

#### **BREAKING THE CURSES OF LIFE**

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# Introduction

Friends, curses are real! They are not just imaginations of man, no! They are real! They are practical! Curses are forces in the unseen realm; and they have power to bring evil to come to pass!

Some people have died in hospitals for instance, because the doctors couldn't locate what their problem was, until it was too late. The doctor will be busy treating one thing, whereas something else is eating up the man, until his life is snuffed out!

That's why in this book, we want to uncover the sources of curses; so they can be adequately handled in time, before it's too late. Curses are real, sir!

#### Look at Isaiah 42:22:

But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

There are many destinies like that today that are snared in holes - no fresh air at all! It's a choking experience! Many destinies hid in prison houses! So, try as they may, nothing seems to shine forth.

But I assure you, in whatever way you have found yourself snared in holes and hidden in prison houses, the Lord is set to open your eyes, so you can walk into liberty once and for all.

Something great is just at your door. That's why God is removing every barrier between you and the fulfilment of your destiny. I want you to trust God. He is more than enough.

It is very important for us to be familiar with the ways of God. Many are so conversant with the promises, very few understand His ways. The ways of God are the highways of life; and this end-time, we'll be celebrating the discovery of the ways of God in this book.

#### God said:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways...

## **Isaiah** 55:8

When things are not working, stop looking out for the devil. Look inwards first - *Consider your ways*, says the Word in *Haggai 1:5*.

Jesus said in John 10:10:

...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Anything different from that is contrary to His mission. Whatever is less than life more abundantly in your life, God will deal with it now. But that will begin with you first locating the source of your troubles.

In *Psalm 107:17 and 20*, we read:

Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

God sent His Word, and inside that Word, they found the answer; they knew the source of their trouble and then they dealt with it accordingly, and entered into their freedom!

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

## Psalm 107:28-30

I see you enter into your desired haven today!

I once said, by the Holy Spirit, There is no mountain anywhere; every man's ignorance is his mountain.

That's what God is saying in *Hosea 4:6*:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...

They are not destroyed for plenty of witches or wizards, they are not destroyed because the economy is bad, no! Your business is not down because the city where you're located is hard. If it is, why is the man next to you doing so well? Is he not in the same city?

God bared His heart to us in 3 John:2:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

So you see, the fault can't be God's.

We must acknowledge our wrong, in order to get things right. As the Word of God comes to you in this book, may you discover where you are missing it, so you can enter into your haven of rest! Your hour of deliverance has come! Every area where you've been suffering the effect of curses will be adequately handled by the time you're through reading this book. This is your season of refreshing!

Curses are real! You'd better make no mistake about that. I would like you to appreciate the fact that it is your access to the details of Scriptures that determines your level of accomplishment in life.

In this book, God is going to be teaching you the things which you see not, and showing you things you never knew. When these things come to light, you will be free indeed. You know the little foxes? They are the ones that spoil the vine (Songs of Solomon 2:15). Friend, curses are

real! You need to organise freedom from the curses of life for yourself.

The only curse dealt with on the cross is the curse of the law. But there are several other curses, and it is your responsibility to programme your freedom from them all.

It's time for you to break into your season of refreshing. You've been choking enough, it's time to enjoy fresh air! Be determined to make the opportunity of your contact with this book a season of thorough cleansing. If you escape being cleansed, you might die in regrets; so be sincere. You have to just come out and be plain.

Listen to me: I believe that no matter the problem a man will have in this world, if he can be sincere with himself before the Lord for at least three hours, for a thorough diagnosis of the case and a heated desire for an answer, he will surely come out with a solution.

There was a time my wife was afflicted with a sickness while I was away in Canada. I sat up suddenly in the hotel room, and said to myself, I must get an answer to this now! I got to a point where I discovered that I had been waiting for her faith to secure her healing. But you know, her faith is not needed, my authority is what is required. That's according to the mystery of Ephesians 5:23.

So I got back home and said to her, You don't need faith to be healed. Just as Christ is the Saviour of the Church (His body), so is the husband the saviour of his wife. I cursed the sickness and that was it! That affliction ended eternally!

Invest time in yourself! When the prodigal son came to himself, he returned home (Luke 15:11-32). You too need to sit down for a proper covenant diagnosis of whatever problem you're facing. I would like you to look forward to doing rigorous exercises with the truths you will contact from this book. This is the opportunity for your long awaited refreshing. Grab it!

God is opening the eyes of men; you won't remain blind! No one gets saved until he agrees that he is a sinner. Even so, no one is free from a curse until he agrees that there is a curse. It is my prayer that your reading this book will be for you a time of discoveries and recoveries. It shall be for you a time of double encounters, in the precious name of Jesus!

This day, every curse upon your life shall be broken! You have wrestled with shadows for too long! It's time now to locate where the shoe is pinching you. Many are under curses, but they can't tell the reason things are the way they are with them. This book is good news for you.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free

# John 8:32.

## And *Proverbs 24:13-14* adds:

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

You can see curses visibly written all over some people - a man will hold one hundred thousand naira cash now, and it dissolves as if it were one naira! And there are some that even if they earn twenty thousand naira per month, they still won't have enough to eat! The business place is not paid for, house rent is not paid! Yet the man is working and money is coming in! Curses? Yes, that's what it is! But this is your time of freedom!

We are out to look at the root of matters, to know why things are the way they are with you. At the end of it, God will nail every handwriting that is against you to the cross, in Jesus mighty name!

I'm so excited about what God is out to do in your life right now! I want you to pray this prayer:

Lord, open my eyes now. I am tired of wrestling with shadows. I am tired of confronting invisible barriers. Open my eyes Lord!

May God show you His face, and rescue you from every invisible pit; so you can cross over to the other side of rest, in Jesus mighty name!

# Chapter 1

# There's Always A Cause

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

#### Proverbs 26:2

For every curse that anyone is experiencing in his life, there is a cause. And when that cause is discovered and taken care of, the curse is broken. There is always a reason behind every affliction in a man's life.

There's this story told by Derek Prince, an anointed man of God, who has some unusual insight into the subject of blessings and curses. He said there was this lady judge in America, who was delivered from some demonic oppressions and was doing well after that. Then she travelled out to Israel and when she returned, began to feel uncomfortable and kept thinking of committing suicide. So her Family phoned the man of God, to say she was back in her former problem.

Derek Prince said as he was praying, the Lord told him to ask what kind of souvenirs she brought back from her trip. It was discovered that she had bought one of those idols which was being sold as souvenirs. And as soon as that idol was burnt, that demonic hold on her was broken!

Now listen: she bought a souvenir innocently and brought it into her home, but because it was an accursed thing in the

camp, she came under a strange curse that kept pushing her to take her own life! That's how bad things can be.

You remember Achan's sin that brought about the Lord's anger and Israel's defeat at Ai?

But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel. And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

# Joshua 7:1,10-12

Behind every curse there is a cause. To every affliction in life, there is a root; and when the root is discovered and rooted out, then there comes a refreshing.

There's also this story of how it was discovered during President Reagan's tenure in office, that the Americans had once maltreated the Red Indians, resulting in the Indians cursing the government of the day. From that time on, every twenty years, the American President in office was assassinated.

American Christians went through history and discovered there was something wrong and they began to pray curse-breaking prayers. And that's how President Reagan narrowly escaped being assasinated! It is believed that that curse was broken from that time. If it hadn't been discovered and broken, it would have continued.

This tells us very clearly that for every curse upon any life, there is a reason somewhere; which when uncovered and properly handled, the person is on his or her way to liberty. If we can get rid of the causes of these curses, then we will live a life of liberty.

There's no smoke without fire, they say. That smoke in your life is because there is a fire somewhere. Until you are able to deal with the source of fire, the smoke continues. I see all the smokes of evil brought to a final end in your life, in the precious name of Jesus! If you will be humble enough for God to show you the cause, and you deal with it, you will enjoy true liberty.

There is this account in 2 Samuel, when Saul and Jonathan were slain and David, bemoaning their death said:

Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of

## Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

#### 2 Samuel 1:21

This took place over three thousand years now, but till date, that mountain has nothing green on it! No rain falls there, it's eternally dry as it were! Just because of a curse placed upon it!

Friend, whatever won't let rain fall on your life, may it be discovered now, so that you can enjoy the refreshing that comes from heaven, because it's your birthright. Every curse on your life that makes life choking, God will bring them to light and you will be delivered from them!

Most of the curses in life are self-procured.

### In **Jeremiah 2**, God said:

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled? Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, when he led thee by the way?

## Jeremiah 2:13-14,17

When you are on course with God, you will be free from the curses of life. The Psalmist was so concerned about this issue that he prayed:

# Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

#### Psalm 139:23

I want people in business, people in various careers and those in ministry to know that every choking experience in life has a source. There are some who say, Anytime the sun is very hot, I have a headache. But sinners walked under the same sun and their heads are not breaking! The issue is that there is something else inside breaking your head, you need to locate it. When you don't know the source of a problem, you continue to wrestle with shadows as it were. You will not see ruins in your life anymore!

Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

## Job 34:10-12

#### Now see verses 31-32:

Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

So every plague is by reason of offence or ignorance.

I want you to enjoy God the way I'm enjoying Him. I want you to be free from curses as God has helped me to be free from them. There is no trace of any curse in my life! It's so obvious! If you see a cursed man, you will know won't you? In my homeland, when someone is not forging ahead, the elders would say, It looks like there's a hand on him. Every hand of evil on your life must go today!

# **You Are Your Greatest Enemy**

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

### **Matthew 10:36**

You see, it's very important for you to understand that there are two enemies the Bible recognises - yourself and Satan, in that order. In my opinion, I suppose everyman's problem is 75% self-caused. For instance, try pointing your forefinger at someone or something, and you will discover three of your fingers are pointed back at you. That is, if even anyone is part of your problem, the best he can contribute is 25%. Even Satan can't perform without your permission.

Neither give place to the devil

# Ephesians 4:27

Thus, even if Satan was not against you, you will still not succeed, if you are against yourself! Even if you don't have an enemy, and you score 25%, is that a pass mark? Three out of four fingers are pointing at you in accusation, that's

3/4. It's so clear that even if Satan didn't come against you at all, you would still have failed if you're against yourself.

