised from dead, he was still bound. He experienced liberty, but not freedom...The grips of death upon his life had been broken, but he was still bound. It is a double tragedy, that many believers are still walking around with grave clothes on.

CHAPTER TWO

BOUND BY GRAVE CLOTHES

There are children of God who speak in tongues, but are still bound. They have their grave clothes on, like Lazarus. Jesus has set them free, but they are still in their grave clothes. This is the sad condition of many people today. A lot of Christians are still bound by their past failures, past sins, guilt and materialism.

Many believers are bound by traditions, that is why you see Christians going for chieftaincy titles and they allow evil people access to their heads, which are the symbols of their destiny.

Many believers are still bound by bad habits. Lazarus was alive, but constrained, he could see, but through a veil; he could hear, but not dearly. Why? He was still in grave clothes. Perhaps, you have been born again for years and you still cannot see, it means that something is blinding your spiritual eyes. You have to pray for the grave clothes to be pulled off. Remember, when Saul preached in a particular place, and the people fought and argued that he was speaking lies, he said, "I have one last thing to tell you before I leave.

In John 11, we see one of the most interesting stories in the Bible. The friend of Jesus had been sick. They called Jesus, but He did not show up, until four days after the man had died.

"Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go." John 11: 38-44

LOOSE HIM

Lazarus was raised from the dead by the power of God. Likewise, all that believe in Christ have been given a new life. They have been lifted out of the graveyard of sin and sorrow. Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." It means that he could not go, unless they loosed him. He could not go, because he was bound. Although Lazarus was raised from dead, he was still bound. He experienced liberty, but not freedom. Captivity was over, but he was still bound. The grips of death upon his life had been broken, but he was still bound. It is a double tragedy, that many believers are still walking around with grave clothes on.

Remember, that what is happening to you is what was written by the prophets, that "Behold, you wander and you perish, for it is written I will send my words unto them, but hearing they will hear but they will not understand, they will behold, but cannot see. Their heart is already hardened, so that my hands cannot deliver them, so that they can perish." With that, Paul concluded the sermon.

If you have read through the whole of the Bible, and decided to continue to be evil, a popular passage in the book of Revelation says, "Continue," and

if, you want to continue to do good, it says, "You may continue. But, behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, and my reward can be bad, or good, to give to every man, according to the works of his hands."

EVIDENCE OF GRAVE CLOTHES

Many people go to churches, where they do not understand the language, which their leaders speak. After the meetings, they come out, bring out their cigarettes and begin to smoke. As far as they are concerned, they are serving the Lord. That is bondage. Also, sex outside marriage is evidence, that a person is bound in grave clothes. A believer, who is working with a fake certificate is bound in grave clothes. Obtaining sick leave papers, when you are not sick is an indication, that you are in grave clothes. Sleeping and pretending to be pretending, is a sign of being in grave clothes.

If you are the worst of human beings, when you are angry, you are in grave clothes. Masturbation, chronic impatience, and constant fear are evidences, that there are grave clothes on. That is why Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." The Lord said the same thing to Pharaoh. Unforgiving spirit, sexual sins and failure to break all connections with the devil are evidences of grave clothes.

THE CARNAL NATURE

The truth is that the percentage of those, who are ready for the rapture is very little. Many people, who have seen visions of the rapture, but did not go up discovered that it was, as a result of grave clothes on them. Grave clothes can be in the form of hair and other body attachments.

A certain man was in a very big trouble. He was sacked from five jobs. When he could not feed his family again, his wife ran away, leaving him with three daughters. To worsen his sorrow, his first daughter became pregnant, while in form three. When he tried to beat her, she said, "Daddy, all the time I did not ask you for bus fare to school, where do you think the money I was using came from?" The man was very sad, so he cried unto the Lord in prayers.

