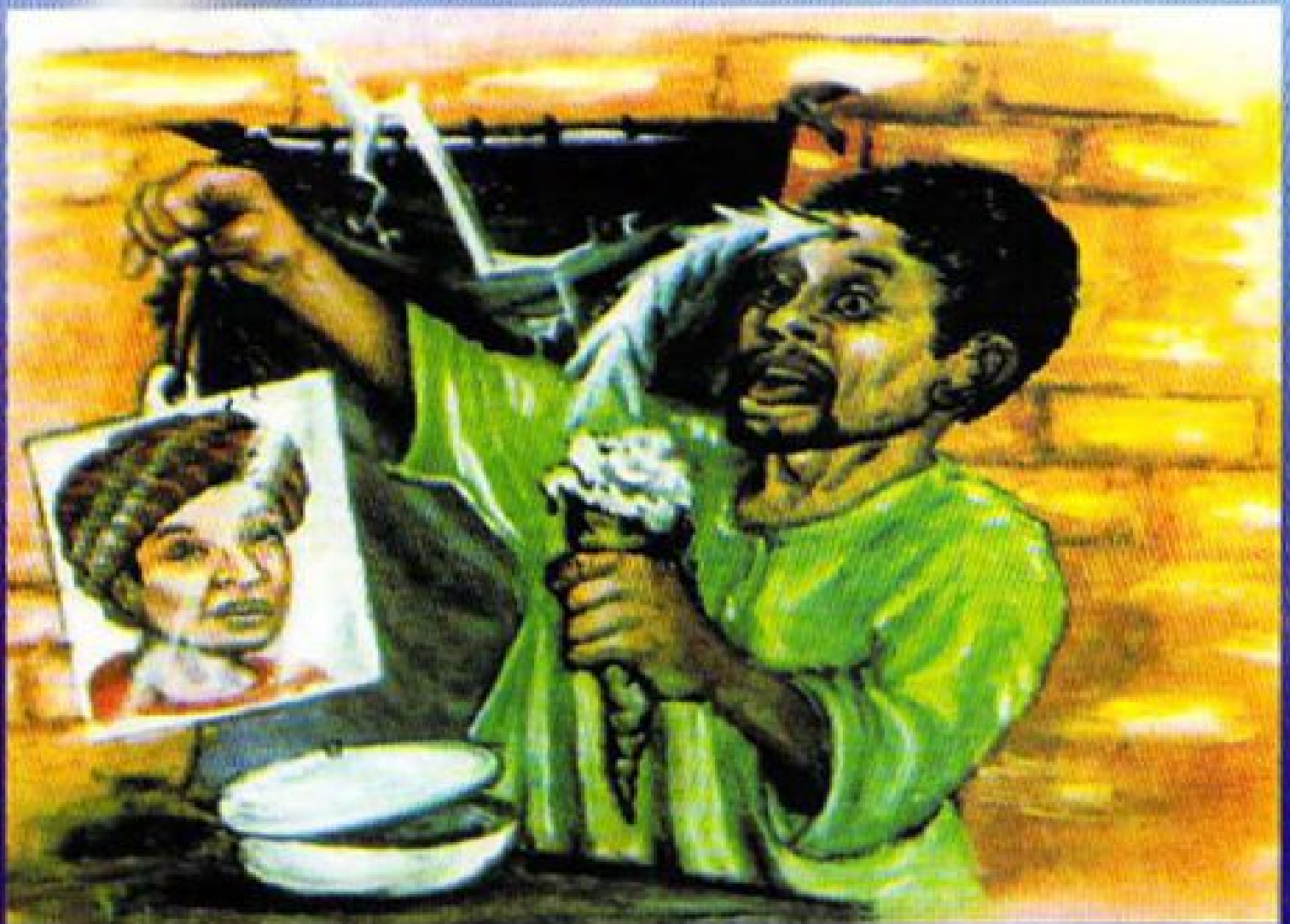


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BACKCOVER

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THE MYSTERY OF THE PLACENTA

INTRODUCTION

The placenta is a living entity. It is one of the most mysterious weapons used by members of the kingdom of darkness.

Satanic agents have discovered that the most dangerous way to attack men, women and children is by going to their roots or foundation – the placenta.

The placenta, we all know, is firmly attached to the foetus. Therefore, the devil has continued to use it as a vehicle of destruction.

Any battle that has to do, with the placenta is foundational. Unfortunately, this is a battle many people have lost. Whenever satanic agents capture the placenta of their victims, they ensure that it is used as a point of contact, and a conveyor belt for introducing knotty problems into their lives.

One of the purposes of this book is to demystify this wicked satanic weapon.

Millions of people have been caged through their placenta. Many are fighting life's battles on the surface without paying attention to the foundational issue of the placenta.

In most African countries, the placenta is buried as a way of preventing it from being tampered with by wicked people. They do so because they are aware of the fact that there is a strong link between the

new baby and his placenta. Although they try to take some precautions, they are miles away from knowing the depth of the mystery of the placenta.

To understand the mystery of the placenta you must pray as follows:

O Lord, open my eyes, in the name of Jesus.

O Lord, grant me deep understanding into this subject, in the name of Jesus.

Thou power of slavery, break away from my hands in the name of Jesus.

Every arrow of witchcraft judgment, fall away from my body, in the name of Jesus.

Every arrow of the night, be dismantled in the name of Jesus.

Thou power of God, gather my stolen health back to my body in the name of Jesus.

O Great physician, heal me totally today, in the name of Jesus.

THE LINK - WOMB

We shall take a look at the Bible to understand the mystery of the placenta.

Ezekiel 16:1-4: Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, ³And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite. ⁴And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

Here we come across a prophetic explanation which gives us insight into why Jerusalem has lots of problems. The root of Jerusalem's problem

can be traced to the fact that the link between her and her parents were not cut off.

This reference may appear very simple on the surface but it contains the secret behind the stubborn problems which many people are carrying about today.

For further insight into the mystery of the placenta let us take a look at the 15th verse of the first chapter of Luke's gospel:

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

Here, reference is made to the womb, to awaken our consciousness to the fact that majority of our life's problems started from the womb where the placenta is found. John the Baptist inherited a particular destiny from the womb. His attachment to the placenta signalled the beginning of that destiny.

Again in Hebrews 7:9-10, we are told that Levi paid tithes in the loins of Abraham, his grand father. This shows us that most of what happens to modern men are inherited from the loins of their ancestors.

The teaching concerning the mystery of the placenta has remained shrouded in mystery.

As the title of this chapter suggests, the placenta is a mystery. Thank God, He has given us deep insight into the mystery.

For some years now, I have stated time and again that there is no new devil, satan has no new method. He thrives on the ignorance of men and women and converts this to a weapon against them.

WHAT IS A PLACENTA?

You may ask what is a placenta? Simply put, it is an organ that develops in pregnant women. It provides the unborn child with food and air

for survival.

It also performs the role of carrying the waste of the unborn baby. As soon as the baby is born, it detaches itself from the womb.

It is crystal clear therefore, that the placenta provides a vital link between the baby and his parent. Without it, the baby cannot live in the womb. It can be referred to as the powerhouse of the foetus or the unborn baby.

Although the placenta is a physical organ, many of us do not know that it is also a spiritual organ. It is a spiritual pipeline which conveys both good and bad virtues from the parent.

For example, a baby whose mother happens to be a witchcraft practitioner will automatically collect witchcraft through the pipe of the placenta. You cannot say that you are immune from the evils which your mother practises as long as you are linked to her by the placenta. You automatically collect things like witchcraft, familiar spirit and membership of the kingdom of darkness.

The placenta plays the role of a legal link between you and your parents. If they were cursed, the curse would automatically pass into your life through the placenta.

THE PLACENTA - PIPE OF TRANSFERS

As it has been said, the placenta is a very powerful pipe. For example, if your mother sold herself to the devil and became a drinker of blood and an eater of flesh, you have automatically swallowed blood and flesh.

I am sure you know that the unborn baby has no physical or spiritual power to stand against the flow of evil deposits. So, all babies automatically inherit evil flows.

This becomes very important when we view the African background. Tell me, which of our parents did not consume things sacrificed to idols? Can you tell me that your ancestors who performed ritual killings and drank

human blood did not pass such things into your life through the placenta? Have you forgotten that the African past, is filled with witchcraft, ancestral familiar spirits, terrible household wickedness, demonic incantations, powerful fetishes and so on and so forth?

Do you know that some of our ancestors had to bath with human blood in order to obtain power? What do you think would happen to children who were linked with such parents through the placenta?

Without doubt, the placenta is the greatest source of problems of the African. This explains why certain bondage, curses and demonic attacks have spanned several generations.

The devil has used the placenta to transfer problems and bondage from generation to generation. If you talk of any environment where the devil has actually had a field day, it is the African continent. He knows that he has a backlog of evil deposits to siphon into the lives of millions of people. He has therefore attached wicked evil spirits to families to facilitate the evil transfer.

SPIRITUAL POWER OF THE PLACENTA

Don't underestimate the power of the placenta. A lot of spiritual things take place in the womb. The womb has therefore been converted into a dark room where the devil performs his wicked experiments.

If you read the first chapter of the gospel of Luke, you will gain insight into what we have stated so far. As soon as Mary greeted Elizabeth, the Bible says the baby in her womb leaped. This shows that the baby has both physical and spiritual senses. The interaction in that chapter was between Mary and Elizabeth. Yet, there was a transfer of parental concourse to the babies in their wombs.

What do we learn from this?

It reveals that curses and attacks on the mother can be transferred to the baby. There is a spiritual power attached to every physical placenta.

This is one essential working tool of the enemy. This explains why the enemy has continued to exploit the mystery of the placenta to the detriment of innocent men and women.

The placenta is satan's principal tool for diverting destinies. If you think that the problems of the placenta are limited to Africans, you are mistaken.

Recently, someone mailed some newspaper cuttings to me from England. The contents of the newspaper reports were both disturbing and spine-chilling.

A British journalist told the story of a very queer family. Whenever they gave birth to a new baby, they collected the placenta and preserved it in a saline solution. They would then wait until the child grew up in order to perform a demonic act.

Do you wonder what they do? The entire family came together, including the baby whose the placenta was stored. The placenta would be taken out of the saline solution, roasted as a barbecue and the entire family would eat it up. That was a demonic tradition.

This story did not emanate from Africans. The people concerned are whites.

Do you know the implication of that horrific act? The life of the child whose placenta was eaten by all the members of the family would remain fragmented. The man who marries a lady from that family is in trouble. He will never succeed in severing the ties which link her to her family.

In the same vein a woman who decides to marry a man whose placenta has been eaten by members of the family is yet to have a real husband. The man will never succeed at breaking himself free from his family. Such a person will remain tied to the apron strings of his parents.

A Nigerian obstetrician who practises overseas also shared his own experience with us. He visited members of a family, who happened to be his patients, only to observe that they were settling down to a meal of cooked placenta and baked beans.

What surprised him was the fact that these people were not blacks. He told us that he had witnessed such strange acts in the course of his medical practice in Europe and America. He even told us that those who were addicted to eating cooked or roasted placenta did so without shame, stating that it was highly nutritious. We are living in a strange world.

A lot of anti-marriage problems are traced to the mystery of the placenta. Many people have found it difficult to get married simply because a lot of problems have been introduced in to their life through their placenta.

A sister came weeping the other day, because she had a strange problem. A man came to ask for her hand in marriage. She took the good news to her parents with excitement but the response of her parents shocked her. As soon as she told them that she was getting married they broke down in tears.

Why were the parents crying? Because somebody was going to take the daughter away from the family. The sister was in for more surprises.

The grandmother faced her boldly and said,

"Look, my daughter you are not going any where."

To emphasize her point she pulled off her wrapper and pointed to a waste band saying, "This is your placenta. It is inside this waste band. As long as it remains there, no man will succeed in taking you away from us."

We had to fight a serious battle in the area of spiritual warfare before we could wrest the sister out of their hands.

I know many believers whose placentas have been eaten by their own mothers. They simply cut their placentas into *okro* soup and ate them. A lot of things are really going on in this odd world.

A lot of lives have been caged and destroyed through the use of the placenta. Evil powers ensure that most placentas are within their reach.

If wicked powers really want to destroy someone's life, they push the parents into burying his placenta on a cursed plot of land. This will surely

introduce problems into the life of the person. As long as that land remains under a curse, he will keep on dreaming of the land and something will keep on relegating him to the background.

Many of us do not know why we keep on dreaming of our villages. Many people also dream of the houses in which they were born. This shows that the placenta has become a spiritual magnet drawing them back to their past. Of course, this has lots of spiritual implications. If you have listened to the kind of stories which I hear on regular basis you will pity a lot of Africans.

I know a particular family whose custom is to feed the placentas of new born babies to crocodiles. They believe that as long as the placenta of the child is eaten by crocodiles, wicked people will not succeed in destroying such a child. They are simply jumping from frying pan into fire.

Be assured the child would grow up to behave like a crocodile. How does a crocodile behave? It is a silent killer. It can remain in hiding in the river as if it is not there. Immediately someone's leg steps into the river the crocodile would snatch it and make a delicious meal of it.

A crocodile is characterized by wanton destruction. The name Kaduna, a major city in northern Nigeria, is very demonic. It means a crocodile. This is exactly how some inhabitants of the city behave.

Ignorant parents have deposited the placentas of their children into the hands of the wicked.

A 72-year-old man came to see me several years ago and held me spell bound as he narrated his plight. I have interacted with intelligent people but this man was exceptional. I would even call him a genius. He was so brilliant that if 20 people were in a meeting he would be able to record verbatim what each person said without writing anything down. Indeed, he was a first class brain.

However, he was not able to achieve anything in spite of his exceptional talent and intelligence. He did not know what went wrong with his life until he decided to undergo deliverance. God opened his eyes after sessions of aggressive prayer and fasting and gave him a vivid revelation.

What actually happened was that his parents had consulted a local soothsayer who told them:

"This is an exceptional child. His destiny is fantastic. In fact, he will be so intelligent that white men will bow down before him with their mouths agape."

The parents asked, "Do you mean that when this child grows up he will live in the country of white men?"

"Of course, yes," the herbalist replied.

"No," chorused the parents. "It shall not be."

They instructed the soothsayer to do whatever he could to prevent their child from going abroad. The fetish priest simply asked them to go and fetch his placenta. They rushed back home, and handed it to the fetish priest who assured them that hp would carry out a ritual which would forever bind the child to his native country.

After collecting his fees, the fetish priest tied the placenta to a very heavy stone, got into a boat, headed towards the deepest part of the river and dumped it there with this incantation:

As long as stones do not float, this child shall never go beyond the borders of his country."

That was how the fetish priest placed a ceiling upon the destiny of that brilliant man. When he grew up, he made desperate efforts to travel abroad but everything ended in futility.

Do you know what? A letter of invitation sent to him from overseas in 1974 arrived in 1999. Twenty-five years after it had been dispatched! This is a classic case of wicked placenta manipulation.

I want you to close your eyes and take this prayer point with holy aggression:

Every placental witchcraft against my destiny, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.

The enemies have continued to ride on the platform of our ignorance of the placenta. It has become a cheap tool in the hand of the devil.

Do you know that the placenta is the next thing to a living child? It has characteristics manifested by a living human being. It is the only easily obtainable piece of human tissue that is neither dead nor diseased.

Scientists have discovered how to keep the placenta alive for five hours after it has been cut off the womb. This has serious implications. This means that by the time parents bury the placenta of their child, the tissue is still alive. I am sure you know that where there is life there is a spirit. This is a staggering fact.

Beloved, the greatest bane of the black man is what I call placenta manipulation. The placenta in witchcraft has been used as a weapon of terrible destruction. If your placenta is in the bank of the enemy, you have a great deal of battle to fight. The act of depositing your placenta in the enemy's bank creates a legal platform which the enemy will use to attack you.

The enemy has done much damage in the lives of millions of people through the placenta. Our parents are careless with the manner of disposing our placenta. This accounts for the travails of this generation. Lives that are put into bondage through the placenta are under the hot pursuit of stubborn household wickedness. Of a truth, much damage has been done; destinies have been destroyed and virtues have been siphoned to the pit of the enemy, due to the ignorance displayed by our parents and ancestors.

SPIRITUAL SOLUTIONS

However, there is hope. The Scriptures have given us a silver lining in the dark cloud occasioned by placenta manipulation.

Isaiah 49:24-26: Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? ²⁵But 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. ²⁶And 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.

Here is our source of comfort. The lawful captive shall be delivered. The import of this fact is that those who have violated spiritual principles (the lawful captives) shall be delivered. The Lord has promised to deliver you even when the devil seems to possess some legal rights to attack you.

At this junction, let me explain what is known as satanic confidence.

Whenever the enemy knows that he has grasped the most crucial things in your life, he becomes overly confident and whatever you say will mean nothing to him.

Those who have succeeded in manipulating the placentas of their victims are generally confident. My prayer for you is that the confidence of your enemy shall be destroyed.

Now, if you happen to know the location or the spot where you placenta is kept or buried, I encourage you to recover and anoint it. This will cancel all forms of manipulations.

This reminds me of the story of a brother who remained for jobless 15 years after he bagged a masters degree from a Nigerian University. He got so disturbed that he decided to seek help. He came to one of our services and prayed a prayer point: "O Lord, show me the secret of my life, in the name of Jesus."

Each time he prayed he saw a local pot. One of the ministers told him to travel to his village to find out whether there was any local pot kept by his parents on his behalf.

"But I have not travelled home for the past 15 years," he said.

However, he decided to go in order to get at the root of his problem. He greeted his aged parents when he got home and they asked for the purpose of his visit. He went into a rather long story,

"Mum and Dad, I have decided to come home to find out what is really wrong with me. All my years in Lagos have fetched me nothing. I am jobless although I have continued to survive by begging friends and neighbours."

The parents took a long look at him and replied:

"Don't worry. We have heard you. However, what we want you to know is that your destiny is in our hands."

The brother was shocked. He wondered what his parents meant. He then specifically asked them whether there was any local pot containing fetish material at home. They replied,

"If you care to know we shall tell you. Of course, there is a local pot lying somewhere within the compound. It actually belongs to you. The first time we barbed your hair when you were a little boy, we kept it in that pot. The pot also contains other things that have to do with your birth and your growing up as a little boy. The pot is very significant. We actually expected you to come home regularly to drop palm oil into it every 21 days. But you have decided to violate the principles of our forefathers. How can you succeed in life without performing the rituals? Even if you decided to travel to America, you will remain poor if you neglect this pot."

The brother became angry but decided to keep cool and apply wisdom. He tricked his parents by saying that he was ready to perform the ritual and asked them to take him to the location of the pot. The parents were happy, thinking that he was ready to comply. They led him to a bush at the back of the compound where there were three local pots.

He asked them to explain why there were three pots. They told him that one pot belongs to him, another to his elder brother and the third one to his elder sister. He asked his parents: "But why is it that none of us is doing well?"

The father said, "Unless you come back home and drop palm oil on this pot regularly, your situation will not change."

The brother carried the pot as if he was going to examine the contents. Before the parents could know what was happening he dashed off with the speed of a fast sprinter. His aged parents were too slow to catch up with him. As soon as he got to the bus station he ran into a bus that was bound for Lagos. He asked the bus driver to drive on as he handed him the fare for four passengers. He did not want his parents to catch up with him there.

That was how he took the pot out of the village. He brought it to us and we found out that the hair that was barbed from his head almost 30 years ago was still there. We simply anointed the pot and burnt the contents.

The brother got a plum job the following week. He was given a fantastic salary and an official car, just because he was able to deal with the confidence of his enemies.

Close your eyes right now and take this prayer point:

Every cauldron of darkness arresting my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.

My heart goes out to victims of wicked placental manipulation. There is no denying the fact that many lives have been destroyed through the manipulation of the placenta. It is sad that the destiny of many men and women has been buried through the enemy's use of the placenta against such people.

ATTACKS FROM THE WOMB

Apart from the use of the placenta for evil purposes, there is also the problem of the placenta that is not cut off. Although the placenta may detach itself from the womb physically, yet the baby may remain glued to the destiny of his parents. This is an issue that must be addressed.

A lot of people have received spiritual injury from the womb. Unfortunately, they live with it throughout their life time.

If a child senses hostility in the womb or feels unwanted, when he becomes an adult, he will continue to struggle against all odds. He will

struggle with failure, recurrent sicknesses, hatred, and other signs of bad luck. Sometimes he will go into fits of tantrums and anger.

Again if a child was conceived outside wedlock, when he grows up he will continue to struggle with poverty. He will also experience constant attacks by the spirit of shame. He will discover that he has no sense of belonging at home, in the church and in the society.

Also if a child is rejected on the grounds of sex, he will battle with problems later in life. If parents expected a male child and got a female child instead and therefore have a feeling of rejection for the child, when she becomes an adult, you will see the manifestations of hate and rejection in her.

If a child is born, after the death of his father, he will later exhibit some negative tendencies.

If a mother is addicted to smoking and drunkenness, the baby will share part of it.

All these things are types of injury which the child experiences in the womb.

Thus, the child suffers from the mother's womb and comes out to suffer a severe attack through the manipulation of the placenta. This is indeed double tragedy.

PLACENTAL MANIPULATION

Now let us go back to the issue of placenta manipulation.

I am sure you want to know how to identify the victims of such manipulation.

The following are the characteristics of witchcraft manipulation of the placenta.

☛ The victim suffers blood pollution.

The person gets sick very often. This kind of sickness may not be easily diagnosed by medical science. The victim would be well today and sick tomorrow because polluted blood has been introduced into his body.

☞ Failure at the edge of breakthroughs

Victims of placental manipulation experience failure at the edge of breakthroughs. They often have their success tampered with. When they expect success, failure shows up.

☞ Polygamous contamination.

Those who suffer from placental manipulation experience what I call polygamous contamination. In the case of a young lady, she would go after many boy friends. In the case of a man, he would go also after many girl friends.

☞ Physical peppery arrows

Victims of placental manipulation experience physical peppery arrows in their bodies. They experience pains which have no known cause.

☞ Injection of satanic syringe

Those who are victims of placental manipulation are often injected with satanic syringes. This is not physically but spiritually.

☞ Manipulation of the hair

Victims also experience the manipulation of their hair. The devil uses their hair to cage their destiny.

☞ Dependence on drugs

Victims are also dependent on drugs. If you are addicted to drugs then you must deal with the problem of placental" manipulation.

☞ Perpetual debtors

If you discover that you have become a perpetual debtor, you are suffering from placental manipulation. You need to pray seriously today.

Who knows? Your parents might have buried your placenta in a cursed land or a land that is in dispute.

☞ Unexplainable hatred

If you have noticed the presence of unexplainable hatred in your life, you have to deal with the problem of placental manipulation. You have a foundational problem.

☞ Closed doors

If you have observed that all doors are usually closed against you, you need to pray against placental attack.

☞ Evil night caterers

If you are a victim of evil night caterers then you must know that placental bondage is in place. It is an indication of the fact that your placenta has been used as a pipeline to siphon evil meals into your throat.

☞ Harassment in the dream

If you notice constant harassments in your dream, then you must know that it is a product of placental bondage. If you discover that you are unable to remember your dreams even when you make up your mind to deal with bad dreams, you must come to the realization that your placenta is being used against you.

☞ Parental hatred

The problem of the parental hatred is another indication of placental bondage. You must pray against the powers that are using your placenta against you.

☞ Circle of problems

If you notice that you are going through a circle of problems, you must realize that wicked powers are using your placenta against you.

☞ Unpleasant situations

If you notice that you are always going through unpleasant situations, say, in the month of May or August or on the 13th of every month, it is very clear that your placenta is being used as a weapon against your destiny.

☞ False dreams and visions

If you always have false dreams and visions, you are a victim of a placental manipulation.

Beloved, you must not allow these things to go on. Enough is enough. You must pray against these evil manipulations.

I want us to learn from the early Pentecostal fathers. Although they were not so enlightened, they knew the Lord. They also understood the depth of Satan. They had a lot of spiritual intelligence, that is lacking today. They knew that if the placenta should ever get into the hands of wicked people, there would be trouble. They knew that the placenta is a powerful weapon. Hence, they were always keeping it away from the wicked. They knew that the destiny of their children could come under satanic control if they were careless with the handling of the placenta.

Several years ago, some wicked satanic agents decided to destroy a man of God. They resolved to use his placenta. They traced his place of birth and decided to find the location of his placenta.

There was a little boy among the group. Although he looked young in the physical realm, he was loaded with wicked satanic power. He was the one that identified the exact location, where the placenta of the man of God was buried. Although the placenta was exhumed, they could not use it. The anointing upon the man of God worked against them.

THE PLACENTA AND THE EARTH

There is a very strong spiritual correlation between the placenta and the earth. Both are united and act as a formidable force which the devil has mustered against men and women.

Agents of darkness have discovered that when the placenta and the earth are made to join forces together, a lot of damages can be perpetrated in human lives. Unfortunately, most people are ignorant of the strength that is inherent in these two elements.

By now, you ought to have known that the placenta is a very strong spiritual entity. It is more than a body of tissues. It is an entity used by dark powers to monitor and manipulate the lives of millions of people.

By the time we have examined the uses to which men and women have put the placenta, we shall discover that the natives of Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean Islands, Europe and America seem to have gained some deep insights into the fact, that the placenta has a strong affinity with the dark powers that govern the heaven and the earth.

Some spiritual researches have proved that there are unwritten words of knowledge in various tribes and communities concerning the mystery of the placenta. This secret information has been passed from one generation to another. This modern age is no exception. The modern man is still making use of the placenta as a point of contact with the powers of darkness.

The level of consciousness may vary from one person to another, but the underlying spiritual factors are the same. That is why we have stated, time and again, that there is no new devil. The old methods are still prevalent.

What we lack in this modern time is the knowledge of the devices of the enemy. It is important, therefore, to unravel the ancient mystery of the power of the placenta as it relates to the earth.

Let me share with you two passages of Scripture that provide fundamental understanding to the topic we are considering. The first one borders on the mystery of the placenta, while the second one gives us deep insight into the mystery of the earth.

Job 40:16: Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly:

This passage gives us a lot of insight into the fact that the spiritual strength of men and women lie in the placenta. This explains why dark powers try to capture the essence of the spiritual strength as well as the sources of the breakthroughs and the blessings of many people. We would explore these in the pages ahead.

There is a passage in the Bible which teaches us deep things concerning the mystery of the earth.

Genesis 1:1-11: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ³And God said, Let there be light: and there was light ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was good*: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. ⁶And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ⁷And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. ⁹And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was good*. ¹¹And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

The earth is more than a mere physical feature. It is a spiritual entity. If you have taken note of the fact that a lot of things emerged from the bosom of the earth, you would have known that the earth is deeper than what its physical attributes portray.

If it is capable of giving birth to what came out of it, it is a deep spiritual entity. Many people's virtues and goodness have been buried and swallowed by the earth.

Human beings generally trivialise very important matters. What we view as commonplaces are deeply significant in the spiritual realm. The Bible says:

Leviticus 17:11-12: For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. ¹²Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

The Bible teaches that human life resides in the blood. In other words, life can be found in the placenta. The placenta has serious implication on human life. The blood from the tissue affects human life in no small measure.

It is very important to note that the enemy has continued to exploit human life. This is because the powers that are resident in the placenta has been discovered to be very strong.

Placental bondage is fundamental. To be attacked at that point is to experience foundational bondage.

For example, if someone wants to poison the inhabitants of a particular community, all he needs to do is to go to the source of their water supply and pour some poison there. Anyone who drinks the water would have swallowed poison unwittingly and will experience the destructive effect of a very powerful poison.

This is exactly the kind of strategy employed by the enemy. He makes use of sources that are general in nature to attack all and sundry. He also exploits human ignorance in order to perpetrate and perpetuate his diabolical acts.

USES AND DISPOSAL OF PLACENTA

In every culture of the world, men and women have various ways of dealing with the placenta. How you dispose of it determines what happens

to the baby. The safest way for disposal is to anoint it and burn it. When you take that step, the powers of darkness will not succeed at manipulating it.

If you throw it into the water, you are supplying raw material to marine powers to use against destiny.

If you bury it in the ground, you have taken the child's destiny to the headquarters of the power of darkness.

If you plant a tree on the ground where the placenta is buried the tree will become a weapon for manipulating the child.

Again if you throw it into the bush, forest demons will pick it up and use it to manipulate the child's destiny.

If you flush it down your toilet it would be shared by both land and water spirits.

The placenta has been used for ritual and witchcraft purposes.

Local people view the placenta as the reservoir of the child's inner spiritual strength. In some places they give it decent burial as when they bury a corpse.

Many people have adopted various methods for the disposal of the placenta. All these methods have grave implications.

Most people know nothing about what was done about their placenta except they are told by their parents. The situation is even worse, when parents who are supposed to know, have no idea whatsoever concerning the implication of what they did, to their children's placenta.

If most parents actually knew what they did to their children when they threw their placenta into the dustbin, they wouldn't have been so careless. The implication of this is that such children would remain at the bottom of the ladder for life. The enemy would deal with them, as those who have affinity with the dustbin.

The dustbin is one of the worst places to dispose of a placenta. Those whose placentas are placed in the dustbin will remain citizens of the

dunghill.

The only solution to the problem of people's placentas being thrown into the dustbin is divine conversion. The Bible states that only God can bring people up from the dunghill and make them to become princes and princesses.

Some people throw their children's placentas into the gutter. This is also dangerous. Such children will exhibit gutter life style when they grow up. Their lives will end up stinking. No wonder, the Bible says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Some parents dump or forget their children's placentas in the hospital without caring what happens to them. When such children grow up, they become regular customers of hospitals and clinics. They will go in and out of the hospital just because their placentas were buried there.

Some people grind the placenta and use it as cosmetics. This is generally used as lipsticks, body creams, or hair pomade.

When children whose placentas are used for cosmetics grow up, their lives would be characterized by beauty and inward rottenness. There will be beautiful ostentatious display by the child but gross inner weakness.

In some communities, mothers eat their children's placentas as a means of restoring lost energy. This is generally done immediately after child birth for the mother to regain what she had lost nutritionally. If anyone eats your placenta, it simply means that you are inside her and she is inside you. One way or the other your life will be controlled by those who consumed your placenta.

Some placentas are dumped into the river. Of course, that is the headquarters of marine powers who are seeking to control human. I pity those who do not know how to pray to recover their lost glory.

For example, if your own placenta happens to be in the possession of the queen of the coast, how will you recover the control of your life from the hand of marine powers?

Some people flush placentas down the toilet drain. They think that this is one of the easiest ways of getting rid of unwanted placentas. Such placentas will commune with faeces and urine. Owners of such placentas will be companions of disposed wastes.

Some people deposit their children's placentas in the shrine of the family idol. They believe that it is the safest way of preserving the lives of their children. When such children grow up, their lives would be controlled by the idols of the community or the family.

Some people feed animals with their children's placentas. The placentas are given to dogs, pigs, vultures and other animals or birds. I believe you know the implication of being eaten by pigs or dogs. The characteristics of pigs and dogs will be seen in the lives of such people.

If the placenta is eaten by a dog, the fellow will be sexually loose. If it is eaten by a pig, the fellow will exhibit the spirit of gluttony.

Some people hide the placentas inside cracks and crevices that are found in the walls for them to dry up and remain there. The implication of this action is very serious. The people concerned will be companions of lizards and wall geckos.

Sometimes the placenta is sun-dried and preserved. This also has its own implication. The person will live a life of emptiness and dryness.

Some parents make use of the placenta as a belt. This makes the life of the children concerned to be under the control of their parents.

The placenta is often dried, ground into powder and mixed with herbs, and used for protective or curative purposes. This also has serious implications.

Dried placentas are also made into powder or paste and used as bathing soap. This is capable of putting both the owners of the placentas and the users of the soap into serious bondage. The destiny of the owners of the placentas is diverted.

A placenta is often burnt to ashes and mixed with the mother's food to enable the mother to exercise control over the child. This explains why

some deliverance candidates often see their mothers whenever they take serious prayer points.

The placenta is often preserved in a bottle. Some families keep such bottles with names of each child. If any of the children ever misbehaved, they pick up the bottle and use it to issue curses on the offending child. Such a child can never survive the effect of such terrible curses.

Some parents wrap the placentas of their children around some sacred trees in the communities. As long as the placentas are wrapped around such trees the people's lives will remain under bondage.

Sometimes the placenta is offered as a sacrifice to the idols of the community. Such a placenta is placed at cross roads with other materials as a sacrifice.

Sometimes it is used directly as a charm. This is an alternative to grinding babies in the mortar.

Sometimes parents cut it into pieces or chunks, cook it and served to other people's children at the child's birthday party. As many children as feed on it will have something to do with the spiritual destiny of the owner of the placenta.

It is often put in a cauldron containing salt and water. You know the effect of evil cauldrons on human lives. Such lives would be controlled completely by the spirit of the cauldron.

Sometimes it is put inside pots that are facing either the North, South, East or the West.

Some placentas are put in pots and buried in the ground.

However, of all the methods of disposal, the last two I will mention below are obviously the most dangerous. They have very serious spiritual implications.