Pray this prayer:

Oh Lord, free me from me; I want to experience Your glorious liberty from the curses of life!

Jesus said a man's enemies are the people of his household. You are the temple of God - a building, a house - and your hands, legs, mouth, eyes, ears and all other parts of your body are members of that house. Those are your actual enemies. So you should stop chasing after shadows! Rather:

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

#### Colossians 3:5

You remember Proverbs 6:17 says God hates a lying tongue and a proud look? These are all members of your house. They are the things that bring the wrath of God upon a man.

Whatever will stop your refreshing, may the Lord open your eyes to see it in this book! It's time to get out of those holes in which you have been snared. It's time to get out of those prison houses where you have been hid. God has a great destiny for you. It's time to shake the dust from off your feet.

Let us now look at the ways of God, so as to avert the curses of life. The ways of God are the highways to freedom from every curse of life.

# **Types Of Curses**

There are many types of curses, and I have been able to identify seven outstanding, yet hitherto hidden curses of life. They are:

- The curse of God
- The curse of man
- The curse of the law
- The curse of seedtime and harvest
- The curse of bitterness
- The curse of the prophets
- The curse of Satan

We will now look at these curses in detail, and every sincere-hearted person will discover which he falls into, and then be all out to free himself from it. Know that the Scriptures cannot be broken. When you attempt to break the unbreakable, you get broken! But thank God, there's liberty for you today!

Let's now look at these seven curses that have held men bound in several areas.

# Chapter 2

# The Curse Of God

God curses? Yes, He does! He cursed in Genesis 3:14:

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

#### Then unto the woman God said:

I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

#### Genesis 3:16

# Finally God turned to Adam:

...Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Genesis 3:17-19

So God is a Curser, if I may use the word. Didn't He say in *Genesis 12:3, I will...curse him that curseth thee?* God curses! When we know that God curses, we should know why He curses, so we can escape those curses.

#### Until You're Saved...

The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

#### Proverbs 3:33

When you hear the word wicked, you may say, Anyway, I'm not a witch; because to you, only a witch is a wicked person. But look at *Isaiah 3:10-11:* 

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

If you cannot be classed as the righteous, then you are the wicked God is talking about. Until you're saved therefore, you remain under the curse of God.

The Bible says, *All have sinned, and come short of the glory (or of the blessings) of God (Romans 3:23)*. So, the first person that needs to run for his life is the one who is not yet born again. Such a person is under the curse of God. Salvation is your number one escape from the curse of God.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...

#### Hebrews 2:3

When you neglect the great salvation, you can't escape the curse of God. It's one thing to be in church, and another thing to be a member of the body of Christ. Salvation is your initiation into the body of Christ. Jesus said in John 15, that you can't bear fruit except you abide in Him. So if you're not in Christ, you will be fruitless, you will be barren, the work of your hands won't produce for you and your efforts in life will end in futility!

How can a branch bear fruit independent of the stem? It's not possible! ...No more can ye, except ye abide in me, says Jesus, The Vine. When you are out of the Vine, you are fruitless, you're barren; and you are under a curse!

#### Willful Disobedience

And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

### 1 Samuel 15:22-23

There is what is called willful disobedience. It attracts the curse of the Lord. The Bible says:

# Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. **James 4:17**

The first curse recorded in the Bible (Genesis 3:14-19), came as a result of disobedience; and God says, *I am the Lord I change not...* (*Malachi 3:6*). So disobedience will still attract the curse of the Lord anytime.

That's why He said in *John 14:15*:

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

No one ever contends with God and prospers.

Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!...

#### **Isaiah 45:9**

Now, God's Word says, *He that doeth righteousness is righteous* (*1 John 3:7*). So when you don't embrace the Word of holiness, you can't escape the curse of God.

There are therefore now two levels. One - there is no hope for someone who is not born again at all; and two, anyone who is born again but is not abiding in the Vine will still suffer from the curse of God.

Practical righteousness therefore is your way out of the curse of God. That is, doing it the way He commands it will enable you walk free from the curses of God all the days of your life. For, ...who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? asks 1 Peter 3:13.

Friend, doing it the way He says is the only way out!

# Trust God, Not Man

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

#### Jeremiah 17:5-6

When God is no longer your sufficiency, you come under the curse of God. You begin to go up and down, with nothing to show at the end of it all! But you know, God is enough!

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

### 2 Corinthians 9:8

Those your human connections are the reasons behind your destructions. Until you embrace the all-sufficiency of God, you struggle and die in insufficiency. God is enough!

To put your trust in man brings a curse. He said, ... cursed be the man that trusteth in man... Everyway you have leaned on man is the reason you are growing lean by the day. It's a curse of the Lord. The only remedy is a return. You are looking far away, that's why you are getting farther away from the blessings!

# **Psalm 34:5** says:

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

God is enough!!! Let's look inwards. Where is your confidence? If it is not in God, then there's a curse in place. Who is your hope? If it's not God, your future is not certain. May I say this to all businessmen and women and great professionals: as long as God is your source, you will never lose value in life.

Even ministries are crumbling under this curse. If ministries ordained by God are suffering under this curse, how will a layman survive? Many times you hear many great churches and ministries say, If you don't support this work, we can't continue; we will get off the air. Without you we can't go anywhere. They are saying this to their partners and congregation.

Listen, you may think those are sincere statements, you may think it's public relations. But no, it's damnation, sir! *Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm and whose heart departeth from the Lord.* It's so clear! Friend, do you want to see sweatless progress? Be stupid enough to rest totally on God! I understood God's ways from the beginning, so since our ministry started, God has been more than enough.

This curse needs to be broken in your life today. That your uncle abroad, in whom you have put your whole trust is the reason why God shut your heaven. You're under a curse!

That your sister or aunt in Germany is the reason nothing is flowing in your direction. Free yourself!

That Scripture says, *Thus saith the Lord*... It is not Isaiah or Jeremiah speaking. This is the Lord saying: *Cursed be the man*...

The Church is in its times of refreshing. It's time to come out of the holes in which you have been snared and the prison houses in which you have been hid, and come face to face with God, the Giver of rain.

A young man is coming out of school, and all he's thinking and saying to himself is, Oh, thank God my dad is there. What then? He comes out a wanderer - no hope, no future! Listen fathers, don't play God to your children. Don't do it! You'll only end up destroying their destinies. Yes, we owe them a parental duty, but we are not their creator; God is. Let's show them by example that God is more than enough.

I want you to know that no one can enjoy the blessings of the covenant without walking in this truth.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

## Jeremiah 17:6

I see this curse broken from your life today!

Before my wife joined me in the ministry, she came home one day with her salary. By the understanding I already had of God's sufficiency, I said to myself, God forbid that the money my wife earns should be what I will feed on. So, I said to her, The Lord spoke to me to make all this money an offering to Him. That is, so that my mind won't be connected to anything she earns in this world. If God Who appointed me cannot keep me on, then let Him do what He pleases with me. So we gave it all as offering. Forever, my wife will never need to ask me for anything in this world. She's adequately provided for, because I'm so blessed!

Oh, I'm free from that curse! So I can shout it on the house top! I will never meet a man on this earth that will compete with the place of my confidence in God. No, never! Lord, let me never meet that man that will compete with You in my life. Let my path never cross that woman that will make me shift my confidence in You! Lord let it never be.

# **Destroy Your Alternatives**

# This testimony will thrill you:

I came into Lagos from Abuja in January. I knew quite a lot of people, who gave me notes with which to get a job after my National Youth Service. Shortly after that, I was going through the Bishop's book Exploits of Faith the second time, and I read in it that God doesn't move when you have other alternatives, that God will not do anything for you when you depend on men. I then entered into a vow with God. I said, 'God, if I will ever think of any man's help, let me never succeed again in my life. I will always consider Your help first, before that of any other man.'

I then went ahead to write an application for a job, even though I wasn't in the age bracket of those requested to apply. But two Sundays ago, I got a letter from the organisation, that I should come for an interview. The first interview was oral and I scaled through. One of the panel members called me aside, to tell me that he knew I was going to scale through. He went ahead to tell me what was going to be asked in the next stage of the interview, which was a written one. I got there and it was exactly as he said!

After the exam, they said most people scored the same marks, but the panel gave me 15 extra marks, placing me ahead of every other person! I then said to myself, 'If God has done it to this stage, then I'm sure of getting the job.' The job was for a branch manager of the organisation. I did not have the experience they wanted, I was in no way qualified for the job. But when I was going for the third interview, I anointed myself with the oil of exploits.

Over five hundred people applied for the job, only four were employed, and I was the first on the list! I got home and another letter of employment was waiting for me!

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He destroyed the alternatives, then God picked him up, and the curse was lifted! Friend, you're just about stepping into something amazing, all you need is to look up! When you look elsewhere, shame is on the way (Psalm 34:5).

Once the Lord said to me: You have two eyes; can you make one to look up and the other one to look down? No, Lord, I replied. He said, When you are looking up to man, never claim to be looking up to Me.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

#### **Psalm 34:5**

I see every suspended good over your life dropping for you now, in Jesus precious name!

I would like you to with the anger of faith, destroy all the alternatives on which you've secretly been leaning. Destroy them and let God reach out to you. There's just one step between you and that long-awaited blessing. All you need is to let God have a total hold of you. He said:

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

### **Jeremiah** 17:7-8

Of course you know that if you don't trust in Him and make Him your hope, you will suffer drought. When you now pretend to be trusting Him when you know you're not is desperate wickedness against yourself! That's why **verse 9** adds:

# The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

God is no respecter of persons. He said, *I lay before you life* and death, blessings and cursing: therefore choose life, and you shall live. (**Deuteronomy 30:19**.). So you have a choice in the matter. He has shown you what the curses are and what the blessings are; and He said, choose what you want. He even counselled you to choose life!

Let me tell you how I handled this Scripture when I first discovered it. I gathered the group of men that were with me in prayers (in preparation for the take off of the ministry then), and said to them, God didn't bring you to this Power House so that your meagre salary can help run the ministry. All that you will earn all your lifetime (even without you spending from it), can't run this ministry!

The Bible says, *Where there is no vision, the people perish* (*Proverbs 29:18*). And we have often added, Where there are no people, the vision perish. But no! It is, Where there is no God, the vision perish, because you can have all the people you need and the vision will still perish!