He really cried to God, and you know God never rejects the cry from the heart. The Lord Jesus appeared to him, while he was praying. The man was very happy. He wanted the Lord Jesus to sympathise with him. He wanted the Lord to promote him, and give him deliverance from all his troubles. He wanted comfort, fairness and divine justice. But, to his amazement, the Lord pointed at him, and said, "Your problem is rooted in you, and not in the enemy."

The Lord told him, that was the hardest part of his Christian life. "You have not, even, agreed that you are your own problem. You are only deceiving yourself by blaming the devil. I am the Almighty. I am not struggling with the devil. I desire that your flesh must submit to me. I want to dethrone you from the centre of your life, and be your Lord, but you have not allowed me to do so.

"You must contend with this power of your flesh, which is hindering my work, and preventing me from doing, what I want to do in your life," the Lord said. The man was surprised, but for the first time he got the blunt truth, which they say, is sometimes very bitter.

You claim to be born again, but still keep complimentary cards of your former boyfriends, it means, that the grave clothes are still on. If not, why are you keeping them? Failure to confess every sin, envy, backbiting, and not yielding every are a of your life to God, are evidence of grave clothes.

If God is your lover and you believe the Bible, which says, that your Maker is your husband, you will not be in a hurry to get out from His presence. Rushing out of the service, without sharing the grace is evidence of grave clothes. Not having on the whole armour of God, means there are grave clothes on.

You see, the devil is not really the issue, as much as the power of the flesh. It is the flesh that is hanging grave clothes onto the body.

"For the flesh lust against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Galatians 5: 17

The flesh is fighting against the spirit, and the spirit is fighting against the flesh. Two of them are contrary, so that you cannot do the things you are supposed to do. Here, lies the secret of victory against any form of satanic attack. Here, lies the victory for you to make heaven, without anybody pulling you down. If a dry fast is declared for seven days in the church, what do you think will happen? Some people will protest loudly. Some would say, "Do you not know that we would go to work?" Some would say, "They want to kill people in this place." Others might say, "I have been telling you about that church. You see, now they want seven days dry fast." That is the power of flesh. They forget, that there is something called the bread of heaven. Once you eat that one, you lose the desire to eat the one that is here on earth.

THE FLESH

If for example, you go on three days dry fast, you find out that by the third day, even, if someone is abusing you, you are not able to talk too much. The secret of that is, that Mr. Flesh has been weakened. That is the value of fasting. It does not change God, it is you that has to change, because the flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit, too, lusts against the flesh. The two of them are always fighting. When you begin to starve one, say the flesh, your spirit man now becomes stronger. That is the value of fasting. You can pray with more concentration, with more fire, and, then, you get result.

The Greatest Enemy

The flesh is anything, that is not energised by the Holy Spirit, and is always fighting you ... To get rid of our grave clothes, the bottom-line is that God should rule our flesh.

CHAPTER THREE

The Greatest Enemy

Many of the problems we have as Individuals, are caused by Mr. Flesh, for example, inability to take the right decisions, plain disobedience to God, looseness with the opposite sex, emotional problems, bad thinking, boiling anger, *etc.* We must take responsibilities for our own lives. When you say, "Mr. Flesh, die," heavens will rejoice, and they will come to your aid. If you have not pointed your finger to yourself, and say: "It is you that annoyed me. You made me to say this, you made me to say that," you are not serious, yet. But, the day you point accusing finger to yourself, heaven will rejoice and will come to your aid.

CARNAL ENERGY

The flesh is anything, that is not energised by the Holy Spirit, and is always fighting you. You want to read your Bible, it says, "sleep." You want to pray and that would be when somebody annoys you, and you spend two hours fighting. You want to pray, and it is that time they bring a vampire movie, and you begin to watch. Many Christians engage in activities, not ordained by the Holy Spirit. To get rid of our grave clothes, the bottom-line is that God should rule our flesh. Do not deceive yourself. Do not think that the flesh will improve, it cannot improve. It is rotten to the core.