Some parents plant their children's placentas in the heart of the ground. Immediately they are buried, trees are planted on the same spots. The types of trees generally planted are coconut, palm trees or breadfruit trees. They

believe that the placentas will act as fertilizer. Of course such trees will control the lives of the children, or mother earth will take over the control.

It is true as shown in the Bible that God has created lots of mysterious things. Such mysterious creations include the blood, water, the earth, light, etc. It may be surprising to many people when they discover that there are deep mysteries surrounding the earth.

If you read the Bible very well, you will discover that it has a lot to say about the secrets of the entity called the earth.

Genesis 2:7: And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Man was made out of the dust of the earth.

Genesis 2:19: And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

The animal kingdom was made from the dust of the earth. The plant also is a product of the earth.

Do you know that all the elements in the body of man can be found in the soil?

The Bible says:

Genesis 4:10: And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

This is an eye opener. If the blood of a human being could cry from the ground, it surely means that the earth is a very powerful entity.

Again we are told that at the mention of the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in the earth and of things under the earth. This tells us that there are lots of things under the earth.

Do you know that most of the things we see on the earth today actually came from underneath the ground? Only spirit does not originate from the ground. The Bible says, "He that is above is heavenly and he that is from below is earthly" (John 3:21).

Do you know that there is something that is referred to as the kingdom beneath the earth? This is made very plain in the Bible.

The Bible addresses the earth as a personality. People who belong to the dark kingdom understand this clearly.

The prophets of old also addressed the earth as an entity.

The earth is so powerful that all those who died beginning from Adam till Christ were swallowed by it.

Why do people throw sand on top of coffins when corpses are lowered into the grave? Why do people say, "dust to dust and ashes to ashes?" Why do people pour libation on the ground? Why do wicked people scramble for sand from people's shoes to use it against them?

Why do the children of darkness pay homage to the ground? Why do people contact the earth to get useful information?

It is largely because they recognize the fact that there is a great deal of power or spiritual force in the earth.

It is crystal clear that there is spiritual life in the blood of man. That is why no blood can be shed in vain. When the blood maintains contact with the earth, it becomes a very powerful force.

This is the mystery behind the combination of the placenta and the earth. There is perhaps no stronger weapon which the devil has continued to utilize as the combination of the placenta and the earth.

Do you know, for example, that the earth has ability to hear, speak and issue judgment on human beings? The earth also has the ability to swallow human virtues. The earth has the ability to keep things. This explains why many people have formed powerful covenants with the earth. Therefore, whenever the placenta is buried in the earth, it is a very strong covenant.

This matter is so serious that to experience total deliverance you will have to lay your hands on your navel and break the evil legal claim of the earth over your life. I pity those who always dream of seeing themselves in their places of birth.

When the Bible says that you shall possess wherever the sole of your feet shall tread, it is simply saying that, a positive covenant shall be established between your feet and the places where you shall go.

There is an important incident in the Bible. Elisha told King Joash to shoot an arrow. Do you know that each arrow that the king shot, passed a special message to the earth? It represented the number of times that Assyria would be conquered by Israel. The earth recorded the arrow three times. This record was kept and it later affected the whole nation.

In Revelation 12:16, we are told: "And the earth helped the woman and opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

Here we are told that the earth helped the woman. There are other instances in the Bible where the earth helped the people of God. We have an example In Numbers 16:32:

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

Moses was challenged by Dathan, Korah and Abiram. The earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up exactly as is stated in verse 30:

But if the Lord make a new thins, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit, then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord.

The earth was able to hearken to the voice of Moses and issue judgment against the offenders. As an agent of the Almighty it rose up to fight against the enemies of righteousness.

What lesson can we derive from all these?

Whenever the people of God decide to speak to the elements of nature, they will respond to the authority of God whose representatives they are. God has endowed the earth with the ability to help and assist His children.

The elements, including the earth, have been given the mandate to help us. God has given them commandments to assist us whenever we stand in need of divine assistance. It is sad that many of us do not know anything about this mystery. Unfortunately the children of darkness are exploiting us and making use of this knowledge to their own advantage. They are now making use of what God has created and provided for our utmost good.

Whenever the placenta hits the ground, trouble begins. Evil powers programme terrible problems against the lives of people. The earth would be commanded and manipulated to affect human life negatively.

What do you think will happen in the lives of people controlled by wicked powers, who make use of the earth and the placenta?

Such victims will continue to go about failing at the edge of every breakthrough. As long as the person continued to step on the ground, an evil covenant is in place. Such a person will never see well in life. He cannot move forward or make progress. If he has stubborn enemies, they will resort to the use of the placenta.

People with evil powers use the covenant between the placenta and the earth to summon men and women, and afflict them.

A lot of Africans who were studying abroad have been summoned back home abruptly through the manipulation of their placenta. They find themselves back home even when they have no intention of abandoning their studies.

As long as the victims continue to step on the earth they will find it impossible to resist or reject the evil summon. When such people arrive their native countries, their eyes will be clear. It will be too late to resist the urge.

The devil always rejoices whenever blood is applied to the ground. Whenever blood hits the ground, it has spiritual meaning. The consequences are both deadly and far reaching.

The Bible has a lot to say about this. However what you need to know today is that it is safer to pray than for you to assume that nothing is wrong with you. The crucial prayer points which are listed at the end of this chapter will lead you into your greatest breakthrough in life.

You cannot experience uncommon breakthroughs unless you pray aggressively and deal with problems that emanate from the placenta and the earth. You will need to anoint your navel before you start the prayer session.

The Lord has a lot of unusual and uncommon things to do when those who know the truth decide to pray.

The ground operates an intelligent filling system. Record is taken immediately blood touches the ground. Since the earth has a library in its belly, it can easily be consulted or referred to.

The powers of darkness are thoroughly familiar with this fact. They know how to make use of the library. If you have discovered that nothing seems to be working in your life, you may have to check whether you are suffering from bondage that is rooted in the placenta and the earth.

If you always see dead relatives in the dream and if your efforts often end in futility, you will need to deal with the problem of the placenta. If you feel that the whole world appears to be against you, you need to do some warfare prayers. I counsel you to pray seriously today.

Many people do not know what happened to their placenta. Even if it was buried, that does not exonerate you from the problems of placental bondage.

On which kind of ground was your placenta buried? Was it buried on cursed land? Has it been stolen by wicked people?

The problem of placental bondage account for most of the problems of the black race. Prayers of deliverance from the placental bondage must be

done aggressively and violently. It is a do or die matter. It is a battle which you must fight with the totality of your spiritual strength.

SOLUTION

How then can we deal with placental manipulation? You must take the following steps:

- ☞ Bring quality repentance unto the Lord.
- ☞ Spiritually locate the placenta by the Holy Spirit
- ☞ You must bind and cast out all the inherited spirits of bondage.
- ☞ Spiritually withdraw and destroy the placenta through prayer.
- ☞ Recover your last blessings through aggressive prayers.

You can take all these steps spiritually if you cannot lay your hands on your placenta.

Finally, you must recover all your lost blessings. I don't know how many people really know what happened to their placenta.

The truth is that many of us do not know, how far wicked powers have gone in manipulating our placenta. It is unfortunate that many people have perished because of ignorance. Many people who are supposed to be living in plenty have been reduced to pitiable sights of abject poverty.

This is placental witchcraft at work. Some placentas have been eaten up. This means that you are inside the person who ate it up and the person is also inside you. The two personalities will remain submerged.

That is why whenever we conduct deliverance for some people they tell us that they saw whole human beings walking out of them. If you have noticed that the same sickness that troubled your mother is also troubling you, it is a placental manipulation.

As mentioned before, some parents deposit their children's placenta in the cracks of a wall. Surely, such a placenta will be a companion of lizards and wall gecko. This may be the reason behind the general stagnancy in your life.

Sometimes parents chant incantations on their children's placenta. Household wickedness may also pronounce a curse saying, "This child shall not prosper."

This matter concerns everyone. Although some people are born abroad, yet their placentas were sent to their home town. That was the beginning of trouble.

Only the fire of the Holy Ghost can set you free from placental bondage.

PRAYER POINTS

POWER AGAINST PLACENTAL BONDAGE

- Prayers Against Evil Conception
- Prayers Against Satanic Ante-natal Care
- Prayers Against Evil Protection
- Prayers Against Destiny Stagnancy
- Prayers Against Placental Bondage
- Prayers Against Vagabond Arrows
- Prayers Against Witchcraft Swallowing
- Prayers Against Placental Curses
- Prayers Against Placental Spells
- Prayers Against Spiritual Parents
- Prayers Against Star Hunters

- Prayers Against Destiny Diversion
- Prayers Against Evil Milk
- Prayers Against Placental Manipulations
- Prayers Against Destiny Pollution
- Prayers Against Destiny Transfer
- Prayers Against Kolanut Destiny
- Prayers Against Spiritual Twin Substitute
- Prayers Against Plant Covenants
- Prayers Against Cauldronic Placental Bondage
- Prayers Against Inherited Affliction and Oppression
- Prayers Against Evil Remote Placental Control
- Prayers Against Marine Witchcraft
- Destruction of Placental Monitor
- Prayers Against Womb Contamination
- Prayers Against Evil Tree Covenant
- Prayers Against Destiny Burial

1. Every chain of darkness around my waist break, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every placental witchcraft manipulating my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.
3. Thou bank of satan, release my placenta, in Jesus' name.
4. Every satanic transfer into my destiny through the placenta, I cut you off, in the name of Jesus.
5. Blood of Jesus, recover my placenta from the waters, in the name of Jesus.
6. Blood of Jesus, recover my placenta from the earth, in the name of Jesus.

7. Every spirit husband attached to my placenta, die, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every placental attachment to my place of birth, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every pipeline of the enemy targeted against my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.
10. Any covenant between any tree and my placenta, break, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every blessing that I have lost through placental witchcraft, I possess you, in the name of Jesus.
12. Every covenant between my placenta and any animal, die, in the name of Jesus.
13. Thou spirit of fire and burning, fight for me today, in the name of Jesus.
14. Every cage of placenta manipulation break, in the name of Jesus.
15. Power of deliverance, envelop my navel, in Jesus' name.
16. O thou that troubleth my Israel, my God shall trouble you, in the name of Jesus;
17. O thou that troubleth my Israel, my God shall trouble you tonight, in Jesus' name.
18. Every placental witchcraft targeted against my destiny, what are you waiting for, die, in the name of Jesus.
19. Every caldron of darkness that is harassing my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.
20. Every chain of darkness around my waist, break, in the name of Jesus.
21. Placental witchcraft manipulating my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
22. Thou bank of satan, release my placenta, in Jesus' name.
23. Every satanic transfer into my destiny through the placenta, I cut you off, in Jesus' name.

24. Blood of Jesus, recover my placenta from the earth, in the name of Jesus.
25. Blood of Jesus, recover my destiny from the waters, in the name of Jesus.
26. Every spirit husband / wife attached to my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
27. Every placenta attachment to my place of birth, what are you waiting for, die, in the name of Jesus.
28. Thou eater of flesh and drinker of blood, vomit my placenta, in the name of Jesus.
29. Thou power of God, deliver me from placental bondage, in the name of Jesus.
30. Every pipeline of the enemy targeted against my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.
31. Every power using my placenta against me, what are you waiting for, die, in Jesus' name.
32. Every covenant between any tree and my placenta, break, in the name of Jesus.
33. Every blessing that I have lost through placental witchcraft, I possess you, in Jesus' name.
34. Thou spirit of fire and burning, fight for me now, in the name of Jesus.
35. Every cage of placental manipulation, break, in the name of Jesus.
36. I disconnect my navel from the womb of failure, in the name of Jesus.
37. Every power in the waters, release my placenta, in the name of Jesus.
38. I break every remote-controlling power that is operating placental manipulation against me, in the name of Jesus.
39. Everything stolen from me through placental manipulation, I repossess you, in the name of Jesus.
40. Every witchcraft coven and marine banks, release my placenta, in the name of Jesus.

41. Thou womb of the earth using my placenta as a chain, release me, in Jesus' name.
42. Every covenant between my placenta and the grave, be broken, in the name of Jesus.
43. Any evil power that has eaten my placenta, vomit it by fire, in the name of Jesus.
44. Thou forest spirit, break away from my placenta, in the name of Jesus.
45. Every power utilizing my placenta to summon my spirit, I break your power, in the name of Jesus.
46. If my placenta has been used to divert my destiny, O God arise and change it now, in the name of Jesus.
47. Angels of the living God, cast my oppressors into lake of fire for perfect destruction, in the name of Jesus.
48. Angels of the Living God, dash into pieces, all ugly heads of my conspirators, in the name of Jesus.
49. I send back to the senders, all evil plans against me, in the name of Jesus.
50. Let the blood and strength of my full-time enemies dry up, in the name of Jesus.
51. I fire back all arrows of affliction, in the name of Jesus
52. Curses from Genesis to Revelation, locate all satanic agents that are imagining evil against me, in Jesus' name.
53. Every satanic midwife keeping my yesterday, today and tomorrow in bondage, be arrested, in the name of Jesus.
54. I release myself from every bondage placed upon my life whilst I was in my mother's womb, in the name of Jesus.
55. Every territorial demon that worked against my foundation while I was in my mother's womb, receive the thunder fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
56. Every arrow of backwardness fired into my life while I was in my mother's womb, backfire in the name of Jesus.

57. You my star and my glory on exile, come back by fire, in the name of Jesus.
58. Manufacturers of evil protection, die, in the name of Jesus.
59. Sponsors of evil protection, die, in the name of Jesus.
60. Agents of evil protection, die, in the name of Jesus.
61. Demons of evil protection, die, in the name of Jesus.
62. I reject every evil protection, in the name of Jesus.
63. Every evil chain tying me down, break, in Jesus' name.
64. Every evil power caging my destiny, be arrested, in the name of Jesus.
65. Every yoke of stagnancy, break, in the name of Jesus.
66. Every power speaking stagnancy into my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
67. You my destiny, move forward by fire, in Jesus' name.
68. Thou bank of satan, release my placenta, in Jesus' name.
69. Every eater of flesh and drinker of blood, vomit my placenta now, in the name of Jesus.
70. Every power using my placenta against my life, release me now, in the name of Jesus.
71. Every witchcraft coven and marine bank, release my placenta now, in the name of Jesus.
72. Thou womb of the earth using my placenta as a chain, release me by fire, in the name of Jesus.
73. Every power rewinding and fast-forwarding my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
74. Every circle of failure programmed into my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.
75. Every power retaliating the offences of my parents. in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
76. Every power speaking impossibility into my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.

77. Every evil river flowing from my parents into my life, I cut you off, in the name of Jesus.
78. Every power speaking failure into my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
79. Every spell of hardship on my placenta, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
80. Every spell of untimely death on my placenta, backfire now, in the name of Jesus.
81. Every effect of demonic materials buried with my placenta against my destiny, I cut you off, in the name of Jesus.
82. Every cage of star hunters, star killers and star gazers, break by fire, in the name of Jesus.
83. Every power that has hindered my star from shining, die, in the name of Jesus.
84. I refuse to be a wandering star, in the name of Jesus.
85. My star, arise and shine, in the name of Jesus.
86. Every instrument of diversions against my destiny, perish by fire, in the name of Jesus.
87. Arrows of fire, locate the enemies of my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
88. I shall fight a good fight, I shall finish my race and I shall reach my goal, in the name of Jesus.
89. Every evil food that I was fed with as a child, I vomit you by fire, in the name of Jesus.
90. Every door open to the enemy from my foundation, be shut by fire, in the name of Jesus.
91. Demonic subjection as a result of evil milk consumption, break by fire, in the name of Jesus.
92. Demonic strongholds in my life, break by thunder, in the name of Jesus.
93. Placentally manipulated poverty, die, in Jesus' name.
94. Evil parental authority sponsored by my placenta, break, in the name of Jesus.

95. You placental strongman, release my life by fire, in the name of Jesus.
96. As I shout "Blood of Jesus" 7 times, let every pollution in my blood go, in the name of Jesus.
97. Blood of Jesus, deliver me from destiny polluters now, in the name of Jesus.
98. I wash my destiny with the blood of Jesus.
99. I withdraw my destiny from every cauldron of darkness, in the name of Jesus
100. Every power trading with my destiny, die, in Jesus' name
101. O Lord my God, restore unto me all my lost glory.
102. Every evil covenant made with kolanut or any other plant that is affecting my destiny, break today, in the name of Jesus.
103. Every divination holding my destiny to ransom, break, in the name of Jesus.
104. Every demon idol assigned to waste my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
105. I disconnect my destiny from every spiritual substitute or twin, in the name of Jesus.
106. Every covenant between me and any spiritual twin or substitute, break, in the name of Jesus.
107. You my spiritual twin and substitute, walk out of my life by fire, in the name of Jesus.
108. Every evil tree that has formed evil covenants with my placental jump out and die, in the name of Jesus.
109. You ancestral bondage formed with my placenta through plants, be shattered to pieces, in Jesus' name.
110. Every yoke of hardship operating at the edge of my breakthroughs, be destroyed by the blood of Jesus.
111. Every ancestral evil pot harboring my placenta for evil, break, in the name of Jesus.

112. Every witchcraft cauldron harassing my destiny through my placenta, break, in the name of Jesus.
113. Every wickedness done against my placenta, backfire today, in the name of Jesus.
114. You strongman prolonging affliction and oppression in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
115. Every yoke of affliction and oppression in my life, break, in the name of Jesus.
116. Any second arrival of affliction and oppression in my life, be terminated, in the name of Jesus.
117. Every wicked placental presentation remote-controlling my life, be cancelled by the blood of Jesus.
118. Every deep work of darkness on my placenta, be uprooted by the fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
119. You my placenta, enter into a covenant with the light of God, in the name of Jesus.
120. Every marine-witchcraft chain in my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.
121. Blood of Jesus, recover my destiny from the waters.
122. I release my mind and soul from the bondage of marine witchcraft by fire. in the name of Jesus.
123. Every placental monitor targeted against my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
124. Every cage of the placental monitor. break now. in the name of Jesus.
125. Thou power of God, deliver my womb from all inherited family contaminations. in the name of Jesus.
126. My womb, reject satanic contamination, in Jesus' name.
127. Every dry bone in my womb, come alive. in Jesus' name.
128. Blood of Jesus, stand between my household and every evil tree, in the name of Jesus.

129. Every evil tree being used to manipulate my destiny and that of my household, be cut down by the blood of Jesus.

130. Let fire fall on every tree being used to manipulate the destiny of my household, in the name of Jesus.

131. Every witchcraft burial against my destiny, die in the name of Jesus.

132. Begin to thank God for the deliverance.

2

DEALING WITH EVIL HUMAN ALTARS

INTRODUCTION

We shall begin this chapter with a passage from Acts 13:6-12:

And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-Jesus: ⁷Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Bamabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. ⁹Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, ¹⁰And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. ¹²Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

The reference to the sorcerer here as a prophet means that it is possible for a sorcerer to also be a prophet. Being a Jew also means the sorcerer, prophet also knew the Old Testament of the Bible. He also had the queer name, Bar-Jesus.

WHAT IS BAR-JESUS?

Bar-Jesus means the son of Jesus. All these appellations of the man perfectly set the stage for deception. People like him are always roaming around high places, hence he was found with the deputy of the country.

In fact, many people in high places have their personal sorcerers. Some of them even house those sorcerers in their estate and pay them good money to perform sorcery for them.

I know a particular one who eats nothing except chicken. This gives him a robust look. He never ventures out of the house where he is lodged by his client. He stays indoors all day to practise sorcery for the big gun he works for. It got to a point, however, when Christians began to pray and the man's sorcery ceased to work for him.

I was once talking to a very top person in Nigeria when his white-robed, dirty-looking, barefooted with sorcerer came. As the sorcerer took a seat, my friend became uncomfortable and eager to get rid of me so that he could attend to him.

On my way out, I asked who the dirty-looking man was and my friend said to me "Don't you know him? He is a very powerful prophet.

I simply stared at him as he continued: "The man has, in fact, just finished a very big job for me. He went round all the state capitals and took sand from each of them to make some voodoo for me."

There is no doubt that people like the above prophet control the destiny of this country and not the people we see at the helm of affairs. Those whom we see as running the affairs of our country are mere figure heads who listen to and take strange advice from these satanic agents. They also give them satanic powers, and covenant their lives.

It is for this reason that Christians need to pray seriously to possess our land for Jesus. The mandate and the power given to us are to achieve this purpose. We have an example in Barnabas and Saul in the above passage.

For instance, why was Elymas withstanding Barnabas and Saul? It was because he saw that they had the right power, and he represented darkness. He knew that the longer they stayed with the deputy the more likely they were to change his mind with the word of God, and this would make him lose his daily bread.

The way Paul subsequently dealt with Elymas Is what the Bible calls the doctrine, and this astonished the deputy. It meant that when Paul saw this man, he did not pat him on the back, nor try to convert him. Here was a man who was operating with all the spiritual gifts and knew whom Elymas was. Quickly locating him, Paul exercised the authority given to him as a Christian, that is, the type found in Ephesians 1:20-22, and handed down judgment on him: "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from . . ."

Paul used his authority as someone seated with Christ In heavenly places, whose headquarters is not here.

THE DAYS OF SERIOUS BATTLE

These are days of real men and real women. Kindergarten Christianity would certainly find it difficult to survive in these last days. If you seek to be a babe in this present-day Christianity, breakthrough will surely elude you.

The problem with most Christians is that they don't know their enemy, and they don't know how to identify the enemy or where to find him.

Some, even when they find the enemy, don't know how to react to him. Some know the strategies of the enemy but once under attack, they hardly know what to do.

There is all over the world now an epidemic of satanic agents who have what we call, "internal altars."

As I said at one Power Must Change Hands service sometime ago, these agents have their altars inside people, and recently many people have

been vomiting terrible things from their bowels like snakes, calabashes, bells, pins, pots, cowries, lizards, hair and birds. These were physical things that everyone could see as they vomited them.

Let me ask you a question: Where do birds come from? According to the Bible, birds come from the water (Genesis 1:20). It is for this reason that we find a linkage between birds and water spirits. When a person vomits birds it means he is under witchcraft attack.

I have also shared the testimony of a man who once came to me for prayers. After praying with him, he got up; there at the same spot he had just risen from, was a tortoise. When I drew his attention to it, he was astonished and then remembered something, and said:

"I was told to throw it into the sea."

The satanic agents he consulted had told him to throw the animal into the sea but immediately he turned his back, they called it back into his life.

People have vomited fresh liver, kola nuts and candles. These are the things used by the *ifa* oracle as divination materials. People have also vomited things like beads, human parts, mirrors and small size coffins.

Men and women go about with strange items inside their bowels. It is for this reason that one person is able to run another mad. with the power of an inside altar.

A pregnant Christian woman on her way to the market mistakenly bumped into a *sango* worshipper who grew visibly annoyed. The Christian woman apologized but the *sango* worshipper did not seem pleased. She instantly belched out fire on the Christian woman. But while the whole vicinity was thrown into pandemonium, the Christian woman simply stood there and was watching her.

After a while she commanded the fire issuing out of the *sango* worshipper's mouth to quench and the fire went out. The *sango* worshipper was astonished. The Christian sister walked away. She did not know what to do whether the *sango* worshipper belched out fire from the altar inside her, she would have been in big trouble.

A man took a public transport and gave the driver a counterfeit currency. When the driver saw the money, he enquired among the passengers which one of them had given the money to him. All the passengers kept mute. Some distance later, the driver parked his vehicle, reached under his seat and brought out a horn with a viper's teeth in it. He put the counterfeit money in the horn, stirred up the contents in it with the counterfeit note, issued some curses on the money, and threw it away as he drove off.

"It is only on the day the person who gave me that money was able to retrieve it, where I have thrown it, that he or she will be able to break the curse I have issued on him or her," he said.

The effect of the curse did not show for a long while. When the man who gave the driver the counterfeit money got married, he had three children. One after the other, all the children started school but were recording failure in their academic works.

Then the man embarked upon serious prayers during which, God took him back to his past when someone with an internal altar issued some curses against him.

EVIL MEN AROUND US

People with internal altars are people like the rest of us. They are responsible for most personal and national defilements, perversions, demotions, human sacrifices and collisions.

There are two types of human sacrifices: spiritual and physical. A man may be walking in the street while he is already sacrificed. People with internal altars are the same people responsible for the satanic revival and marriage destruction that are so rampant these days, as well as blood drinking, and personal and national confusion.

They are also responsible for the Christian lukewarmness we see all around us these days. They know those ones among us who desire to serve the Lord and they know how to target and go after them.

They are responsible for the prevalent wastage in our society and the general, personal and national underdevelopment. All they do is speak from their internal altars and things would begin to happen.

They are the ones responsible for exalting the inferior and demoting the superior; and sexual perversions which were never before witnessed among black people, but are now prevalent among us.

They are responsible for the counterfeiting of every good thing.

These people have their respective places of slaughter, their internal dining table for evil spirits. If you put them in your guest house, you are in trouble. Likewise when you have them as your house maid. They need not touch you. The fact that they have their internal altars makes the environment for them, a place of traffic where they are always coming in and going out in turns; and, through this, terrible things keep happening.

SOURCES OF EVIL POWERS

You may wonder where they get this terrible power from. They get it from three main sources.

☞ The marine world.

This is the most powerful source of their power. If you have read your Bible very well, you must have discovered that God separated water here on earth to form another firmament in the air. This puts water on top of us and in the earth below us.

A look around our coastal areas, will show that confusion and blood drinking are the order of the day there. Even the slave trade that caused so much confusion emanated from the power of these marine spirits. Hardly will you find a herbalist who does not go to the river.

There was, indeed, a time when altars were strewn allover the Bar Beach in Lagos by all manners of prophets. All they did was to draw their power from marine spirits.

☞ Witchcraft

☞ The sun, the stars and the moon.

If you attend one of our Power Must Change Hands programmes, you can recall that we once preached on "The sun shall not smite you by day nor the moon by night."

Some of these people with internal altars take a very strange posture when they sleep. Some sleep with their eyes wide open which makes one think that they are not sleeping. Some would sleep with their head bending down. Some sleep with their legs held up, a kind of posture that would make any normal human being feel uncomfortable within five minutes. This is at the time they are attending their demonic meetings in the spirit world. Should you change that posture while they are sleeping, they would have a hectic time returning into the physical world. Why? Because that posture is the covenant way by which the door opens to their evil spirit to travel.

I had a very good friend in those days, a very kind and generous woman. While she attended one church every Sunday, she attended another one on Wednesdays. But none of the two churches enriched her spiritually.

One day, I called her and told her the disadvantage of attending those churches but she dismissed my fears with a wave of the hand. Not long after, I travelled to Germany. It was as if the leaders of those churches had been waiting for me to get away from her; then, they dealt with her seriously. All the houses, cars and other valuable things she had at that time, she gave them away by her own hand.

She was just discharged from the Lagos University Teaching Hospital when I returned to the country. Her hair had been shaved off. When she saw me, she said, "Doctor, I wish I had listened to the warnings you gave me about those churches."

I told her that all was not lost. To return to her normal life, I gave her some prayer points which she had to pray with serious determination, backed up with fasting.

She had her mother with her at that time. On the last day of the fast she woke up at 1:00 a.m. and saw her mother removing her legs from the wall. She asked the old woman why she had to put her legs on the wall and she told her that it was none of her business.

The sister came to report this incident to me and I told her that what God had just revealed to her, was the truth about her life, that her mother was the witch causing her problems. She asked for my advice and I gave her one or two prayer points again to use.

When the incident happened again, the sister was not afraid. At about the same time (1:00 a.m.) when her mother put her legs on the wall again, she just sat there and was watching her. When by 3:00 a.m. the old woman opened her eyes, the sister welcomed her and told her to pack her things and leave her flat. Without argument, the old woman complied; that was how the sister got delivered.

Many years ago while I was still a bachelor, somebody brought a house-help for a person. But because he couldn't locate the fellow that evening, they came to pass the night with me. Immediately it was midnight, the house-help started talking in her sleep with some other invisible people. The discussion went on for one hour. I went to where she was sleeping and told her in no mistakable terms that she was in the wrong place, and that, it was very dangerous for her to do any demonic sleep-talking. After I spoke to her, she never talked in her sleep again throughout the night.

Some years back I was made to see a man who presented a terrible sight. In the morning, the man would look slim, as night approached he would start swelling up like a balloon. By midnight he would be so bloated that he would be unable to sleep. And when day broke again, he would shrink to a slim figure.

We later discovered that somebody had made a small idol to represent the man and tied some cotton thread around it and hung it by the river. Anytime the sea breeze touched the thread the man would start swelling up at home; and when the seawater receded, the man would slim down. So was this man who got a doctorate degree from America, caged that he couldn't do anything with himself. His problem was a covenant formed with the

water spirit to work against his life. This made the water spirit and the cotton thread to regulate his life.

A lot of people dislike the kinds of prayers we pray at MFM. Some of our members used to share this aversion but today, these people say those prayers more seriously than we do.

Somebody once wrote to me from Botswana requesting for copies of the popular book, "Pray Your Way to Breakthroughs." He said somebody brought it to Botswana and they saw the instant result of its works.

There was another pastor who never believed in warfare prayers. He had heard people pray such prayers and he never liked it. Then there was this baptismal service which he conducted. Immediately the first girl to be baptized got into the river, she disappeared.

Everyone present was stunned and so was the pastor who became too scared to carry on with the service. No member of the congregation was willing to get into the water; everyone developed cold feet. The fear of the police coming there to arrest everyone also gripped them. They remained there, too stunned to know anything.

The man of God remained where he was in the water gaping at the congregation. Gradually he began to remember exactly those kinds of prayer points he had forbidden people to pray in his church. He slowly began to pray them and went on to pray them vigorously. Then the girl suddenly resurfaced from beneath the water.

"I just went to bid my group goodbye before I'd get baptized," she said.

Right from that day, the pastor's ministry changed.

There are strategies and prayer points that never fail to checkmate people with internal altars.

These people can be very deceptive and may look ignorant, but they are quite intelligent. They curse people easily. They are boastful and very proud. Often, they act like a green snake under a green grass. Many of them have very violent temper.

In this situation that I am describing here they are the actual spirits and strongmen that must be bound and dealt with. They are the spirits that control and direct demons. We shall ' have to spit fire like Paul did in those days.

THE WINNING STRATEGIES

What are the winning strategies to adopt? What are the kinds of prayer points to pray?

✎ Cut them off from their source of power.

They may be in the sun, the moon and the stars, which some people call the triangular power. Do you know that people can form covenants with the sun against the life of a person? And as far as the sun is shining on the life of the person, he would continue to encounter problems.

They can enter into covenants with the moon against the life of a person, or with the stars against a person. When herbalists boast that the heavens help them, what they mean is the sun, the moon and the stars. Some of them call on air, water, earth and other elements from which they derive their power.

You have to paralyse these sources. Job 38: 12-13 says, "Hath thou commanded..." Here the Lord asked Job a question. The implication of the question is that it is possible to command the morning.

This is where the people of the other religion outdo Christians. A lot of Christians wake up when the sun is already high in the sky, while they wake up earlier to speak to the sun. It means that we can command the day to take hold of the end of the earth and shake off whatever the wicked must have programmed into it; we can also command the body of water above or below.

This will make them wonder whether you have become a herbalist yourself. But yours is different This means that all of us should form the habit of getting up before the sunrises, even If we had to sleep again.

Most of the serious troubles that we encounter are caused by people who understand the heavenlies. A lot of people in our country have covenants with them; they hang things on the heavenlies which we need to shake out in order to have a victorious life.

✞ Reject, reverse and return their curses violently.

The church of God is at war with curses in the armoury of the enemy.

In Matthew 16:22, Peter spoke to Jesus Christ:

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Peter was saying that Jesus should not go to the cross. It was like he was issuing a curse on Jesus. And what was Jesus' reaction?

Verse 23 tells us:

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me. Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

We need to notice the aggressive reaction of Jesus here. And then we look at 1Samuel 17:43-46. which reads:

And the Philistine said unto David. Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴And the Philistine said to David, Come to me. and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air. and to the beasts of the field. Gorhen said David to the Philistine. Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts. the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. ⁴⁶day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Internal altars are fond of cursing people. We should not take those curses lightly, because God Himself takes no curse lightly.

When Job's wife said to him. "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God. and die." he replied. "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh." That means that Job rebuked his wife by calling her a foolish woman.

Again, 1 Kings 18:17-18 shows Elijah reacting violently:

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? ¹⁸And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

The reaction of the prophet here, should encourage us to exhibit the same aggressiveness, so that curses would have no landing place in our lives and should return to wherever they come from.

☞ Bring the judgment of God against them as it is written in Psalm 149:8-9:

To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; ⁹To execute upon them the Judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

☞ Destroy their internal altars and all the evils therein.

☞ Bind all their pronouncements.

It is a terrible thing when people with internal altars gather at a naming ceremony to give for a child covenant names which they have already decided.

I know a brother who had to change his name from Kalu to Kelechi before God began to bless him. Kalu has something to do with demons.

☞ Chase away their power demons.

☞ Strike them with madness and blindness.