In John 6, everybody left Jesus, but His ministry became stronger. Then one after the other, they all returned. He even asked His disciples, Won't you also go away? (John 6:66-67.)

People can't perish a vision. It is God's absence that kills a vision! I had to disconnect from whatever those men had to offer, so I could be free from the curse of the Lord. The

ministry hadn't started then, so I actually needed their moral support, in the natural sense. But according to the Word of God, that was going to be a curse. So, I broke it from the onset. I have never looked at the church offering to determine what projects we needed to embark on. No!

Listen to me, you have seen so much men, that you can't even see God anymore! Wouldn't you want to be that man like a watered garden, whose leaves will never wither?

Friend, let's camp with God! From now on, if you will truly camp with God from your heart, if your heart will shift from your energy, your abilities and your connections and back to God, in truth and in deed, no devil can stop your rain of refreshing from falling! I freed myself from these curses a long time ago. Please free yourself!

Where God will take you to, no man can get you there. No man can lift you above where he is himself. But this God is the Most High! If you will put your hand in the hand of the Most High, that means there's no limit to the height you'll attain. All the curses of limitations you have placed over your life, now is the time for you to get them off you. Let them go, it's a new day!

# **Are You Robbing God?**

And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side

according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

#### Zechariah 5:2-4

There is a curse that enters into the house of the thief and stays there until it consumes everything.

Who is this thief? Let's look at *Malachi 3:8-9*:

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Do you see the flying roll? Do you see the curse inside it? Can you see where it's landing? In the house of the thief and the robber, that's where! The Scripture above identifies the thief. He is the man that robs God of His tithe and offerings. The curse of the Lord goes and settles in such a man's house. If you're such a man, it's time to send such a curse packing!

You're probably that man who before he encountered the truth, would spend several thousands on hospital bills in one year. And here you are, for long now, you've not spent a dime on drugs or any such thing, yet your children are

bouncing and jumping all over the place in sound health! But your part of the covenant to avert an eternal curse is not kept. That's nothing else but spiritual carelessness!

Let me tell you this, it will help you. No one escapes the payment of tithe - you either give it to God willingly or the devourer takes it from you! And he will normally take more than it's supposed to be. In fact, God's Word says you pay a percentage charge on whatever you rob Him of. To whom? The devourer!

He said, Ye are cursed with a curse...even this whole nation. Why? Ye have robbed Me. And they asked, Wherein have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings, He replied.

When you don't give God what belongs to Him, you rob Him; and consequently, you come under a curse. Stealing invokes a curse upon a man (Proverbs 6:30-31), let's run from it. I see you escape every dagger of this curse of God.

Everybody pays tithes - only very few to the Lord, many to the devourer. Everybody pays tithes (it doesn't always have to be monthly, it may be annually) in several ways. The devourer may decide to reside in your car, and you will just keep worshipping that car as an idol daily! Carburettor problem today, gear box problem tomorrow, exhaust next week, and then front tyre or back tyre or the tubes next; and it goes on like that daily! Just because you chose to rob God of His tithes. So the covering He promised is not there.

He said:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse...and prove me now herewith...if I will not...pour out for you a blessing...and rebuke the devourer for your sakes...

#### Malachi 3:10-11

Friends, worship the Lord, so you won't serve the devourer! No living man escapes paying tithe. If you don't give it to the Lord, anything else can take it.

The 10% of your income, which is the tithe, is not your money, it is the Lord's, *It shall be holy unto the Lord* (*Leviticus 27:30*); your pressing needs not withstanding. Thank God you're not the one under pressure! It's your needs that are under pressure.

No non-tither will enjoy financial comfort, no matter how hard he tries. Whether you mark it Tithe or not, just make sure, with dedicated commitment, that what goes to the Lord is never below a tenth of your income. Then, your financial rainfall will never cease. If you don't pay tithe, things will never stop being tight for you! And because it is a curse of the Lord, no prophet can break it. Every curse of the Lord demands absolute obedience, or the curse remains.

Tell me, who can pray for someone who puts his trust in man, for him to have a breakthrough? You may even breakdown praying for such a man! There's no way he'll ever break through, because he's under the curse of the Lord. Pray earth-shaking prayers over a man who doesn't pay his tithe, or a hard-fisted man, if you don't stop that prayer on time, God can stop you from breathing! The

Scriptures cannot be broken, no matter how hard the prayer or how anointed the person praying.

# **Watch Your Tongue!**

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

#### Psalm 34:11-13

I call this one the curse of the tongue. It also comes under the curse of the Lord. Oh, multitudes are under this plague today! But I see liberty come your way now!

Death and life are in the power of the tongue...

### Proverbs 18:21

You're either blessed or cursed by your tongue, you can't remain neutral. Jesus emphasised this in *Matthew 12:36-37*:

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

# The tongue is fire!

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

#### James 3:5-6

It can either talk you into your destiny or talk you into hell! There are too many ways by which people bring curses upon their lives with their tongues.

# Proverbs 20:20 says:

Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

That's why anyone who is given to cursing is never free from curses, because he won't know when he curses someone that should not be cursed. We need to be sensitive in these last days! It is with the tongue you curse, so anybody can unknowingly put out his lamp.

Say with me, I won't put out the lamp of my destiny. Therefore, my tongue shall no longer curse.

There's a case in Matthew 11, of a man with such a prophetic destiny called John the Baptist. But he missed it somewhere.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come,

# or do we look for another?

#### Matthew 11:1-3

This was the same John who announced to the people, Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world (John 1:29). But now under pressure, Jesus became a mockery on his lips!

#### In *Matthew 11:4-6:*

Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

John was offended in Jesus, and he ended up being beheaded!

Friend, don't wait to be beheaded! Do you desire life? Do you want to see many days? Do you want to enjoy the good life? *Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.* Many have cut short the glory of God in their lives with their tongues. What an opportunity now to say, Lord, enough! No more! I now know where I'm going.

Many years ago, before I entered into full-time ministry, I said to God, Lord, team me up with those who are going forward; remove me from the camp of those who are

backward. Make my eyes blind to things that do not edify. Make my ears deaf to things that do not make for life.

I prayed that prayer from the depth of my heart, on the mountain where I went to seek God's face. Forever, I will never be interested in discussing anybody! Why? *There is death in the pot (2 Kings 4:40)*. I don't want to partake of it. I will not allow my tongue to cause my life to suffer.

# **Flattery**

A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

#### Proverbs 26:28

There is an affliction that is so hidden here. Lying provokes affliction. Flattery leads to ruins, though they both look like ordinary things! When your tongue is given to lying, you're set for affliction. When what your mouth is saying is different from what your heart is saying, you're a flatterer, and you're heading for ruins.

Friend, don't use flatteries, it doesn't do anyone any good. Don't let your tongue cause your affliction. Just say it as it is, and you'll be free! You've said something behind someone, and when you see him you say something else entirely. You're a flatterer, you're heading for ruins!

Somebody asks you, How are you enjoying your job?, and you say, Wonderful! Amazing! In fact, my boss is one of the best people in the world. Then someone else who is not connected to your office comes along and you say, My

work? It's so-so. In fact, that my boss is the most terrible person in the world! You're simply working ruins! Watch it!

O yes, wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Your boss may have wronged you in the past. But all you need to do is express your feelings; be straight forward (so you don't create room to be destroyed by flatteries), and you'll live a healthy life.

Hear me again, if what you're saying in your heart is different from what you're saying with your mouth, you are ruining your destiny! Not everybody around greatness partakes of it; some are ruined by flattery, others are afflicted for lying. Free yourself! *Shake thyself from the dust*, says *Isaiah 52:2*. Dust represents a curse (Genesis 3:19). So you can shake your feet from the curses of life. Receive grace to overcome flatteries and lying. Enjoy the beauty of holiness.

Make the following declarations:

Lord, deliver me from the curse of the tongue. I take my deliverance from every curse that my tongue might have imposed on me. Help me to discover them, and give me grace to be free from them, in Jesus name!

I command a refreshing to come upon your life right now, in the precious name of Jesus!

## Chapter 3

## The Curse Of Man

And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

#### Genesis 9:20-22

## That is mockery!

And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

## Genesis 9:24-25

God reckons with, and believes in the curse of man. You remember how Jesus cursed the fig tree and it withered? (Mark 11:14.)

I'm going to break this subject into two, so it can be more easily understood.

#### The Curse Of Parents

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Honour thy father and mother; which is the first
commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee,
and thou mayest live long on the earth.

#### Genesis 9:24-25

God is here demonstrating His support for the curse of parents. Our natural parents occupy a very sensitive place in our destiny.

There are many today in the kingdom of God that are being tormented and tortured, because they have despised their parents. Somebody says, But they're not born again! I don't care whether they're born again or not. God's Word says we have two kinds of parents - our natural and our spiritual parents.

When He said, Obey your parents in the Lord, He's talking about spiritual parents. And when He said, *Honour your father and your mother*, that's talking about your natural parents who gave birth to you, whether they are white or black, short or tall, illiterate or educated, born again or not born again.

There are many women today, for instance, who can't stand their fathers or mothers-in-law. They see themselves as being too enlightened to have such illiterates or villagers in their posh homes.

There are also many lions of the tribe of their homes, who can't stand their in-laws. They're just too much for those local people. So, they keep heaping coals of fire on their heads! They work so hard yet nothing works! Many people need to say I'm sorry to those parents (and mean it from their hearts), then watch what refreshing will come upon their lives.

Listen, that your father needs to say, I bless you from my heart, that old woman needs to say, I bless you from my heart. You're not a tout, you're a saint. So recover yourself!

Your natural parents are relevant in the covenant, they are relevant to your Christianity. Noah cursed Ham, and Ham's children's children too! Oh yes, Noah was wrong (he was drunk and uncovered himself), it wasn't Ham that tore the clothes off him. Yet, God honoured that curse, because the Scriptures cannot be broken.

#### Proverbs 20:20 tells us:

Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

That is, God Himself will put out such a person's lamp! God has put His heavy covenant stamp on your covenant relationship with your parents. It's good for you to get into it and begin to operate it.