THE DOOR

The devil comes in, when we open the door to him, through our uncrucified flesh. Our toughest battle is not with the devil, it is with the flesh. The devil is continually looking for open doors, through which he can enter to attack us.

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." John 14: 30

There was no place in the flesh of Jesus, that the devil could have access to. Jesus was dead to Himself. He was dead to His own desires, and His own agenda.

The power of darkness operates the most powerful scanning machines. As you are now, they can see you clearly, in and out. They know, whether any part of them is in you. They know how strong you are; they know those, who are spiritual, and those, who are not. They know those, who pray in the morning before going out, they know those, who do not pray. They know those, who do their quiet time, and those, who do not. They know those, who are merely warming the benches in the church, who are not really serious with the Lord.

God has issued a death sentence on Mr. Flesh: "Dust thou art and unto the dust thou shall return." It is the spirit man inside you, that will return back to God. The flesh knows that it is not going to depart from the dust, and it wants to pull you along, if you allow it.

THE LURE OF COMPROMISE

They know those, who are in the church to look for good, obedient, submissive wives, and they know those, who are looking for very brilliant and rich husbands. They can detect the smallest compromise. They know the cleverly concealed sin. They know the evil habits, you are covering. That is why, the day of judgement would be very interesting. There are many things we do not know now, but on that day, everything will be made manifest.

Jesus made one statement: "That which was done under the bed shall be proclaimed on housetops." The person will be shouting it; he will have a megaphone and will be shout in it, and everybody will know what he has covered. Those things inside your heart, which the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit is saying, "Son this is not good, daughter this is bad," and you ignore His voice, those are the grave clothes. You have liberty, but not freedom.

How can a believer go and buy clothes on credit. And, then, she puts on the dress, and would not pass the front of the shop of the person, who sold the dress to her for fear of the person saying, "You see the dress that woman is wearing, she has not paid for it." It is the grave clothes. Why do not you wash the ones you have, keep them clean and wear them?

THE UNCRUCIFIED FLESH

The devil defeats Christians, who celebrate an uncrucified flesh. The devil defeats Christians, who leave the doors of their lives open to him. He is looking for houses in which to dwell. He is looking for landing spaces, and any area of a person's life can be his landing space, if you submit to him.

Mr. Flesh can completely paralyse the destiny of somebody, if he submits any part of his life to him. If you submit your hair, he will grab it, If you submit your head, he will grab it, if you submit your thought he will grab it. If you submit your marriage, he will grab it. If you submit your sex life, he will grab it. If you submit, even, ordinary fingernail, he will grab it. There are some people now, who have stopped cutting their fingernails, and they are as long as those of the vultures, and they have them painted up.

SATANIC LIPS

If you submit your lips to the enemy, he will grab it. The number of men of God, who hear from God clearly is reducing, because of polluted ears. If you submit your ears to the enemy, he will grab them. If you submit your mouth to the enemy, he will grab it. If you submit your job to him, he will grab it. If your kind of job requires, that you tell lies every time, you better look for another job, before you will end up in hell fire. Pray to God to provide you another job, where you will not be telling lies. If you submit your eyes to the enemy, he will use it. If you give him your ambition, he will use it. If you give him your certificate, he will use it. If you give him your voice, he will use it. Most of those singing worldly songs, that would send people to hell fire, were trained by the church, but they are now used by the devil.

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affection and lusts." Galatians 5: 24

If you find that the enemy is strengthening himself against you, the area to check is your flesh. The thief in you must die. The hypocrisy in you must die, and the iniquity in you must die, so that the Spirit of God can use your life, as He wants.

Some people buy and put on extra nails, and paint them with mermaid colours. Then, they start writing to us, that they need deliverance from spirit husbands. May be you do not know, just like physical men find some women very attractive, there are spirits that find some women very attractive. Those are the spirits, who go about at night violating women, and sexually harassing them. We should not make their job easy. Immediately, you are dressing to make their job easy, they will visit you.