Zechariah 12:4 says:

In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

This is how we should operate as Christians when we confront internal altars, no matter where.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every power that has been dodging the arrows of prayer, you shall dodge no more, in the name of Jesus.
2. O Lord, take away my destiny from the hands of men, in the name of Jesus.
3. You masquerade, you will never sleep in my house; go back to your sender, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every tool of manipulation, I silence you forever, in the name of Jesus.
5. I shall not be a spiritual casualty, in the name of Jesus.
6. O heavens, shake down every incantation against my life, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every power putting up witch craft legs on the wall against me, roast, in the name of Jesus.
8. Anything that is taunting me in the water, roast, in the name of Jesus.
9. Let the grip of the enemy over my life break, in the name of Jesus.
10. Anybody who has accepted witchcraft for my sake, be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
11. (Point a finger to the heavenlies.) Every arrow fired against me from the sun, the moon and the stars, go back to your sender, in the name of Jesus.

12. You sun, you moon, and you stars, lift your warfare; you moon, shut off your light from every night raider; you sun, burn every day raider to ashes, in the name of Jesus.
13. You moon, you stars, you sun, vomit every enchantment against my life, in the name of Jesus.
14. You marine powers, vomit every enchantment against my life and every deposit against me in the heavenlies, be shaken out, in the name of Jesus.
15. Every power harbouring enchantment against me, vomit them, in the name of Jesus.
16. Let the stars begin to fight for me, in the name of Jesus.
17. Every evil trait in my family, I cancel you from the heavenlies, in the name of Jesus.

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THE MYSTERIES OF EVIL TREES

INTRODUCTION

Many of us would remember the words of Jesus in which He says, "Any tree that my Father has not planted shall be rooted up and thrown into the fire."

There is something much more serious than that. In Psalm 74:20, we have this interesting verse:

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

A tree is a plant. It is the largest of all plants. A tree has the root which, in most cases, is hidden below the earth. It has the trunk, stem, branches, leaves and, sometimes, flowers and fruits.

Some trees can live for thousands of years. Many of the trees we see around now are older than most of us. No matter how big a tree is, it started its growth somewhere. Its seed, like an egg, is its source. Within that small seed we can find a tree or even a forest.

A tree can grow from one generation to the other. For example, a tree in a family compound can stand through five generations of that family. In this way, trees normally outgrow their planters. They are the oldest living things. Nothing lives as long as trees. Every tree produces new leaves every year. Wood is one of the most valuable products of a tree.

TREES IN THE SCRIPTURES

Through the ages the tree has provided men with shelter, food, fibre, medicine, charcoal, gum, rum, coffee and all kinds of things. There is no nation of the world, no matter how hot or cold it may be, where there are no trees.

Trees are physical beings which we can see with our eyes. In the spirit realm there are deep mysteries associated with trees. In the beginning, the problem of man started with a tree. In Genesis 2: 16-17, we read:

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

It would have benefited Eve if she had not moved close to the tree at all. This would have enabled her to avoid any contact with the tree, thus averting a problem. Adam fell because of the tree. Another Adam had to come, who is Jesus. He came to rectify what the first Adam lost by the tree.

It was also on a tree that the second Adam, Jesus, said, "It is finished."

In Revelation 22:2 we read:

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

We know that Revelation 22 is the last chapter of the Bible. At the end of time there shall be a tree according to this chapter. Since the devil caused our forefather to fall, he has perfected his wicked activities on trees.

In Deuteronomy 12:2, the Bible tells us:

Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains. and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

Right from the beginning of the Bible, men started worshipping trees, weaning their demons under trees, making trees the rallying points for worshipping dark spirits. This was a long time ago, even before we had a place called Africa.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 tells us:

And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: ²³His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for an inheritance.*

If a man hanged himself and was taken down and buried within five minutes, there was no problem. But if he stayed on the tree for more than one day, the land became defiled and there would be problems.

In 1 Kings 14:23-24, we also have:

For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. And there were also sodomites in the land: *and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.*

A lot of atrocities are associated with evil trees.

TREES AROUND US

The board room of the force of wickedness is the second heaven, (that is, the one above our head). Many people have been or visited there before surrendering to the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the University of Ibadan, a boy who was in the occult, surrendered himself to Jesus and began to attend a church where nothing was known about deliverance. So, nobody took him through deliverance. The demons inside him became very angry and as he was returning from fellowship one day, he felt something pull his hair and he found that he was moving up at a

very high speed. Eventually, he found himself at a meeting where he was accused thus:

"You. the secretary of this association. are planning to desert us? We are going to discipline you."

They beat him up thoroughly. they threw him down and picked him up. I pray that any meeting being held anywhere against you shall scatter. in the name of Jesus.

As explained already, the first board room is the heavens, the second one is the waters, and the third one is, the rocks. The fourth one is the earth and the fifth one is the tree. No wonder Jesus said, "All powers in heaven and on earth have been given unto me."

And Philippians 2:9 says,

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

All over the world, there are tree demons and rock demons.

There was a tree in a school compound somewhere in the western part of Nigeria. Every last Friday of the month some people, led by their chief priest, came to worship the tree. Anytime they came, the principal of the school would prostrate to them and greet them most respectfully.

Meanwhile, there was a group of Christian Scripture Union members, made up of young boys and girls who gathered after the school hours to share the gospel, do praise worship and then retire to their dormitories.

One day, as they were reading their Bibles, they came across Philippians 2: 10 which says, "At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."

Then they decided to do something about the tree worshippers who used to come and disturb them in their school. They decided that the tree, must be cut down. Without telling anybody, some of them went to the tree and started cutting it as they said, "In the name of Jesus, we cut you down!"

To their amazement, a scream came from the tree at the first cut and blood began to gush out from it. They did not run away rather they hewed down the tree. Within minutes the chief priest arrived in the school compound and cried bitterly at the sight of the hewed down tree.

The next day, he summoned the school principal and demanded to know who destroyed the tree.

The principal replied that he knew nothing about the fallen tree, adding that the school practised no agriculture on its premises. At last, someone pointed at the Christian Scripture Union students as those who cut down the tree. The students confessed that they did it in the name of Jesus.

The chief priest said, "Certainly, the parents of the culprit students have already lost them. "He told the students in very strong terms that none of them would be alive after seven days.

The students responded, "Back to the sender!"

Within the next seven days the chief priest and five other members of his demonic group died instead of the students contrary to his boasting.

The question is: Whose blood was inside the tree? Who were those screaming? Some people inside the tree were caged inside that tree and some people's destinies were hidden there also.

IROKO (Chlorophora excelsa) TREE

The most bewitched trees in our environment are the *Iroko (Chlorophora excelsa)* trees. Anywhere satanic people find this tree, they pay special attention to it like they pay special attention to the crossroads which is a corruption of the cross of Jesus. This is very sad.

Another evil tree in our forest is the one which the Yorubas call, "a tree on which a witch does not land." The Bible says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

The people of the dark kingdom have used the mystery of the *Iroko* (*Chlorophora excelsa*) tree to destroy the destinies of many people. Many possessed children have confessed that they put their parents' money or prosperity on *Iroko* (*Chlorophora excelsa*) trees.

In the same way many pawpaw and banana trees have been bewitched. Inside many of these trees are grooves, rooms, furniture, etc.

EVIL TREES - DESTINY ARRESTER

There was once an evil tree in front of a church. Although the pastor realised that the tree was evil, he did nothing about it initially. Members of his church drew his attention to it and wondered why the tree should be accommodated with all the pots and palm oil put there as sacrifices by strange people. The pastor told them to Jet it be.

One day, he went with a cutlass to attempt to cut down the tree. He stopped at the first stroke and died after weeks.

Then another pastor assumed office, he asked what killed the first one. People said that all he did was that he tried to cut down a tree. The new pastor to cleverly avoid the tree. He never even spoke about it. When he saw people taking sacrifices there, he would ask his congregation to look away.

He was eventually removed from the church and the third pastor came. This one cut the tree down. As the tree fell down, the chief priest died in his sleep.

Until many people deliver themselves from the mystery of evil trees, they will continue to suffer.

You may wonder how this concerns you. It may not concern you if you've never taken any concoction before. But if, at one time or the other in your life, someone took the bark of a tree and soaked it in water and you drank it, I recommend that you pray.

A sister's hair was scraped at birth and was subsequently deposited at an *Iroko (Chlorophora excelsa)* tree. Consequently, the sister never had a good marriage until the Spirit of God revealed that mystery to her; and then, her marital destiny was released to her.

It is a spiritual murder for someone to plant a tree for you in your family compound. It is a more terrible wickedness for someone to bury your placenta in the ground and plant a tree on top of it. That tree will control your destiny. When the wind blows upon the tree, your life goes down. When insects bite the tree, unexplainable skin disease will ravage your body. If some small boys or girls are playing in the compound, and they accidentally break off one of the branches, you are likely to have an accident wherever you are, with your leg broken. When the weather changes and the leaves wither, the person would be so poor at such time that he would almost eat the soles of his shoes. When good weather returns the person would experience buoyancy again. This is how the enemy uses the mystery of the tree to control and paralyse many destinies.

Many years ago, I prayed for a medical doctor. She had the most modern medical equipment in her clinic but people bypassed her clinic to patronize an auxiliary nurse close by. The auxiliary nurse barely knew how to give a patient injection, but she kept progressing at the expense of the well-trained and better-equipped medical doctor.

The medical doctor thereupon began to pray. Anytime she prayed hard she would see a tree standing before her. She couldn't understand this until one day she remembered faintly that there were five trees in front of her family compound. Her parents had five children, meaning that each child had a tree planted for him or her. The sister was the first born and her own tree occupied the position.

Eventually she travelled home, and keeping far away she pointed out the tree to a man she had engaged to cut it down. Immediately the tree fell down her father, who was sleeping in the house, knew that something had happened. He ran out but the tree had been destroyed and the doctor had driven off. It was after that her life began to experience changes and breakthroughs.

When a person is controlled by a tree, he is under the control of local witches and wizards. A person's spirit maybe caged inside a tree without the person ever knowing what is going on in his or her life.

Our early Pentecostal fathers had to address and deal with many evil trees. One such account of the activities currently written in Yourba language is being translated into English; and will be available in the market.

We hear that Apostle Joseph Babalola once went to a powerful king who boasted about his evil powers. The king had a cutlass, which sparks with fire without by itself. He proudly brandished the cutlass in the face of Babalola who was unimpressed, just as Goliath could not intimidate David.

All the man of God did, as we heard, was to pray a simple prayer, without even closing his eyes. He said, "O God of Elijah, visit the evil controlling power ofthis cutlass with Your hand of violence."

All of a sudden, thunder struck at one tree inside the market and the tree fell down. Immediately, the fire of that cutlass quenched, and the king surrendered himself to the Lord. So shall your enemies surrender to you, in the name of Jesus.

Many people have witnessed the instant decay of some tress when anointing oil was poured on them. The reason is because they were not ordinary but evil trees.

Sometimes what you perceive as a tree may be more than one tree - there is the physical and the spiritual tree.

SALIENT POINTS

Now we need to answer the question, why do dark powers use trees?

- To complete the evil of Eden where Adam and Eve got confused by a tree.

- Because trees live long. The evil spirit in a tree can live for up to 300 hundred years, it can easily devour lives.
- In the satanic world, the tree is a repository of stolen wealth and destinies.
- It is a bank where blood forcibly drawn out of people is kept.
- I have once shared this testimony about MFM when it was still located at Old Yaba Road, we suddenly found a white man in our midst. Our members were barely more than 100 then. We were praying like fire but the man did not close his eyes. He kept looking about. When we closed, he asked to see the pastor.
- He was brought to me. he asked when he would be able to pray the kind of fire prayer" that we prayed. I preferred the quiet prayer, he said, "as we pray in my Church."
- I asked him the name of his church and he told me, He said his wife could worship with us. I teased him a bit by mentioning how people shouted at football matches and wondered why the same shouts could not be made in the presence of God.

He said, "But that is football."

The man went away and I forgot about him. One night, his wife, dreamt of someone pursuing her. She ran everywhere and the person continued to pursue her with a container and a strange gadget. Eventually, the person caught up with her and tied a gallon plastic container to her neck, and at the same time it seemed something was squeezed into her leg. Right before her eyes she saw her blood passing into the container.

When the person had collected about half a gallon, he seemed satisfied. The woman then woke up and began to feel the pain in real life. When she attempted to get up, she fainted. Her husband got confused, fetched 'holy water', and poured it on his wife but she only got colder.

When the woman opened her eyes, she asked to be taken to Dr. Olukoya. The husband said he did not know where I lived and with signs

the woman directed him to my place. They got to me at 4:00 a.m. Apart from her wrapper, the woman had nothing else on. The husband too was dressed in his pajamas. They pressed a bell from 4:00 a.m. till 7:00 a.m. but they were pressing the wrong one.

At about 7:00 a.m. someone came out of the house and seeing that it was Dr. Olukoya, the woman fell down flat and began to explain how she had a dream in which her blood was drained. Her husband asked if this could be true. I didn't answer him. I just told him I would like to pray that kind of prayer he did not like and all that I required from him was to say, "Amen" to my prayer. He said that was okay and closed his eyes. Immediately I said, "Father, in the name of Jesus," the man's "Amen" rang out like thunder. Within a few minutes, his wife stood up. She had regained her strength. Her blood returned to her body.

When I looked at her face, our eyes met. She said,

"Marvellous! Marvellous! Marvellous!"

The blood of many people is inside trees. That is why somebody can faint or die without any apparent sickness. Such a person might have been drained dry while he walked about. The Bible says, there is life in the blood.

☞ The enemy uses trees to create difficult and stubborn situations.

☞ Trees are the landing place for evil birds.

There is an evil covenant between birds and trees. There is a Yoruba proverb that says, "The comfort of the tree is the comfort of the bird. When the tree is not comfortable, the bird, too, will have problems."

☞ The enemy uses trees to pollute the bread of man.

☞ The enemy uses trees to employ the services of wood demons.

There is an idol (*sigidi*) which is completely wooden. It is used for evil. Wooden demons are dumb, deaf, blind, unfeeling and merciless.

☞ Trees come from the earth.

Don't forget that the earth brings forth the trees so when you see somebody playing with the earth, he or she must be a tree worshipper.

EFFECTS OF EVIL TREES

If you come from a family that worship trees, or if there are sacred trees close to your house or in your compound, then you may have strange experiences as follows:

- ☞ Oppression by hardened dream demons.
- ☞ Stubborn poverty.
- ☞ Lack of direction.
- ☞ "Upside down syndrome."
- ☞ Vagabond prosperity, or a stubborn sickness.
- ☞ Lack of true friends.

About 15 years ago, a lot of people rushed into wood business, but how many of them have prospered? Anyone in wood business has to be very prayerful because the wood demons hate people who destroy their habitations—they fight wood workers. So the trouble of many people started with a tree.

The Son of Man learnt carpentry, and the problem of man was sorted out on a tree. There is a mystery in this scenario.

We, as black people, need to fight in order to recover our destinies from the evil trees where they are caged.

THE MYSTERY OF WORSHIP OF TREES

The Bible is a complete book. Deep subjects that border on spiritual warfare are documented in the Scriptures. It has not left us without instruction and guidance concerning the workings and activities of members of the demonic kingdom. It takes diligent study of the word of God to discover that deep subjects which we think are mysterious in nature are clearly documented on the pages of the Scriptures.

The worship of trees is one of such subjects. We shall take a journey into the Scriptures to unravel the mystery behind the worship of trees.

Isaiah 44:19: And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten *It*: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

The worship of trees is a universal phenomenon. As you read through this chapter, you will realise that trees are demonic entities. They are laden with deep spiritual lower by the devil.

By virtue of this evil endowment, trees have established a universal network and they demand worship.

Trees have always been worshipped in all parts of the world. That is why the question, "Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?" was asked in Isaiah 44:19.

This chapter is really an eye opener. Living trees as well as stocks of trees are demanding worship. This is a mystery. It is not only carved idols from wooden stock that demand worship, let us examine another Scripture.

Isaiah 57:3-5: But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. ⁴Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ⁵Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

Witches, wizards, sorceress and a host of other members of the demonic kingdom draw their power from green trees?

Both the modern and the ancient people have been involved with the worship of trees. This demonic practice is common among the primitive animist who reside in underdeveloped nations as well as the enlightened people who organise intelligent tree planting and preservation campaigns including governmental or non-profit making organizations.

The same evil trend runs through both the primitive tree worshippers or modern-day global tree preservation campaigners. Many people are performing terrible demonic acts under green trees. The Scripture we have just read shows that there are idols or demons under many green trees. Behind the beauty of the luxuriant green trees and their elegant branches are terrible demonic powers. This is a mystery.

Many people are involved in evil traffic that goes on under many green trees. This is described in Jeremiah 2:20:

For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

It is unfortunate that many people are sentenced to evil wondering under demonic trees. These people need serious deliverance.

It is even worse that prostitution or harlotry, which the Bible has described as the mistress of witchcraft, has a lot to do with evil trees.

Jeremiah 3:6: The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

We are given further insight into the fact that behind the big trees which we see are powerful demonic spirits.

Ezekiel 6:13: Then shall ye know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green

tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

For those of us in Africa the description given above is very familiar. Sacrifices are generally placed beside oaks, *Iroko (Chlorophora excelsa)* and other trees. Many people offer visible and invisible sacrifices.

Africans know about forest spirits, this fact cannot be denied. What is not well known, is the fact that those who live in developed nations of the world also participate in this demonic practice.

One would have thought that Africans who are seen as animist, are the only people who worship trees. This is not so. Forest trees are not limited to Africa. There is no nation of the world where the worship of trees is not practised.

Since trees demand to be worshipped and as they abound all over the world, tree demons or forest spirits exist in all comers of the globe.

What then is the implication of this? Many nations, tribes and communities are under bondage. As a result of the worship of trees the virtues and the blessing of many people have been tied to terrible tree spirits.

The worship of trees may be more pronounced in Africa, yet it is a global spiritual phenomenon.

Let us undertake a brief tour of some nations of the world and see how the worship of trees is practised in many nations.

GERMANY

Research has shown that Germans have a background of tree worship. The word, 'temple', in German language reveals that the oldest sanctuaries in Germany were natural woods. Sacred groves or altars were common among the ancient Germans.

Up to date, tree worship is practised by their descendants. To understand what tree worship meant to the Germans in those days we

should examine the stiff penalty apportioned to those who were caught tampering with trees.

According to an old German law, if anyone peeled the bark of a standing tree, the culprit's navel was cut out and nailed to the part of that tree, and he was driven round and round the tree till all his intestines were wound round its trunk.

Why was this punishment prescribed for the offender? The purpose was to replace the dead bark with a living substitute taken from the culprit; it was a life for a life punishment, the life of a man for the life of a tree. Sacrilege!

By exchanging human life for the life of a tree, you can see that trees were very strong demonic personalities.

ITALY – ROME

Although Rome was the centre of civilization at a point in world history, it was also a centre of tree worship.

The sacred fig-tree of Romulus was worshipped up to the golden days of the Roman empire. The withering of its trunk was a symbol of disaster.

In those days, a cornel-tree, which grew somewhere around Palatine Hill, was esteemed as one of the most sacred objects in Rome. Whenever the tree showed a sign of withering, the closest passerby would shout on top of his voice and this would be echoed by the people in the streets. Soon a crowd would run helter-skelter with buckets of water as if they were trying to put out a fire.

The scene described above did not take place in Africa. It took place in Europe.

FINLAND

This is one of the most developed nations in the world. In the past, the Finis performed most of their heathen worship in sacred groves which were

enclosed with fences. The grove was like a garden with a few trees dotted about.

Human beings were offered and sacrificed to the sacred trees. The skin of the sacrificed victims was hung on the trees. Before the trees were worshipped, the priest would offer prayers. The sacrificed human beings were buried close to the roots of the trees. Sometimes, the boughs of the trees served as pulpit. Women were generally forbidden to enter the groves.

AUSTRIA

Austria is another civilized nation where trees were worshipped.

Old peasants in some parts of Austria believe to date that forest trees are animate. They do not allow marks to be made on the barks of trees.

According to an age long belief, trees feel a cut just like a wounded man feels the pain. If an Austrian must fell a tree, he must first apologise to it.

In some parts of Austria, especially in the hinter land, some old woodmen still ask those who fell trees to pay a fine which would enable them to earn forgiveness. So, those who cut timber beg the pardon of the trees they fell. When they go into virgin forests they recite the following words:

"Be not uneasy, my friend, though we fell what we have been ordered to fell."

They utter these words to appease the spirits who live in the trees and who are believed to be capable of avenging themselves by inflicting grievous sickness on those who cut down their abode.

SWEDEN

Tree worship is also practised in Sweden. At Upsala, the religious capital of Sweden, there is a particular sacred grove where every tree is regarded as divine.

THE SOVIET UNION

The Lithuanians are also involved in the worship of idols. They were converted to Christianity at the close of the 14th century. Yet, the worshippers of trees are still prominent among them. Some worship oaks and other great shady trees from which they receive divinations. Some of them maintained sacred groves in their villages and sometimes in their houses.

Among them, to break a twig was seen as a grievous sin. It was generally believed that anyone who tried to cut a bough in the grove would either die or be crippled instantly. That was how far their people went in the worship of trees.

JAPAN

Today, Japan is known as a world's giant, as far as technology is concerned. Yet, we have records of the worship of trees in that civilized nation.

In order to make trees bear fruit, two men would go into a farm land; one would climb the tree while the second would stand at its foot with an axe. The man with the axe would ask the tree if it is ready to yield a good crop the following year and he would threaten to cut it down if it would not. The man on the tree would reply on behalf of the tree that it would yield good fruit. That was their own method of speaking to trees and compelling them to bear good fruits.

CHINA

There is an age-long custom in China whereby people generally plant trees on top of graves in a bid to strengthen the soul of the deceased and to save the body from corruption. The favourite trees they use for this purpose are the evergreen cypress and the pine. Thus the trees which grow on graves are sometimes identified with the souls of the dead.

In Southern and Western China, a sacred tree stands at the entrance of every village. The inhabitants believe that the soul of their first ancestor resides there and rules the destiny of the entire community from there.

Chinese medicine men claim that they hear the wailing of a tree whenever it comes under the brutal force of the axe.

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is one of the developed nations of the world. It is a mixed racial community. The people also practise tree worship. For example, among the Maraves, trees that grow at graveyards are regarded as holy and must not be felled. They are supposed to be tenanted by the souls of the dead.

U. S. A

Today, the United States of America is undoubtedly the world leader as far as civilization is concerned. But all that glitters, is not gold. Today's civilization was predated by a primitive past. Native Indians and other local nationals from other parts of the world settled in some parts of the USA. One of these are the Hidatsa Indians of North America who believe that many powers are resident under the shade of trees. They accord a lot of respect to the shade of trees. For example, they believe that the shade of cotton trees, which are many in the valley of the Upper Missouri, possesses some intelligence which, is capable of helping them in their undertakings.

Whenever a tree falls, the local inhabitants believe that the spirit of the tree cries. Initially, the native Indians of North America believe that it was wrong to fell giant trees.

Recently, their old men attributed the various misfortunes experienced by the community to the brazen and indiscriminate destruction of the trees.

THE PHILIPPINES

In ancient as well as in modern times, the Philippines believe that the soul of their ancestors live in certain trees which they spare. If they must cut one of those trees, they blame their priests to escape judgements. They believe that powerful spirits make their abode in tall and stately trees with great branches.

Whenever the wind rustles the leaves, the natives refer to the sound as the voice of the spirit. Whenever they pass near any of the sacred tree they bow respectfully and ask for pardon for disturbing the peace of the trees. Offerings and sacrifices are made to trees.

AUSTRALIA

Some members of an Old Australian tribe regard trees as their fathers. Hence they speak with reverence to trees and they protest against any attempt to cut them down. They are willing to shed their blood to protect trees from being cut. They do this because they believe that they may be punished for failing to protect their ancestors.

The examples above show that the worship of trees is not limited to Africa alone. It is a practice which is prevalent in civilised parts of the world. Surveying the entire gamut of demonic tree worship, we realise that evil spirits have used powerful myths as dreadful weapons for leading men and women into the worship of trees. We shall examine some of these myths below.

Among the Wanikas of Eastern Africa, it is believed that Coconut trees have spirits and that coconut are sacred. The destruction of a coconut tree is regarded as equivalent to matricide, since they believe that the tree gives them life and nourishment, as a mother does to her child, says a writer.

DALMATIA

In Dalmatia, an ancient European city, it is generally believed that oaks and other trees are endowed with souls. Whoever felled one of them must die on the spot, or at least become an invalid for the rest of his life.

If anyone cuts down any of these trees, he must cut off the head of a live chicken at the root of the tree, with the same axe he used to cut down the tree, in order to protect himself.

GHANA

In Ghana, the Ewe speaking people believe that giant trees are indwell by forest spirits called, "Hunting." The giant trees are generally surrounded by palm trees. Fowls, and occasionally human beings, are sacrificed and tied to the trunk of the trees.

If any man must fell such a tree, he must first offer a sacrifice of a fowl to atone for his sin. It is believed that if this is not done, the person would suffer instant death.

In another tribe it is the practice is for a girl, preferably a virgin, to be sacrificed annually to a sacred tree. Each family in the village take turns to supply the victims. This particular tree was cut down about 70 years ago.

CENTRAL AFRICA

The Basoga tribe of Central Africa believe that whenever a tree is cut down, angry spirits which inhabit it may cause the death of the village chief and his family. The only antidote to this disaster is to consult a medicine-man before cutting down a tree.

Before a tree is cut down, the man would also offer a fowl and a goat to it. When the first struck of the axe hits the bough of the tree, the woodcutter applies his mouth to the mark and sucks some of the water oozing out of the tree as a means of forming a covenant with the tree. Thus, the tree and the person enter into some covenant. After that, he can cut down his "brother" - the tree - without punishment.

EAST INDIA

The inhabitants of Siao, an ancient city, in an East Indian island, believe that certain spirits dwell in forests or in the woodlands. They describe the spirits as having very big heads, very long arms, legs and large bodies. To appease the spirits, the people litter the wood lands with offerings of food, fowls, goats and other victims of sacrifices.

The people also believe that to tamper with the trees is to liberate the demons in them and expose the inhabitants to their attack.

Let me end these myths with the strange case of a particular tribe in Europe which generally lays the blame for felling a tree on the Dutch authorities. Whenever road construction workers must cut a tree to construct a road, one of them would bow reverently and say, "Spirit who lodges in this tree, take it not ill that I cut down your dwelling, for it is done at no wish of mine but at the order of the controller."

Again whenever a fanner is about to clear a piece of forest land for agricultural purpose he would go to the middle of the forest, stoop down as if he was picking up a letter and as if reading an imaginary letter from the Dutch government, he would say, "You hear that, spirits, I must begin clearing at once, or I shall be hanged."

These and other myths have continued to influence men and women in all nations of the world. The bottom line is this, unknown to us, trees and forests have been breeding places for powerful demons. Without doubt, thick forests are abodes of wicked spirits.

When the Bible says that the dark places of the earth are the habitations of cruelty, this applies in no small way to thick forests and places under big shady trees.

The damages that have been done by tree spirits are yet to be unravelled by the modern man. You owe yourself the duty of breaking yourself loose from the powers that are in the forest around your residence and place of birth.

Perhaps, your forefathers might have mortgaged the destiny of your family line through tree worship. The problem you have been battling with

may be traced to the influence of powerful demons that are resident in certain trees in your place of birth.

THOSE WHO CAN DEAL WITH EVIL TREES

Who can deal successfully with these spirits, which I have said, are wicked and stubborn?

A sister once stood in front of her house around midnight. Suddenly, a bird flew past, then the second, the third and up to the twelfth. The sister saw them disappeared into one banana tree close to her house. This surprised her and she concluded that witches must have taken over the banana tree.

She decided not to sleep but to wait and see them on their way home so that she would send fire unto them. But this sister who wanted to send fire was wearing hair attachment. Also, her anger was comparable to that of no other person. Once she got into her tantrums someone had to start singing her praise names before she could calm down.

As the birds finished their meeting and flew past to their way home, the sister pointed her finger at them and said:

"You wicked birds, hear the voice of the Lord; I command the Spirit of God to burn you as you fly on."

The birds simply continued their journey, none of them fell down and the sister grew annoyed.

As she was going to work in the morning one woman, who sold fried fry plantain in front of her house, called her and said firmly: "I have one good advice for you, what you did last night, if you like yourself, don't ever do it again. It is because you are my good customer that I left you alone. Go in peace."

That sister had wasted her time praying acidless prayers. If you wish to fight demons, you must have no sin in your life, nor anger, bitterness, backbiting, gossiping, lying, fornication, adultery, alcohol, nor falsehood.

The earth and the wood are always in unity; they are witnesses, from which nothing on earth can be hidden. The heavenly screen will play back everything on the last day.

To worsen the case of the blackman, our parents feed us with concoctions made from barks, leaves and roots cut from witchcraft trees. They soak them in fluids for us to drink. If you refuse to drink the concoction, they would force you to drink it.

The tree demons used this opportunity to send their anointing into your body, and you need to cast it out. That is why some people who can pray very well are hardly able to forgive anyone, because they have drunk the concoction of witchcraft.

You need to outlaw, and dismantle and uproot the kingdom of the dark world fighting you from evil trees.

These prayer points have been spoken by the Holy Ghost to free you from the cage of evil trees. You must, therefore, pray them with aggression in your spirit and violence in your voice.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Any evil tree controlling my destiny, die, in Jesus' name.
2. Every unknown family tree that is stealing from me, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every unconscious covenant with any tree, be broken, in the name of Jesus.
4. Any tree in my environment that is working against my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every consequence of any concoction, be dissolved by fire, in the name of Jesus.

6. Every witchcraft tree targeted against my progress, what are you waiting for, die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Oh king of evil trees, be overthrown, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every tree demon working in my family, I bind and cast you out, in the name of Jesus.
9. I break every evil covenant between me and any evil tree, in the name of Jesus.
10. My blood, my brain, jump out of any evil tree, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every covenant of destruction between my ancestors and any evil tree, die, in the name of Jesus.
12. Every witchcraft tree in my environment, die, in the name of Jesus.
13. Every witchcraft tree in my place of birth, die, in the name of Jesus.
14. Local evil trees, release my foreign benefits, in the name of Jesus.
15. Every tree planted against my destiny, what are you waiting for, die, in the name of Jesus.
16. Every tree in my dream, die, in the name of Jesus.
17. Every gathering by the *Iroko* tree against my life, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
18. Oh forest demons, release my destiny, in Jesus' name.
19. Every bark of evil tree, release my destiny, in Jesus' name.
20. Every evil bird flying on any evil tree for sake, crash-land and die, in the name of Jesus.
21. Every manipulation of the moon and the tree against my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
22. Every power judging me inside a tree, die, in Jesus' name.
23. Every unknown family tree that is stealing from me, die, in the name of Jesus.
24. Oh you that troubleth my Israel, my God shall trouble you today, in the name of Jesus.
25. Every padlock from satanic powers, break, in Jesus' name.

26. Every tree that has swallowed my prosperity, vomit them by fire, in the name of Jesus.
27. Every evil tree cursing my destiny, I curse you in the name of the Lord, in the name of Jesus.
28. Every family idol connected to evil trees, die, in the name of Jesus.
29. Oh you evil tree that troubles my Israel, my God shall trouble you today, in the name of Jesus.
30. Begin to thank God.

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DESTROYING THE CALDRON OF DARKNESS

INTRODUCTION

In Micah 3:3, we read:

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.

Indeed the central theme of the book of Micah, revolves around destroying the caldron of darkness. In the verse we have just read we see what is done inside a caldron: they eat the flesh of people, nay the skin off them, break their bones, chop them in pieces.

Ezekiel 11:11 says:

This *city* shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; *but* I will judge you in the border of Israel:

When a city becomes a caldron for a person, when his flesh is flayed, cut in pieces and is cooked, he has, certainly, come to the end of his or her life

TIME OF IGNORANCE - GREAT LECTURE

The first local lecture I had on demonology was not from a church, or from a pastor. In fact, our pastors were not aware of what was going on, then we just kept dancing without knowing that the enemy was rejoicing. We did all kinds of ceremonies, not knowing that the devil was busy firing his arrows in our lives.

The lecture was given to me by a small girl, a demonic lecturer sort of, many years ago. We were never taught in our church anything close to what the girl taught me. How I wish I knew then what I know today! If I did, many lives would have been saved, because all we used to think of in those days as Holy Spirit manifestation has now been proved to be purely demonic.

Somebody, people called a prophetess was herself a very good deliverance case, because the visions she saw most of the time, were not of God. Some people saw visions, rolled on the floor and scattered the benches and said, "Thus saith the Lord." We never knew that they were never in touch with the Holy Spirit.

Some of these people were always talking people to bring illicit gin and honey to pray on, for them to pass their examinations.

Some of them even told people to write some psalms on a piece of paper, put it in the midst of a fish, cook and eat, for successful journeys. I wish I knew then that all these people were having demonic problem, I would have helped many of them with deliverance sessions because many of them were sincerely ignorant.

Now, we know that we have intellectual demons, sanctified ones, and holy ones who tie their hair, wear a serious look and are ever unsmiling only to engage in masturbation at night.

We now know that there can be two spirits in a man, so that the man may manifest the Holy Spirit now, and the next moment manifest the demon of anger. One spirit is in his body while the other is in his spirit.