Absalom went wild in rebellion against his father. He undertook a suicidal mission and ended up being destroyed (2 Samuel 18:9). Why? Because, whoso curseth his father, or his mother, his lamp shall be put out... That was what happened to him. Blackout!

For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Matthew 15:4

He was to become the next king, he was colourful enough, he had the respect of the people; but he went off course and ended up under a curse!

Many of you need to get back now and make things straight, otherwise things will continue to go crooked with you. Many need to go back home now with peace offerings, and settle things once and for all with their parents, so that things can begin to work for them.

May every curse of parents over your life be broken in the name of Jesus!

## **Spiritual Fathers**

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

## 2 Kings 2:11-12

In Scriptures, we have a very clear understanding of two different fathers. We have natural fathers and spiritual fathers.

Ephesians 6:2-3 says, Honour your father and your mother... that it may be well with thee... This is talking about our natural fathers. Then there is the part that says,

Children, obey your parents in the Lord... This refers to your spiritual fathers.

In the story above, Elisha, in response to Elijah's mysterious departure cried out, *My father*, *my father*... So prophets are fathers.

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

#### 1 Corinthians 4:15-16

There are spiritual parents, and you have covenant obligations towards them, so you can be free from possible curses from them.

In 1 Kings 19, you will find out that Elisha had his own natural parents.

So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

### 1 Kings 19:19-20

He had natural parents. But he later came in contact with Elijah, who became his spiritual father. It is good to know that those who have been placed as shepherds over us are our spiritual parents. When Jesus was teaching His disciples to pray, He said, *Our Father which art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread...* (*Matthew 6:9-11*). So, those who serve you heavenly bread are your spiritual fathers.

1 Timothy 5:8 says, But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith... So those who provide for their household are parents. Therefore shepherds are spiritual parents. Prophets are spiritual parents.

So when the Bible says, Whoso curseth his father or his mother his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness, it covers both your natural and spiritual parents too. That's why anyone that goes about despising spiritual parents ends up losing value. Why? They come under curses. You will not suffer!

The curse of parents is as strong as the curse of God! Many are struggling so hard, because they have imposed curses upon their lives. Let's stop it now! Every move of God looks weird to the natural man, because the ways of God are higher than our ways, and His thoughts than our thoughts.

I was praying for a lady recently, but God's hand was not just on me. I had to tell the people to go, because those who are in touch with God know when they're not connecting at all. I was released in my mind (for I had compassion on her), but my spirit was not released. I prayed aloud, spoke

in tongues, but still nothing seemed to be going through. So I instructed them to take her back to the hospital, if she doesn't sleep that evening, because she had not been able to sleep hitherto.

Every move of God is prophetic in nature, and every prophetic wave leads to the rise and the fall of many. You will rise in this wave! Never sit down where the anointed is being castigated or berated; you may partake of a curse without knowing it. Never sit down or gather against someone God has anointed. Never!

Many must have died like that, unknowingly, while the doctors were still busy trying to diagnose their case. This lady I was talking about was struck with insanity. She kept on saying, I wasn't the one! Just help me tell the pastor to forgive me.

She was weeping like a baby. She'd been in that tormenting state for six months! She was near total madness. And all the while she kept pleading, Just tell the pastor to forgive me. I wasn't the one. They were the ones who said the pastor is nasty. I believe that was where her lamp went off. You won't see trouble! Your lamp will not be put out!

Listen to me, any church you're attending and the spiritual leadership cannot freely enjoy your honour, leave the place before God leaves you; because you may come under a curse, and God will just give you over to the devil.

Our natural parents are not gods, neither are our spiritual parents; but they are covenant pillars in God's programme

for us. There are things you just don't mess around with, or your whole house begins to crumble. Curses are real!

We are told in *Hebrews 7:7:* 

And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

Never get to a point where your spiritual head turns back against you, that may be risky! You remember Elisha? Some children began to mock him and he turned back and cursed them in the name of the Lord; and two she bears came out of the woods and devoured fourty-two of them! (2 Kings 2:24.)

If you can locate anything you have ever done against any anointed man of God in your life, out of arrogance, pride, dishonour, disrespect or mockery, you need forgiveness from the Lord, so you can enjoy liberty. It is God that said:

Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

## Psalm 105:15

Say, Help me, Lord!

No God-ordained servant or minister is equal to any brother in the church. No! Many charismatic people are suffering a lot of crisis, because they see themselves as the same as their pastors. Friend, don't bring trouble on yourself, because there is a gap! It's not the title, it's the divine placement. The difference is always very clear! Do you know God said to God-ordained ministers, *Whosoever sins you remit, shall be remitted?* (*John* **20:23**). That's not for every body. It's good for you to know that there are people God has put His hand upon - it doesn't matter whether you see them fit or not.

Many have caused themselves untold heartaches; because their mouths are not guarded, their entire destiny goes flat! Watch it! God is saying it's time for you to enjoy total refreshing. Please save your head! Church is not a human society or any such thing; it's a spiritual entity. You need covenant discipline not to become a victim.

You know the way to escape this curse? Just believe in goodwill. Will the church progress, will the ministers success, wish everybody that you can think of well, and it will never cease being well with you.

In Numbers 16, three men led a rebellion in the church in the wilderness, and two hundred and forty-seven men joined them. These men were also joined to them in their destruction. They were not the perpetrators of the rebellion, they were only partakers of the evil; but they died all the same! You won't die of a curse that is not your own!

The Church is in her very colourful time; if things are not working for you, it's your life that is in question! Note that I'm not talking about the curse of the devil, I'm talking about the curse that you acquired for yourself. So you need to sit down and examine yourself.

I got a phone call from one of God's precious people. This is what he said to me: After hearing the teachings in January, I took myself to a laboratory, to find out the things that are not in place. Then I went into a theatre, to remove those things, and I began to replace them with the good things.

You see, many are not doing anything, they're just going about collecting prayers. No prayer, no matter how anointed, can break the curse of parents over your head! Go back and clear the way. You need their blessings. Let me say this again: you have a great future, but there are some demands on your life, so go ahead and make it right.

Someone once said to me, I wish people will know that there are some people you don't touch! You have now seen that you don't touch your parents. You don't look at your father or mother and point your left finger at them and say, To hell with you! You don't look at your spiritual father and think he's your equal; you may just die in captivity! Don't do it!

Listen friend, I want to tell you my secret. I'm not pushing anything, I'm simply walking in the covenant! I just have privileged access to covenant details, and I line up my life with such details. It's working for me and I believe it will equally work for anyone else. It's such covenant details I'm sharing with you here. Everytime you touch the anointed, God comes on the scene to inflict curses, because He said, *I will...curse him that curseth thee...* (Genesis 12:3).

Now, with a genuine heart of gratitude, I want you to just thank God for your parents. Thank God for giving you such parents. Many have been privileged to enjoy the ministry of spiritual parents; I would like you to thank God specifically for those spiritual parents and for the blessings they've been to you.

Your parents in the Lord require your obedience, as they instruct and admonish you in the ways of the Lord, whereas your natural parents require your honour (Ephesians 6:1-2). Whatever your parents in the Lord tell you from the Word of God requires obedience. When you don't obey, you're out of favour with God.

Now that you know this truth, and you have repented of all past offenses, it shall remain well with you for life! From this day, you will no longer be trapped! You will not struggle anymore, in Jesus precious name!

You need to be genuinely convicted. If you refuse to be convicted, you will remain a convict. You can't use bold face to confuse God. Those who don't know how to be sorry for errors end up in sorrow. If any of your parents has ever opened his/her mouth to utter a curse against you, please go and get him/her to revoke it.

This testimony will give you more understanding of what I'm talking about:

After the Bishop's teaching on the curse of parents yesterday, I decided to go to my mum, to ask her for forgiveness, that she should see me as if she was just giving

birth to me afresh. After our Family prayer that night, I called my parents and told them I wanted to discuss my future with them, my destiny, my job. I then turned to my mum and said to her, 'You have something in your heart that you've not made known to me', and she said she had nothing to tell me.

But I told her that from what I saw in Ephesians 6:2 (honour you father and your mother), my spirit instructed me to come to her. I said, 'I came to you, mummy, with my whole heart, that you should forgive me of whatever offence I must have committed against you. I know that I was very rude to you when I was in school, but now wash me clean as if I'm just being brought forth to life from your womb.'

I knelt before her and kept asking for forgiveness, but she refused to say anything. I then turned to my dad and pleaded with him to help me ask my mum for forgiveness. When my mum finally agreed to talk, she reminded me of something I said long ago.

For long my mum had been putting pressure on me to get married and I kept telling her that God's time was the best. In 1991, in annoyance, I uttered a word, due to what she normally tells me, that she won't attend my graduation and marriage ceremonies. And jokingly, I said, 'If you don't attend, that means you are already dead.' I never knew she would hold on to those words.

After my graduation, which she did not attend, my friends went to her, to ask her why she did not attend and she said,

'She claims I'm dead, whereas I'm still alive.' My mum held all these against me and a curse was placed on my destiny. Since then, all the relationships I've had always broke down when we got to the marriage stage (I've had a minimum of three broken relationships). My job was not doing well and whenever I sew clothes for people, they end up owing me.

Also, about two years ago, I had a child for someone I don't like and didn't marry. It was like my destiny was stagnated. But after much appeals, she opened her mouth and released new blessings upon me. She prayed for good jobs for me and declared that all that was owed me will be paid. After the blessings, my son was instantly healed of cough and sneezing, which had been from birth!

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Please get back, and let your parents revoke those curses, and pronounce blessings upon you; and you'll enter into your haven of rest! Get back!

## **Chapter 4**

## The Curse Of The Law

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law...

#### Galatians 3:13

There is what is called the curse of the law. If you look at Deuteronomy 28:1, you'll see how to enter into covenant blessings. Then verses 2-14 tell us what those blessings are. But from verses 15-68, we have a long list of the curses of the law, and what brings a man under them. The curses are so many, that it takes spiritual sensitivity to walk in liberty.

### Deuteronomy 28:1 says:

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And He goes on to list all the blessings.

It's a very simple condition: If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, and observe to do all that He commands you this day..., no matter how mad the devil is against you, you will walk in liberty. No matter how many witches are after you, you will enjoy plenty; no matter how many occultic forces are targeted at you, you will still be free!