The church is a house of God, a holy place, not a place you come, wearing transparent dresses. Or, you are a man, you open your shirt and show the chain you put on for all to see. If you come before God, you submit and humble yourself.

THE CRUCIFIXION

They that belong to Christ, must crucify the flesh with the attendant affection and lust. That is, if you do not belong to Christ, you can live your life the way you want. But, at the end of the day, you will arrive at the gate of life, and the gate-keeper will say, "We do not have your name here. You are our enemy. Get out, you worker of iniquity." You may say, "Well, I will be doing it little by little." The danger with little by little is, that you do not know the day the Lord will say, "Son, it is enough. Come home." What we are saying, is that Mr. death does not give you advance notice.

Somebody brought money to Peter, and said, "Take this money, and give me this gift so that whoever I pray for will receive the Holy Spirit, and will be speaking in tongues." Peter looked at him, and said, "Your money perish with you." That is, there was nothing in Peter that would respond to that sensation and temptation for money.

Peter allowed God to crucify that area in his life. But, this is the only area, where the flesh is on the throne in many lives. The Bible says, that we came to the world with nothing, and that we will go away with nothing. You came to the world fasting, and you will go back with an empty stomach. Why should you glue yourself to this sinking world, because you do not want to crucify the flesh?

WHERE THERE IS NO CONFIDENCE

The flesh is harder to deal with, than the devil ... You cannot bind your own flesh. The flesh is the harder problem, it needs to be crucified. Selfcentredness, lack of discipliner boasting and stubbornness are nothing more than the flesh refusing to submit to the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER FOUR

WHERE THERE IS NO CONFIDENCE

"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Philippians 3:3

There should be no confidence in the flesh, for the flesh is dangerous, and has no mercy. The flesh is harder to deal with, than the devil.

You cannot bind your own flesh. The flesh is the harder problem, it needs to be crucified. Self-centredness, lack of discipline, boasting and stubbornness are nothing more than the flesh refusing to submit to the Holy Spirit. Many churchgoers are very stubborn. A stubborn person will say, "I will do it in my own way." But, the Bible says, "Woe unto those that are at ease in Zion." It also says, "If you walk with footmen and you are weary, what will you do, when you are asked to walk with the horsemen?"

NO CONFIDENCE

It is the footmen that are around now, but eventually, they will go and the horse riders will come in, and things will get worse, because that is what the Bible says. Evil men shall wax stronger and stronger and peace will disappear, unless we welcome the Prince of Peace and the Lord of lords.

Everyday, we come across people, who are trying to train Mr. Flesh more and more. They want to train Mr. Flesh not to overeat. They want to train their minds to think right, but they cannot train the flesh, because the Bible says, "Those that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, they that are after the spirit do mind the things of the spirit." The flesh cannot please God. It cannot, because it is in enmity with God. It is in contention with the Spirit of God, and cannot fight the spiritual battle, which we do everyday.

Our most difficult problem is facing ourselves. In 1979, one brother prayed, and said, that one sister was his wife. The pastor invited him and the sister, and said to the sister: "This brother has prayed, and he says you are his God's chosen wife." The lady looked at the pastor, looked at the brother from head to toe, and said, "Sorry, pastor, this one that is sitting down beside you, cannot carry my load." The pastor said, "Which load are you carrying that this person cannot help you to offload." She said, "Pastor, that is my decision. That is what I want to do, and that is it." This is year 2011, and that sister is still looking for somebody, to help her carry that load.

HOW DO WE OVERCOME THE FLESH?

1. Bring the flesh under subjection. We are to make the flesh a slave to God.

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. "1 Corinthians 9: 27

The Bible says, that no man can serve two masters. You cannot walk down two roads at the same time. You cannot walk in the way of holiness and in the way of sin.

You have to put the flesh under subjection. What does it mean to bring it under subjection? Ignore its advice and suggestions. Tell it all the time, that you are the chairman, so it has to take your own instructions. When it says, "Go and do this," you disobey and do the opposite. When it says, "Can't you notice that, when this one is passing, she does not greet anybody, so any time she is coming just carry your face away," you should now do the opposite. You greet the person very well.