Also, we now know that we have counterfeit baptism of the Holy Ghost – those who speak in fake tongues.

We also know that we have 'holier-than-thou demons'.

If we knew all these, then we would have avoided so many tragedies.

The above-mentioned demonic girl sat me down and gave me a lecture. After she had spoken, she asked me if I had any questions to ask. I asked her how witches put their legs on the wall. She said this was no problem, that I should just watch her, whereupon she went to the wall to demonstrate it for me.

Again, I asked her if a person in that position went for a meeting and someone shifted her from that position, what would happen. She said that was a covenant position which must not be shifted from. If a person without the fire of the Holy Ghost shifted one in that position, there would be a problem.

I further asked her: "How do you reverse people's destiny?"

She again gave me a lecture on how a person can be convinced to abandon life and choose death. She drew my attention to the small mud lamp.

"That is what we use," she told me. "We light it up and say certain things which enable us to see through the flame of that lamp what the person is destined to be in life. And from that flame I we can change every thing."

She told me further: "This has to be done within seven days of the person's birth."

My prayer is that such lamps will not bum against you, in the name of Jesus.

I asked her the number of people they had done such things to and she said, "Countless," and further revealed to me: "We are allowed to carry such new babies without their parents realizing whom they give the babies to."

Then she informed me that they sent agents to churches – to teach in Sunday School classes, to prophesy, to seek leadership positions, etc.

I asked her why they did those things and she said it was because the church of God was the only place where people could locate their destinies. So, they went there to reverse such destinies.

It then became very clear to me what happened in one church one day. I was in the church when somebody suddenly began to prophesy, accusing the congregation of not looking after God's servant. the pastor; that people must buy *groceries* and other good things for the pastor.

Being an ignoramus then, I began to feel sorry for the pastor whom I thought must, indeed, be very poor to need those things from People.

The person started another prophecy in which he asked everybody in the church to bring water and put it outside for seven days to allow dew to settle on it, then they should drink it for their breakthroughs.

As he ended the prophecy. another person addressed him in another prophecy accusing him of deception and commanded him to shut up.

"What an insult", the second person said, "for you to come into My house to give false prophecy. Because of this false prophecy, I shall afflict you with sickness."

The fellow who prophesied earlier began to apologize and ask for forgiveness and I became thoroughly confused. Two prophecies in the same church? And one contradicting the other? However, after that lecture the girl gave me, I began to understand what happened. That lamp with which people's destinies were diverted is called the caldron.

SATANIC ARMOURY - CALDRON

There are many weapons in the satanic armoury, things like charms, rings and waist bands.

WHAT IS THE CALDRON OF DARKNESS?

The caldron is a terrible weapon used by the enemy against us in battle.

☞ It is what we can call a drum of affliction.

As the enemy is beating this drum, something is happening somewhere.

☞ The caldron is a terrible cooking pot for heating things up.

But we thank God for the blood of Jesus, without which many of us would have been eaten alive.

☞ Traditionally, the caldron is supposed to contain water, salt, incense, oil and other materials for appeasing the devil.

WHO ARE THE OPERATORS OF THE CALDRON?

☞ Witchcraft practitioners.

Witchcraft is the legal or judicial arm of the devil. It sees to it that all his programmes are executed. It distributes spiritual cobwebs and supervises all the satanic wickedness in high places.

The powers of witchcraft have imprisoned individuals, families, villages, towns, establishments and even countries. As we find in the book of Nahum, they sold families, nations and communities. One powerful weapon of witchcraft is the caldron.

Say this to yourself aggressively, "I refuse to be sold by the powers of darkness, in the name of Jesus."

A very intelligent boy was brought to a crusade at Akure. He was always tops in his class, and was the kind of boy the teacher would ask to assist in disciplining the others who are not doing well in class. He had never been punished for bad performance before.

Things went well with him in class except on examination days. On such days, when they were told to start writing, he would put his head on his desk and sleep off! And when they were asked to stop writing, he would

wake up. All the same, the teachers kept promoting him because they just couldn't understand his problem.

When he was brought to the crusade a word of knowledge came out that there was a person who had a caldron under his bed, that if he would bring out the caldron and destroy it, his problem would be over. Everybody said, "Amen". Those who felt like clapping clapped.

When this boy got home, something told him to look under his bed. He did and found a small pot filled with oil. What happened was that anytime he wanted to sit for an examination, and the oil was congealed, he would fall asleep.

The truth is this. If a person's life has nothing to offer, powers of darkness would leave him alone, since he poses no problem to them. But when his life has something to offer, all the armouries of hell fire would be released against him. But then, as a child of God, those who are with you are more than those that are with them.

You will hardly find a witchdoctor who has no caldron. In their room of operation there is always one. Unfortunately, the devil has manipulated black people so much that we can hardly find one who has not passed through the caldron. You may wish to dispute this but haven't you taken herbal concoctions before? This is cooked in the caldron.

Or, perhaps, you didn't drink any concoction but your granny used to have a pot in which she stored water for cooling. Of course, cooling might be the original purpose for storing the water but the devil, being very clever, makes witches look for a pot immediately they attach themselves to a particular place and urinate inside the pot. Then people would drink from such bewitched pot

At one Power Must Change Hands programme, I shared the story of a brother who had serious problems. When he prayed fire prayers, the Lord opened his eyes and he saw five people in his family surrounding a caldron in which they were frying something. The Lord asked him to go and see what they were frying and he saw that they were frying his own placenta. He asked God for what to do next and the Lord told him to do whatever he

felt like doing, and that if he killed them he would have to find the money to bury them.

The brother decided to call fire and thunder to scatter them. Meanwhile, they had fried the thing a bit and this caused the heat he was experiencing in all areas of his life.

WHAT ARE THE USES OF THE CALDRON?

- ☞ In caldrons, people's lives are cooked and eaten like meat.
- ☞ Forces of darkness can convert a place, a city, or town to a caldron for a person.

An institution such as a university y, to become, can be used as a caldron. Many people would have remained alive if they did not go to a university. It was there they were cooked in the caldron.

- ☞ A caldron is used to pollute childbirth.
- ☞ It is used to cause painful deaths, as well as pollute knowledge and inspiration.

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CALDRON ATTACKS?

- ☞ The person would notice multiple attacks – on his dream life, his marriage and work.
- ☞ The person may develop inexplicable and intense internal heat.

When he checks his temperature, it would be normal, yet the heat goes on! It is possible that the person is being boiled.

- ☞ Most cases of malignant and abnormal hypertension are caldron boiling.
- ☞ Such a person cannot be the best that the Lord wants him to be.

☞ If the brain of such a person is being cooked, he would always be below his destined class.

☞ A man whose marriage is being cooked would always be smoke and drink and squander his money on strange women.

He would know what to do but would be unable to do it. He would feel discomfort all around him. He would be spending his money foolishly and unprofitably. He would not be useful to his family or to his community. He would be busy serving his concubines.

☞ Frustration and unstable progress are signs of caldron attack.

☞ Eyes blinded to realities are evidence of caldron attack.

☞ When a person has been converted to a spiritual zombie, he is probably being cooked.

☞ Assorted arrows of oppression are almost visible as they enter a person's body.

☞ When people smell hospital or death, it is a sign of caldron attack.

☞ Inexplicable discomfort is a form of caldron attack.

☞ Complete paralyzes of destiny that leave a person uncertain about which way to go may be a caldron attack.

☞ Horrible dreams and poverty of the highest order are trade marks of the caldron.

A man who was being cooked in a caldron was as poor as a church rat. The last testimony I heard about him, after he embarked on fire prayers to change his destiny, was that he forgot up to ten million naira in an account for eight years. While he was being cooked, he constantly begged for money to feed.

WHERE ARE CALDRONS COMMONLY FOUND?

If you open your eyes wide enough you will see them in the following places:

- ☞ At crossroads where people place sacrifices. The crossroads is satan's eating place.

What is a sacrifice? It is a bribe to satanic powers.

What is a charm? This is an inanimate object to which a demon has been attached, to carry out an evil assignment.

What is incantation? It is the programming or an invitation to demons to destroy.

- ☞ In the house of witches and wizards.

Sometimes, such places may look empty, with cobwebs and dirty liquid visible all over the place, but that thing you call dirty liquid may be the blood of someone.

In some caldrons the blood of every member of a family is collected and their destinies are caged there. Should any member offend a witch, the caldron gets a little bit heated up and trouble would start for him.

- ☞ With the strongmen who are wicked and evil people
- ☞ At satanic altars.
- ☞ In criminal hideouts.

This category of people uses the caldron a lot. They put the name of a person in the caldron, heat it up and send the person to sleep, when they call at his place to rob him.

- ☞ In evil forests and lands.
- ☞ Where human parts are sold.
- ☞ At those ancient gates or entrances leading into cities.
- ☞ In the markets.

- ☞ At occult centres.
- ☞ In false churches.

WHAT DO THEY COOK IN CALDRONS?

- ☞ The health of somebody, or his potentials, time, career, or marriage.
- ☞ A couple whose marriage is being cooked in a caldron will always be at each other's throat.
- ☞ Progress, opportunities, relationships, divine callings, money, children, peace, joy, rest and the dream life of a person, can be cooked.

When a person's dream life is being cooked, the person would always be afraid of going to sleep.

- ☞ Potential helpers can be cooked.

This makes the helpers get very aggressive at the sight of the person they should help.

- ☞ Body parts like the hair can be cooked and so can menstrual pads.

A man once came to a crusade ground, having been driven mad by his wife. The woman once caught her husband with a strange woman and decided to padlock him sexually. He was put in a caldron until he came to the crusade where there was a word of knowledge that a man was being afflicted with a caldron, but that, that padlock should be broken and destroyed. The man was then delivered after he repented.

- ☞ A person's business and clothes can be cooked.

If you have never drunk herbal concoction, and your parents too have never drunk it and have no caldron of water, you may have no problem. But if you have a life whose landscape is littered with these, you need to pray seriously.

Isaiah 47:9-15: But these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall

come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments. ¹⁰For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me. ¹¹Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know. ¹²Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; If so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. ¹³Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee. ¹⁴Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall not be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it ¹⁵Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

This is the lot of God's enemies.

WHAT IS THE WAY OUT?

☞ Confess and totally repent of any sin in your life that gives them access.

As long as you live in any known sin, you will be a candidate for the caldron. Fornication, adultery, anger, malice and drunkenness make a man a candidate of the caldron.

A caldron has no respect for a pastor if he is living in sin. Neither has it any respect for the prophet who is living in sin, nor the evangelist if he is living in sin. Forces of darkness will summon out the spirit and command it to enter into the pot and then set it on fire.

☞ Receive the military anointing to destroy the caldron.

Do you know that many friends often collect the names of people they don't want to be promoted above them? And if somebody is on a seat they desire, they do everything to get the person removed. They write the name of such a person, put it in the caldron and begin to boil it. In this way, they get rid of everybody they do not want in their way, except those who have the fire of God in their lives.

☞ Retrench caldron priests.

There are many ways this can be done. You may command them to fall down and die or cause them to be bound or be paralysed. The important thing is for them to be inactive.

☞ Destroy the caldron priest.

This can be done with the blood of Jesus, the fire of God, thunder and lightning of God and God's carpenters.

☞ Withdraw your name and destiny from any caldron activity.

☞ Possess your possessions.

Those gentle kinds of prayers hardly have a place in the battle against the caldron. Gentle prayers may work when you are confessing you sins, but you have to cry from your heart to overcome all the local, satanic powers that have dragged you into bondage.

Our forefathers had a lot of demonic intelligence. It was part of that demonic intelligence that made them to give forbidden land to men who wanted to build churches. They knew that if they built their church there, and had no fire, the church would be captured and would soon be brought to ruin. That is why we have a lot of lodge members in many churches, they have taken control. Even a priest may be a lodge member.

PRAYER POINTS

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 the name of Jesus.
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 Jesus' name.
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 Jesus' name.
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.
28. 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.
31. O Lord, let my word matter in heaven at this moment, in the name of Jesus.
32. Every darkness resisting my prayer, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
33. O Lord, set up your government on every department of my life, in the name of Jesus.
34. (Point your finger heavenward.) Every evil pursuer located in the heavenlies, I pull you down by fire, in the name of Jesus.
35. Every caldron of darkness used against my progress, break by fire! in the name of Jesus.
36. (Lay your hand on your stomach.) All powers of caldron consumption, break now, in the name of Jesus.
37. Every power of caldron concoctions, break now, in the name of Jesus.
38. Every demonic power from the caldron of darkness, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
39. O Lord, arise and let every caldron of darkness scatter, in the name of Jesus.
40. I snatch the evil caldron from the enemy, and I smash it to pieces, in the name of Jesus.

41. I apply the blood of Jesus into every evil caldron, in the name of Jesus.
42. Every caldron spirit working against my life, be frustrated, in the name of Jesus.
43. Every caldron of household witchcraft, break, in the name of Jesus.
44. Every case file against my life, in the caldron, be destroyed by the blood of Jesus.
45. Every witchcraft instrument working against my life, receive permanent destruction, in the name of Jesus.
46. Every organized demonic network working against my life, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
47. Every caldron priest working against my life, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
48. (Lay your right hand on your head.) Every witchcraft deposit planted while I was sleeping, come out by fire, in the name of Jesus.
49. My city shall not be my caldron, in the name of Jesus.
50. Begin to thank God.

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ASSASSINATED BY THE MOUTH

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, we will discuss what I call, "Assassinated by the mouth." This means that a person's mouth can lead him to death.

1 Cor. 10:14-21: Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to wise men; Judge ye what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. ¹⁸Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? ¹⁹what say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? ²⁰But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. ²¹Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

It is not possible for you to have half part of a dove which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and half part of a bat which is a symbol of evil spirits. No. God will remove the half part of the Holy Spirit and give you a full bat, because it is written, we should either be hot or cold. God does not want us to be tepid. He hates people sitting on the fence. If you want to be bad, be bad; and if you want to be good, be good; so that it will be clear where you belong.

That is what the Bible makes us to understand.

Verses 22 - 23 says,

Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?
²³All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

THE EVILS THAT MOUTH HAS DONE

The fall of man in the Garden of Eden was accomplished through the mouth gate. A lot of us would have done so well if we had firm control over our mouths.

The mouth was the cause of the fall of our forefathers and up till today, food, which passes through the mouth, is till a serious root of spiritual contamination and sickness.

For example, it is very bad to eat in the dream because powers of darkness use that means to plant sicknesses into people's lives, and weaken them spiritually.

In His infinite wisdom God bans us from eating certain things. Leviticus 3: I 7 says,

It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

Jacob and his household went to Egypt because of food, and entered into bondage that lasted 430 years.

Esau sold his birthright because of food.

The young prophet from Judah whom God told to prophesy unto the altar, got into trouble when he accepted food from an older prophet despite God's warning that he should not talk to anybody or eat anything on the way.

A lot of terrible disasters have been caused by the mouth-gate.

I know a brother who got a gift of a bottle of wine from somebody close to him. He kept it somewhere and did not drink it because it contained alcohol. A week later, a small plant with fresh leaves had started sprouting inside the bottle. If he had drunk it, that small plant would have started growing in his stomach. There is no x-ray machine that would have been able to detect that kind of thing.

I know a fellow who was given a piece of kola nut. Luckily for him, he did not eat it. By the time he went back to where he kept it, he found a human finger instead of the kola nut. If he had eaten it, the finger would have been moving around in his body.

I have seen people vomiting pins, needles, cowries, small calabashes, etc. Many of them went through x-ray and scanning machines, but these equipments could not detect these evil materials.

Close your eyes and pray like this:

Every evil thing that entered into my life through my mouth, vanish by fire, in the name of Jesus.

Hosea 4:6 says,

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:...

Some people prefer soft drinks to fresh fruits, not knowing that soft drinks are not good for their health. Many soft drinks contain a lot of sugar.

At some parties, which can be classified as demonic, polluted food is distributed to people and they ignorantly eat it.

Some people cook food and distribute it without telling people what they are celebrating.

Sometimes, you see a fellow who is 60 years old saying he is 40 and he distributes food to people to celebrate the so called 40th birthday.

Some people consume cooked animals used for sacrifices. Some have eaten evil eggs and drunk a lot of evil concoctions. Many people have got into trouble after eating bean cakes (*akara*) or doughnuts given to them by

people who celebrated the 40th day of the death anniversary of their relatives.

Some people collect holy water and holy oil from satanic churches and after drinking them, they get into trouble.

CLEVERLY HIDDEN BONDAGE

The black man has a lot of cleverly hidden bondage. The open ones can be avoided sometimes.

Sometime ago, a man came to me and said,

"Sorry, pastor, whether the Bible agrees with it or not, I must divorce my wife."

I asked him why. He replied that she brought a coffin with a pot, which was a charm for making money inside their bedroom. That is an example of an open or loud bondage. Even some decent unbelievers will not go into such.

But there are some silent bondage which many walk into with their eyes open. For example, many towns celebrate festivals, like new yam and masquerade festivals. During these festivals, satanic negotiations with the powers of darkness are made on behalf of the people. During the Christmas season, some people run back home to renew such covenants.

All these ceremonies look harmless but they are highly demonic, because before they take place, the priest of the village would have gone to his shrines for months to stand in the gap for the whole community. This is how community bondage is renewed, serviced, maintained and activated. It is a strong but silent bondage. Many Nigerians are lured into this kind of bondage.

Many children are initiated on their eighth day during their naming ceremonies when they are given all kinds of concoctions to drink. In some places, babies are left in the river for days, before they are given names.

Many are given incisions and tattoos on their bodies. These are spiritual marks through which evil spirits are able to identify those dedicated to them. If you have such marks on your body, you need to go for deliverance. Children of God are supposed to have only the mark of the Lord Jesus on their bodies. Galatians 6:17 says, "From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."

Sometimes when you pray for people who have evil marks on their bodies, strange voices would be speaking from them asking you to leave them alone because they belong to them. Just as the angel of death "passed over" the children of Israel who had the mark of the blood in Egypt, so also demons recognise those who bear their marks.

The devil, as you know, is bad. There is nothing good about him. The Bible tells us that he has come to steal, to kill and to destroy. In fact, serving the devil is a tragedy because at the end of the day, you end up in hell fire.

All contaminated names and titles are silent bondage. That is why some serious Christians always consult God before they give names to their children. But in our environment, some families, villages, or towns have names that are unique to them. They are usually terrible names.

A friend of mine told me a story about a place called *Orita-mefa* in one of the cities in Nigeria. *Orita-mefa* means the meeting of six altars. Beside this *Orita-mefa* is one of the biggest hospitals in the country.

Sometime ago, it was noticed that people were dying mysteriously at this hospital, so some prayer warriors of a church close-by had to be going to the *Orita-mefa* to pray.

During this time, a Christian doctor in that hospital did surgical operations on some people and a week after, he fell seriously ill. He was admitted at the same hospital and was being treated for malaria. A day before he was to be discharged, around 1:00 a.m., he saw the door to his ward opened while no one touched it and a skeleton moved in and walked towards him. Since he was just recovering from malaria, he had no power to pray hard. But as the skeleton almost got to him, he started to speak in tongues and discovered that his speaking in tongues slowed the skeleton down. As he spoke louder, the skeleton turned back and went out of the

hospital. He now understood what was killing other patients. He made sure he was discharged that morning. All these things are silent bondage that we need to stand against.

There is also a place called *Orogun* which means rivalry. Christians who moved into that area suddenly discovered that the anointing to marry many wives was coming upon them. They had to run away from that environment.

At this junction, I would like you to pray like this:

Every silent bondage working against my life, break, in the name of Jesus.

Many states and towns in Nigeria are named after rivers and they are the sources of some of the silent bondage we are talking about.

SECRET BONDAGE - KOLA NUT

There is another kind of bondage which most Nigerians are lured into. It is the bondage of kola nuts. One way or the other, we all have something to do with kola nuts. Secretly and quietly, the enemy has used this seed to cage the black man. But there shall be deliverance today, in the name of Jesus.

WHAT IS A KOLA NUT?

A kola nut is a seed found in many parts of the world. It is used to make drinks and medicines. It contains something called caffeine, which is a stimulant. When you have a lot of caffeine in your system, you would not be able to sleep and you may have headache.

Pregnant women are advised to keep away from caffeine because it is capable of deforming their unborn babies caffeine is also found in coffee and tea.

For some strange reasons, the devil has captured this seed and has used it to cause a silent destruction of lives and destinies. It is spiritually unsafe for you to just pick up a kola nut in the open market and begin to eat it. The Holy Spirit has asked me to warn you if you are in the habit of doing this.

Locally, kola nuts are used as a means of divination by herbalists and witch doctors. Some break and offer them to idols or demons. The kola nut, libation and sacrifice offered, form an evil trinity.

If a kola nut has been used to prophesy a course of action for you, you need to pray. It is an instrument of diversion. It is also a part of sacrifices offered to demons.

In fact, it would be right to call it the snack of satan in our environment. Demonic elders place it on people's heads when they pray for them. If you have been prayed for like that you really need to pray because it is a covenant material, a means of substitution and a means of making appeal to wicked spirits. It is also used to issue curses on people.

There are many other materials that are used but the kola nut is number one. Other materials include *eko* or *ogi* (corn meal), coconuts, sugarcane, hens, cocks, ducks, pigeons, she-goats, he-goats, sheep, rams, gin, cold water, palm-wine, palm-oil, pieces of cloth, dogs, *egusi-soup*, etc. These are serious matters which must be tackled.

If you want to deal with an enemy, you must understand his mode of operation. The Bible says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The agents of satan understand these things very well and use them to harm unsuspecting people.

In those days, when people did not understand the operations of the agents of satan much, innocent children, especially in Sunday schools, were often invited by demonic agents to eat food used for sacrifice. The ignorant Sunday school teacher would say to the children: "You can go, but make sure you come back."

The children would rush to the place and collect all kinds of food items. They did not know that they were being caged silently.

Sometime ago, a man who came for deliverance said something strange. He said he belonged to a satanic cult before he gave his life to Christ and that while he was still there, whenever they saw a child that was very brilliant and wanted to remove his virtues and transfer them to another child, they would call this kind of demonic party, hoping that the bright child would come.

Immediately, the bright child ate the food, his brain would be transferred to another child and the child who had been bright before would become dull.

Beloved, the kola nut spirit has affected many lives. The devil makes people to get addicted to this crop in order to ensure that the evil covenants formed with them or on their behalf are maintained.

They also use it to ensure that people feed regularly at the table of the devil. All those who have offered kola nuts as sacrifice, or have used it for divination or have broken it for ceremonies, really need to pray because it invites terrible ancestral spirits to operate in peoples' lives.

It is a material of spiritual gambling. If you buy it from the open market, the prayer of: "O Lord, bless this kola nut for Christ's sake." will not work.

When you break kola nut and give it to people to eat, you form some covenants.

Those who eat kola nuts anyhow and anywhere, usually have terrible dreams. For example, they see masquerades or animals pursuing them, or they see dead relatives. They see themselves carrying calabashes or holding the local white chalk, coins, cowries or pepper. They see themselves urinating all over the place, fowls picking coins in front of them, or goats eating things in front of them. These are the activities of witches who are trying to steal their blessings.

They find themselves dancing in unknown groups or getting married to strange people. They also find birds flying around them or snails or tortoises moving around them.

A person who has kola nut spirit may all of a sudden find that his or her palms are itching. As a Christian, it is better to avoid this crop.

HOW TO BREAK FREE FROM THE KOLA NUT BONDAGE

✚ Avoid it completely.

But if you must eat it, plant one yourself at the back of your house. Be pleading the blood of Jesus on it when it starts growing. Know that nutritionally, you don't gain anything from it.

✚ Renounce any known and unknown covenants you have formed with it and reclaim all the benefits that have been stolen from you as a result of the evil covenants.

Beloved, even if you were eating proper food, make sure you pray on them because the days are evil.

One of our pastors abroad told us that in his locality, all the meat-sellers were unbelievers and they dedicate their meat to a demon before they start selling. So, technically, they have taken over that place and the wealth of that place flowed into their pockets. The inhabitants of the place are getting poorer while the meat sellers are getting richer.

Beloved, ignorance has stolen many things from us. Do not joke with the following prayer points.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I command my stomach to reject every evil food, in the name of Jesus.
2. Anything that I have eaten from the table of satan, come out now, in the name of Jesus.

3. Every kola nut spirit, I bind and cast you out, in the name of Jesus.
4. (Lay your hands on your head as you pray this:) Every cage working against my family, break by fire, in the name of Jesus.
5. You my destiny, move forward by fire, in Jesus' name.
6. Every family pollution, vanish by the blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.
7. I trample upon every tragedy programmed into this year by fire, in the name of Jesus.
8. My hands must prosper by fire, in the name of Jesus.
9. Tragedy will not befall me, in the name of Jesus.
10. Any gathering summoned for my destruction, Oh God, arise and scatter it, in the name of Jesus.
11. I bind the spirit of the snail, I cast it out of my business, my carrier and my academics, in the name of Jesus.
12. Every evil pretender, be exposed and be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
13. O Lord, give me a miracle by fire, in the name of Jesus.
14. Thank you, Lord, in Jesus' name.

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THEIR WEAPONS SHALL NOT PROSPER

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah 54: 17: No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in Judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

The phrase "formed against," means that a specific weapon can be formed against a particular place, individual, or a situation.

Another important word to note here is 'prosper.' It means that if the weapon is correctly used by the enemy, it will prosper. That is what is called the prosperity of the enemy's weapon. It is also possible for the enemy's weapon not to prosper.

A sister had a dream where she found that somebody was shaving her hair (hair represents glory) and as she was protesting, she woke up. Instead of reversing the dream, by commanding the barber to die, banned or even to shave himself, she turned around and went back to sleep.

By the next morning, she woke up and found her husband stone dead by her side. What happened? The weapon of the enemy prospered.

There was a certain brother who used to do morning cry In a village where he lived. Some people in that village who did not like him gathered together and planned to destroy him. They got a demonic drum on which surface the brother's face would appear after they had called his name three

times. They were to smite his face with a sharp object and the brother would die. As they were planning all these, the Almighty was watching them. He did not stop them from planning; He did not stop them from taking action or calling his name.

They called the brother's name the first time but it did not appear, and according to their demonic rule, they were supposed to call his name three times. At the third time, his face appeared and as one of them lifted up his stick to smite it. (God did not say that they should not lift up the stick), the brother's face changed to that of the fellow who carried the stick and it was too late for him to stop. He smote his own face, fell down on the floor and died. Their weapon did not prosper.

That passage can also mean, "No weapon forged against you shall succeed."

It can also mean, "No weapon made to harm you will prevail, or no weapon tailored against you shall have the upper hand."

It can also mean, "No tool formed against you shall accomplish its mission."

The enemies may by, but they will never succeed. You must address these destructive satanic weapons that have destroyed so many lives and, unfortunately, are still destroying so many. When these weapons are destroyed, outstanding things will happen.

DESTRUCTIVE LOCAL WEAPONS

KILLER DOLLS

One of the most destructive weapons used locally is what is known as, 'killer doll'. Dolls are common sights in black Africa. They have many uses. They can be used as kitchen tools, or as instruments of witchcraft, to cause sickness and sudden death. This is the truth. I have seen so many of them that people brought to me and we burnt them.

When a doll is put somewhere for a demonic purpose, the user may use needles or nails to be pricking it and whoever it is addressed to, will be having pain and problems. If he sticks the needle on the heart of the doll, the person addressed may die and it may be said that the person died of heart attack. If he sticks it to the head, the fellow may run mad, if on the leg, he may become paralysed, or he would be complaining of arthritis or rheumatism. If he sticks it in the eye, the person may become blind.

He may place a heavy load on the head of the doll, and the person would be complaining of heaviness. He may also cut off someone's clothing and hair, put them on the doll and use them to manipulate the victim. People's hair, menstrual pads, urine, sand that they have stepped on, etc can be used. When a person is under such manipulation, no medicine can help him and no x-ray can detect the needle.

If you start seeing wooden idols in your dreams, you have work to do. When the enemies of a person want to make him to be hated everywhere he goes, they will pour a liquid with a foul smell on the doll. This weapon is commonly used by strange women so that the men they snatch from other women will hate their wives and children.

During a yoke-breaking meeting organised for married women a few years ago, a sister prayed with aggression and that week, the strange woman who had taken over her husband died. It was later discovered that under her bed there were evil dolls with pins on their bodies which she kept for every member of the sister's family.

Close your eyes and pray these prayer points:

Every killer doll designed against me, roast by fire, in the name of Jesus.

Oh God, arise and scatter my enemies, in Jesus' name.

EVIL BLACK ROBE

Another wicked weapon is the evil black robe. This is also an instrument of witchcraft. When people in black apparel pursue a person in

the dream, it is a very dangerous attack on such a person. Black colour is a symbol of darkness.

A spiritual black robe has many implications. If a person sees himself wearing it, it means that some dark powers are trying to initiate him into an occult group or are planning sudden death for him.

It can also mean that they are planning to stop his star from shining.

Pray the following prayer points:

Any satanic robe fashioned against me, receive the judgment of fire, in the name of Jesus.

Every evil gathering against me, scatter, in Jesus' name.

EVIL BROOM

Another weapon of the enemy is the evil broom.

Sometime ago, a sister brought some beggarly powers to us for burning. Among them was a broom. Out of curiosity I asked her what it was for? She said it was for sweeping women out of their matrimonial homes. I asked her how that was done, and she said she would hide in a corner and wait for her victim to go out of her house. Immediately, she passed by, she would sweep the dust from her footprint; and from then on, everything she did in the home would irritate her husband.

A witchcraft broom is also used to sweep good things away from people's lives; for example, marriages, money, houses, children, etc.

Sometime ago, I met a woman who had five children and four of them died at the age of 17. The fifth was 16 years old when the woman gave her life to Christ. At the time she came to me, the fourth child was suffering from the same sickness that killed the others. When I told her that the fifth one will not die, she could not believe me. What happened was that her enemies were sweeping her children away.

Lay your hand on your chest and pray this prayer point:

Every satanic broom working against me, roast by fire, in Jesus' name.

EVIL CALDRON

The fourth weapon of the enemy is what the Bible calls, "evil caldron or evil polo" This has been explained in the earlier chapter. Micah 3:3 says, "Who also eat the flesh of my people, and nay their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones."

This caldron is a powerful instrument of witchcraft. You cannot find a witch doctor who does not have a pot. In these caldrons, people's lives are cooked spiritually for demonic fortification or affliction.

It is used to pollute lives, cause death, pollute knowledge and destroy marriages. When a person in a dream finds himself sleeping and dreaming, it is a manipulation through an evil caldron.

Witches have a caldron for every city. In that caldron, they try to manipulate everyone living in that city. Ezekiel 11: 11 says, "This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Israel."

This means that a city can be the caldron of a person. Any time the person enters the city, he is cooked spiritually. Another city may not be a caldron to such a person.

Pray these prayer points aggressively:

This city of . . . (slot in the city where you live), you shall not be my caldron, in the name of Jesus.

You evil cook, cook yourself, in the name of Jesus.

ALTAR

The fifth weapon of the enemy is the altar. It is the most important weapon of spiritual destruction. It is a place of slaughter or sacrifice. It is the spiritual dining table of evil spirits, a place of evil exchange, where evil people exchange people's brains with that of goats or cows.

It is also a place of spiritual traffic, where things go up and down. It is a place of covenants. Some demonic people use mats as their altars. They spread them out on the floor and sit on them while they perform their demonic duties. Wicked altars are fashioned to demote, frustrate, kill, steal and destroy.

Evil altars are not to be taken lightly. You do not joke with them at all because the Almighty God does not joke with them. To even worsen the case, so many people have evil altars inside themselves, knowingly or unknowingly.

Sometime ago, I watched an interesting drama in a street. A young man came to buy a pig from a pig seller. He paid for one pig and went away without taking it. The day came when he wanted the pig, but he discovered that it had died. He asked for another one. Both he and the pig seller were children of the devil. The pig seller refused to give him another one because by law, according to him, since the one he paid for had died he could not lay claim to another one. The pig seller was between 60 and 65 years old while the buyer was a teenager.

The buyer said,

"Baba, I don't want to disgrace you. Give me another pig."

The man told him to get out of his compound and the young man said,

"No, 10,000 of you cannot move me out of this place."

The old man rushed inside, brought out certain things and started chanting some incantations. The young man smiled and told him that his charms could not work on him. By the time he said some strange things, the old man quickly told him to pick two pigs. I was baffled at the young man's level of satanic knowledge. He was a walking altar.

SATANIC JUDGMENT

The sixth weapon of the enemy is satanic judgment. In this case, evil people summon a person's spirit out of his body to their demonic court, try him and issue judgment upon him. In such courts, nobody can defend you. Sometimes among those issuing the judgment would be familiar faces. Whether the victim is guilty or not, they will find him or her guilty and issue a satanic judgment.

Along time ago, a certain boy put the daughter of a cultist in the family way and refused to accept responsibility. So, he was summoned to a demonic court. They asked him why he put their leader's daughter in the family way? He said,

"No, I'm not guilty because I'm not the only one."