If you will diligently hearken... If that is where it stops, everybody will be free, because even God can bear you witness that you know the Scriptures; that you're in a Word-based church, where the Word of God is not scarce. But the issue is the issue of obedience - applying yourself absolutely to the demands of those things which you have discovered from the Scriptures.

Now, let me show you something that will help you.

#### See What Jesus Offered Us...!

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

#### **Galatians 3:13-14**

This is good news! Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law! We charismatics have always thought that since Christ has redeemed us, then let's go ahead and do what we like. That's not it. The redemption from the curse of the law is actually the impartation of supernatural ability to fulfil the law.

Our inability to obey the law (which is what brought us under the curse) was destroyed on the cross, so that sin will no longer have dominion over us. This does not in any way suggest that Jesus cancelled the law. Rather, He has enabled us to fulfil it, by destroying the dominion of sin over our lives. Jesus said:

# Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

#### Matthew 5:17

So Christ didn't come to destroy the law, but to make grace available for us to fulfil it. Christ did not come to endorse sin either; He came to establish our authority over it.

This is the point at which we charismatics have missed it. We lay hold on theoretical appropriations; without locating the reality of our redemption from the curse of the law. Jesus came to establish man's dominion over sin, not to offer licence for sin.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:21

Just like He was made a curse in order to give us dominion over the curse of the law, the same way, He was made sin to give us dominion over sin. The power not to sin was made available by the blood of Jesus Christ. And the power to escape the traps of the curse of the law was made available by His hanging on the tree.

So, He has not become a curse for us so we can go and be doing the things that bring the curse. No! He came to destroy what made it impossible for us to fulfil the demands of the law. He was made a curse for us, so that what makes the curse a curse of the law (disobedience) might be broken. Because He said:

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

## Deuteronomy 28:15

But thank God! Ability to obey is what Jesus offered us by hanging on the cross. When He was made a curse, He broke the power of the curse of the law over our lives. Remember that in *Ezekiel 20:25*, we are told:

Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

When God gave them the law, He knew they wouldn't be able to keep it. It was as if He planned to impose a curse on them. But Jesus came, and imparted the ability to keep the law. That means you can be free from the curse of the law, if you choose to be.

The Word of God says our weapons are not carnal, but they are mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4). One of the strongholds of life is the curse of the law, because man's own ability couldn't handle it. And God's Word says we can only avenge all disobedience when our own obedience is fulfilled.

Ability to walk in full obedience is what Jesus accomplished for us when He hung on the cross. We can walk in full obedience now, if only we choose to. God's

commandments are not grievous. They are not against us. You will no longer suffer the curse of the law!

The curse of the law is fully listed in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. It includes: humiliation, hunger, depression, boils, bad eye sight, barrenness, fever, consumption, hardship, itching, madness, blindness - all manner of afflictions! They're all curses of the law. I see them broken in your life today!

Jesus came and destroyed the hold that makes it difficult for man to fulfil the law. He said, I have not come to destroy the law, but to fulfil it. You are now delivered from the captivity of the curse of the law. So we can say we have been redeemed from the curse of the law, and released into the ability to obey - bringing us a kind of grace that is superior to the terms of the law. That's what redemption from the curse of the law means.

The curse of the law is as alive as the laws themselves. So don't break the laws! You break them, you get broken! This is certainly not the regular charismatic teaching, but it's the truth of God's Word. What it takes to be free from the curse of the law has been paid for. Now tap into that release.

By His hanging on the tree, you now have power over the things that bring you under the curse of the law. May God do His work of deliverance in your life right now! The bondage of the curse of law is destroyed in your life. Go ahead, and in liberty, fulfil the law. You can now freely walk into the blessings of Abraham.

Ask God to show you any area of disobedience that you have not taken notice of. Let Him visit you with His light, to show you that area that is trapping you under the curse of the law. Friend, the ability to obey God has been fully settled! Every curse of the law is ended in your life today! I call for vengeance on all disobedience that has been working against your destiny, and against your life, in the name of Jesus!

Because you have been redeemed from the curse of the law, and you now have blessings in the place of curses! I command that sickness in your body to vanish now! I command that cancer that has been torturing you to stop now, in the name of Jesus! I command that plague in your Family to be broken now! Every sickness that has refused to go is a curse. Now I command that plague to cease, in the name of Jesus!

Whatever disobedience has caused you, since you have decided to return to the Lord, be restored now, in the name of Jesus! You will never see anything written in Deuteronomy 28:15-68 operational in your life anymore! Because you're free from the curses, the beauty of God will be reflective on your life! The obstacles are cleared, now enjoy the miracles, in Jesus' precious name!

## Chapter 5

## The Curse Of Seedtime And Harvest

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

#### Genesis 8:22

There's a curse of seedtime and harvest. No matter how much God loves you, until that curse is broken, it stays on. We have always known seedtime and harvest to be: put money down and get money back. Not this time! There is a curse of seedtime and harvest. Many are wriggling and suffering under this curse today. Things won't just work, because of what seeds they have sown!

Friend, every act is a seed! Harvest is coming.

Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

## Ephesians 6:8

That also establishes the curse of seedtime and harvest.

Talking about people who just won't go up, *Ecclesiastes* 10:5-9 says:

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler: Folly is set in great

dignity, and the rich sit in low place. I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth. He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him. Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

Every act is a seed. Negative acts are bound to bring home negative harvests, while positive acts guarantee positive harvests. I have checked through Scriptures and have come to the conclusion that there's no one that got caught in the curse of seedtime and harvest that didn't pay for it.

The curse of seedtime and harvest is a self-inflicted curse.

And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground anymore for man's sake...While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease.

### Genesis 8:21-22

While our regular interpretation of this Scripture is accurate, this other mystery will help your understanding. God was saying, I have dealt with everybody collectively. I destroyed all living. But no more! From now on, each one will get whatever he deserves. I will deal with each man according to his ways. Seedtime and harvest shall not cease (what you sow is what you will reap)

*Galatians 6:5 7* backs up this understanding:

For every man shall bear his own burden. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Go in the time of Adam, but now He holds on to a seedtime and harvest covenant. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he reap. And Galatians 6 continues:

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

#### Genesis 8:21-22

Why? Because that will determine what you find tomorrow. Friend, the curse of seedtime and harvest is real! Many are struggling under this curse - what they sowed in the past is what they're reaping today. So, there's a need to consciously break that curse, and then you'll walk into your liberty for ever.

## We read in *Ephesians 6:8*:

Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

That means whatsoever evil any man does, *the same shall* he receive of the Lord. That's why Paul said ...do good to all men, and save your head! Beware especially of covenant people - them who are of the household of faith.

I will not again curse the ground anymore for man's sake...God wants us to know that He will now take people on individual basis. He will no longer put general afflictions upon the earth. Like Paul puts it, Everyman shall bear his own burden.

## Jeremiah 32:19 emphasises this:

...for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

What you sow is what you reap! Oh, the curse of seedtime and harvest! It has destroyed many destinies, and has choked many futures. No one escapes it until it is consciously broken.

He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

#### Ecclesiastes 10:8

Many are stagnated today because of the evil seed they have sown in time past, either with their tongue or their actions. We have various examples in the Scriptures of the reality of the curse of seedtime and harvest.

**PETER** once took Jesus and began to scold Him. *Mark* 8:31-32 records this:

And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

Peter must have done this in his ignorance. But in spite of this, in his (Peter's) own time too, Paul rebuked him for his hypocritical attitude. *Galatians 2:11*, records how Paul rebuked Peter openly:

But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face...

What you sow is what you reap, sir! Every act is a seed that earns you a harvest of either blessing or curse.

**DAVID** sent Uriah to the warfront to be killed, and took his wife Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11). Later on, Absalom his son chased him (David) off his throne and, see what **2 Samuel 16:22** tells us:

So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

What you sow is what you reap!

**AHITHOPHEL,** David's adviser, decamped and joined Absalom in his rebellion. He joined in the conspiracy to dethrone and kill his master, David. But who died? You should know the answer by now.

And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and

hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

#### 2 Samuel 17:23

**HAMAN** dug gallows in his house to hang Mordecai. Who hung there instead?

So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

#### **Esther 7:10**

The curse of seedtime and harvest!

**PAUL** the apostle is another example. After his conversion, God told Ananias concerning him, For I will show him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake. (Acts 9:16.)

This same Paul had put many Christians through a lot of suffering. So his first calling was to suffering, because he had wasted and suffered too many people! He wasted the Church of Jesus, and he reaped all the sufferings! Oh, the curse of seedtime and harvest!

**JACOB** supplanted Esau, his elder brother, tricking him out of his birthright. He in turn suffered in the hands of Laban, his father-in-law. Laban changed his wages ten times! (Genesis 31:7)

Before they were born, God had already chosen Jacob. ... The elder shall serve the younger, God said (Genesis 25:23). So Jacob didn't need to cheat to see that come to

pass. It was his mother that organised the cheating, and he accepted it. So he in turn was supplanted for 14 years! He suffered so much, he had to run away from Laban's house!

That's why when he met with the angel he said, *I won't let you go until you bless me* (*Genesis 32:26*). Because he had been under a curse all these years! The angel changed his name from Jacob to Israel - to deliver him from that curse of seedtime and harvest. I declare every curse of seedtime and harvest in your life exposed and broken now!

Jacob could not escape it, David couldn't. Peter, Paul, Haman and Judas all couldn't either! So no Christian can be smart enough today to escape it, without first dealing with it in total repentance.

Friend, you should be tired of wrestling with shadows! If you're involved in planning someone's death, you won't escape death yourself. If you dig a pit for any man, you will fall into it. If you roll a stone to crush any man, it will return back upon you (Ecclesiastes 10:5-9). Many are under the curse of seedtime and harvest today and they think it is the devil. Things won't just work, because of what seeds they have sown. Every act is a seed; harvest is coming!

You know why our ministry will never experience a breakaway? It didn't break away from anywhere! You know why our ministry will never see trouble, we have never programmed trouble for any other ministry, neither have we rejoiced when anyone was in trouble. Whatsoever a man sows, he reaps.

Many people are under self-imposed curses, things they have brought upon themselves. They rejoice and celebrate the fall of people, not knowing they're programming their own fall. They work out the collapse of other people, not knowing they are working out their own collapse.