2. Put off the old man, and put on the new man.

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." Ephesians 4: 22

3. Regard the flesh crucified, and remind it everyday that it is already dead.

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit." Galatians 5:2425

Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, yet I live, but I live now the life of Jesus, Son of God who died for me." The old Paul had been dead many years ago, the new Paul was walking along the street, then. It was the old Paul that a serpent could bite and he would die, but the crucified one could not die like that.

4. Leave no place for the flesh.

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof" Romans 13:14

Do not make provision for the flesh. When you plan to buy extra clothes, that you do not need, when you plan to buy extra food you will not eat, when you plan to watch a video film, that you know will bring lust into your life, when you are meditating on what to say to hurt another person, then, you are making provisions for the flesh.

Make life hard for the flesh. When next it says, "Do not greet so and so," go and buy a gift, look for the person, greet the person and give him the gift. When you do that, you are killing Mr. Flesh. You are not giving it

provision to operate. When you, a single girl, follows a man you do not know, to somewhere; when you, a woman asks for lift from an unknown man, you are making provision to cause trouble for yourself.

You know that you used to be a palm wine drinker. Now you are born again, do not accompany anybody to the place again, so that the smell would not enter into your spirit. If you go there, it means you are making provision to commit sin again. That is what Romans 13:14 says: "Put off the coat of the old man and put on the coat of the new man". You cannot put on two coats at the same time. So, the old man must go, and the new man must come in. If your Christianity has not got to the level, where somebody says, "Ah, he has changed," you are still a joker.

5. Deny the flesh. Jesus said, if any person would come after Him, let the person deny himself, and take his cross and follow Him.

"If any man or woman will be my disciple let him first deny himself and then follow me." Matthew 16:14

This means, that you have to put Mr. Flesh on the shelf. Whatever you have, put it aside. Put your pride aside. If Mr. Flesh says, "They have insulted you, charge at them," you should say, "No, I will not. I have been nailed to the cross."

6. Modify your members.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ, sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members, which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Colossians 3: 1-5 If you do not mortify the members of your flesh, you are an idol worshipper. You have to focus on what God has already done for us on the cross.

7. Live an exchanged life. You should put one life down and take another. According to Galatians 2: 20, the new life is to replace the old one. You can not be doing two things at a time.

8. The people the devil fears most are those, who have crucified the flesh. He knows, he cannot find any entrance in them.

When you are moving close to solution, and you see your sad condition, you have started making progress. The day a mad man begins to ask questions, like: "Why am I wearing these clothes? What am I doing here? Why are you all starring at me?", his solution has started. But, when the mad man has dirty clothes on, and says, "Give me iron, I want to iron them," then, solution is not insight, yet.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh God, break me, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Oh God, kill the iniquity in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. Every hindrance to open doors in my life, give way by fire, *in* the name of Jesus.
- 4. Spiritual blindness, clear out of my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. Where others are failing, I shall succeed by fire, in the name of Jesus.

You should now pray like John Knox. The same God who answered his prayer, and made it impossible for demons and host of hell to paralyse his destiny, is still alive.

Overthrowing The Enemy's Kingdom

A believer, who wants to exercise power over unclean spirits, must be under God's authority... Devil does not submit to you, or to us as believers, or as individuals, because of our name, or, because of our birth. He submits to us, because of the power that we have as believers.

CHAPTER FIVE

OVERTHROWING THE ENEMY'S KINGDOM

So, we have the name of Jesus, as a weapon with which we can exercise authority, against the kingdom of darkness. Let us see what was done in Luke 10:17:

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us through thy name." Luke 10:17

Why were they subject to them? It is because of the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus is powerful. No power can withstand it, and no demon can near it. The name of Jesus is too great.

Power of the Christian over and against unclean spirits, lies in the name of Jesus.

"Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth." Philippians 2: 9-10

Another thing is, that the disciples worked under God's appointed authority. A believer, who wants to exercise power over unclean spirits, must be under God's authority. You must recognise, that you did not earn the authority by yourself, that the authority is inherent from God, and it is a right that is given to you. Devil does not submit to you, or to us as believers, or as individuals, because of our name, or, because of our birth. He submits to us, because of the power that we have as believers. If we call our own name, say in the name of so and so, demons will not listen to us. But, immediately, we say, "In the name of Jesus," they will obey.

ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE

Another thing we must know is, that the disciples were working in full obedience to the Lord's instruction. When Jesus sent them forth, to be able to cast out devils, He gave them power against unclean spirits. Remember that those, that were sent to cast out devils, were those that were called disciples, or believers. They were working in full obedience. For you to be able to exercise power against unclean spirits, you need to work in full obedience to the Lord, and not in partial obedience. You should not be like those, who say, "My own Christianity is different. Let me be doing it little by little. Later on, I will join them." If you are like that, the unclean spirits will attack you, even, when you say, the name of Jesus.

Another ingredient is faith, and not fear. Faith in the world of God that makes you to believe, that when you mention the name of Jesus, something will happen, and nothing can stand against it.

What happens during the new birth, is that, you are promoted from-the rank of a private in the army; to that of a full general. In the hierarchy of power, God has greater power than all the powers of darkness. Therefore, devil is always subject onto us. Now that you know all these, what do you want to do? You should recognise the fact, that all our actions everyday have full effect on us. How do you contribute to the building up of the kingdom of God. in your attitude, behaviour and thought?

OVERTHROWING THE ENEMY'S KINGDOM

The Second thing, is that, you must know that your own work is not only to build-up the work of God, but also to contribute in breaking down and over throwing the kingdom of darkness. Your name must be known in hell, and in heaven, as well. Your name must be known in hell, so that whenever you are praying, the beings in hell will say, "That is a believer, do not touch him." But, if you are living a careless life, you will not be able to operate. The devil does not want your name written in the Book of life.

In everything you do, you must be pulling down the kingdom of darkness. Some people are contributing to the kingdom of darkness consciously, or unconsciously. If you commit sin, you are re-establishing the kingdom of the devil. When you are not working in full obedience to God, you are contributing to the kingdom of darkness. I pray that the Lord will help us to work in His side, in Jesus' name.

Before we attack the kingdom of darkness with some prayer points, let us make sure, that the kingdom of darkness does not have a legal hold on our lives. I want you to pray like this: "All the legal holds that unclean spirits have over my life, I command you to receive the fire of God now, and be consumed, in the name of Jesus."

Your body must be under the control of your soul. Your soul must be under the control of your spirit. Your spirit must be under the control of God. If your spirit is not under control, and in that line of authority, you cannot exercise authority over any other power. That is why, you will talk to yourself like this: "My body, be under the control of my soul, my soul be in subjection to my spirit, and my spirit be in subjection to the Spirit of God, in Jesus name.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. I bind you devil, and all unclean spirits in all areas of my life. I declare my life a danger zone for you, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Anything that unclean spirits have eaten in my life, or whatever they have destroyed, let there be a complete restoration, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. I remove my name from the book of demonic casualties, in Jesus' name.

- 4. I break every family covenant, that may be affecting me negatively, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. I remove myself from the holds of any demonic power, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. I bind every spirit of infirmity, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. I break and lose myself from every bewitchment, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. Every link, connecting me to evil things, break now, in the name of Jesus.
- 9. I reject any evil thing, that I have inherited from my father and mother, in the name of Jesus.
- 10. I release all my helpers that are locked up in prison, in Jesus' name.
- 11. I invite the fire of God, to destroy every evil.

Power Over The Vagabond Anointing

CHAPTER SIX

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The vagabond anointing is responsible for slippery blessings, unstable breakthroughs and confusion. As time is rolling by, will you say from your heart of heart, that you have got all that the Lord wants from you?