They decided to make him mad. They brought out a stick, spoke to it and smashed it on his head and he woke up and became mad. This is why dreams of being surrounded by aggressive people or seeing yourself standing trial in a court should be taken seriously. If you see yourself being arrested by the police in the dream, being punished, locked up, being reprimanded or receiving queries, you should take it seriously.

SPIRITUAL BURIAL

The seventh weapon of the enemy is spiritual burial. Wicked people take materials from people's body and bury them in order to lock up their virtues spiritually.

There was a girl who looked at her father and said,

"Daddy is a dead handsome man."

When asked why she made such a strange statement about her father, she brought out a pot and inside it was a piece of her father's hair, a piece of cloth from his shirt and his finger nails. She had buried all these things. The hair represented his glory, the cloth represented his covering while the

finger nail represented his work. He had struggled hard and could not understand what was wrong with him.

Three undergraduates gave their lives to Christ at a crusade and on the second day, they came back with a little pot which they said contained the sperm of men they had gone out with. They further said that the lives of those men had been destroyed and that they could never prosper.

Demonic people borrow money from people and bury it in order to cause financial problems for the people they borrowed the money from.

COUNTERFEIT BODY

The eighth weapon of the enemy is counterfeit body. Evil people change people's body and give them counterfeit bodies to divert them from their divine destiny.

A man is a spirit living in a body and having a soul. The spirit is the real man, while the body is like a container housing the spirit. The container, called the body, can be so altered that the affected person will be going around with a fake body. Such a person looks older than his age and good things elude him. He feels uncomfortable, heavy and sluggish. He dies premature death and suffers unexplainable hatred, marital failure, etc. The only solution to this is to receive his right body back.

Close your eyes and pray this prayer point with holy madness:

I reject every alteration of my body, I claim my original body, in Jesus' name.

SATANIC BLOOD BANK

The ninth weapon of the enemy is satanic blood bank. This is what they use, to store blood. Some powers of darkness feed on the blood of human beings. A person's blood can be spiritually withdrawn and such a person would be feeling lifeless. He would have suicidal tendencies,

sicknesses which defy medical treatment, unexplainable loss of weight, confused dreams, pollution, etc.

Take the following prayer point aggressively:

I withdraw my blood from any satanic bank, in the name of Jesus.

SATANIC HOLIDAY

The tenth weapon of the enemy is satanic holiday. The enemy sometimes pretends to go on a temporary holiday. But does the devil really go on holidays? No. Rather, he leaves a victim alone for sometime only to return with more destruction.

Luke 3:4 tells us that after Jesus had defeated satan in the wilderness, he departed for a season.

When is the devil on a deceptive holiday?

It is when Christians sleep. When it seems as if there was no problem. When you wake up in the morning and you do not come about doing your quiet time before taking breakfast. It is when you no longer read your Bible, when you no longer receive fresh fire or attend night vigils. It is when you remain in a demonic church because you are the chairman of the harvest committee.

When God keeps your enemy busy and you think they have gone for good, you must be careful because it is only for a season. Satan ran away from Jesus for a season and came back when Jesus was being nailed to the cross. He said to Jesus, "You trusted in God, prophesy now, come down from the cross. Let that God deliver you." He came to the cross after a short holiday.

Beloved, when the Lord gives your enemy some home work to do, it is the time for you to run further, pray more, read the Bible more and concentrate more on the things of God. It is the time for you to renew our strength.

There is no wealth or spiritual height that cannot be brought down in a day if care is not taken. So, don't relax even for a day and allow the devil to come back.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord, I want immediate miracle today, in Jesus' name.
2. I release the power of God into my environment, in Jesus' name.
3. Wickedness will not prosper in my life, in Jesus' name.
4. Let the serpent of the Lord swallow the serpent of Pharaoh, in the name of Jesus.
5. You council of witches working against me will not prosper, in Jesus' name.
6. Every witchcraft pot in my place of birth will not cook my life, in Jesus' name.
7. Listen to me satan, you will not settle in my life, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every astral projection against me, be frustrated, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every serpent sent against me, angel of God, escort it back to the sender, in Jesus' name.
10. I reconvene the evil meeting of witchcraft and I command their verdict to be nullified, in Jesus' name.
11. The rod of the wicked shall not rest upon me, in Jesus' name.
12. The enemy will not make me a paper bag, in Jesus' name.

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DISGRACING THE EVIL GATES

INTRODUCTION

This chapter entitled, "Disgracing The Evil Gates" is a message that will spell great disaster to all your enemies. So, I implore you to read it with full concentration.

Genesis 22: 17 says,

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Psalm 107:16 says,

For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Matthew 16:18 says,

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

In these three Scriptures, the word gate is very prominent.

Beloved, it is time for many of us to wake up from what I call satanic slumber, and unless we decide to storm the camp of the enemy, plunder his gates and bring him to submission, it will be impossible for us to enjoy our benefits. If we do not become spiritually violent, the sons of disobedience will take over our benefits.

THE GATES

If you read your Bible very well, you will see that gates were made at the entrance of cities (1. Kings 17), to a house (Acts 3), to temples (Acts 3), to prisons (Acts 12), to camps (Exodus 32), by the beach to some rivers (Nahum 2) and to palaces (Esther 5).

In the Bible, important discussions were held at the gates of cities. The courts of justice were usually located at the gates. When people wanted to sell their land or to redeem it, they did the transactions at the gates. Incantations that would affect the whole city were made at the gates. Conferences were held at the gates.

When someone was to be commended for something publicly, it was done at the gate. When there was war, the enemy's first area of concentration was the gate of the city.

Therefore, experienced officers were usually at the gates. There are some examples where idolatrous rites were performed at the gates. Even criminals were punished at the gates. The gates were shut at night.

A gate is a place of assembly, a place of dissemination of information and deliberation, a place of decision and action.

We also know that it is at the gates that entrance to and exits from cities are regulated.

A gate then is the totality of the government, economic and social life of a city.

As we have physical gates, there are also spiritual gates. This implies that a spiritual gate is a place of meeting to plan wickedness, destruction; and a place of satanic assembly.

It is a satanic house of parliament, where the devil assembles demons and territorial spirits for wicked purposes.

In the Scriptures, it is a very significant place.

Genesis 28: 10-17 says,

And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba. and went toward Haran.¹¹ And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and *put* them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.¹² And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.¹³ And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give It, and to thy seed;¹⁴ And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.¹⁵ And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.¹⁶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! *this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*

How did that place become the gate of heaven? Very simple. Genesis 12:7 says,

And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there bulded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

In that place Abraham had already built an altar to the Lord. So, altars are spiritual gateways that permit spiritual traffic.

Therefore the altar that Abraham built there many years earlier became the gate of heaven, a place of spiritual traffic. It was an altar to the Almighty God.

Immediately you erect an altar for the Almighty God, you open the gates of heaven. No wonder Jacob said, "This is none other than the house

of God and the gates of heaven" because the angels were moving up and down there.

Supposing when Abraham got there, he erected an altar to the devil instead, Jacob would have seen a different thing. It would have been a traffic of demons going in and out.

Therefore, altars and shrines which are so common in our environments are gates opened to demons. When an altar is erected against you, a demonic traffic channel is put in place and demons will keep going up and down in your life. The gate of evil will continuously release evil angels into a person's life.

When you offer plantain, oranges and all kinds of fruits to demons in what you call a church, a gate is opened directly for demons and they will come in and out as they like.

There was a time when we did not have financial problems in Nigeria. Then, our leaders said that our problem was not money but how to spend it. So, in 1977 we invited idols from different parts of Africa here and they all came with different gates. We are still closing the gates.

Sometime ago, some brethren were given prayer points to pray at *Festac* and the first thing they did was to spiritually cancel the name *Festac* (Festival of Arts and Culture) city and changed it to Favour city. It is a place for the remembrance of the days when Nigeria invited demons and idols into her shores.

While some countries were having things like, 'In God we trust' on their money, we had the head of an idol on ours. We opened the gates to poverty through our money.

This issue of gate is so serious that Psalm 24:7-9 say,

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

To declare the gates open requires the man of battle, the Lord mighty in battle. Jesus had to go to the gates of hell to fight, to complete our redemption and to take the key of that place from the enemy for our benefits to be released. That passage which says, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," can be interpreted like this; 'I will build my church and the satanic house of parliament will not prevail against it.'

We have opened a lot of demonic gates in our land. There are towns in this country where you find a shrine practically at the back of every house. So they the open gates and when the demons finish dealing with those in the farms, they take the addresses of those who are in the cities all over the world and start pursuing them.

I know a brother whose father married six wives. Each wife had her own idol that she brought into the compound, and the man too had his own. Life was a mess for this brother.

At night, he would be hearing strange sounds. He always failed at the edge of success, and as a result he developed high blood pressure. He was almost killed before his time. He was not a Christian then, so he decided to run away from the country. He got a passport but could not get a visa. In fact, Embassy officials warned him not to come to the embassy again, so he took a sailor's passport, went abroad as a sailor and got married.

One night, he had a dream where a big dog was pursuing him. He jumped, the dog also jumped. He crawled, the dog also crawled. He went to a place where dogs could not enter, but was surprised when he got there. the dog landed on him. He screamed and opened his eyes. Immediately, he realised that the enemies had got him. The next morning, he got a letter from Nigeria. He did not know how the people who had not seen him for ten years got his address.

The first thing he did was to look for the sender's address and he saw the address of his family house here in Nigeria.

The next day, beloved, some police men came, with a document, and asked him why he signed it. He explained that he did not know then that it

was an offence to sign such a document. He was still wearing his jeans shorts when he was repatriated to Nigeria.

No matter how far away you may go. if the gates have been opened and they are not closed, the enemies will locate you.

The Bible tells us that the habitation of darkness is full of wickedness. There are a lot of wicked things done in the dark. At these gates. they operate in darkness. Some gates are in isolated places such as water. rock, *Iroko (Chlorophora excelsa)* trees, etc.

Many of us may have heard stories of roads, cars and houses inside *Iroko (Chlorophora excelsa)* trees, and buildings under the water.

No one knows for certain the exact location and time of demonic meetings, only God knows. I have seen a small girl confessing that she and her demonic group held meetings inside her mother's fridge in their house. No wonder the woman never made profits from her soft drinks business because those who came for the meeting finished the soft drinks before she started selling.

If you have ever been to dark or occultic meetings, you really need to pray because you need a lot of cleansing.

A sister thought that she had found a very handsome man, and all her colleagues were congratulating her for capturing that kind of man and she was happy.

One day, the man mistakenly unbuttoned his shirt and on his stomach was a tattoo of a scorpion. When the sister inquired what that was, he quickly buttoned his shirt. She insisted that he should open it and he said,

"If I open it, you will become one of us. This is an altar."

She left him and the next day, wrote a letter to him cancelling the relationship. But right from that day, scorpions started pursuing her everywhere she went. Why? A gate had been opened and scorpions were released.

Why do you think occultic people operate mostly at night ? It is to enable them maintain their secrecy.

Therefore, pray like this:

Every hidden thing done against me in the night, be frustrated, in Jesus' name.

Those who meet at evil gates are soaked in powerful covenants of destruction. Isaiah 28: 14-18 says, "Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, we have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us. For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves; therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious comer stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgement also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it."

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FORCES OPERATING AT EVIL GATES

☛ Satanic confidence.

Believers are the ones who are afraid of death. Those who operate at the evil gates are not. That is why they can board a vehicle and cause it to have accidents, because they have covenants with death. But the Bible says that, that covenant shall be annulled and their agreement with hell shall not stand.

Some people wonder why enemies are harassing them since they have done nothing to them. Somebody wrote me a letter saying that he married

when he was not yet born-again. Since he got born-again, each time he took prayer points home to pray, his wife would run out of the bedroom.

One day, the woman got angry, grabbed the paper containing the prayer points, tore it and told him not to pray like that again. The man who had memorised his prayer points, continued to pray them.

One day, their bed got broken and the wife fell on the floor and started confessing that she belonged to a group where everybody was meant to donate her husband. She had wanted to donate her husband but he was "undonatable." She had to die as a replacement, and she died.

At this juncture, let me ask you this question,

"Are you donatable?"

☛ They enter into strong agreements.

☛ They are very stubborn.

They try to endure the bombardment of the fire of God. So when you pray, 'Receive fire, receive fire,' they will try to endure it believing that very soon you will stop.

A man almost got his name in the Guinness Book of Records. He shot at a snake which was supposed to be the longest snake in the world. The bullet entered the snake and it was rolling in pain. There was blood all over the place but suddenly the snake cut off the part of its body that was hit and disappeared.

When you say; "I bind you, in the name of Jesus." Of course, they are bound, but they would be struggling to get away. They can be that stubborn. So, you must be ready to fight to defeat them.

David, the warrior, took five stones when he wanted to fight against Goliath, meaning that in case the first one missed him, the second one would hit him. But thank God, before he threw the first one, he had thrown something more dangerous than a stone. He said, ". . . I come against you in the name of the Lord God of the armies of Israel . . ." Immediately he said that, Goliath was finished.

☞ They operate a clever network.

They gather information from their various units and pass them to their headquarters. They have a spying system which they use to spy on every home, business, marriage, etc.

There is something known as bugging a telephone. When someone bugs your telephone, it means he uses a device to listen to what you say on the phone. Many lives are being spiritually bugged like that.

The bugging devices include evil marks, wicked incisions, satanic decorations, occultic materials at home, jewelry that are spiritually contaminated, objects with bad spirits attached to them, all the snakes and ladder games, the demons on the 'Whot' and other games of card, all the demonic crosses that people wear on their necks, stolen clothes, wedding rings, stolen menstrual pads, etc. All these things are used by them to collect information about people.

☞ Lying.

The Bible makes us to know that the devil is a liar and the father of all lies. At the gate, evil forces manipulate people into lying.

If you attempt to build anything on the foundation of lies or half-truth, it will not stand.

Lying will disturb God's guidance over your life. It will cause you to take steps that are not right for you.

It will produce greater loss to you than whatever gain you made by indulging in it. For every lie a person tells, he will need another lie to cover it. The trouble with liars, is that when they see the truth coming, they run away. This is why liars panic a lot. They are like chameleons.

From the gate they manipulate people to tell lies, and once they succeed, they will use the lies to trap them. So when you are lying, you make yourself a child of the father of all lies, the devil. You build a foundation of sand for your life, you take over the ground floor of hell fire, you attract liars to yourself and will lack understanding.

It is a strategy of the demons at the gate. Eventually people end up in bondage and God will still punish them. The lies will eventually come back to them and they will end up as failures, and this bad habit is transferred to their offspring.

Whatever profit you make from lying, at the end of the day, you will vomit it.

☞ They create demonic landing places or anchors in people's lives.

They start on people at a very young age. For example, were you greatly embarrassed when you were a child? Can you see a pattern of sadness which began early in your life and built up on each other? Do you have difficulty remembering anything about your childhood?

If you find out that your childhood was totally blank to you, it is their work. They do not want you to remember certain things so as not to work on them.

Do you sometimes dislike yourself and wish you were someone else? It is their work.

Do you have unreasonable fears? Do you have a recurring memory of something that someone did to you in the past which was very bad, and it still troubles you when you think about it? Do you overreact to things? All these are their handwork.

HOW TO DEAL WITH EVIL GATES

☞ The first step is true repentance.

Any true repentance will bring godly sorrow. Repent for opening the gates to the enemy. If you are not born-again, you cannot deal with evil gates.

☞ Revelation.

You need to have a revelation. Ezekiel 8:5-6 says,

Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. ⁶He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

And Ezekiel began to look. Verse 11 says,

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.

You need to pray for revelation because it was through revelation that Ezekiel was able to see what the ancients of Israel were doing in the dark.

☞ Disband the evil gathering using Isaiah 8 :9-10:

Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken In pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. ¹⁰Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

☞ Declare the gates closed by the blood of Jesus.

Close them so that there will no longer be any traffic working against you.

☞ Pull down and destroy the gates.

The Bible says that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God even to the pulling down of strongholds.

☞ Pursue the demons at the evil traffic and recover your stolen materials.

☞ Forbid the re-establishment of evil gates in your life.

Make this declaration: "Evil gates, you cannot re-establish yourselves in my life, in Jesus' name."

PRAYER POINTS

1. O Lord, inject battle aggression into my spirit now, in Jesus' name.
2. O Lord, empower me to possess the gates of my enemies, in Jesus' name, Amen.
3. I uproot every evil altar, in the name of Jesus.
4. Let the counsel of God for my life be enforced upon the enemy, in Jesus' name.
5. Every chain used to hold down my progress, be roasted, in Jesus' name.
6. Let every word anointed by evil spirits against me, fall down to the ground and die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every agent of spiritual and prosperity paralysis, be dismantled now, in the name of Jesus.
8. Let life be squeezed out of my dream attackers, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every evil cabinet installed against me, be disbanded, in the name of Jesus.
10. O Lord, install your agenda for my life, whether the devil likes it or not, in the name of Jesus.
11. Let every power of household wickedness be confounded and be put to shame, in the name of Jesus.

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SENDING BACK EVIL ARROWS

INTRODUCTION

Arrows constitute one of the most wicked weapons used by members of the kingdom of darkness. Laden with poison, such arrows are fired at the targets determined by satanic agents.

Since satanic arrows are largely invisible, victims generally suffer in silence.

The poison of an evil arrow, can linger in the lives of its victim for decades. Those who are shot with evil arrows generally suffer excruciating physical and spiritual pains.

It is not easy to extract the poison of evil arrows. The best thing to do is to refuse to make your life a landing place for them and learn how to send all evil arrows back to the sender.

Satan has not changed his methods. He has only modernized his strategies. The moment you know how to use the weapon of prayer, evil arrows will no longer have any impact upon your life.

To prepare yourself for the content of this chapter, I want you to take the following prayer points.

O Lord, let my words matter in Heaven today, in the name of Jesus.

Today, Lord, let my arrow of prayer bring results, in the name of Jesus.

THE RAGE OF SATAN IN THESE LAST DAYS

The Scriptures teach that some sorts of demonic revival will be flagged off by the enemy in the last days. This revival will be so intense that terrible weapons will be invented. One of those weapons is the weapon of evil arrows.

This is made abundantly clear in Rev. 12:12:

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

This is indeed a very scary verse. It should make everyone sit up. Satan has switched into a very dangerous gear. This portends danger for the inhabitants of the earth. In view of this, none of us can afford to handle life with levity.

When the Bible teaches that satan is coming against the inhabitants of the earth with great wrath, it simply means that he is out to perpetrate wickedness with reckless abandon. This explains why he is destroying lives at a very terrific rate.

The Bible also says that evil men shall wax stronger and stronger in the last days. This is exactly what is happening today.

Let me share a true life story with you. A man witnessed a bizarre incident in Nigeria's federal capital city. As he was waiting at a bus stop for a commuter bus, his eyes strayed towards a direction where he saw a huge snake. He wondered how such a snake got to that developed part of the city. Before he could understand what was happening, the snake transformed into a beautiful young lady.

He watched the snake girl as she came out of the bush to the bus stop, flagged down a car for a lift and surprisingly the car stopped and picked her up. The man could not believe his eyes. He knew that the beautiful girl was actually a snake. Such snake girls abound in our streets, and they are wicked carriers of satanic arrows.

Somebody shared a very frightening experience with me. A brilliant girl went to the examination hall with high hopes. Little did she know that wicked evil arrows had been shot at her. Being an exceptionally brilliant lady, wicked satanic agents had targeted her and vowed to prevent her from putting down in black and white, the brilliant stuff she had in her brain. She read the question paper and settled down confidently to write the examination, but strangely enough, her biro refused to write. She made frantic efforts to borrow spare biros from fellow students. But every spare biro collected by her would simply not write. Soon, cold sweat settled on her brow and she knew that wicked satanic agents followed her into the examination hall.

Panic stricken, she raised an alarm, which got the attention of the principal of the school.

He was shocked, knowing that, she was the most brilliant girl in the graduating class. He decided to do everything possible to change the situation. He brought his own biros and pens but not a dot appeared on the girl's examination sheet. He rushed to his office and came back with a special pencil but this also did not write.

Meanwhile the principal had discovered that all the biros that refused to write for the girl, scribbled smoothly when he used them. He did not know what else to do. The helpless lady started to weep like a baby and eventually failed the exams, as she was unable to write anything on the answer sheet. This is a true-life story.

Events like this take place daily. I want you to close your eyes and take this important prayer point:

Evil arrows, you will not prosper in my life, in the name of Jesus.

Concerning the mystery of evil arrows, Psalm 11:2 says, "For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart."

Wicked satanic agents are busy shooting evil arrows. If they do this in broad day light, you would know how to avoid being shot. But the Bible states that they shoot their arrows secretly, using the cover of darkness.

They cannot carry out their activities without using the platform provided for them by darkness. If someone attacks you from a dark hiding place, you are likely to be vulnerable. Again, darkness keeps the identity of evil workers concealed. By this, they are able to carry out their wicked activities without you knowing who the personalities behind the evil arrows are. The act of concealing the identity of those who are fighting against you is a subtle, satanic ploy aimed at prolonging your suffering.

The Bible gives us another insight on the subject of evil arrows in Ezekiel 21 :21:

For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made *his* arrows bright, he consulted with Images, he looked in the liver.

This is staggering. It is akin to African fetish practice. In Africa it is common to find diviners or fetish priests at cross roads carrying out their evil activities. Such activities have very deep symbolism.

Victims of such demonic arrows are at great risk. Arrows are also used for divination. Soothsayers, fetish priests and other demonic people who make use of local satanic technology draw lots of power from arrows that are backed up by the power of the devil.

The above passage also shows us that arrows are Instruments of Babylon. Babylon represents the kingdom of darkness. We often come across innocent victims of satanic arrows.

For example when someone suddenly runs to the marketplace and begins to confess to being a witch. Such a fellow may just be an innocent person who was compelled by an arrow to "talk rubbish". Not all those who are mad are witches and wizards. Some of them are victims of satanic arrows.

None of us should take anything for granted. Evil arrows abound. If you are a member of the legal profession you must be strong if you don't want to be a target of evil arrows. A lot of things take place in the law courts. Most of our learned gentlemen and women, fire evil arrows in the dark.

Before some lawyers go to court, they arm themselves with demonic incantations and arrows. If you practise among such demonic fellows without the fire of the Holy Spirit, you may soon become a casualty of terrible, destructive arrows.

This reminds me of the case of a particular Judge, who got more than what he bargained for simply because he was oblivious of the power that resides in demonic arrows. He sat down on the Judges bench as usual and started with the business of the day. As soon as he read the first case he suddenly became blank, a strange thing had happened in his brain.

He was startled as such a thing had never happened to him in his entire career as a respected judge. Something told him that a demonic arrow was fired at him. Since his senses had become numb, he could not go on with the cases of the day. He brought the proceeding to an instant halt, and ordered the policemen on duty to round up everyone in the court and search everyone's pockets and bags. The result baffled everybody as all kinds of weird charms, amulets, rings, animal horns, waist bands, juju rings, and other fetishes were found on lawyers, policemen, court clerks, the accused persons and members of their families.

He ordered the policemen to confiscate everything and adjourned the proceedings to another day. He was smart enough to know that local arrows were fired at him. Who knows, whether he would have gone mad if he had not taken such a drastic step.

The devil has modernized his methods. If you expect him to use archaic methods you are making a mistake. The devil would not engineer your neighbour to come against you with a goat horn. Be sure, he will arm him with golden or silver arrows to make them attractive, until you come to grips with the fact that you do not know how to deal with them.

If you practise your profession without possessing the fire of the Holy Ghost, your colleagues may send you out of business by firing evil arrows at you.

The world in which we live is a wicked place. There are terrors in the night and arrows in the day.

Psalm 91:5-6 says:

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁸*Nor* for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

The Bible tells us that arrows fly around during the day. No wonder a lot of people have become victims of such accidental discharge. The atmosphere that appears blank is laden with millions of evil arrows seeking landing strips in human life. If you are careless, you may be struck down by wicked arrows.

Why don't you pray like this?

I refuse to collect evil arrows, in the name of Jesus.

The Bible makes it very clear that the arrows of the enemy can come without any prior notice. Problems do not come after series of advance notices. They come suddenly like a flood.

Isaiah 59: 19 says.

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a Rood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Never rest on your oars, because wicked arrows may come suddenly.

RESULTS OF EVIL ARROWS

You may ask what happens when a wicked arrow is fired against a person? These are the possibilities. :

- ☛ The arrow could hit the victim, that means the arrow would prosper.
- ☛ The arrow could hit a brick wall, in other words, the arrow could bounce back and would not prosper.

☞ The arrow could hit the target and remain dormant for sometime. Eventually it will explode at the time of maturation.

This is a dangerous situation; victim could harbour such a wicked arrow without being aware of it. It would only wait for the time when another satanic agent will trigger it off. This can be likened to keeping a time bomb in one's pocket and going to sleep. It will explode anytime.

This reminds me of a story of the managing director of a certain company. He had everything going well for him until an evil arrow struck him. From that time, everything around him would go on smoothly until he would chair a management meeting, then he would be thrown into an epileptic fit.

This never happened when ever he carried out other duties. The epilepsy was the cross he carried, even in the enviable position of a managing director.

The satanic revival came to a climax during an A.G.M. meeting attended by foreign partners of the company. The meeting went on smoothly until it was the turn of the managing director to present his own speech. He actually started on a very good note and then the attack of epilepsy came. He fell down and began moving involuntarily movements. The expatriates were dumbfounded and at a later emergency meeting of the company he was fired.

That was how the man's brilliant career was brought to a shameful end. A wicked arrow became his undoing. This is indeed a sad story.

I want you to close your eyes at this point and say this prayer point with all the energy within you:

Every periodic evil arrow, go back to your sender, in the name of Jesus.

DIVINE SOLUTION

What is the divine solution to the problems of evil arrows? What exactly has God put in place as an antidote for the poisonous effect of evil arrows?

God has enacted an important law to take care of victims of satanic arrows. It is the law of divine substitution. Proverbs 11:8 says:

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh is his stead.

Whenever an arrow is targeted at a child of God, the law of substitution comes into operation. However, the believer must exercise his redemptive right to activate this spiritual law.

How does this law work?

A satanic agent programmes an arrow against a child of God. God detects this from His throne, carries it from the believer and blows it in the direction of one of the children of the devil. This spiritual law is stated in another way:

Isaiah 43:4: Since thou wast precious In my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

God keeps the terms of this spiritual law to the letter. As soon as an evil arrow is fired, the Lord shields the righteous from it and redirects it back to the sender.

The arrows of the enemies in the final analysis, find their ways into the bones and marrows of their own kit and kin. God covers the heads of His beloved children with His protective power, and lays bare the heads of the unsaved.

It is wonderful to know how to fire wicked arrows back to their senders. Immediately a child of God says a prayer point with spiritual strength, the law of substitution is triggered off and the arrows will instantly find their ways back to the original senders.

I gave some powerful prayer points to a woman and she prayed them and triggered off violent reaction in the camp of her enemies.

Evil arrows were fired at Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego but they were sent back to the personalities behind the evil ploy. The original plan was to get these beloved children of God roasted to death, but power change hands and the enemy of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego died by fire.

God also applied the law of substitution in the case of Daniel, when an evil arrow was programmed against him and he was supposed to die in the lions' den. Power changed hands and the bones of his enemies were cracked by the hungry lions.

The law of divine substitution is made very clear in Psalm 7:14-16 which says:

Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. ¹⁵He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made. ¹⁶His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

The law of divine substitution would always work against powers behind evil arrows. The Scriptures state that the mischief of the wicked shall return upon his own head. In other words, the arrows sent by the wicked will convert their own lives to a landing strip. This is again stated in Psalm 9: 15:

The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

In case you do not know how to pray evil arrows back to senders, I have an example for you in Psalm 35:7-8.

For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul. ⁸Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

This is a prayer point you must learn to pray, because evil arrows are not meant for you. The owner of evil loads must carry them. Evil arrows must go back to their senders. Until you learn how to fire arrows back to their senders you will not know what it means to experience biblical victory.

The importance of sending evil arrows back to their senders is made clear in the Scriptures. time and again. Psalm 70:2-3 says:

**Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.
³Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.**

You don't have to pity those who fired evil arrows at you. Pray their arrows back to them; let the arrows go back to their bosoms. You have a divine permission to do so, according to the following Scriptures:

Psalm 109:17: As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

Neh. 4:4: Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

Neh. 13:2: Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

Isaiah 37:34: By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

The last passage is very interesting. It simply declares that the entry point of satanic arrows shall become their point of exit.

God does not play games when dealing with satan and his cohorts. When an evil spirit decides to be wicked and disobedient and to shoot arrows and curses at people, it must be stopped. And the only way to stop it, is to order its arrow back to it. It will never stop its evil activities, if you do

not give it a taste of the effects of the evil it perpetrates against you, by sending the arrows back to it. Evil spirits only learn when they taste the bitter poison that is inherent in the arrows they sent against you.

An incident took place a few years ago. Some satanic agents decided to play their evil ball in the field of a man of God and they paid dearly for it. How did it happen?

The man of God was conducting a crusade. Five fetish priests gathered together somewhere at the rear of the crusade ground, formed a circle and fired an arrow into the crusade ground. The arrow flew past the congregation and targeted the preacher. The Lord opened the eyes of the man of God and he thought of what to do. Initially he thought of stopping the sermon temporarily and addressing the evil arrow, but the Lord instructed him to continue his ministration and allow Him to take care of the situation.

He continued as if nothing happened. Just as the arrow was about to land on his head, the wind of the Holy Spirit blew it back to the sender. By the time the arrow landed on the five fetish priests, it was disaster galore. The five evil messengers were slain by the Power of God. They fainted, and met their waterloo at the crusade ground. As these things were happening, God was showing the entire picture to the man of God. At a point, he stopped the crusade and instructed that the five causalities of the spiritual warfare be carried to the altar area. It was jubilation galore. The children of God discovered first hand what it meant to order evil arrows back to senders. My prayer for you is that all evil arrows against you would be directed back to the senders by the breath of the Almighty.

At this point I want you to take this prayer point.

Every arrow of destruction flying by day, I am not your candidate, in the name of Jesus.

I witnessed what it means to order evil arrows back to the senders more than 15 years ago. A child of the devil decided to send evil arrows to a Christian gathering, but he paid with his life. A crusade was suddenly disrupted. There was a terrible thunderstorm and lightning struck and destroyed the microphone and the public address system. Everything was

converted to charcoal and there was a total blackout. The preacher as well as the congregation knew that they were under an attack. The preacher became infuriated, knowing that what happened was an affront to God.

He then raised up his voice and called the attention of all crusade workers and participants. He said,

"Have you noticed what has just happened? This crusade has just been attacked by the powers of darkness. What shall we do?"

"We must deal with those who are behind the spiritual attack", chorused the frenzied crowd.

"All right", said the preacher.

"I want you all to stand on your feet. We are going to send the evil arrows back to the sender."

The pastor and the congregation prayed with holy anger for about five minutes. They prayed violently until dust covered the whole crowd. Then the electricity came on again and within a few minutes a man was rushed to the front. The sight was so terrible that I don't pray to come across such again; the man's skin was peeled all over. It was as if someone had dipped him inside a container of boiling oil. Every part of his skin was white like an albino. Within a short time we discovered that he was the man who fired the arrow.

Do you know what?

The sender of the evil arrow carried out the dangerous operation in his own room and the thunder was ordered back to him there. Members of his family and neighbours were thrown into confusion because they did not know what had befallen him. They even offered to rush him to the hospital but since the man knew what he had done, he declined and made a strange request:

"Please, take me to the crusade ground."

They did not know what else to do as the victim was the chief fetish priest in the community. He was rushed to the crusade ground where he

quickly confessed what he did and gave his life to Christ instantly. The Lord had mercy on him and he eventually became a preacher of the word. He would have remained stubborn if believers who knew the power of spiritual warfare had not decided to send his evil arrow back to him.

Close your eyes and take this prayer point.

Every stubborn hunter firing arrows at my life, be stricken by your own arrows, in the name of Jesus.

It is high time we began to order evil arrows back to their wicked senders.

A demon idol was sent to destroy a particular brother. It happened to be the powerful local type used in some African tribes. Even if you were surrounded by steel it would still gain entrance. Sometimes it would be armed with a club and the moment it hits you, you are gone.

The victim happened to be a young convert. Powers of darkness were angry because he had received Christ and they wanted to harass and destroy him. The demon idol got to his house around 2:00 a.m. and shouted his name. The brother woke up and when he heard someone calling his name. What shocked him most was the name he heard which happened to be the one unknown to most of his acquaintances. It then dawned on him that the caller must have been aware of his time of birth.

God opened his eyes and he saw the demon idol; he suddenly became bold and asked the idol, "What have you come to do?" The demon mumbled,

"I have on my hands the concoction of leprosy which I have been asked to pour upon you."

The brother ordered the demon idol:

"Go back and tell the sender you could not locate me."

What happened next was a big surprise to the brother. The demon idol turned back sluggishly and began to walk away. However, the brother

noticed that it was still carrying the evil concoction and it dawned on him that he could do an experiment. He called the demon idol,

"Wait a minute, pour the concoction of leprosy on yourself before you head to the direction of who sent you, in the name of Jesus."