God said He will not curse the earth anymore, nor curse every living thing. It is going to be on a one on one basis. What each one sows is what he will reap. Every man shall bear his own burden.

Listen to me, everything you do is a seed, and you will surely reap it! Ah, that should make you fear! What you do to your neighbour, what you do to your boss, what you do to your leader, what you do to your subordinate matters to God, especially those of the household of faith. Because they're covenant people, every evil you do to them has a covenant speed of coming back to you! Therefore, do good to all men, because that will determine what becomes of you tomorrow.

Jesus said in *Revelation 22:12:* 

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

One by one, we shall appear before the judgement seat of God. Let's be careful therefore what we sow. However, the times of ignorance God has waved past, but He commands everyman everywhere to repent.

Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer. Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house. Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

#### Proverbs 24:26-28

#### Ask the Lord now:

Lord, help me to sow good seeds all the days of my life. Every bad seed I ever sowed, let Your blood cover them, for they are past. Rescue me from an harvest of evil. Overlook the time of my ignorance. Let no evil return upon me, for I did not know it was a seed. So help me Lord!

## God Will Not Sleep!

On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

#### Esther 6:1

When it comes to the operation of both the curse and the blessing of seedtime and harvest, God will not sleep. Why? To ensure that you don't reap what you did not sow.

God has a book of records, with which He takes care of seedtime and harvest. Every home you have joined in breaking might be responsible for what is happening in your own home now. Every business you have joined in pulling down might be responsible for what is happening in your own business now. I don't know, but you know better.

This I know though, While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease.

This, I believe, is one of the covenants that won't let God sleep. The Bible says He neither sleeps nor slumbers (Psalm 121:4). Why? So that your feet don't slip, if you have not pushed anybody down. And if you have pushed someone down, He won't sleep, to ensure that you're pushed down! This curse of seedtime and harvest is a terrible curse!

There are two books the Bible talks about - the book of records (Esther 6:1) and the book of life (Revelation 17:8). The book of records reckons with all that you do as a Christian; so that for every seed you sow (whether good ones or bad ones), you don't miss your harvest.

#### Mordecai And Haman

There were two men - Haman, who was one of the high chiefs of king Ahasuerus, and Mordecai, a gateman. Haman was so angry with Mordecai the Jew, that nothing but Mordecai's death would pacify him. So Haman dug a gallow, where Mordecai was to be hung. A high chief, by all standards, should be able to handle a gateman. But no! Not when the book of records begins to speak!

On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

#### Esther 6:1-3

This was why the king couldn't sleep. On the day of your harvest, God won't sleep! So make sure you sow good seeds, because the same God that wouldn't sleep, to ensure that what Mordecai had not sown he wouldn't reap, would also not sleep, to ensure that what Haman sowed, he must reap!

That God doesn't sleep nor slumber is not for the good of everybody. It is so that the bad can get his bad, and the good can get his good. After the king had read the book of records, Haman walked in, and the king said, *What should be done for the man the king delights to honour?* Haman thought the king was referring to him. Hear what he said:

Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Esther 6:8-9

## Why not? The king then said to him:

Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

#### Verse 10

Why? Because the Scriptures cannot be broken! At the end of it all, the tables turned against Haman, and he ended up in the gallows he had dug to hang Mordecai!

And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

### Esther 7:9-10

He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it. So also, He that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him. (**Proverbs 26:27**.)

If you follow the details of this story, you'll discover that some time past, Mordecai had foiled a coup to kill the king, thereby rescuing the king from the hands of the plotters. This was well documented in the Book of Records. And such valiant acts must be rewarded, according to the law of the land. Because Mordecai did not let them kill the king, the King of kings would not let them kill him! If it means

thunder and brimstones, God will disarm your enemy, to be sure you don't reap what you have not sown.

What didn't let God sleep is what didn't let Mordecai die. What won't let God sleep is what killed Haman in the pit he dug! Friend, when it comes to the covenant of seedtime and harvest, God never sleeps, He's eternally awake!

Certain things are working the way they're working in your life now because certain seeds had been sown in time past. Listen to me, no matter how heavily you pray, a breakaway church will never be free from break-away experiences! They can have 24 hours chain prayers, yet people will be breaking away while the prayers are still going on! Because, whatsoever a man sows, that also shall he reap.

Many are operating under the curse of failure and mediocrity today, because of the pits they dug for people. Whatever has happened to you till now is mercy, but now that you know that there is a curse called seedtime and harvest, you are responsible for what happens to you from now on. I see every curse of seedtime and harvest broken from your life right now, in the precious name of Jesus!

#### You Can't Curse Whom God Has Not Cursed!

When you attempt to curse someone God has not cursed, the curse comes back on you! You remember Balaam? Balak hired him to curse the children of Israel for him.

And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying,

Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

#### Numbers 22:10-11

See what God told Balaam:

...Thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

#### verse 12

And Numbers 23:5 tells us that God put a word in Balaam's mouth and told him to return to Balak and speak. This is what Balaam said to Balak, the king of Moab:

How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied?

#### Numbers 23:8

When you attempt to curse whom God has not cursed, you come under a curse! Because God has said in *Genesis* 12:3:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...

That was why the king could not sleep, as we saw in Esther 6:1 - to rescue Mordecai the Jew, to ensure that Haman died in the gallows he dug for Mordecai. From today, I curse the ability to sow evil seeds in your life!

God will not sleep, to ensure that you live to enjoy the rewards of your good seeds. Seedtime and harvest is both of blessings and curses; you can make your choice. I believe that from today, it will be impossible for the devil to play with your destiny again. So wash your hands from what is not good and turn right. There's a future for you!

Go to God in prayers, and between you and Him alone, say to Him:

Lord, every evil seed I ever sowed into any man's life at any time in the past, oh blood of Jesus, rescue me, from the bondage of that seed!

Break the hold of every curse of seedtime and harvest by the blood of Jesus. Take grace to enter the positive side of the seedtime and harvest covenant, in the name of Jesus.

## Now, It's Restoration!

Whatever represents the curse of seedtime and harvest in your life, now that you have repented before the Lord, and you've taken cover in the blood of Jesus and entered an oath of sowing good seeds, I now say to heaven on your behalf, Restore! Because God said:

## They are for a prey and none saith restore...

Concerning you, there shall be immediate restoration. Whatever effect the curse of seedtime and harvest has had on your destiny, I invoke restoration now, in the name of Jesus! Whether seeds sown by you or those sown by your forefathers, whatever be the negative effect of the curse of

seedtime and harvest in your life now, by the blood of the Lamb, I call them lifted, in the name of Jesus!

I release you to your destiny in Christ. That trouble in your home caused by a seedtime and harvest curse, I command peace, in Jesus name! That failure in your job, failure in your business, I command restoration now! Settle down now and recreate your destiny. I see a mighty refreshing coming upon you right now!

## Chapter 6

## The Curse Of Bitterness

...Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

## *Genesis* 4:3-5

We have here the story of Cain and Abel. Take note of the words, *Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell*. That's bitterness! Envy degenerated to anger, and anger degenerated into bitterness. Everytime your countenance falls because your neighbour is lifted, there is death at the door!

And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

#### Verses 6-7

Somebody is favoured of God, and your countenance falls; somebody is promoted of God, and your countenance falls. That's sin! I must overtake him! I must be higher than him. No! You don't need that!

Listen to me friend, bitterness establishes self-inflicted curses. Look at verses 11-12:

And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

That is the heritage of embittered people. When you allow envy to degenerate to anger, and then to bitterness, which brings you under this curse. You work and work, but nothing works! You're under the curse of bitterness!

Nothing you do works when you're a captive of bitterness. Your earth is cursed and is not allowed to bring forth her increase. Oh, may God deliver you from the curse of bitterness! No! Nothing works! It's a terrible curse, sir! Look, if you don't chase out envy, it will degenerate to

anger, and if you don't deal with anger, it will degenerate to bitterness. And when it gets to bitterness, you're gone!

God promotes your friend and he shares with you, and you half-heartedly say, Praise God. Then you begin to think, Oh God, but we got born again the same day. Where is my own promotion now? And before you know it, you're complaining and murmuring. The next morning when he or she greets you, you reply with a straight face. Watch it, that's how it begins.

From the depth of my heart, I always rejoice at success, no matter who is involved; because the sky is too wide for two birds to collide when in flight! Have you ever thought of that? Also, there are many stars in heaven, yet they all shine. So nobody needs to die for you to rise. Please, learn to rejoice with those who are rising, so that it will soon be your turn. Let's give up bitterness!

#### In *Hebrews 12:14-15*, the Bible says:

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

So bitterness troubles people. Be free from all bitterness, in Jesus name! Bitterness is a plague! May God deliver you from it today; so you can be free from its attendant curses.

Do you know the curse of bitterness transcends generations? Why? Because your ground is cursed! So what will your children inherit? What will they pass down to their own children? So right down the line, the curse is passed from generation to generation! Let's watch it therefore!

For you to hear or see that God is blessing a fellow brother or sister and you begin to run him or her down with stories that have no basis, that's anger; and an excuse for your inadequacies and frustrations. May God help you to be happy with all your neighbours! That's why Paul said in *Galatians 6:10:* 

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Your neighbour is not the reason you haven't been promoted, he's not the reason you don't have a plot of land yet. It's the thing inside you - the curse you inherited from your parents, the curse of seedtime and harvest, the generational curses that need to be broken, that's why you're where you are today. Free yourself now! Anybody you see gathering against success never succeeds! May God deliver you from the gall of bitterness!

#### Forgive!

Concerning that unforgiving servant (whose master forgave his huge debt, and he himself refused to forgive the man who was owing him a very small amount), the Bible says:

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

#### **Matthew 18:34**

That tells us that unforgiveness delivers people to the tormentors. Think of that person that it's been difficult for you to forgive, and say, I forgive you, in the name of Jesus. Free yourself from the torments of life, because if you don't forgive, Jesus will not forgive you!