THE PROBLEM OF VAGRANCY

Beloved, if you find, that the vagabond spirit is operating in your life, it is not late. If you should call upon the Lord, you will be saved. The bad thing about the vagabond anointing, is that, it generally enters at the invitation of another spirit.

A long time ago, a certain man came to our meeting, and was crying. He cried so much after the service, that I felt sorry for him. I asked him what was the matter and, he said, "This is a very wonderful fellowship. You have good message, good praise worship and good testimonies, but you spoilt everything with speaking in tongues. Then, I told him. that he needed deliverance. from the vagabond anointing.

The vagabond anointing is responsible for the lack of direction, and aimlessness in many lives. The devil himself is a vagabond, and he likes to distribute that anointing. It is also responsible for what we call double left hands. Many people have double left hands in the spirit, and because of that, there is no way they can handle things, as well as somebody, who has a right hand and a left hand. The vagabond anointing is responsible for making people to fish, and catch nothing in the sea of life. If this anointing is on somebody, it does not matter how far the person roams, he could travel around the world, he will not be able to make a headway. It is a pity, that many are suffering. When a medical doctor has been reduced to serving food in a bar abroad, in order to survive, it is the vagabond anointing. When a man with a Ph.D is busy sweeping the floor at the railway station, it is the vagabond anointing.

Inability to concentrate, especially, during prayers and Bible study, is a sign that the vagabond anointing is in place. So, if you are the kind of person, who would open your Bible to read, and before you know it, you sleep off, or as you are reading it, something else is coming to your mind, know that the vagabond anointing is upon you. Remember that small things steal away big things. A little thing could make a person to lose a life-time opportunity.

Impatience attracts vagabond spirits. The vagabond spirit is upon, those who are impatient. Therefore, they cannot just wait upon the Lord. They want to go from place to place.

Some men move from one woman to another. This is also a part of vagabond anointing. Some people marry through the internet. They would write to editors saying, "Dear editor, I am looking for a lady, six feet tall, minimum of masters degree, beautiful, very smart. If you find anyone, contact me at this address." It is a sign of a vagabond anointing.

THE VAGABOND

Many people cannot rest. If they are not cooking, they would be washing. To sit down and listen to a sermon is a problem. They always find something to do. Such people run mad easily, and people would wonder what happened to them. Some will say, "Well, the Spirit of God says, I should keep moving." Usually, I would ask them: "Into what?" They resign their jobs, without praying about it. These are signs, that the vagabond spirit is in control.

Recently, I saw the obituary of a woman in the newspaper. All her six children were fathered by different men. The vagabond anointing was upon her. Some people have got to the level of walking in their sleep. As they are sleeping, they walk about. Sometimes they wake up physically, go into the kitchen, take a glass of water, walk back to their beds, and continue sleeping, without knowing.

THE WASTER'S ANOINTING

Sometimes, some people see themselves traveling about, with no destination in their dreams. They just jump into their beds, and start travelling. They do not know when the journey would end. These are all signs of the vagabond anointing. If you are always dreaming of climbing staircases, but never get to the end of these staircases, it is the work of vagabond anointing upon your life:

Immediately, some people collect their salary, they would see themselves, distributing money in the next dream they had. And, that would be the end of the physical money they have collected. They would rush into any business, that they hear about. They have no sense of direction.

I am unhappy to tell you, that the vagabond spirit has totally enveloped a lot of Nigerians, and we need to pray. We must!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. I dismantle every stronghold of vagabond anointing in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. I break every vagabond anointing upon my life, in the name of Jesus
- 3. My Father, rearrange my life to suit your purpose, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. Lord, let your kingdom be established in every department of my life, in the name of Jesus.

- 5. I command frustration on every evil agent, assigned against my breakthrough, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. None of my breakthroughs shall disappear in this year, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. I refuse to be wasted, in the name of Jesus.

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