The demon idol had no option than to obey the command. As soon as it bathed itself with the concoction it spoke out with a human voice. Strangely, the voice happened to be familiar to the Christian brother. He could not believe his ears.

The brother slept peacefully after the encounter with the demon idol. However, by the next morning he received a strange report. His uncle died the same night. By the time the brother got there he discovered that the corpse was covered with a strange concoction.

Why don't you close your eyes and take this prayer point?

Every evil power delegated against me, fight your owner, in the name of Jesus.

The powers that bring problems into your life can be forced to take their problems away through the same route which they came from. You can handle all fresh arrows, as well as the ones you received before you became born again, the same way.

You must go into fasting and prayer and command the powers that deposited evil luggage into your life to come back and pick them up. This is possible in spiritual warfare. In the physical world it is impossible to utilize the fast forward and rewind functions like in a tape recorder. But as far as prayer warfare is concerned, you can rewind the affairs of your life and deal with them.

For example, if you had a dream before you became born again where you were attacked, you can recall the incident back and deal with it spiritually. You can repossess whatever you lost through ignorance, even when such losses were incurred before you gave your life to Christ.

You must learn how to deal with direct arrows. Sometimes the enemy comes against us without hiding its intentions. Sometimes he fires his

arrows against a single person even when it means that several other lives would be affected.

If the only option for the enemy is to take 100 lives because of a particular target, he would go ahead to take that option.

A sister was targeted by the enemy for destruction. She was travelling in a vehicle with some other commuters. All of a sudden a front tyre burst and the vehicle began to somersault. The sister sensed that she and fellow commuters might lose their lives within the next few minutes. She screamed,

"J E S U S."

Immediately, some invisible powers opened the door beside her and brought her out unhurt. By the time she was carried to safety she began to watch the drama. The vehicle continued to somersault and by the time it hit the ground for the last time no single soul was alive. They had all become casualties of evil arrows.

The only survival was the sister that the enemy had wanted to destroy. The enemy wanted to destroy everyone in the vehicle just to get at her. The evil arrow did not get her because she knew how to call upon the name of the Lord. Evil powers may send a suicide squad against you if they discover that your destiny would endanger their life existence.

HOW EVIL ARROWS COME

Evil arrows may be hidden and the powers behind them may conceal their dangerous weapons; or, the attacks maybe indirect. That is what the Bible refers to as the fiery darts of the wicked.

This kind of arrows often come in various shapes and sizes. They may come in the following forms:

☛ It could be spiritual or physical sickness.

☛ It could come in the form of discouragement.

- ☞ It could be an arrow of poverty.
- ☞ It could be confusion.
- ☞ It could be in the form of terrifying dreams.
- ☞ It could be in the form of disappointment and frustration.
- ☞ It could come in the form of temptation.
- ☞ It could come in the form of doubt, after serious prayers.
- ☞ It could be an attack of the spirit of death.
- ☞ These arrows could be used as a weapon for choking people or strangling them on their beds.
- ☞ It could speak voices to people from the spiritual realm.
- ☞ It could come as sudden depression.
- ☞ It could come in the form of a paralytic wind.
- ☞ It could be programmed in the form of a chilling cold wind at night, in a very hot room.
- ☞ It could come as a tinge of heaviness upon the head.
- ☞ It could be programmed as strange items in the food.

A man suddenly discovered that two cockroaches had found their way into his plate of food. By the time he made this discovery he had swallowed one of them.

- ☞ Some people wake up from sleep to find out that a portion of their hair had been cut off.
- ☞ Arrows can be sent in the form of snakes.
- ☞ It can come in the form of heat in the head.
- ☞ Arrows also come to people in the night in the form of a strange call.

If someone calls your name when you are sleeping and you cannot see the person that is an arrow.

- ☞ Arrows can be converted to a weapon of feeding people with the kind of meal they detest in real life.
- ☞ Some arrows come in the form of spirit husbands and wives.

Some sisters have told us that they dreamt about ladies with male organ sleeping with them in their dreams.

- ☞ If you dream of flood carrying away your property, it is an arrow.
- ☞ If you dream of your hat or cap being blown away by wind, that is an attack bothering on disgrace.
- ☞ If you experience a vehicular accident in the dream, it is an indication that the devil is trying to kill or maim you.
- ☞ If you dream about giving money to unknown persons, you have received an arrow.
- ☞ If you find yourself bleeding from the mouth or nose in the dream, you are being attacked.
- ☞ Sudden and unexplainable pain in the body.
- ☞ Periodic sicknesses.

The list is almost endless. You must have received evil arrows at one time or the other. Do not take anything for granted. Even if you were attacked when you were an infant, you must still deal with the arrow.

The enemy has made terrible inroads into the lives of many people. The enemy has mastered the art of building on the foundation of the arrow which he shot into your life when you were growing up. You can experience goodness and receive God's best only if you order all evil arrows back to the sender.

Life's problems are not meant to destroy us. God wants to make all His children masters over their circumstances and situation. Arrows must not be allowed to frighten you. If the enemy has mastered the art of sending evil arrows, you can also master the art of ordering it back to him.

THE METHODS

Here is the secret of sending evil arrows back to the sender.

GET RID OF FEAR

Don't ever lie, fear or panic. It will disorganize you. Get rid of every form of fear. Rely on God. The children of the devil often exercise a form of boldness which should be a challenge to us. If those who are serving the devil can sleep in the cemetery for several days, why should we fear. Fear will keep satanic arrows in place.

For example, if an arrow of sickness was sent against you and you decide to go for a check at the hospital, you may receive a fearful medical report. If you decide to check up a medical encyclopaedia for facts on the doctor's diagnosis, you may allow the arrow to sink further into your heart.

Several years ago, someone gave me a packet of biscuits for onward delivery to a particular person. I happened to be a young convert at that time. To be frank with you, I did not know what it means to be broken. I convinced myself that I could take one of the biscuits and explain to the owner, who happened to be my friend, what I did, not knowing the implication of what I had done.

However, I discovered that the biscuit was perfumed. I fell asleep immediately I ate it. It was as if I was sedated. I had hardly closed my eyes when I started to have a terrible nightmare.

I screamed, "J E S U S." That was how I woke up. The Holy Spirit indicted me and I knew that I opened myself to attack through greed. At the end, I did not hand over the biscuit to my friend. I discovered that the entire

packet of biscuit was programmed to destroy him. Perhaps you have eaten that kind of biscuit, you need to go for deliverance.

I pity those who have eaten all kinds of junk and demonic foods at night parties. You need to be purged of all those demonic concoctions.

Don't you ever forget to get rid of fear. The moment you give in to fear the enemy would succeed in carrying out its assignment. The Bible says,

2 Tim. 1:7: For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Freedom from fear at all times, under all circumstances is the will of God for Christians. As long as you are possessed by Christ you will be delivered from fear. When Jesus is in control, fear takes it flight, as darkness vanishes before light. No wonder the Psalmist says,

Psalm 46:1-11: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. ⁴There is a river, the streams where of shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. ⁶The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. ⁹He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. ¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

You need to understand the Psalmist's selective use of words. By the time the earth is removed and the mountains are carried into the midst of the sea, there would be lots of commotion and confusion. If you allow fear

to build an entrance into your heart at such a moment, you would allow the enemy to succeed.

I want you to make these powerful confession:

I shall not be afraid.

Fear is for the devil.

I refuse to take fear from the devil.

After you have taken care of the problem of fear, you must go ahead to cover yourself with the blood of Jesus.

Then you must confess the following warfare Scriptures:

Deut 28:7: The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and Dee before thee seven ways.

Numbers 23:23: Surely *there is no* enchantment against Jacob, *neither is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

Psalm 68: 1: Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him Dee before him.

Isaiah 8:10: Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

Isaiah 54: 17: No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in Judgment thou shalt condemn. *This is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

The next step you should take is to send evil arrows back to the senders.

If you were attacked in the dream, send such dream arrows back to the camp of the enemy.

If you found yourself picking eggs in the dream, you were trying to collect an incurable disease.

If anyone tried to shave your hair, they were trying to tamper with your glory. Deal with these arrows by sending them back to their senders.

Don't allow the enemy to place any heavy burden upon your life. Order all demonic yokes back to their senders. Pray until all arrows find their way back to their senders.

A sister took a very serious problem to a crusade. The minister came up with a strange prayer point and told the crusade crowd that, that was the only prayer they would pray that day. The prayer point goes thus.

You owner of evil loads, carry your evil loads, in the name of Jesus.

He told everyone to focus their attention on their problems, be it sickness, barrenness, poverty, disappointments, frustrations etc. The prayer point is likened to commanding evil arrows to go back to their senders. The man of God told the motley crowd to pray like a wounded lion.

"Don't let anyone disturb you, don't wipe off tears, saliva, sweat or mucus. These are a manifestation of deliverance. Keep a safe distance from anyone who would disturb you."

The sister listened to all this and decided to pray until her problems were over. As she prayed fervently, God opened her eyes. What she saw baffled her. An Angel stood beside a very old woman. There was also a very big load on the ground. There was conversation between the old woman and the angel.

"Woman, this load belongs to you, it is your burden you must carry it. It does not belong to the young lady", said the angel.

The old woman replied, "No, I wouldn't carry it."

However, that was not the end of the vision. Do you know that if the sister had stopped her prayers at that point victory would not have been hers? This is a lesson we must learn about spiritual warfare. If you fail to pray until you get to the point of total breakthroughs, your miracles may be

aborted. Don't ever give up midway when you are engaged in a spiritual warfare.

The sister continued her prayer and the vision also continued. The eyes of the angel turned red as he ordered the old woman to pick up her evil load.

"But how can I pick up the load, after all, I have already died?" said the woman. The angel was insistent.

"Pick up the load anyhow", he roared.

The old woman picked up the heavy load reluctantly. Instantly, the sister experienced the miraculous touch of God.

The problem that took her to the crusade ground happened to be a strange one. Although she had spent 37 years on earth, she had never experienced normal menstrual flow. This bothered her as every medical effort to help her had proved abortive. As soon as the old woman picked up the load, her menstrual flow started. That was how she bagged her miracle. She saw her monthly period for the first time in 37 years.

If you are able to pray until you reach the point of breakthrough, you will also experience your miracle. The impossible will become possible and evil arrows will go back to the sender.

PRAYER POINTS

1. O Lord, bring to my remembrance now the instances that require me sending evil arrows back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every arrow fired against me in my dream, go back to your sender, in the name of Jesus.
3. (Grip your head with your two hands). Every owner of evil load, carry your load by fire, in Jesus' name.

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SYMPTOMS OF WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS

INTRODUCTION

Witchcraft activities abound in the modern world. But a lot of people believe that they enjoy a sort of immunity as far as witchcraft activities are concerned. Such people are only deceiving themselves.

Witches and wizards have invented new weapons with which they destroy lives and properties. The concept of witchcraft has changed. The picture of the old hag riding on a broom stick is no longer trendy. Today's wizards are clad in three piece suits.

The modern day witches put on exquisite smile as if they could not hurt an ant. Witchcraft forces have done lots of researches. Hence the symptoms of witchcraft attacks have also changed significantly. Unless God opens your eyes, you may not understand their modern methods of attacks.

This chapter is loaded with deep spiritual facts garnered from years of intensive research in spiritual warfare.

Therefore, I want you to prepare your self with the following prayer points:

My Father, attack my lack today, in the name of Jesus.

My Father, attack my mountains today, in the name of Jesus.

By the power that sank Pharaoh, by the power that disgraced Goliath, by the power that commanded worms upon Herod, let my stubborn problems die, in the name of Jesus.

Every wicked assignment against my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.

Every power cursing my destiny, what are you waiting for? Die in the name of Jesus.

The Bible has called us to watchfulness and alertness. We are instructed (1 Peter 5:8-9): "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

The devil is a restless fellow; he goes about seeking who he may devour. He is a wicked devourer. His goal is to destroy good things in every department of your life.

Witches and wizards are wicked creatures. They operate abnormal schedules. They commence serious activities immediately we go to bed. They are nocturnal evil creatures. They commence their wicked gathering around midnight. No wonder the Bible says: "Have respect unto covenants: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty" (Psalm 74:20).

This passage has a lot to say about witchcraft practices. Witches and wizards operate in dark places. Their's is the habitation of wickedness.

THE OPERATIONS OF WITCHCRAFT

Witchcraft is wickedness incarnate. This has retarded peoples' progress.

The power of witchcraft is the power of satan who specializes in perpetrating evil.

Majority of people are under terrible witchcraft attacks. It is sad however, that a good number of those who are bewitched know little or nothing about witchcraft attacks that are launched against them.

The spirit of witchcraft is one of the most wicked weapons which the devil has continued to use to destroy lives.

Witchcraft is more complicated than we think. It goes beyond the confession of a witch who says that she attends witchcraft meetings. Let me be frank with you, the Lord hates witchcraft.

Witchcraft has a lot to do with the heavenlies. Their activities are rooted in the domain of the sun, the moon and the stars. Therefore, if we must deliver Nigeria and indeed African nations from bondage, we must learn to wake up on time to cry to the heavenlies. A lot of witchcraft practitioners have mastered the act of waking up very early in the morning and crying to the heavenlies.

The powers behind witchcraft are very wicked. They sacrifice their children with impunity. No matter how they love their children, they still donate them when the need arises.

Right now, many people are lying helplessly on witchcraft altars, waiting to be sacrificed because such people are not praying enough.

Witches and wizards are hell bent on destroying many lives. To worsen the situation, witchcraft has infiltrated into the house of God, just to prevent people from receiving their breakthroughs.

Unfortunately, due to witchcraft practices, a considerable amount of the word of God has been lost. People are no longer willing to embrace the old time doctrines of the Bible. True fear of the Lord, is almost extinct in Christendom.

Witchcraft can sell a nation and the family. It is so powerful that it can break down the altar of the Lord. It broke down the Lord's altar in Israel. The situation remained so until Elijah came up on the scene. The only force which Elijah applied to the situation was fire. Fire had remained God's antidote to evils that are sponsored by the powers of witchcraft.

All forms of disobedience to the truth are sponsored by the spirit of witchcraft. Anybody who wants to work in obedience to the word of God must deal with these powers.

When the Bible refers to evil birds that pick up the word of God in the hearts of people, it is referring to witchcraft powers. Witchcraft spirits pick up the word of God from the hearts of men and women.

Many Christians find it easier to remember television commercials than to remember passages of the Scriptures.

Witchcraft will always try to destroy any person whose destiny constitutes a treat to the kingdom of darkness.

We conducted deliverance on a strange boy, some years ago. The boy gave us some deep revelations. Aged 14, the boy had destroyed his parents and turned his siblings to dullards at school. He told us something that moved us to tears.

According to him, a baby was born in Australia by Christian parents. According to the plan of God, the baby was not an ordinary child. He was a child of destiny. God planned to use him mightily. This constituted a great treat to the kingdom of darkness. The demonic boy confessed that he was one of those assigned to kill the baby.

According to him, every method applied ended in futility until they decided on a particular method. They decided to curse a quarrel between the father and the mother of the little baby. They succeeded. A little disagreement landed the couple in a serious fight. While the fight lasted agents of darkness moved in and killed the baby in a cot where he was abandoned by the fighting parents.

Here was a boy whom God wanted to use to accomplish great things. His careless parents opened the door for the enemy to come in. His blood is upon the head of his parents. They allowed witchcraft powers to destroy a star.

Witchcraft powers will search desperately for a would-be deliverer, and destroy him in his infancy. When they fail, they continue to try harder. If you consider the case of Moses, you will discover that stubborn pursuers

were always on his trail. He was attacked as an infant. The mother devised a means to safeguard his life. Jesus also experienced the same attack. Herod had to slay all young children in order to get at Jesus. Thank God, the plan did not succeed.

Witchcraft powers are always at work. Cruelty is their stock in trade. They are heartless to the core. There is nothing like mercy in their habitation. They are strangers to love and kindness. The word, "pity," is nowhere to be found in their dictionary.

An evil blood of cruelty flows within their veins. Therefore, we cannot afford to sit down and allow them to convert our lives into their field of operation. We cannot afford to be on the defensive. The best and the most effective strategy for spiritual warfare is the offensive method. Don't wait for the enemy to attack you before you begin to fight back. Launch the offensive against the camp of the enemy.

Multitudes are suffering under the attack of wicked witchcraft powers. Unfortunately, a good number of these victims know little or nothing about what the enemy has continued to do in their lives.

There is gross ignorance on the part of men and women as regards what the symptoms of witchcraft attacks are. No one can win the war without the practical knowledge of these symptoms. The moment you are able to identify the exact nature of what the enemy is doing, you stand on a platform which would enable you to deal with the totality of his onslaught.

SYMPTOMS OF WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS

What then are these symptoms? We shall examine them carefully.

- ☞ Whenever you are being tormented by forces you do not understand, that is a witchcraft attack.
- ☞ When you are suffering under the jagged saw of mysterious unseen forces; it is witchcraft.

☞ Whenever you perceive that an intelligent network, which cannot be seen with the naked eye is behind what you are going through, it is a symptom of witchcraft attack.

A pastor had a simple misunderstanding with some people in his church and they decided to place a charm on his seat. He sat on it not knowing that he had been bewitched. From that day, it became very difficult for him to empty his bowels. For six months, he could not go to the toilet. That was a symptom of witchcraft attack.

☞ When you notice that you are denied your divine benefits, it is witchcraft attack.

☞ When you continue to battle with unrepentant and stubborn household wickedness, you are under witchcraft attack.

Relatives or family members who openly come out to threaten you are witchcraft agents.

A wicked father once vowed that none of his children should become richer than himself. He publicly pronounced woe upon any child who would surpass him in wealth. He specifically stated that the moment any child of his got to a position where he would be richer than him, that child would die instantly.

Soon, one of his children forgot the curse, travelled outside his fathers homestead and decided to make as much money as he could. He had an eye on the aviation industry and his intention was to become the owner of one of the most efficient airlines in the country. He worked so hard to raise the money that would be required to achieve his dream. He even made contacts with partners from the developed nations.

However, tragedy struck when he was about getting started. A few minutes before he was billed to sign the contract which would have placed him above his father's level of wealth, he suddenly took ill and was rushed to the hospital. Doctors diagnosed his illness as cancer of the pancreas. Specialist hospitals could not help him and in his bid to fight against untimely death, he decided to come for prayers.

However, something strange happened as he was coming for prayers. Suddenly, his father appeared and challenged him:

"Where are you going? Do you think that that church can help you? Were they not there when I ate up your placenta? Where was the church when I killed your own mother?"

Before the brother could recover himself or raise an alarm, the father had disappeared. He couldn't understand what had happened. He concluded that he must have seen an apparition.

Close your eyes and take this prayer point:

Every stubborn and unrepentant household wickedness, I break your back now, in the name of Jesus.

- ☞ When you notice marital turbulence, it is a symptom of witchcraft attack.
- ☞ When you notice that you have consistently stayed under the anointing of 'almost there', you are under an attack.
- ☞ When you discover that you are being used to test new satanic weapons, you are under an attack.
- ☞ When you have lived in the same house for about ten years and have achieved nothing, you are a victim of witchcraft attacks.
- ☞ When you notice terrible and frightening dreams, it is a symptom of witchcraft attack.
- ☞ When you suffer from unexplainable financial embarrassment, that is a symptom of witchcraft attack.
- ☞ When you notice spiritual stagnancy, it is a sign of witchcraft attack.
- ☞ When untimely death runs through your family like an invisible evil chain, it is witchcraft attack.
- ☞ When you know that you are always occupying the wrong position, it is witchcraft attack.

- ☞ If you have discovered that your helpers are either unwilling to help you, or disappear when you need them most, you are under attack.
- ☞ If you have continued to battle with a chain of mysterious problems, you are under an attack.
- ☞ When you have to fight hard or struggle to get any reasonable thing done, it is a symptom of witchcraft attack.
- ☞ When you notice a general stagnancy, it is witchcraft attack.

HOW TO DEAL WITH WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS

How can we deal with these symptoms? It is simple.

The joy we have is that God has Issued judgment against the foundation of witchcraft. The Bible says: "Thou shall not suffer a witch to live." Thus all witches and wizards are under the death sentence of the Almighty.

Therefore, the first step you must take is to repent from all your sins. If you are a backslider, run back to Jesus now. The Bible says: "Therefore, rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and to the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath put a short time" (Revelation 12:12).

This is the hour of battle. Remember that prayer is not the preparation for the battle; it is the battle.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every witchcraft bank, release my blessing by fire, in the name of Jesus.

2. Every witchcraft gathering summoned to pull me down, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every satanic crowd gathered to mock me, scatter by fire, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every witchcraft calendar for my life, die, in Jesus' name.
5. O God of Elijah, let Your fire destroy every witchcraft power working against my life, in the name of Jesus.
6. Witchcraft arrow, go back to your sender, in Jesus' name.
7. Everything standing in the way of my break through, clear away by fire, in the name of Jesus.
8. O God that disgraced Goliath, disgrace my stubborn enemies.

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FILTHY DREAMERS

INTRODUCTION

There are lots of spiritual principles that guide our day to day activities. One of such is a law of cause and effect. Although there is gross ignorance on the part of many concerning these laws, yet they are operational day by day.

Most of the happenings are the results of our action and reactions. Thus, the actions we view as insignificant attract weighty consequences in the spiritual realm.

Those who have sown into the wind are now reaping the whirlwind. The evil crops in people's lives are nothing but outgrowths of the seed sown in the time of ignorance. Since what you sow is what you reap, the problems you are struggling with today may be the aggregate of all the years of sowing evil seeds.

There is a strong correlation between physical actions and spiritual results.

When we address the subject of dreams we must be cognizant of the fact that dreams are products of our thoughts, actions, and reactions. If you want to experience freedom from evil dreams, you need to take an inward look at the entire gamut of your thoughts and behaviour.

Show me a man who has filthy dreams and I will show you a man who exhibits a filthy life style. Since life cannot be lived in a vacuum our

conduct give birth to certain reactions that leave a bitter taste on our taste buds.

Simply put, your dreams are a reflection of your state of mind, sense of values and general outlook. To deal with the tree of evil dreams, you must destroy the seeds that are waiting to germinate.

You cannot benefit maximally from what I am going to share with you in this chapter, unless you say the following prayer points with holy aggression.

Every power cursing my destiny, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.

Every human altar, speaking against my destiny be shattered, in the name of Jesus.

Every destiny padlock, break, in the name of Jesus.

SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION

The solution to most of our problems lies in spiritual perception. You may languish in your problems if you fail to understand the spiritual factors that gave birth to them. Nothing is insignificant in the spiritual realm. The little acorns we often disregard always grow into giant oaks. If you destroy an acorn, you will never experience the problems that accompany the growth of an oak.

Therefore, you must give particular attention to certain things which lead to evil consequences.

The problems of evil dreams have continued to baffle the modern man. The situation has got to a point of mental, physical, financial and social exhaustion.

Therefore, many are fighting shadows while the real culprit is left untouched. Dreams do not just happen. What you programme into your dream consciously or unconsciously is what you experience.

Therefore, you must thoroughly examine your life If you must experience victory over satanic dreams.

FILTHINESS AND DREAMS

Let us take a look at Jude 8-10

Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. ⁹Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. ¹⁰But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

What do we learn from the passage we have just read?

We discover that nothing happens by chance. What individuals or groups of people go through are products of their lifestyles. Reference is made here to Sodom and Gomorrah which are symbols of filthiness.

They exacerbated their evil conduct to bizarre a dimension and God dealt with them severely. However, the present day generation seems to have made Sodom and Gomorrah's record a child's play. Our generation has gone deeper into the mire of filthiness, more than any other generation in human history.

Therefore, God will have to tender an apology to Sodom and Gomorrah if He spares this generation. God is just. He will never spare the unrighteous. In fact, He has reserved our present world for His consuming fire.

Reference is made to a class of people tagged "evil dreamers" in the seventh verse of the book of Jude. These people were called filthy dreamers. Each generation has his own class of filthy dreamers. Even in civilized parts of the world filthy dreamers abound. The difference, this time around, is that they put on the garb of modernity.

It is important to study the characteristics or the conduct of the group of people labelled filthy dreamers. You may ask, "What has filthiness or corruption got to do with dreams?"

☞ Dreams are spiritual monitors.

What you programme into your life is what you see on the screen most of the time.

☞ Dreams constitute an index of your spiritual temperature.

If you want to understand the state of your spiritual life, you must examine your dreams. If your dreams are meaningless, you should scrutinize your spiritual life. The truth is that If your spiritual life is filled with everything that is godly your dreams will be wholesome.

Christians who are spirit-filled have narrated wonderful experiences about their dreams. Some of these people have found themselves speaking in tongues in their dreams only to discover that they were still doing the same thing when they woke up.

In the same vein, those who belong to the opposite camp spoke rubbish in their dreams until they woke up to real life. This goes a long way to show that dreams are pictures of occurrences In the spiritual realm.

Dreams and visions are wonderful when they originate from God. On the other hand, they can be disturbing and destructive when they come from the devil's camp. Carnality breeds terrible dreams.

When a dream comes from the depraved human heart it can be very horrible. Again, dreams can come from the enemy. These are also evil.

TYPES OF DREAMS

There are various types of dreams:

☞ Sleep dreams.

☞ Night dreams.

- ☞ Day dreams.
- ☞ Impression on the heart.
- ☞ Ideas nurtured in the heart.
- ☞ Imaginations in the heart.
- ☞ Thoughts of the heart

We must identify these forms of dreams.

Many people have failed to understand their dreams. The world would have become a better place if all the heavenly dreams given to people had been interpreted properly.

Several years ago, a man stood up to give a startling prophecy:

"Seven years from now men would land on the moon."

Those who were present in that service laughed him to scorn. Exactly seven years later, astronauts landed on the moon. God had given dreams of what would happen in the future but those who were around him disregarded the prophetic word.

Dreams are very useful in spiritual warfare. An understanding of your dreams will aid you in spiritual warfare.

Dreams are not ordinary. Hence, we cannot dismiss them with a wave of the hand.

Dreams are occurrences in the spiritual realm.

TYPES OF FILTHY DREAMERS

The Bible teaches that there is a class of dreamers called filthy dreamers. These are people whose lives are manipulated, agitated and controlled by impure thoughts. There are two categories of filthy dreamers.

- ☞ Conscious filthy dreamers.

People in this category are conscious of the fact that they are filthy dreamers.

☞ The unconscious filthy dreamer.

People here experience filthy dreams but when they wake up, they don't remember anything. Those who come under the category of conscious filthy dreamers can be classified into two.

☞ Those who cherish filthy dreams and desire that it should continue.

☞ Those who hate filthy dreams but are unable to help themselves.

They are simply helpless.

Our text throws much light on the consequences of filthy dreams. If you continue to have evil dreams, it will defile your flesh. You will continue to carry polluted body around. These are deep mysteries.

The moment you go about with a polluted body, favour and blessings will continue to elude you.

Filthy dreamers also reject authority. They provoke prophets or pastors to issue curses on them.

Victims of such curses often come to us pleading for the removal of the curses. However, they often fall to tell us what they did before such curses were placed on them.

A funny pastor came to me recently and said: "Man of God, I am here to inform you that I have just placed a serious curse on one of my members. I won't be surprised if he comes here to have the curse removed. I know that kind of curse can only be broken in your church. Please, don't mind him if he comes crying to you. He actually deserves the curse."

True to his word the fellow came to us. We were surprised when he told us that he was a pastor. He came for prayers at exactly 1:00 p.m. but his countenance was so dull and sleepy that one would have thought that he woke up from sleep a few seconds earlier. No doubt, the curse had taken a very heavy toll on him.

This is an example of what it means to come under the curse of a religious leader or pastor.

Curses cannot stick except there is something in you that acts as a magnet. Certain evil things cannot and should not stick to your body if that body of yours is pure. If you have defiled your flesh, evil dreams and other ugly things will stick.

HOW TO IDENTIFY FILTHY DREAMERS

How then can we identify filthy dreamers?

The Bible teaches that this category of people are always found speaking evil. Whenever you come across someone who is attuned to speaking evil recklessly, you have come across a filthy dreamer.

They are very quick to make scathing and derogatory remarks about friends, neighbours and acquaintances, as if they had no other thing to do.

You can build evil around your life by indulging in the characteristics of filthy dreamers. The moment you begin to think, meditate and centre your imaginations on filthy things, you are on your way to becoming a filthy dreamer.

The moment you tolerate the cultivation of a garden of lust in your heart, you have started a journey to the land of filthy dreamers.

God has nothing to do with filthy dreamers. He detests them. It is terrible to be a filthy dreamer. It's even worse when you are completely ignorant of the fact that you are a filthy dreamer.

Another group of filthy dreamers are those who wake up in the morning to find scratches or visible, physical marks on their bodies.

Such people are always embarrassed. They do not know the sources of such strange marks. Such embarrassing marks leave victims of filthy dreams helpless and confused.

There is no denying the fact that such physical marks, though spiritual or mysterious, will end up polluting the flesh and caging human destiny. It is as if agents of darkness, had placed such demonic computerized marks. The marks are their entry point.

I am sure you don't need to be told that those who find such witchcraft marks on their bodies will have to grapple with their effects.

Recently, a girl in Port-Harcourt, an oil city in Southern eastern Nigeria, woke up one day with the mark "666" on her body. She did not know the origin of the marks. It was embarrassing both to herself and members of her family. She happened to be a student. The mark was actually discovered by one of her class mates. The bewildered class mate screamed,

"Behold the anti-Christ!"

This attracted a crowd of anxious students. Initially some of the teachers dismissed the strange mark with a wave of the hand. One of them even said that the mark could be washed off by applying water and soap. The poor girl's hand was scrubbed for hours but the mark refused to go.

On a close scrutiny, it was discovered that the "666" was written underneath her skin. There was pandemonium in the school. That was a classic example of a filthy dreamer.

Those who engage in sexual intercourse in the dream are filthy dreamers.

This kind of dream is not peculiar to the unmarried. The married as well as the singles also have demonically induced wet dreams.

There are many categories of evil sex dreams. Some people have come across women with male sexual organs in their dreams. This falls under the category of filthy dreams.

Men who constantly experience strange wetness in their dreams are filthy dreamers. You must do something about this.

Again, if you dream of faeces, you are a filthy 'dreamer. Such a dream will lead you into unexplainable problems in real life.

Worse still, are those who dream of wedlock with animals like, snakes, cows, or dogs.

Those who dream about having their body rubbed with urine are filthy dreamers.

If you ever find yourself drinking dirty water in the dream, you are having a filthy dream.

Those who swim in dirty water also fall into the same category.

Other group of filthy dreamers are those who experience rape, delivery of babies, and feeding or breast feeding strange children in the dream. This filthy dream leads into bondage and pollutes the flesh.

How else can we identify filthy dreamers?

Let us examine more samples.

Drinking your own urine or blood places you in the same category with filthy dreamers.

Also if you see things like spiders, scorpions, owls and other strange birds in your dreams, you are a filthy dreamer.

If you ever see a night bird or strange animals trying to cohabit with you or attack you, you are having a very terrible filthy dream.

I once came across a sister who complained of having incisions on her body in the dream. She was surprised to discover bold physical marks on her body the following day. That was a strange filthy dream.

Being stripped naked in the dream is also an instance of filthy dream.

Several years ago a sister had a strange dream. She picked a used menstrual pad which belonged to her, squeezed out every drop of blood in it into a cup and drank it.

By the time she woke up the following day she was as confused as confusion can be. Of course, she did not know what to pray about. That same day she went out only to be compelled by the Holy Spirit to go back home. Initially she was reluctant, but after a long battle with the Holy Spirit she decided to obey.

That day she noticed that her mother, who had always been very relaxed and happy, was visibly disturbed. The Holy Spirit urged her to search for the menstrual pad she had just disposed of. She searched frantically for it only to discover that it was nowhere to be found in the waste bin. Then it dawned on her that something had gone amiss. Since there was no other person with her at home she decided to ask her mother,

"Mum, can you tell me what happened to my used menstrual pad? You are the only one at home. Both of us are going to die right here if you don't confess what you have done."

Initially the mother tried to deny knowing anything about the menstrual pad. However, she' decided to own up when she discovered that the sister's eyes were blood-shot with anger. She murmured an explanation initially. At the end she had to bring the menstrual pad from where she. had kept it.

On close observation, the sister discovered that the pad was completely dry. In a fit of anger she shook the mother saying,

"Tell me, what did you do with my pad?"

Knowing that she had been caught red-handed she confessed:

"I am sorry, I licked the blood. Please, forgive me. Nothing will happen to you."

That was how the sister discovered that she was living with a blood licker right in her room.

Why don't you close your eyes right now as you take this prayer point?

Every eater of flesh and drinker of blood designated to my dream life, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.

A lot of people have come to our deliverance ministers and counsellors with strange complaints. Some of them dream of seeing their own parents having sexual intercourse with them. Again, these are filthy dreams.

Others have dreamt of seeing themselves in coffins. This is also a filthy dream.

Those who eat spoiled food in their dreams are filthy dreamers. Those who pluck rotten fruits in their dreams are also filthy dreamers.

Those who see pregnant men in their dreams are filthy dreamers. You must tackle the problem of filthy dreams.