Remember also that he that covers his sin shall not prosper (Proverbs 28:13). His prayer shall not be answered, because, *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.* (*Psalm 66:18.*) And you also know of course, that, *The soul that sinneth, it shall die.* (*Ezekiel 18:4.*)

Forgive that man! Forgive that woman from the depth of your heart! God said to Cain, Thou art cursed from the earth. That is, you will never matter here on earth. John said:

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

#### 1 John 3:15

That means he is dust, he is cursed! Eternal life is the only thing that lifts the curse that is upon man. One of the immediate consequences of bitterness is sickness; bitterness breaks your innerman, causing your countenance to fall.

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

#### Proverbs 18:14

Friend, the curse of bitterness makes life choking! It makes labour unfruitful! So, loose that man and let him go, otherwise you remain in chains for life! Loose that woman you've been tying down in your heart and let her go!

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

#### 1 John 4:18

When love has a question mark in your heart, you suffer torments in life. That means hatred breeds torments. Everyone that hates is under a curse. Everyman that embraces bitterness is bound to suffer torments.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

#### 1 John 3:14-15

Hatred is a curse. It inflicts curses. If you're not loving, you're abiding in death.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18

Hear this again: bitterness has a choking effect! It brings about health break down, mental pressure, unproductivity, name it! Bitterness is an enemy of man's progress. It's a secret destroyer! It's a very silent destroyer! You don't hear its footsteps, it just creeps in and begins to destroy. It causes havoc! It's deadly! Break that hold of bitterness on your life today! It's over to you. You can be free!

#### Now, let God hear you say:

Lord, deliver me from the curse of bitterness. Infuse continuous goodwill in my heart towards all men. Help me to remain excited at the progress of others. Give me joy in my heart for those that succeed. Help me to stay excited about Your hand of favour upon my neighbour. Deliver me, o Lord, from the bondage of bitterness, in the name of Jesus.

# Chapter 7

## **The Curse Of Prophets**

And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

#### Luke 2:34

The above proclamation was made when Jesus, the Prophet of all prophets, was being dedicated in the temple. Every prophet is set up for the rise and fall again of people.

#### Who Is A Prophet?

I believe it's important for you to first understand who a prophet is, so you can appreciate the enormity of the curse of prophets.

And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

#### Hosea 12:13

Every time failure is pervading the earth, God sends human agents called Prophets; they are God's instruments and agents of success. They are God's agents for man's fulfilment. Heaven honours the words they speak; God backs up the thoughts of their hearts, and every time they speak supplies, God honours it.

During any time of tension, God releases these agents on earth, for the preservation of His own people. Moses, the prophet was sent to deliver Israel out of their 400 years bondage in Egypt. Elijah was sent to the widow of Zarephath, to preserve her and her Family. Elisha was also sent to the city of Samaria, to proclaim abundance in the midst of scarcity.

Prophets are God's agents of triumph in times of failure. They are His agents of victory in times of distress. They are God's miracle agents. There is distress coming upon the earth. So there are prophets sent to the world to exempt God's people from the holocaust. When they are received, the unction on them produces the same results in those who receive their ministry.

For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

#### Acts 3:22

Here, Moses introduces Jesus as a prophet like himself. Jesus, speaking of Himself said:

...A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

#### **Matthew 13:57**

So, He knew He is a prophet. When Jesus came to lay the foundation of the Church, He came with a prophetic

unction among others. He could not have carried out this spectacular assignment without the prophetic and apostolic unction. That is why, I believe, God is releasing these two ministries for the building of the end-time Church.

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

#### Ephesians 2:18-20

This means that the building up of the Church will require these two powerful gifts, especially in this end-time. Hear what Isaiah said:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

#### Isaiah 2:2-3

This prophecy of the end-time is repeated exactly the same way in Micah 4:2-3. This clearly points to God's end-time plan to build the Church and bring her upon *the top of the mountains*.

In the light of Ephesians 2:18-20, we know that to do this, God has chosen two ministry gifts - prophets and apostles. Why? Because they constitute the foundation of His building. They are reservoirs of the anointing. They are able to transmit the unction they carry to others and by such transmission, the Church rises.

Friend, we are back to the days of the prophets. We are going to begin to see more and more of the prophetic ministry emerge in the body of Christ this end-time. They are people whose presence and appearance is able to spark off a new light into your life. God is using these human instruments to carry out His assignment. This is your chance to be made. This is the time for you to shine!

Now, let's look at the curse of prophets, specifically.

#### Touch Not...!

...Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm

#### Psalm 105:15

There is what is called the curse of the prophets. Elijah came on the scene in *1 Kings 17:1* and declared:

...As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

That's a curse! The curse of the prophet can stop rainfall. In **2 Kings 2:23**, we also see Elisha, fresh from his encounter

with the double portion of the spirit of Elijah manifest. Some little children began to mock him saying:

...Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

Elisha turned back, looked at them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. What happened?

...And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

#### verse 24

Make these declarations:

God, help me not to mock Your prophets. I don't want to carry a curse on my life. Help me to keep my head safe from the curse of the prophets.

**Korah, Dathan, And Abiram** withstood Moses in the wilderness. Some other fellows also joined them in their rebellion. Then Moses said:

...Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the Lord hath not sent me. But if the Lord make a new thing, 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.

Numbers 16:28-30

The curse of prophets is real, beware! God honoured Moses' words:

And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: 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. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

#### verses 31-33

Everybody fled, ...for they said, lest the earth swallow us up also. That's the curse of the prophets! You may ask, Was Moses a prophet? In Acts 3:22, Peter quoted Moses as saying:

...A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me...

So Moses was a prophet. God also confirmed this by what He said in *Numbers 12:6-8*:

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

God was saying there, There is none of you in the class of Moses, My faithful servant. So Moses was a special class of prophet. When he spoke death to those rebels, they died on the spot! Two hundred and fifty of them, including their flocks, their goods, and all!

Friend, don't bring yourself under the curse of the prophets! I'm not talking about self-appointed prophets; I mean God-ordained prophets. May you not come under their curse!

Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

#### Isaiah 44:24-26

As soon as Moses finished speaking, the earth opened and all the rebels sank in, along with all that belonged to them! Don't destroy your generation! Never come under the curse of prophets!

God is saying in the Scriptures above that whatever they say, He will stamp it. And in verse 27, He said, When these

servants of Mine say, Be dry, no matter how much water is in the deep, I will dry it up!

God is committed to His faithful messengers. So, let's be careful, so we don't fall under their daggers. Why I'm saying this is because the prophets may not even know what you have done, but the curse naturally comes all the same; because God said, ... and do my prophets no harm.

#### Miriam and Aaron murmured against Moses.

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.

#### Numbers 12:1-2

Moses didn't even know what they said, but God heard them! That was enough. And Miriam came under a curse on the spot!

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

Do you know that Moses even prayed for God to forgive Miriam?

And the Lord said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

#### verse 14

There are many people in many ministries who may never rise there all their lives. Why? Perhaps they're under the curse of the prophets. Receive grace for supplication to break this curse from off your life! I see liberty come your way now!

God said, Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm Why? God means to say, They don't need to know. I will deal with you Myself! You won't live under such a curse anymore!

Michal, Saul's daughter, who was also David's wife, came under this curse too. Remember Acts 2:29-30, clearly attest to the fact that David was not just a king, but he was also a prophet. David the king was dancing before the Lord with all abandon and excitement on the day the ark of the Lord was being brought back into the city of David, and the Bible says:

And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:16

She didn't stop there. Later, **verse 20** records:

Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

What was the result of this confrontation? She's the only barren woman in the Bible that remained so till her death.

Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

#### verse 23

For many, barrenness here could mean absolute unproductivity in the work of their hands, in spite of all efforts; because, they're perhaps under the curse of prophets. Even so, I make bold to say that God sent me; and all that receive me, receive the One that sent me. Then the rewards and blessings that I am sent to convey become available to such.

In 1988, one lady came to worship with us in our church, and in the course of the preaching, she heard me say something about her religion that apparently displeased her. So she hissed and went out of the service. That was her story as she later told it.

The next thing that happened was that God gave her a big stone in her stomach! As a result, sexual intercourse with her husband became an unbearable experience, due to the excruciating labour-like pains she always experienced each time. While all that was on, her husband (an unbeliever, just as she was then) had started looking for another wife.

In her desperation, she began to go from place to place, until she ran into a crusade, where she finally gave her life to Christ. She later went to the preacher for help, and narrated her ordeal to him. As the man was praying for her, he told her, by the Spirit of God, There's a man of God you have touched. Except this man agrees to lay his hand on you, the Lord said you will not be free.

It wasn't easy for her to remember, because what she did seemed like a non-issue; because nobody knew it, nobody saw it, and perhaps nobody heard it. But she came under a curse all the same, because God heard it! For two years she carried that affliction!

This woman came to me in tears, begging and pleading for forgiveness. Compassion welled up in my heart. That day, I feared God! I said to Him, Lord, You mean You need my involvement for You to forgive somebody whom I didn't even know did anything against me?

She told me what she had done. That she had a catholic background; and that that day, I was hammering on some things that were anti-catholic. So she just hissed and left. That was all she did! Many are stagnated under this curse of the prophets! Some can't even trace where they got their troubles from.

I laid my hand on this lady's stomach, and by the power of God, the stone dissolved! Her home was restored, her husband got saved and they both became excited members of the church. This, after two years of anguish! You don't have to suffer!

Jesus arrived in Nazareth and couldn't perform any miracle there. Why? They didn't acknowledge God's hand upon His life. So they stayed in their sicknesses and afflictions.

Look at the account in Mark 6:

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country...he began to teach in the synagogue, and many hearing him were astonished, saying... Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

#### Mark 6:1,2,3

That was when Jesus came up with the saying that, a prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and his own house. And because of that:

...He could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

#### verse 5

There's no prophet that ever rises and some don't fall. As for you, you won't fall! The Bible says:

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

#### **Matthew 10:41**

From today, in the place of curses, you shall experience rewards. When Obededom received the ark into his house, God blessed all that he had (2 Samuel 6:11). From today, the curse of the prophets shall no longer be upon your life, in Jesus name.

May no prophet of God open his mouth against you! Elijah said, *By my word there shall be no rain...!* Not, By my prayer... And it was so, because God confirms and performs the counsel of His messengers. When they say, Be built up, God says, You shall be built up. When they say, Dry up! He says, I God, will dry up the rivers.