Have you noticed increased senselessness in your dreams? Do you suffer nightmares repeatedly? Do you vomit in the dream? Do you put on dirty robes in the dream?

Do you put on rags in your dreams? Do people spit on you in the dream? Do you experience bed-wetting in the dream? Do you dream of having sores and boils all over your body?

These are examples of filthy dreams.

THE ORIGIN OF ALL FILTHY DREAMS

It's important to undertake a thorough research into the causes or the origin of dreams that can be termed filthy. Let us take an incisive look into such dreams:

☛ Worry and anxiety

Worry and anxiety induce filthy dreams. Each night you go to bed loaded with burdens, worry, cares and all forms of anxiety, you will end up having filthy dreams. The Bible says "For a dream cometh through the multitude of business and a fools voice is known by the multitude of words." Therefore, worry and anxiety can introduce filthy dreams into your life.

☛ Vain imagination

Those who are given to vain imagination will always end up having filthy dreams. Vain thought attracts vain dreams.

Dreams are very accurate thermometer. It reveals the exact state of your life. An understanding of the human heart is crucial to understanding the type of dreams people have. Job 20:28 gives us an insight. It says, "It shall fly away as a dream and shall not be found Yea, it shall be chased as a vision of the night."

Let us take a look at the human heart. It can be likened to a building with several compartments or rooms. Some of these rooms or compartments are places where dreams are engineered.

If you programme wrong thoughts into these compartments, it would result in filthy dreams. In other words, if you store garbage in the rooms of your life, your dream life will be filled with garbage. Vain imagination will pollute your life and lead you to filthy dreaming.

☞ Fear

Fear is another thing that induces filthy dream. If your heart is fined with fear, you will have filthy dreams whether you like it or not. Those who are fearful in real life always end up having terrifying dreams.

Job 7: 14 says, "Thou scariest me with dreams and terrifiest me with visions. What is the importance of this passage?"

Your fears will always end up being transferred into your dream life. For example, if you are afraid of things like cat, cockroaches, rat, lizard and dogs in the physical realm, satanic agents will use them to terrify you in the dream.

The devil generally undertakes intelligent study of those whom he wants to attack. He uses their fears and allergies as weapons for attacking them. If you are bold and confident in the spiritual realm, you will hardly have a fearful dream. Of course, the devil will not waste his time trying to scare a fire brand believer who is as bold as a lion.

☞ The lust of the heart

Lust and filthy dreams are close pals, one attracts the other. Show me someone who is addicted to filthy dreams and I will show you someone who is a slave to lust.

Immorality does not start suddenly. It begins as an innocent thought in the laboratory of the heart. It takes intelligence to perpetrate acts of immorality. A dunce cannot really plan and execute an immoral affair. Those who go into immorality are generally good schemers. They know what kind of He to tell and they also know a thousand and one ways of escaping being detected.

If you are the type of person who allows immoral thoughts to run riot on the altar of your heart, you should not be surprised if spirit husbands or spirit wives come to visit you.

If you listen to dirty stories, watch dirty pictures and film and carry out dirty actions, spiritual spouses will never live you alone. Tell me, how can they spare those who are addicted to pornography and make horrible television programmes their favourite recreations? Of course, such dirty lifestyles will attract dirty spirits. The devil is looking for such to make them filthy dreamers.

When satanic agents and other classes of wicked spirits go about looking for men and women to destroy, their first targets are undoubtedly filthy dreamers; those who have defiled their flesh.

Those who allow the devil to turn their lives to the workshop of filthiness will suffer serious attacks from the camp of the devil.

Anyone who decides to practise dirty habits like anal or oral sex, even if you practised this aberration with your husband or wife, you are attracting agents of darkness to visit you. You are practising what the Bible calls sodomy.

If care is not taken, you may be accused of murder on the day of judgment. If you swallow the seed of life either as a man or as a woman you are a blind murderer. You are one of those people polluting the flesh.

God is a careful builder and designer. He has placed various organs in the body for specific purposes. Any form of perversion or diversion is damnable.

Someone has rightly observed that if God wanted us to smoke cigarettes, He would have constructed a chimney at the top of our head. If God created us without a chimney, it is an indication that He does not expect us to destroy His temple with tobacco. The smoke that emits from cigarettes is not meant for the temple of God.

If you allow sexual desire to fill your heart, you will become a filthy dreamer. Inordinate affection will flood your heart. Nor is that all, filthy communication will overshadow your lips and you will become soaked in filth.

Of course I must not fail to tell you that those who are filthy will continue to struggle with things like filthy jokes, filthy music and other agents of defilement. Worse still are evil habits like masturbation, lesbianism, sodomy, bestiality and homosexuality. These things defile the flesh and open those who are engaged in them to danger. Even if you decided to quote all the Scriptures in the Bible, the enemy will secure an easy entrance into your life. Your filthy life style will grant powers of darkness a legal entry into all departments of your life.

However, if you are tired of being a filthy dreamer, there is a way out. If you have tried without success to get rid of all characteristics of filthy dreamers, or maybe you are afraid because you do not know the appropriate steps to take in order to experience freedom and deliverance, then you need help.

When you notice that you lack the moral strength to stop filthy memories from lingering in your mind, you need help. If you are unable to stop speaking filthy words and hearing filthy voices, you need help. Don't deceive yourself, you need to pray until all evil crops are uprooted from the garden of, your life.

Are you a filthy dreamer? Have you allowed filthy plants to sprout in the garden of your life? Do you undress the opposite sex with your filthy

eyes and mind? Do you carry out abortion? Do you get involved with all kinds of unprintable deeds?

Do you do certain things which have to be viewed with surprise even by unbelievers? Is your heart polluted? What about the lust of the eye of the flesh? Are you involved with alcoholism, drug abuse, drug addiction?

These and other things will invite filthiness into your life.

Now let me say a few things about what I call satanic family altars.

I am referring to the television box. This has become a tool of deep bondage. The influence of the television combines the power of sight and sound to captivate the mind of men and women. Whatever is said on the radio cannot be seen with the physical eye. Even when graphic pictures are painted with words the impact will still fall short of what is shown on the television screen.

Therefore, the television is gradually becoming the number one entry point for bondage, destruction and death. In recent times, some children have been taken to juvenile courts for shooting and knifing their own parents. What led them to this is the power of the television.

In one instance a particular child jumped at the mother and used his two legs to grip her neck. When he was indicted, he simply said that he learned what he did through a movie which he watched.

The television has destroyed countless souls. It does not observe the rules of secrecy. In fact, it does not require the cover of darkness to perform its task of destroying human life.

It is the greatest witch in the world. Its ability to bewitch is unparalleled. Incidentally, it is given a place of unusual prominence in almost every family. It has engineered countless number of rape, murder, incest, drug abuse, divorce, juvenile delinquency, fornication, bestiality and almost every work of darkness.

Today, almost all kinds of spine-chilling acts are shown on the television. Unfortunately, most so-called Christian television programmes

have become a parody or a mockery of holiness and pristine Christian values.

It is indeed disturbing that filthy films are shown on the television every five minutes. Therefore, Christians have no option than to rise up and challenge this unpleasant situation. We must wake up from our slumber and wrest this powerful weapon from the hand of the devil.

Many souls will continue to be destroyed until we introduce sanity into the productions of the television screen.

There are more destructive programmes on the television than ones that are edifying. Much as we may not say that you should go out to destroy your television box, we would counsel you to exercise self-restraint concerning the kind of programmes you watch.

Every television box has on and off buttons. This means that you can decide to disconnect it from the mains if the programme appears detrimental to your spiritual well being.

THE EXPERIENCE OF FILTHY DREAMERS

Filthy dreamers experience the following unpleasant situations or conditions.

☞ Slippery breakthroughs and blessings.

Blessings will slip off their fingers, just as they are about handling them. God may send wonderful blessings to a filthy dreamer but the angel of his blessings may refuse to hand the package to him saying, "No, this is a filthy fellow. This territory is forbidden". This is an example of what it means by experiencing slippery break throughs.

☞ Spiritual lukewarmness.

If you keep on having these kinds of dreams, your spiritual life will not retain fire. Your spiritual life will be nothing but struggles and embarrassing failures. The Bible will become a meaningless book to you.

☞ Lack of favour

Favour will continue to elude those who experience filthy dreams, either favour with men or God.

THE WAY OUT

You may ask; how then can I get rid of filthy dreams? If you take the following steps, you will experience total freedom from such unpleasant dreams. I counsel you to run yourself through the following questions:

☞ Are your dreams scriptural or Bible based?

☞ Do your dreams draw you closer to the Lord?

If the answer is negative then your dreams are filthy.

☞ Do the dreams corrupt or edify you?

If your dreams do not edify you, then you are having filthy dreams.

☞ Do your dreams lead you into bondage?

If your dreams have been converted to vehicles of conveying you into the land of bondage, you are having filthy dreams.

☞ Does the Holy Spirit confirm your dreams? Is there any positive confirmation in your heart leaving you with refreshing and glorious thoughts?

Any dream that cannot be confirmed by the Spirit of God is a filthy dream.

☞ Do your dreams introduce unholy or satanic fear into your heart?

Fear and other threatening thoughts cannot come from God. If such feelings are induced by dreams, you should view the dreams as filthy.

You need to evaluate your dreams by using seven questions as a yardstick for detecting filthy dreams.

It is disheartening that many people are going through terrible molestation and attack in their, dreams. Of course, I am angry about such molestation and harassment.

I think you should close your eyes and take this prayer point with holy anger:

O thou that troubleth my Israel, my God shall trouble you, in the name of Jesus.

Now follow the following steps. These are essential ingredients for immunity as far as filthy dreams are concerned.

☞ Repent from every act of physical and spiritual filthiness.

Examine your life and sincerely deal with every trace of filthiness. Ensure that there is no trace of dirt or filthiness on the altar of your heart. Ask the Lord to cleanse you. Cease using the laboratory of your heart to engineer filthiness.

☞ You must ensure that your deliverance is complete. Partial deliverance will make you a victim of filthy dreams.

☞ Watch your eyes and your tongue.

☞ Wage war against the arrow of the wicked.

☞ Take decisive steps toward mortifying the flesh.

The flesh will always encourage filthy dreams. As long as the flesh continues to take the upper hand in your life, you will remain a filthy dreamer. The flesh has no other thing to do than to invite pollution continually.

There is a purpose for this important book. The battle against filthy dreams is one which you must win, whether you are a conscious or an unconscious filthy dreamer. The results are simply unpleasant.

To be frank with you, you have a great deal of praying to do. However you must not lose sight of the fact that your dreams are influenced and controlled by the state of your heart. You must stay clear from every form of pollution. That is the starting point.

You may pray all the prayer points in the world, nothing will happen on a positive note, until you decide to take care of the pipe, through which every filthy dream flow into your life, and make amends.

This moment is the turning point as far as filthy dreams are concerned. Cleanse your life and your heart. Withdraw yourself from all characteristics of filthiness. Pray until your life becomes a no-go-area for filthy dreams. Quit the company of filthy dreamers. Pray until your dream life receives the touch of fire. Then your dream life will no longer be the same.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every serpent in my dream, I bury you today, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every blindness of the spirit, clear away, in Jesus' name.
3. (Lay your right hand upon your chest as you take this prayer point).
Every dream demotion, die, in Jesus' name.
4. Thou power of filthiness, die, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every familiar spirit husband / wife, die, in Jesus' name.
6. Thou dream poison, kill your sender, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every power stealing from me in my dream, what are you waiting for?,
die, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every dream pollution, die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every operation of household wickedness in my dream, die, in the
name of Jesus.
10. Thou power of God, possess my dreams, in Jesus' name.

11. Every witchcraft arrow fired into my dream, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
12. Thou Rock of ages, dash every dream criminal to pieces, in the name of Jesus.

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DISGRACING LOCAL EVIL WEAPONS

INTRODUCTION

The devil has developed a number of destructive local evil weapons. These weapons have been fashioned to defeat traditional prayer patterns. They form part of the devil's local demonic technology. The African continent has been turned to the breeding ground of dangerous evil missiles.

These weapons have remained largely concealed. Some victims have suffered for more than 100 years. Yet, these weapons have been kept secret by the enemy.

If you look at the history of Christianity in Africa and Asia, for example, you will discover that local demonic weapons are yet to be identified and destroyed.

Believing in Christ is one thing but knowing how to fight the battles of life is another.

For too long we have been presented with a dichotomy between our faith in Christ and practical spiritual warfare. We have believed that the idols of the land are powerless. So, we have not taken time to find out how to fight them. Ignorance has therefore converted many to minced meat in the mouth of the enemy.

Frankly speaking, we have undermined the strength of the enemy. We have also disregarded the wicked weapons which he has continued to use

against us. Like the ostrich, we have decided to bury our heads in the sand to prove that we do not belong to this world.

The devil has converted this attitude to a weapon of destruction. This situation must change. We must expose and destroy all local evil weapons. However, we cannot destroy what we know nothing about. Believers who exhibit stark ignorance concerning local evil weapons may not be able to deal with them.

Therefore a very dear understanding of the nature and the workings of these wicked evil weapons which the devil has continued to use in our local environment is a must.

DARK PLACES OF THE EARTH

The Bible has given us an insight into the strategy of the devil. We come across a very apt description of the places where wicked local weapons abound. For example. Psalm 74:20 says,

Have respect unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

This passage refers to a place called the dark places of the earth. Such a place, the Bible says, is a habitation of cruel acts. If you listen to stories of what goes on in dark places. cold shivers would run down your spine.

Let us also examine Psalm 91:13:

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

What exactly does the Bible mean by the lion and the adder? These are the powers of darkness in all their ramifications.

We are given further insight in the fifth verse of the same chapter.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor

for the destruction that wasteth at noonday (Psalm 91 :5-6).

Night terrors are sponsored by local demonic powers to destroy their victims. Wicked arrows also fly by the day from the abode of wicked local powers. One would have thought that these wicked powers would have limited their activities to the period of darkness. Now, they have brought their wicked acts into day light.

Local witches and wizards and other local evil agents no longer wait for darkness to carry out their activities. Eaters of flesh and drinkers of blood carry out their activities openly in the day.

These days, these satanic agents declare their intentions and carry out their evil acts without caring whose ox is gored.

Again, when you hear of pestilence that walks in darkness it is another weapon being used by the devil. They also go ahead to waste lives and properties at noon day.

All these form part of the armour which the devil has kept in his armoury. They are all satanic devices which the devil uses to fulfil his role which the Bible outlines in John 10: 10:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:...

In 2 Corinthians 2:11 the Bible says:

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Here we are told that we should not be ignorant of the devices of the devil.

These devices are numerous. If the Bible warns against ignorance, it is a fact that some people are ignorant. If you do not know the kind of weapons or devices the devil is using against you, you may not know how to design and carry out a programme for dealing with his onslaughts.

The Bible says,

Job 5: I 2: He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform *their* enterprise.

God may not prevent crafty agents of darkness from fashioning their wicked acts of darkness, but He would surely frustrate and disappoint them.

Therefore, if you desire exclusive breakthroughs in your life, I instruct you to take this prayer point:

Let every device of the enemy upon my life be disappointed, in the name of Jesus.

A particular man who was doing very well in the city of Lagos decided to visit his relatives in the village. When he got there, an uncle took him round and introduced him to other members of the family. Initially he expected his uncle to portray him as a very successful business man. He was shocked when his uncle said,

"This is one of our brothers. Don't mind him he is one of those people who have decided to live in abject poverty in Lagos. He is really suffering there. His finance is nothing to write home about. He is completely useless to himself. In fact, he is a liability."

The brother was piqued by this odd introduction. He called his uncle aside and said,

"Why must you introduce me that way? But you know that I am quite comfortable in Lagos."

The uncle laughed aloud and said, "Do you want me to tell them the truth about your condition? If I ever do so you will become an object of serious attack. I decided to give them a picture of abject poverty in order to divert the eyes of our wicked kinsmen off you."

At that point he understood his uncle and allowed the introduction to go on. That was how the brother's uncle confused his enemies.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEMONS

Every environment has its own peculiar wickedness. Therefore, no one can afford to be neutral. If you want to experience scriptural victory, you must be ready to make use of every weapon mentioned in the Scriptures.

Never spend a moment in the camp of those who claim that the days of miracles are over. Those who belong to that camp are languishing in the cage of household wickedness. We must go back to primitive Christianity.

There are a lot of strange problems around. A woman was so overwhelmed by her problem that she decided to break the law of decency to show that her problem was, indeed, uncommon.

She came into the counselling room like a normal counselee, and I thought that she was going to narrate a problem similar to the ones I had heard time and again. I was dumbfounded when she said,

"Man of God, my own problem is stranger than fiction. This may offend you but who else can I tell my problem if not i a man of God?"

Before I could understand the point she was making she raised up her skirt and behold she was an hermaphrodite someone with male and female sex organs. It was a shocking revelation. If I decided to portray how shocked I was, the lady might feel that her condition was hopeless. So, pretending to be unruffled, I asked her,

"So, what have you done about this condition?"

She narrated her plight: "Someone once told me that I could go through an operation to remove one of the organs. I even visited expert surgeons. Each time I go for x-ray, the machine would only detect the female organ. The second organ would not be visible. But, the two organs are still intact."

Of course, that was a strange problem.

Another woman came to me to narrate her plight. According to her, after she sat on a strange object, her monthly menstrual period became a bizarre monthly torture. Instead of the normal blood which is discharged by every woman, maggots would come out of her.

Men of God, especially deliverance ministers, come across a lot of tough cases. This is why we have always encouraged believers to learn spiritual warfare.

This reminds me of a case of a man who was brought to me with a strange complaint. Whenever the man slapped his face, cockroaches would drop on the floor. How did the cockroaches get there?

Many people come crying, "Man of God, I have serious problems."

A man was brought to one of our meetings some years ago with a problem that was peculiar and strange. He was perfectly normal whenever there was no food on the table. But immediately food was placed on the table he would go into a spell of madness and begin to inflict himself.

They took him everywhere but there was no solution until one of his relatives brought him for prayers. One of our ministers simply ordered that food should be brought for the man. To the surprise of everyone, the man ate the food without the previous negative reactions. He even asked for another plate of food. He received deliverance from the powers behind the strange reaction to food.

Local weapons differ from place to place. The weapons used by powers of darkness in Nigeria differ from the ones they use in Ghana.

If you also travel to Britain or Cameroon, you will discover that there are different forms of operation by the powers of darkness there. This shows that each country suffers its own brand of satanic technology.

Sometimes the kind of prayer points used in a particular country may not work, if used in another country.

The problems of the white man, for example, differs from those of the black man. A black man would find it difficult to understand why a white man would decide to inject himself with some breast-building steroids. Again, a black man would not understand why whites are battling with the problem of loneliness.

A white man would not understand why a young black man would go to the market to buy local rings or charms in order to attract the attention of the opposite sex. People have different peculiarities.

Daniel 10:13: But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10:20: Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecla shall come.

Here, we are given an incisive insight into the workings of local satanic technology. A local satanic chieftain, otherwise known as the Prince of Persia, erected a barricade against Daniel's prayers. He was the principality in charge of the territory where Daniel resided. If Daniel had stopped praying, the Prince of Persia would have won.

This shows that every area or environment has a ruling demon operating there. These demons have a principal demon controlling them. The demons are averse to anything that would displace them. This is made very clear in Mark 5:9-10 which says,

And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. ¹⁰And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

The demons referred to in the above passage were reluctant to leave their territory as they want to continue to destroy the lives of the inhabitants.

DETERMINING FACTORS

The weapons of the devil depend on the following seven factors. Whenever you examine any country, you will notice these seven factors:

☛ **The foundation of the nation, tribe or community.**

To understand the nature of the weapons used in a particular place you must ask the following questions:

- ☞ How did the nation or tribe begin?
- ☞ Did it begin with war or disunity?
- ☞ Did they start as a multiracial society or community?
- ☞ Is it a conglomeration of races or is it a single race?
- ☞ Is it founded on the foundation of slavery?
- ☞ Are the inhabitants of the city free?
- ☞ What is the history of the community like?

If you examine the foundation of the Nigerian nation in this light, you will understand why we have had many ethnic crisis. According to history, we have pockets of races which were amalgamated in 1914. It is good to understand the foundation of the Nigerian nation.

☞ **The influence of the early settlers.**

You must examine the history of the founding fathers of the community.

- What kind of people were the founding fathers of the settlers?
- What was their motive?
- To what can we trace their inspiration; that is the power that led to the founding of the city, town or village?
- Were the founders, traders, or were they trafficking in slaves?

Several years ago African slaves were ferried to plantations in the United States of America. They went through a lot of inhuman conditions. At the height of their suffering they issued curses upon the traffickers. This

accounts for certain prevailing problems in the western world today. That is why the demon of violence is operating in that part of the world.

☛ **The type of local and "Imported" religion**

This determines the type of demonic weapon used in the place. Some local devotees of a particular female idol or goddess may decide to embrace the white man's religion and continue with the worship of another local female idol personality. When this takes place some peculiar evil weapons would be developed.

The choice of the feminine class in idol worship explains why Africans who once worshipped powerful female deities or goddesses shifted grounds for the worship of the Roman Catholic Mary. The powers which operate in an environment would surely create weapons that tally with the religious background of the inhabitants.

☛ **The type of weapon used would show whether the community experienced warfare or not.**

Civil or external warfare often leads people to undertake lots of spiritual researches. People construct all kinds of terrible weapons during seasons of warfare and they continue to use it even after the war.

Some communities often possess destructive charms and amulets. Anyone living in that community expects the inhabitants to use such charms for destructive and protective purposes.

An incident took place in the ministry of a man of God who operated in the 1930s. During ministration he instructed all those who possessed fetish things and charms to surrender them up for burning.

All kinds of weird objects were surrendered. A particular man brought a wooden doll with several nails on it and explained that each nail represented each person he had killed. When the nails were counted, they were 2,700. This shows that the man had single-handedly killed almost 3,000 souls.

The havoc was done in a small community. The man would chant some incantations, call the name of his victim and drive a small nail into the

body of the wooden doll. The victim would cry out in his sleep and pass away. That type of weapon is still being used today.

☞ **The level of poverty in a particular place determines the type of weapon used there.**

Terrible weapons are generally used in highly impoverished communities. The poorer the people are, the more wicked the weapons used. If you come from a village where people are extremely poor you should know that the weapons used are terribly demonic. Some people of such communities prosper only when they migrate to other places.

If you come from such a community, you have a great deal of prayers to pray.

☞ **The kind of tribes that make up a particular nation**

This determines the types and the nature of weapons used by satanic agents. A multiracial country or community would lead to the development of several weapons.

In Nigeria, for example, if satanic agents use demon-idols found among the Yorubas in Western Nigeria without success, they may use the juju or charms of the Arochukwus of the eastern Nigeria.

There are millions of satanic weapons in a multiracial country like Nigeria. Therefore, the greater the number of tribes, the more the varieties of satanic weapons that would be used.

Should the weapons within a particular country prove inadequate, the satanic agents may decide to import their weapons from other places.

This reminds me of the story of a particular brother who experienced victory over a demon idol sent to him. He met the Idol on his way to the bathroom and gave it a violent kick. The demon idol somersaulted and went back to its sender. This kind of demon idol can be found in many communities.

☞ **The culture of the people who reside in a particular community**

Wicked powers operate on the platform of the culture of a particular group of people. They dribble their victims according to their cultures. This explains why all cultures must be tested and judged by the Scriptures. Those who are wise must reject all kinds of demonic cultures, no matter how good they may appear.

Since weapons vary from locality to locality, the kind of local satanic technology used in a community differs significantly from the type used in another community.

Satanic agents undertake various researches in their efforts to deal with the victims assigned to them by principalities and powers. If you understand this fact, you would not dismiss spiritual warfare with a wave of the hand.

However, I have good news for you. There is a power that can successfully contend with all kinds of demonic weapons. That power is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is written, "At the mention of the name of Jesus every knee shall bow of things in heaven, of things on earth, of things underneath the earth."

It is therefore highly dangerous and risky when demons fight against you and you begin to consult demons to enable you to fight back. Darkness cannot contend with darkness. The only power that can overcome darkness is light. A greater degree of darkness cannot overcome a lesser degree of darkness.

Satan, our arch-enemy, has no free gift for anybody. If you obtain anything from his camp, you will pay it back with interest.

If you decide to consult a fetish priest who can operate on land, your enemy may decide to consult a fetish priest that operates in the heavenlies.

If you decide to visit a white garment prophet who sells demonic candles, your enemy may decide to consult a white garment prophet who can command candles to enter a bottle through magical means.

If you decide to consult a fetish priest who fraternizes with local powers, your enemy may decide to consult fetish priests who operate from the second heavens.

Only the power in the blood of Jesus can defeat the power of darkness. Toying with elemental powers will take you back to square one.

The power of God will never fail. However, many believers give lots of room to satanic agents to dribble and manoeuvre them.

I am a scientist. Scientific principles are engraved in my memory. Scientists know that there is a great deal of difference between theory and practice. There is also applied science.

Someone can understand the theory of a particular topic while the same fellow can be completely useless when it comes to the practical aspect of the same topic. It is possible to be good in the theory and remain in the woods as far as its application is concerned.

Many believers have great knowledge of the theory of the Christian faith but are very low in applied Christianity. It is possible to know all the doctrines of the Bible and still be a victim of satanic arrows. Those who claim to know everything the Bible says concerning spiritual warfare, but do not know how to deal with simple dream attacks, do not know what applied Christianity is all about.

Talking about spiritual warfare is one thing, practising it and winning the battle is another.

This reminds me of an experience which I had when I was studying in England. A fellow student suddenly took ill and was rushed to Greenwich, London. The medical doctor who attended to him had never treated anyone attacked by malaria all his life. The closest he got was the mention of malaria in his medical books.

Malaria, we all know, is a tropical disease. The doctor had never had an encounter with its symptoms. He, therefore, decided to send the patient's blood samples somewhere else. While he lingered, the patient's case was getting worse.

It took the intervention of the five of us, who were African students, to make the doctor administer the right drugs. We issued a threat: "Give malaria drugs to our dying colleague or we will turn this hospital upside down in a minute."

The doctor administered the drugs and the patient was okay in a matter of days. Africans know what malaria is all about, while it is foreign to the white man. We can learn lots of spiritual lessons from this.

SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

There are three classes of students in spiritual warfare:

☞ Theoretical students

These students are vast in the theory of spiritual warfare.

☞ Students who understand both the theory and the practical.

These ones know nothing about applied knowledge of spiritual warfare.

☞ Students who understand the theory, know the practical and can apply the principles of spiritual warfare.

Which class do you belong to?

Let me also ask you another question: How can a believer apply the blood of Jesus?

It is very simple. Testify to what the Scripture teaches concerning the efficacy of the blood of Jesus. But, do not stop here. This is simply theoretical. Apply it practically, by going ahead to personally testify, to what the blood can do for you.

WEAPONS OF LOCAL EVIL POWERS

Now, let us take a critical look at the kind of weapons that have been developed by local evil powers. An understanding of these weapons would go a long way in equipping you with the wherewithal to deal with agents of darkness. You cannot read about local evil weapons in the daily newspapers.

These are hidden weapons developed by dark powers. You need to ask the Lord to open your eyes and grant you revelation concerning hidden weapons used by the enemies of your soul.

Let us take a look at these weapons:

PLANTED EVIL DEPOSITS

Satanic agents place charms or other demonic objects on the seats of their victims. These charms can also be placed under the carpet or at the entrance or gate in order to destroy the victim. As soon as the victim steps over the charm or sits on the chair where it was placed, problems start.

Recently I had an interesting counselee who introduced himself as a Senior Apostle. He narrated the story of a serious incident in a white garment church where he ministered. Someone placed a charm underneath his seat and he was instantly bewitched and henceforth, found it difficult to urinate.

After listening to his story I asked him why such a thing could happen to an apostle like himself. He told me that the incident actually baffled him. Many people who are paralysed today are victims of such evil deposits.

When doctors run such victims through medical diagnosis, they generally end up detecting nothing. Of course, no medical equipment can detect the effect of evil spells and charms. Blood or urine samples cannot be used to detect demonic charms and attacks of evil deposits which come in various shapes and forms.

A woman attended one of our programmes and a strange object dropped from her body. By the time the object was examined it was found to be a kind of rosary used by Moslems. Another person vomited a white stone during one of our public crusades. You may ask, how did the stone enter the body of the victim? That is one of the methods used by agents of darkness to programme invisible evil objects into the lives of many.

You can deal with this kind of problem only through spiritual surgical operations. You should also pray for the healing of the wounds created by

the unwanted evil objects in your body. You can effect this through the power in the blood of Jesus. The third step you must take is to send the evil arrows back to the sender. Finally, command the angels of God to deflect such evil arrows and prevent them from coming against you.

FORCED INITIATION

A lot of people are forced into initiation against their will. This happens mostly when they are asleep. Satanic cutters often forcefully feed their victims when they are asleep. They end up making their victims accept meals which they actually detest in real life. Some people see snakes in their dream while others dream of seeing themselves as uninvited guests during important occasions.

What is the solution to this kind of problem? Total deliverance. Which can be obtained through personal or corporate efforts. Moreover, you must go through a session of spiritual warfare before going to bed every night. I encourage you to pray for spiritual immunity, even if you do not have any problem.

DEMONIC PROSECUTION

In this case a victim is summoned to appear in a spiritual court for Judgment. A demonic court is a very terrible place. The best lawyer cannot obtain freedom for anyone summoned to an evil court. Relatives and friends cannot plead his case. Those who have ever appeared at such courts often discovered that the panel of jury were members of their own kith and kin.

Recently, a man found himself in a spiritual court. To his chagrin he discovered that the judge was no one else but his seven-year-old daughter. Do you know the grouse of the teenage spiritual judge? She simply asked her father: "Why do you always offer me cow skin instead of real meat which you give to my siblings?" The spiritual court officers gave him the greatest shocker of his life when they said: "Why did you decide to treat our queen with disdain?" The man had no option but to plead for forgiveness.

They told him that he would not be forgiven. He received instant judgment, cried from his sleep and woke up with a stroke. The ailment was peculiar as it only affected his mouth, so that he was not able to tell anybody what transpired at the spiritual court room.

You must watch your dreams. When you dream of things like arrest, standing trial in a court, being locked up in a police cell, or being given strokes of the cane, these are evidences that demonic prosecution is in place.

You must deal with these powers. Cancel every evil sentence passed against you. Then, send confusion into the court. You should also often barricade your life with the blood of Jesus.

BURIED VIRTUES

Bible readers agree on the fact that the earth is a living entity. It is capable of accepting virtues that are deposited into it. The story of Cain and Abel explains this. Genesis 4:10 says: "What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." This shows that the earth swallowed the blood of Abel.

Think about this, every blessing you are entitled to generally exists in the spiritual realm before it will come into manifestation in the physical realm. Therefore, if anyone decides to take hold of the spiritual symbol of your blessings and buries it in the ground, such a person will succeed in preventing you from receiving the blessings. That is why we teach people to pray: "I command all my buried virtues to be exhumed, in the name of Jesus." This is a powerful prayer point. Wicked people are busy burying people's virtues in the ground.

☞ How would you know when your virtue is buried?

Check the following symptoms.

- When you continue to experience failure in spite of the fact that you generally have good opportunities most of the time.

- When things suddenly go wrong at the edge of success.
- When you make regular unexplainable visits to the hospital.
- When your wealth disappears mysteriously.

☛ What is the solution to this serious problem?

Just follow these steps.

- Request for angelic assistance.
- Devote at least one hour each day for seven days to the withdrawal of your buried virtues.

If you take these steps, you will successfully deal with every attempt to bury your virtue.

THE SPIRITUAL CELL

The predicament of many people can be likened to that experienced by a bird that is caged. Have you ever seen animals that are locked up in the zoo. Caged animals depend on attendants and visitors to the zoo to feed them. In the same vein if you depend on others to feed you, you are caged.

Visitors also throw stones and other objects at caged animals. If wicked people throw arrows at you in order to amuse themselves, you are caged. Those who are caged cannot escape unpleasant attacks. The cage limits the abilities of such people. Even when they are let out of the cage they still live as if they were under bondage.

This reminds me of the story of an old woman who carried a big load on her head. A bus driver decided to give her a lift. Surprisingly, she decided to keep her load on her head. The driver watched her for about 30

minutes and decided to take her up: "Madam, why did you decide to carry your load on your head despite the fact that I have offered you a lift?"

The woman simply said, "Of course, I appreciate what you have done. Mind you, I am the one you have offered a lift, not my luggage".

This story might be amusing. But that is what most of us do. We decide to carry our burden when we have been offered a relief. Tell me, why should anyone decide to carry his burden when there is a burden bearer to take it off him?

That is the problem that is generally associated with those held up in spiritual cells. Being locked up in a cage is not pleasant at all. There your freedom is curtailed and your rights are denied. Pain and agony are also common with those who are caged. Of course, such people would find it difficult to make progress as they are barricaded from moving out.

☞ How then can we deal with such unpleasant problems?

- Take a cue from Jabez.

He found that he was restricted on all grounds. There was no way he could have made any progress at all. He prayed that God should enlarge his coast. That is exactly the kind of prayer point to use when you are limited by spiritual cages. You should simply pray, "O Lord, enlarge my coast, in the name of Jesus."

- Ask the Lord Jesus to break the cage with His heavenly dynamite. Ask Him to release you and set the cage ablaze.

BODY EXCHANGE

A lot of people go through mysterious problems which they know nothing about. Somehow some wicked powers have succeeded in exchanging their physical bodies. Thus they go about with bodies which do not belong to them.

Of course, you can be sure that lots of problems would have been programmed into the foreign bodies which they carry about.

☞ How can we identify the problems of body exchange in the lives of people?

Let me list a few characteristics:

- Premature ageing. It makes one to actually look much older than one's age.
- Unprofitable heaviness.
- Sluggishness: one is generally flabby.
- Such people are also ugly.
- They feel isolated.
- Unexplainable hatred.
- Marital failure.
- Their benefits are given to others.
- Exchange of destiny.

The problem of body exchange is one of the most serious problems in life. When you suffer this kind of attack nothing will work for you. In fact, you will be tired of your very existence.

Additionally, you will find it difficult to understand yourself. You feel as if some part of your being was shared by one or more persons. You will also go about with the burdens of the person with whom your real body has been exchanged. Unless you find a solution to this problem, your problem will remain intractable.

☞ What then is the solution to instances of body exchange?

You must take the following steps.

- Pray for the restoration of your real body.

This kind of prayer will produce tangible feelings in your body. You might feel dizzy or uncomfortable. Some times you may feel like throwing up. You might even fall down in the process.

A lot of people are actually used as vehicles for attending demonic meetings. Powers of darkness programme their bodies and make them spiritual vehicles for conveying demonic agents to meetings. Such people may not be conscious that they have been converted to evil transport vehicles but they will surely suffer the consequences.

SPIRITUAL BULLETS

Just as we have bullets in the physical realm, there are also invisible spiritual bullets! How are the bullets used? The enemies usually identify those who possess demonic power in the family of their victim. Hence the more there are people with dark powers in the victim's family the more complex his case will become.

It is unfortunate that most of the information needed by members of the dark kingdom is supplied by our own kith and kin. Immediately they are through with their evil spiritual research, the victim is summoned and a spiritual bullet is fired at him. Once this hits the fellow he will not wake up the following day.

If the person ever survives, he would be reduced to the proverbial walking corpse. Slow death ensues. The part of the body where the bullet enters will never enjoy good health. If it is the stomach, the victim will continue to suffer chronic or acute stomach discomfort.

☛ How can we deal with this kind of attack?

The solution is slated below:

- Undergo spiritual surgery.
- Have all bullets removed.
- Fire the bullets back to the sender.

SPIRITUAL ARROWS

Just as arrows are very deadly in the physical realm, they are also deadly in the spiritual realm. Anyone who decides to shoot an arrow at you can simply not be a friend or a well wisher.

A child that has potentials for greatness or exceptional achievement will face attacks as he grows up. Wicked people generally identify potential achievers from the womb and trail them until they stick wicked arrows into their bodies. This explains why many talented men and women are facing terrible attacks. This is especially common in polygamous homes.

The situation becomes serious when someone happens to be the only male among several female children. Again, the firstborn face various attacks. The victims are made human torches for paving the way for several members of the family.

Therefore there is hardly anyone from a polygamous home who does not need deliverance. Many Africans have received deadly arrows. When the arrows are fired, the blood happens to be the main target. Thus, many people's blood had been poisoned through wicked arrows. The only solution is to have these arrows extracted and send back to the sender. Then you should go ahead to pray for a wall of fire around your life.

CONSUMPTION OF POLLUTED FOOD

This is another deadly local weapon of destruction. When this weapon is used, it kills. Often the effect is gradual. Wicked people have a goal: to steal your health, kill and destroy you.

You may ask how are people fed with polluted food? A lot of people eat in their dreams. Demonic night caterers introduce poison into your body through food. Those who attend ungodly parties also eat polluted food unconsciously. Many people's systems have been corrupted or contaminated

through spiritual food poison. They go about with all kinds of strange sicknesses. Again the solution is highlighted below:

☞ Spiritual evacuation of polluted food.

- Total deliverance.
- Pray aggressively until you vomit every polluted food in your system.

DEMONIC MARRIAGE

Those who are consciously or unconsciously married in the spiritual realm are in serious trouble. Although little, or nothing is known about the existence of spiritual marriage by the modern man, It is as real as reality can be. It is as binding as physical marriage. Spiritual husbands and wives are real.

They are ready to give up their last pint of blood in order to retain their earthly partners. Once they lay hold on the captive, they will never loosen their grip. They are jealous to the core. Human beings who attempt sharing their spouses with them face serious attacks. This explains why many people are finding It difficult to enjoy their marriages; The spiritual partners generally give the physical partners a tough fight

☞ How can we identify those who are Involved with spiritual marriage?

Watch out for these signs:

- Mark of hatred.
- Marital instability.
- Unexplainable quarrels.
- Bareness and miscarriages.
- Poverty.

- Collapse of viable business projects.
- Tension.
- Perplexing Harassment.

☞ How then can we tackle the problem of demonic marriage?

- Deliverance.
- Pray aggressively and ensure that the spirit husband/wife is dead.
- Command them to leave you alone to live your God-ordained life.

The moment you succeed in destroying these local evil weapons you will begin to enjoy your life. The problem with most of us in Africa is that we are constantly attacked by powers that have mastered the use of these wicked weapons. The situation becomes worse when a combination of these weapons are used. None of us is created to be a failure. Each person has potentials for greatness. The problem is that wicked weapons have been used to destroy destinies that are potentially good.

God has never created a failure. You owe yourself the duty of praying against failure and destroying it. The best system of defence is attack. To let sleeping dogs lie is to stay at the receiving end of satanic arrows and attacks. God cannot release His miracle powers unless you begin to attack your attackers.

Beloved, you have had enough. Enough is enough. This is the hour of vengeance.

The Bible says, "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you" (II Thessalonians 1:6).

God is set to trouble those who trouble you. Arrows must go back to their senders. The Bible says, "As he loved cursing so let it be far from him, as he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come

into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for girdle where with he is girded continually. Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul" (Psalm 109: 17-20).

There is absolutely nothing wrong with paying the wicked back in their own coins or sending the arrows of the wicked back to them. After all, the arrows did not originate from you. If someone decided to destroy your life by sending evil arrows of you, such a person should equally be allowed to have a taste of the evil arrows.

Satanic agents hate seeing their arrows sent back, to them. They don't enjoy such things.

Beloved, local weapons are no toys. They are instruments of wickedness. The only thing you can do to them is to get them destroyed.

You are going to pray. The prayer points may not be the familiar type, but I counsel you to pray them all the same. Do not take the prayer points except you are ready to deal with all users of wicked weapons, whether they are far or near. You don't know how many relatives and acquaintances have sent evil arrows against you. If you pray against the evil arrows, there may be casualties in your extended family. However, if you love yourself, you will pray all the same.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I cover myself with the blood for Jesus.
2. Every satanic dream, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every spirit of bed wetting, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every spirit of fear, go back to the sender, in Jesus' name
5. Every mark of hatred, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every spirit of infirmity, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.

7. Every satanic arrow, go back to your slender, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every problem in my blood, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every problem in my head, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
10. Every problem from the river, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every problem from the sea, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
12. Every problem from polygamy, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
13. Every problem with circumcision, go back to the slender, in the name of Jesus.
14. Every problem with the reproductive organ, go back to the slender, in the name of Jesus.
15. Every problem with demonic husband/wife, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
16. Every problem from witchcraft powers, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
17. Every problem from unfriendly friends, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
18. Local satanic weapons, release me, in Jesus' name.
19. Local satanic weapons, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.
20. Place one hand on your head and the other one on your stomach. Every arrow of local witches and wizards, go back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.

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WRESTLING WITH SHADOWS

INTRODUCTION

For many, life is a riddle. There are inexplicable situations which have left many confused and disenchanted. If you ever take a sober look at life you will discover that there are many questions to which man has no answer.

The black man seems to have more than enough share of life's burden. Millions of black people drink troubles like water. Let me give you an illustration. Cain and Abel were children of the same parents. They had similar backgrounds. Their abilities also appeared similar.

At the end of the day, one of them succeeded, while the second was overshadowed by failure and frustration. This is exactly the situation of things in the world today. People with similar abilities come up with varying results; two people who decided to travel on the same road arrive at different destinations. A class of people manages to achieve success, while another group of people is baptized with failure and frustration.

SWIMMING AGAINST THE TIDE

Let me make it plain and clear: most blacks are swimming against the tide. They are wrestling with shadows. How else can you explain why someone who makes every effort to succeed ends up with monumental failure? Why do people who work hard and make intelligent efforts find themselves at the rear?

A lot of people who come from affluent families are swimming in the ocean of failure. Some members of the prestigious club are battling with tragedies. How can we explain why young men and women with chains of University degrees are struggling with poverty and joblessness? Why are intelligent men and women struggling with marital turbulence? Why are seasoned medical doctors going about with incurable diseases? The truth is that many are struggling with wicked powers, which they cannot identify.

Many people are fighting against shadows. Many who make efforts that should qualify them for resounding success have wondered why success has continued to elude them. Many who have gone the extra mile to achieve success in life have failed woefully.

The situation is worse with the group of people referred to as the elites. They struggle with wayward and stubborn children. Their marriages are unstable. For most of them sickness has become an everyday affair. They have discovered that, in some areas of their lives, they are struggling against tangible shadow. This they cannot understand or identify. They find it difficult to pinpoint the real culprit. They are unable to lay a firm grip on the sources of their problem. They go from problem to problem until they get to the point where they begin to think of committing suicide. They always find themselves at the edge of success, but they never achieve it. They get to the edge of good health, but they never enjoy it; they make frantic efforts only to discover that they have been going around in circles. They are fighting and wrestling the shadows.

While the illiterate couples are enjoying peaceful home, the enlightened ones are fighting on a daily basis. They are never able to achieve their dreams. They always achieve less than their potentials. Where others succeed, they stumble and fall. They experience unpleasant situations for which they have no logical explanation. They face attacks in many areas of life. This experience can be referred to as wrestling the shadows.

There are lots of powerful forces in the world which do not operate according to natural laws. Let us examine a very serious lamentation along this line in the Scriptures.

Ecclesiastes 9: 11-12: I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to the men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. For man also knoweth not his time, as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

What does this passage teach us? There are forces that operate against the lives of men and women. They determine the course of our lives that are both visible and invisible. They use several methods and pass through various gates to affect human lives.

The Bible says, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10: 16). During the communion the fruit of the vine and the bread convey spiritual power to the communicant. That is, the Cup and the bread have blessings to the lives of those who receive the communion. By an analogy, a physical object like a cup can transmit spiritual power.

Let me show you another important passage in order to expatiate further.

Numbers 5: 13-30: And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner;* ¹⁴And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: ¹⁵Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of Jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. ¹⁶And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD; ¹⁷And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water: ¹⁸And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and

uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands. which *is* the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse: ¹⁹And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse: ²⁰But if thou hast gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband: ²¹Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; ²²And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. ²³And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water: ²⁴And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and* become bitter. ²⁵Then the priest shall take the Jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer It upon the altar: ²⁶And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and bum *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water. ²⁷And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that*, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. ²⁸And if the woman be not defied, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. ²⁹This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* instead of her husband, and is defiled; ³⁰Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

We have a very Important lesson to learn from this rather long passage. The cup of water is a vehicle through which destructive power is transmitted. If the woman happens to be unfaithful, the water would

transmit a curse into her life. Her thigh would rot and her belly would become swollen. This shows very clearly that destructive power can be transferred through physical objects. Therefore, if you have mistakenly eaten from the devil's table you will end up leaving the rest of your life wrestling with a shadow.

Recently, a woman gave a testimony. A snake bit her on the legs and do you know what happened next? She started vomiting some strange objects. Tell me, what is the connection between the serpent's bite and the vomit? It is spiritual.

A lot of people are going about with spiritual poisons in their bodies. Hence they are suffering from both physical and spiritual attacks. No matter what efforts they make they cannot succeed. They will only succeed in fighting shadows. Of course, fighting shadows is nothing but an effort in futility. Satanic powers have brought several problems which come in the form of shadows. They attack people and make them suffer in silence. Tell me, how can someone fight against a shadow and win? If anything, the person will only succeed in dissipating useful energy.

Satanic agents, who reside in this part of the world and in other developing nations, have mastered the use of such deadly weapons as shadows. The strength of the shadow lies in fact that it is used as a camouflage and the victims do not know the source of their travails.

Satanic agents are no fools. They undertake intelligent research, plan skilfully and carry out their activities with mathematical precision. They have learned how to make use of things that are generally dismissed with a wave of the hand. They know that if they use things that appear harmless on the surface majority are likely to be vulnerable.

These powers gain entrance into people's lives through the mouth gate. The mouth gate is a very subtle satanic channel. The moment something is introduced through the mouth, the victim will continue to fight with unseen shadows. You must watch what you allow to gain access to the gate of your mouth. Many people have swallowed poison by throwing whatever they come across into their mouth.

Several years ago, I visited a colleague who offered me meat as a form of entertainment. I asked to know the source of the meat and he simply said, "Doctor, this is part of the meat we used to mark our religious festival. I am sure you know that I am a Moslem. It is the ram which we sacrificed. That is your own share."

"No, thanks," I said. I don't eat from the table of idols. As far as I am concerned I know only the finished work on the cross of Calvary: that is the only perfect sacrifice. Many people have brought serious problems into their lives by eating food served on the table of the devil.

Such a meal will lead a man to wrestle with shadows. Such people would battle with external problems when the problems are internal in nature. This can be very frustrating.

Physical problems generally come under the background of a spiritual one. If you don't know the spiritual factor behind your problem, you may fight with shadows for a very long time.

This reminds me of a story of a frustrated sister who was going through problems because she harboured a strange object. It is equally frustrating when you have a physical object in your possession and that object happens to be the source of your problem. We were surprised when we prayed for the sister only to discover that a violent demon was speaking through her mouth.

"All right if you want me to come out, tell her to surrender our object in her possession," the demon said. We stopped praying and asked her to tell us about any object in her possession. She opened up and promised to go back home and bring the object, which was a piece of cloth. An hour later she came back with what looked like an ordinary dress. It was only then we could pray for her and achieve a positive result. Satanic agents will always exercise legal rights over their victims, whenever such victims are harbouring any object belonging to them.

The worst victims of evil shadows are those who have collected items from the camp of the devil. Every effort to deliver the sister proved abortive until she surrendered the strange object. In other words she kept on fighting

or wrestling with shadows until she surrendered the object which she kept unlawfully.

Any unlawful possession of items or object belonging to the enemy's camp will make you to experience a frustrating existence. Efforts that generally yield positive results for others may not yield positive results in your own case if you have their strange objects in your body.

Several years ago, I came across an elderly woman who happened to be a classical example of what it means to wrestle with shadows. I was invited to minister during a special revival programme. The anointing of God was very tangible that night. I ministered the baptism of the Holy Spirit under a heavy anointing. Almost everyone except the elderly woman was baptized. Somehow I took particular notice of her. Her zeal and aggression attracted my attention. I was moved when I discovered that her dress was soaked with her sweat.

I went and said to her, "Madam, don't worry, God will visit you also. You are going to be baptized with the Holy Ghost very soon."

After an hour, she became tired and I did not know what to do. My concern for her plight could not grant her the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Suddenly, it dawned on me that something must have gone wrong somewhere. Quietly, I asked the Lord to show me what was wrong with her. The Holy Spirit instructed me to take a look at her fingers. I moved nearer to examine her fingers. Behold there was a ring on her left finger. A closer look revealed that the symbol of a half moon was etched on it.

I tapped her and said, "Madam, how did you come across this ring?" Exasperated, she said, "Man of God, there is nothing special about it; it is an ordinary ring. It has been on my finger for the past 25 years. In case you want to know, the ring was given to me as a special gift by my mother, who also inherited it from my grand mother who also inherited it from her grand mother."

I allowed her to say all that she had on her mind and went ahead to lecture her on the implication of keeping a demonic ring on her finger for 25 years. "Do you know the meaning of the symbol of the ring?", I asked her. "The symbol of a half moon is used in witchcraft circles." I told her that

with the ring on her finger she would not receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, even if she spent eternity praying. She quickly flung the ring off her finger and resumed her prayers. Within ten minutes she was speaking in tongues.

To what can we attribute the sudden change? As soon as she let go the strange object in her possession, she experienced the secret behind her fruitless efforts. She had spent several years wrestling with shadows. The ring was an anti-power device. As long as it remained on her finger, the power of God did not come upon her life.

I have discovered that most of the people who were wrestling with shadows were doing so because they harboured strange objects from the kingdom of darkness. The woman whose story had just been narrated did not know that her enemy was on her left finger. For 25 years powers of darkness were as close to her as her skin.

HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY THOSE WHO ARE WRESTLING WITH SHADOWS?

- ☞ They are always kept away from receiving the blessings of God. Such people do not even know that there are blessings to receive from God.
- ☞ They are afflicted with complex problems from all angles and diseases and are bombarded.

I came across such a case several years ago. A man who was tired of his problems came for prayers and deliverance. According to him he was married to a very beautiful lady who had drained his finances. Occasionally, she presented mysterious and deeply disturbing problems. She would sit down at home and scrape her skin with a knife and anybody around would see that salt was falling off her skin. If she applied the knife for a long time, she would scrape off a handful of salt.

The husband combed the nooks and crannies of the country in search of help. His visit took him to fetish priests and soothsayers. The woman would go ahead of her husband and give information on his impending

visit. She would say, "My husband would soon be here in search of a solution to my problem. Don't mind the useless man. Just collect as much money as you can from him. Nobody can solve the problem. I got married to him to destroy his fortunes." That was how she reduced the man to penury. This is an example of demonic manipulation.

Powers of darkness toss human beings here and there as if they were playing games. Those who visit satanic agents are given all kinds of conditions. They tell such people to avoid pepper, protein, eggs, milk, etc. They tell some to sleep on bare ground when such people have comfortable beds. Such people comply because they are ignorant. They are objects of wicked satanic manipulation.

These kinds of satanic manipulations can come from close friends or relatives. This reminds me of the story of a man who was attacked by his wife. The woman requested for some amount of money to enable her to prepare soup for the family. The man offered to give her ₦20 (an equivalent of 30 cents). The woman flared up saying, "What kind of soup will I cook with this kind of useless money?"

The man insisted, "This is all I have; take it and allow me to rest." The woman collected the money and tore it to shreds. The man got angry and slapped her. She smiled, looked straight at his face and said, "Mister, you have just slapped yourself. This is the beginning of your trouble." From that day, invisible hands started to slap the man. Whenever he walked on the road he was gesticulating and making awkward movements as if somebody was about to land a blow on his face.

The strange behaviour continued until he attended one of our prayer meetings. There, the Lord set him free. He was a shadow fighter, until the power of God released him from the torture of wicked invisible hands. Neighbours went as far as labelling him a mad man before he discovered a divine solution. He was simply wrestling with shadows.

If you enter a boxing ring and come face to face with your opponent you will know how to fight. But, you will be confused if the opponent who comes against you with gloves is an invisible entity. You would not even know the direction from where the blow will come. In other words fighting

with a shadow is an impossible task. To wrestle with unseen forces is an arduous task.

THE SIGNALS

The signals for detecting when you are fighting or wrestling with shadows are as follows:

☞ All worship and acknowledgement of false gods.

Those who engage in all forms of idolatry will wrestle with shadows sooner or later. This remains so even when such idolatrous worship has been modernized.

☞ All personal or generational involvement in dark societies.

This will lead to wrestling with shadows. It includes membership of secret cults, involvement in occult religion and syncretisms. For example, if your father is a lodge member you will wrestle with shadows. The seed planted by him will lead you into a face to face combat with powers that cannot be seen with naked eyes.

☞ Disobedience to God's command.

This also leads to wrestling with shadows. The word of God is plain and clear: if you choose to disobey divine command you will pay dearly for it. Although God may decide to overlook your misdeed during the time of ignorance, He will not spare you if you continue to live in disobedience. I am sure you know that God's Judgment is very tough. Many people who are wrestling with shadows today are reaping the fruits of disobedience.

☞ Disrespect to parents.

Those who are guilty of disrespect to parents will wrestle with shadows. You will battle with problems that are mysterious in nature. This will continue unless you repent of every act of disobedience to your parents.

☞ All forms of sexual perversion.

This is another cause of wrestling with shadows. Sexual perversion is a grievous sin. Those who get involved with sexual perversion have a tough time fighting shadows.

☞ All kinds of stealing.

Those who engage in stealing either small or big items have shadows waiting for them at various points in life.

☞ Refusal to pay tithes and offering.

The Bible clearly states that failure to pay your tithes and offerings makes you a robber. Human beings may never call you a thief, but you are one as far as God is concerned. Those who are stingy in giving to God also belong to this category. Such people will surely experience mysterious problems. If you wonder why you seem to be fighting with shadows you should among other things examine your faithfulness in the area of giving to God.

☞ All curses from parents, spouses, neighbours and religious leaders.

Curses are terrible. Those who are cursed by their parents will fight with shadows. Curses from husbands or wives will also forment trouble in your life. The worst forms of curses are those issued by religious leaders. These curses are generally difficult to break. It will require someone with a greater anointing to break it.

Let me say a word or two about what is known as, "remote control curses." You can control objects that are far away by the use of an electronic remote control gadget. Don't be surprised that satanic agents have introduced their own spiritual remote control device. This explains why a satanic agent can remain in a remote village in Nigeria and control people in far away Europe, Asia and the United States of America. There are cases of people who have become insane abroad simply because they are controlled by some powerful remote control curses. Such curses are transmitted by wicked spirits. It is sad but true that millions of people are wrestling with shadows.

SIX AREAS OF WRESTLING WITH SHADOWS

Let us examine six areas of wrestling with shadows that men and women are grappling with. If you can locate or identify any of these six areas in your life, you must do something about it. Even if it occurred several years ago, you can rewind the past and deal with problems which occurred several years ago.

The six areas are generally the common ways wicked powers make their victims to wrestle with shadows. Let me stress a point before I go on. Wicked powers are prepared to go the whole hog to ensure that those whom they intend to attack are wrestling with shadows.

About 30 years ago, a woman had a strange dream. She saw a number of people in front of a particular building. The door was thrown open and the people in front of the building tried to gain entrance. To the surprise of the woman the people were entering the room one after the other with their back. She felt thoroughly disturbed and agitated.

As soon as the last man entered in that strange manner, the woman was invited by the group. She wanted to go through the door the normal way, but all the members of the group shouted at her to stop. They instructed her to turn backward and enter with her back. Initially, she refused to comply with their instruction. The members of the group schooled her on the fact that it was the normal practice for the members to gain entrance in that manner.

As if she was mesmerized, she turned her back and tried to enter the building. Just at that instance she woke up. Right from that day her life became a bundle of problems, woes and tragedies. It took her more than 20 years to discover that powers of darkness had turned her life upside down.

What did she do? She went into an aggressive session of spiritual warfare using the rewind function. She prayed, "O Lord, reverse what wicked powers did against my life in that dream and withdraw the control of my life from the hands of every person who entered that building." After that aggressive prayer warfare, things became normal for her. Until that happened, she was wrestling with shadows.

Now let us go into the six areas:

ATTACK BY DEMON IDOLS

Unless you are an African, you may not know what this means. Demon idols are wicked diminutive creatures, which sometimes can be as short as one foot. Whenever they are sent on an errand they do not come back to their sender until they have killed or destroyed intended victims. If they ever fail to succeed, the sender becomes the culprit. They are generally armed with a club or a short pestle which is their instrument of death or destruction. They have the power to gain entrance into buildings that are fortified with steel gates. This is called "*Sigidi*" among the Yorubas of Western Nigeria. It has other names in other cultures across Africa and Asia. Don't you think that the activities of these evil creatures are restricted, they can also carry out their activities in civilized nations like Europe and America.

Attacks by demon idols can be very deadly. Demon idols are also notorious for cutting off pieces from clothes that are spread to dry. They can also steal under-wears or shoes for fetish purposes. The purpose of demon idols is to kill on the spot or render their victims useless for life.

Some years ago a demon idol was sent to a particular brother. Somehow he succeeded in hitting the brother on the right hand. The hand got paralysed instantly. It took aggressive prayers before the brother could regain the use of his right hand. The brother would have either died instantly or become paralysed forever if not that he knew how to send evil arrows back to the sender.

Recently, a brother shared a practical experience along this line with the congregation. Here is the testimony in his own words:

"The incident took place in 1991 at a time I had a quarrel with my colleagues in my office. As soon as I slept that night, I had a strange dream. A demon idol found his way into my bedroom in spite of the fact that my doors were securely locked. Armed with a club in his hand he charged at me. Initially I became fearful. He called my name three times and informed

me that he had been sent to me. He specifically told me that he had been sent to terminate my life that night. After the initial confusion and fear, I summed up courage to call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. Instantly a dazzling light enveloped the entire room. Suddenly the club became too heavy for the demon idol and he began to stagger as if he was about to fall. At the end he succeeded in staggering out of my room and I woke up on a victorious note. Praise God."

At this point I want you to close your eyes and pray this prayer point aggressively:

You demon idol, sent against me, I attack you, in the name of Jesus and send you back to the sender, in the name of Jesus.

You spirit of wickedness, swallow your wickedness, in the name of Jesus.

Let me make one other point concerning the activities of demon idols. If you happen to live in a house or operate in premises where demon idols have carried out their evil trafficking, you need to anoint the place. You must learn how to conduct deliverance on inanimate objects. You must neutralize the effect of the presence of demon idols in your environment, even if they did not succeed in carrying out their evil programme. Unknown to most victims of attacks from demons, these wicked powers sometimes drop objects like eggs to spark off trouble there. All these must be dealt with.

THE STRANGE TOUCH

This is another common problem among Africans at home and in the Diaspora. Satanic agents introduce problems into the lives of people through body contact that appear harmless on the surface. If such an agent should succeed in as much as touching your stomach you may experience serious internal heat. Such is an example of a demonic touch.

Other things to watch out for along this line are things like satanic handshakes, evil pat on the back and other forms of deliberate satanic contact. Therefore I do not expect a Christian to patronize roadside barbers,

beard trimmers, pedicure and manicure experts and the like. These are agents of enslavement.

An incident took place at the police barracks several years ago. Two women were involved in a very serious quarrel. One of them became angry and made a strange declaration: "Just wait and see. I am going to prove to you that there are powers which you know nothing about. In fact, I will let you know that power passes power." She touched the other woman's breast and instantly the woman was attacked by a strange ailment. She began to urinate and excrete faeces uncontrollably. It became so serious that the women had to go about in their diapers and could not cover up the shame and embarrassment. She was fighting with shadows. However, she received deliverance when she came for prayers.

How can we deal with this kind of problem?

- Shake off the strange touch, in the name of Jesus.
- Ask for the fire of the Holy Spirit to saturate every organ of your body.
- Return the strange touch to the sender.

I sincerely counsel you to deal with every problem associated with any strange touch as this could lead to problems like late marriages, marital turbulence, failure in all areas of life, barrenness and so on.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE SPIRIT OF DEATH

There is a spirit referred to as the spirit of death. This satanic agent often appears in the form of a dark shadow. It is also very tall. The spirit simply walks into people's room or offices to perform its task.

How else does the spirit of death operate? You may see yourself within another personality. You may also dream about coffin. If you dream about people trying to conduct your funeral, the spirit of death is at work. Have

you ever dreamt of masquerade running after you and your body became too heavy for you to carry? That was the spirit of death.

The solution can be found below in the following ways:

- Bind the spirit of death and hell.
- Forward spiritual obituary to the sender.
- Declare: "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord" (Psalm 118:17).

THE STRANGE CALL

This is another weapon used by satanic agents to make men and women fight with shadows.

How does this happen? People suddenly hear their name called by an unknown voice. To answer such a strange call is to court disaster. Mind you, dark powers may fake the voices of people who are very close to you. The trick is to deceive you into believing that your spouse, friend or parent is calling you. Many have answered such calls in broad daylight.

What is the antidote to strange call?

- Repentance. You must repent of not being the proper sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you were, you would not answer a strange voice. For the Bible says, "A stranger's voice they will not follow." Answering such a voice shows that something is wrong with your spiritual life. Ask for forgiveness.
- Recall the caller and the call and order the call to go back to the sender.

- If you have ever answered such a call, withdraw your answer.

SPIRIT SNAKES

There are spiritual snakes otherwise known as serpentine spirits. These are dangerous demons. They are a representation of the dragon mentioned in Revelation 12:3 & 9. "And there appeared another great red dragon, having seven heads. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Attack from spiritual snakes can come in the following ways:

- It is possible to be pursued by a snake in the dream.
- A snake may spit on someone.
- A person could be bitten by a snake.

Some people play with snakes as if they are harmless creatures.

What are the results of spiritual contact with snakes?

- This will prevent you from achieving goodness in life.
- Spiritual snakes divert their victims from their places of success and blessings.
- Those who have bodily contact with the venom of a snake generally receive evil marks.
- Spiritual snakebites release spiritual poison in to the body of victims.

- Snake bites cause sickness and death.
- Spiritual snake poisons will cripple the devotional and prayer life of the victim.
- Those who hold conversation with snakes have a covenant with serpentine and marine spirits.

What is the solution to all these problems?

- Rebuke the serpentine spirits, in the name of Jesus.
- Withdraw your name from their register. You must understand the fact that serpentine spirits have their own register. They normally attack those whose names have been entered into their register.
- Plead the blood of Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to neutralize all serpentine saliva and siphon all spiritual serpentine venous from your body.
- Release yourself from every conscious and unconscious spiritual covenants.
- Command all satanic roadblocks to disappear from your life.

(Note that each time a snake purses you in a dream it is a symbol of being pursued from your place of blessing.)

DEMONIC SIGNATURE

This is the satanic device used to programme evil into the lives of men and women. Satanic signatures can be appended on the hands, forehead or bodies of their victims. This leads to deep demonic bandages.

Recently, a carefree lady received some spiritual visitors who placed a strange demonic signature on her body. She woke up in the morning to discover that satanic signature had been made on her palm. Strange enough, the signature was in Arabic. All efforts made toward scrubbing It produced no result She had to cry to men of God to rescue her. This was a lady who used to deride men or God. The signature disappeared after prayers.

What must you do to deal with this strange problem?

- Clean up the marks, signatures and stamps with the blood of Jesus.
- You must set on fire the demonic pen used to write the signature.
- Remove yourself from any evil linkage. Evil powers must have established spiritual links with you before they can place their signature on your life.

At this point, you may be wondering whether there is any scriptural antidote for all problems emanating from evil shadows. The Scripture is replete with wonderful assurances for those who are looking for a way out of all wicked evil shadows. Find below our scriptural matching orders:

Psalm 149:5-9: Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; ⁷To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; ⁸To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; ⁹To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 97:10-12:Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. ¹¹Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. ¹²Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

1 John 3:8 : He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Col. 2:14-15: Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; ¹⁵And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Armed with these powerful Scriptures you must take the battle to the enemy's gate. You must rise up in anger, and tell all powers behind wrestling with shadows that, enough is enough.

Are you sufficiently angry to confront, the demons behind all the strange problems, which you are struggling with? Then, you must make the prayer session below, a matter of do or die. The Bible says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

This is the hour of dealing with all satanic agents. You must not allow their evil programmes to continue to prosper in your life. Fight like an aggressive soldier. The Lord is on your side. Your victory is sure.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Thank God for the power of resurrection and life.
2. I release myself from every curse of untimely death, in the name of Jesus.
3. I break every unprofitable covenant regarding untimely death, in the name of Jesus.
4. I remove my life from every shadow of death, in the name of Jesus.
5. I bind and paralyse every strongman of death and hell, in the name of Jesus.
6. Lord, strengthen my body, soul and spirit

7. Let every secret concerning battles against my spiritual life be revealed, in the name of Jesus.
8. I reject and release myself from the grip of the spirit of infirmity, in the name of Jesus.
9. I drink the blood of Jesus into the whole of my system.
10. Lord, build around me the hedge of fire.
11. Let the spirit of life replace the spirit of death in my life, in the name of Jesus.
12. Woe unto the demonic vessel that the enemy would use to cause me spiritual injury, in the name of Jesus.
13. Let Your glory cover every aspect of my life, in the name of Jesus.
14. Father Lord, let Your angels encamp around me, in the name of Jesus.
15. I renounce and break every death covenant that I have formed or which anyone has formed on my behalf, in the name of Jesus.
16. I remove the control of my life from the hands of any dead person, in the name of Jesus.
17. I stand against every covenant of sudden death, in the name of Jesus.
18. Every blessing of mine that has been buried under the ground or under any water, be released by fire, in Jesus' name.
19. I cancel my name from every death register, in the name of Jesus.
20. I stand against every form of tragedy, in the name of Jesus.
21. Every grave cloth over my life, be removed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
22. All my potentials that have been destroyed, receive life now, in the name of Jesus.
23. I stand against all the powers that push a person to hell fire, in the name of Jesus.

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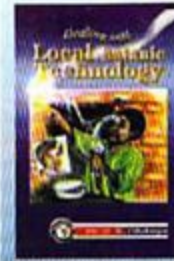
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