Note also that it is common sense to know that man pass man. From this day, may your life be clothed with such humility, so you will not suffer hardship anymore. From today, receive grace not to despise anyone around you! You will not suffer, in the precious name of Jesus!

# Chapter 8

## The Curse Of Satan

The last curse I want to talk about now is the curse of Satan. This is because it is the least of all the curses. The curse of Satan has been the concern of many Christians, yet it is the least of all. It is real, but it is the cheapest to handle. When you are on course with God, you render the curse of Satan ineffective, worthless, null and void!

Have you not heard? *Neither give place to the devil*. That's what *Ephesians 4:27* tells us. So Satan can't perform without your permission. He seeks your permission to operate.

You will understand this better in this illustration given by Jesus in *Luke 11:24-26*:

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

This makes it clear that Satan cannot operate without man's permission. Make these declaration: Lord, help me to keep my door closed to the devil.

He is called The Wicked. See how in such a very short time, he levelled Job's entire fortune! Job's story is a reality of the curse of Satan. But thank God, you are greater than Job, because you have the very life of God inside you! Job didn't have that.

#### 1 John 5:18 says:

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

That gives you an idea that the enemy cannot inflict his curses without an open door. So it's possible to be free from his touch. It's possible to be free from the curse of Satan when you keep yourself.

You remember what Balaam said to Balak? *How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How can I defy whom God has not defied?* Balaam was hired as a witch doctor, but he couldn't perform. For there can be no enchantment against Israel, when God has not found iniquity nor perverseness in him (Numbers 23:8,23).

God boasted about Job in Job 1:8:

And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

That was why there was such a heavy protection around him and all that he had. Even Satan testified of it!

Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

#### Job 1:10

The curse of Satan is helpless when you're on course with God. You become an impossible case for any witch or wizard. You can cheaply disarm them, when you give no place to the devil. When you're no longer under his domain, every mark of his in your life is illegal. You have been translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light (Colossians 1:13).

You are now seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. So Satan has no say at all in your life anymore! You're far above the realms of Satan and all his principalities and powers and rulers of darkness of this world, all the wicked spirits in high places. You can handle them all! (Ephesians 1:20-21, 2:6.)

When you're free from the curse of God, you become automatically free from the curse of Satan. Satan will only tread on a man under the curse of God. Note that the curse of God thrives as one walks in the flesh. Remember Job was living in fear (Job 3:25). Just like faith is of the spirit, fear is of the flesh.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath

#### made me free from the law of sin and death.

#### **Romans 8:1-2**

The curse of Satan is the weakest of all curses, when you put on thy strength, O Zion (Isaiah 52:1). You don't even need to bind him, he binds himself. The curse of Satan is the weakest. Yet it has taken all the attention of the Church, so that the sons of God can be blinded to the real issues of their lives. Look at the curse of bitterness for instance; if you're binding Satan over that, he will just be laughing at you. Why? He is not the cause. This is where many are suffering.

Thank God you're free from stealing, thank God you're free from adultery, thank God you're free from fornication, free from envy; but these curses need to be dealt with.

#### You're Home!

Hear this again: Satan can't curse you when God is with you! For, if God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31.) As long as you do away with iniquity and forego perverseness, Satan's curses are null and void. As long as you're at home with God, Satan cannot torment you.

When we were kids, if a boy stronger than you is after you, you head straight for home. Then, safe in your father's compound, you now turn to him and say, If you're really the son of your father, come! Why? Your father is at home and ready to come to your rescue if need be. Likewise, as long as you're home with God, Satan cannot torment you.

Now say with me: I'm home already. I am at home with God now. If God be for you, no one can be against you. This is how we're going to torment Satan.

Satan, I insult you in the name of Jesus. I am for God and He is for me. You are no longer relevant to my life. I spit on your face Satan! You're a filthy garment. I curse your throne! I defy your personality. I curse you now, in Jesus name.

That's all you need to do. This is how every woman called barren will carry her child. This is how every closed-down business will be revived again. This is how every dragging life will pick up again. When you are free from the curse of God, you take Satan for a ride. You won't need to bind and struggle with Satan; just put your position with God in order, and you will displace the devil with ease.

If there's no more iniquity in you, no more perverseness, you are entitled to blessings. And when He has blessed, no man can curse. When Jesus blesses you, no man can curse you. So whatever can be called the curse of Satan on your life, you can now begin to challenge these forces to loose their hold on you, because they have no right over you.

God is not a man that He should lie. If He says there is no enchantment against Jacob, He means it. So, anyone who tries to charm you, God will charm him. All you need do is to look inward: Is there any iniquity in my heart still? Is there perverseness hiding somewhere in my heart? If the answer is No, you can boldly declare,

So, my God is with me, and the shout of triumph is in my heart. There can't be any enchantment against me, nor any divination against my destiny.

Friend, what God has said, that's what He has done. No devil can destroy the Scriptures! If God can't find iniquity in you and you're at home with Him, no Satan can curse you.

This is your hour of total release! No one will ever see Satan's hand on your life anymore. Go ahead now and defile the throne and the ministry of the wicked one, in Jesus name!

# Chapter 9

## **Breaking The Curses**

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

#### Isaiah 52:2

From all that has been shared on the curses of life, you will discover that all your problems have their answers in you. These curses had been hidden traps, invisible barriers, scary shadows, whose figures you could not identify. But now, see how God has exposed the devil!

Remember we've talked about the curse of God, the curse of Man (which focused on both our natural and spiritual parents). We also talked about the curse of the Law, the curse of Seedtime and Harvest, the curse of Bitterness, the curse of the Prophets, and finally the curse of Satan.

These are outstanding discoveries. You must take your recovery now. Everything that is not working as it should, see them now as curses that must be broken.

Be very broken-hearted in your approach. Carry a contrite spirit. God has opened your eyes, you must not be blind anymore. You're going to cry unto God for practical deliverance. Everything that is after your death will die for you this hour, in the name of Jesus!

Please be awake, because you can't shake your feet from the dust except you're awake. Cry unto God to deliver you from endless failures and endless misfortunes:

Lord send deliverance. Send deliverance O Lord! Lord send it very quickly! Send it very fast! Send it now Lord. I want to be free from the curse of man. I want to be free from the curse of my natural parents. I want to be free from the curse of my spiritual parents. I want to be free from every curse that must have been attempting to destroy my destiny. Lord, free me this hour! Lord, help me! I want total liberty. I want practical liberty. I want to experience a refreshing from heaven, in the name of Jesus!

Let me now give you the good news. Every choking issue of your life will be laid to rest now!

#### **Obedience**

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

#### 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

I would like you to understand that the Scriptures cannot be broken. You don't use faith and crying to break curses, no! You use compliance, obedience, and alliance with God. The Amplified Bible version of *Job 22:21* says:

Acquaint now yourself with Him (agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will) and be at peace; by that (you shall prosper and great) good shall come to you.

#### Come on, let's get back to God!

Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

Psalm 107:17-19

They got back on course with God to be free from the curses of life. Then:

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

#### Psalm 107:20

They were fools because they were not able to discover the reason behind their affliction. Then God sent His Word (just like He has sent it to you in this book), and see what happened.

...He bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

#### verses 28-30

When God sent His Word and they received it, He maketh the storm (of their lives) a calm... Every curse of the Lord demands nothing but absolute obedience, to be averted. Then you'll be free from all these prolonged prayers for blessings. Blessings will naturally come to you by the practice of obedience.

In *John 2:5*, Mary the mother of Jesus told them, *Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.* So when Jesus said to them, *Fill the waterpots with water*, they did exactly that. And when He again said to them, *Draw some out now, and bear it unto the governor of the feast*, they bore it. And lack of wine turned to abundance of the good wine!

Obedience! The Lord said concerning Joshua, *Is this not a brand plucked out of the fire? Remove that filthy garment from him! Zechariah 3:2-3* (paraphrased).

God won't let Satan put sickness or any kind of affliction on you when you're on fire for Him. I see you not having anything to do with drugs to stay healthy the remaining days of your life! Not by chance, not by luck, but by a conscious covenant walk, a qualitative walk with God.

You know of course that sickness is a curse of the law. The cheapest way to walk out of any curse of the law is to enter into obedience. When your obedience is fulfilled, you will avenge all disobedience.

Do you know that even the statement, I am sick is disobedience? Because God's Word has told you that by your words you're either justified or condemned (Matthew 12:36-37), and God has commanded, *Let the weak say I am strong (Joel 3:10)*.

Let God be true and all men be liars! Many do say, I am strong and they are still sick. Why? Because they didn't mean it. Did the Word of God not say, If thou shall say with your mouth, and shall not doubt in your heart, you shall have whatsoever you say? (Mark 11:23.) When you say one thing and mean the opposite, that's flattery! You are flattering God; and *A flattering mouth worketh ruin* (*Proverbs 26:28*).

I've been saying, I cannot be sick all these years, and I'm just going about like a stone! It's because I mean it from

my heart. I will never beg!, that's what I've been shouting ever since, saying it sincerely from my heart. And in 1981, I told my wife in a letter I wrote to her, If it means wearing the same shoe for four years, I will never borrow! If it means having no food to eat for days, we will never beg! I'd rather die obeying God. We've never prayed for food ever since!

Loose yourself! Mean what you're saying, mean what you're doing. Stop running around! Sit down! Don't let Satan push you around anymore! Anytime you say, I am sick, you're making God a liar.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

#### Isaiah 52:2

You have power to loose yourself. So loose yourself from that continuous sickness, pains and aches, misfortunes of life, oppressions of the devil, and every form of disobedience! You have been charged to loose yourself. Awake from your sleep. Don't let the devil take advantage of you anymore!

Friend, your stronghold is obedience. It has the power to disarm all disobedience. You will avenge all disobedience, you will dominate all oppositions, and destroy all confrontations! When your obedience is fulfilled, you will level out all the curses of life.

So that gives you an idea of how those blessings in **Deuteronomy 28:1-14** are triggered off **Verse 1** says:

...If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee...

If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God and observe to locate where each one applies and you actually go ahead to apply yourself to them, then you will avenge all disobedience. Every opposition to your glorious destiny will be forced to surrender.

So obedience is your covenant stronghold. It is your hiding place against the arrows of the wicked. And you know, God is so loving. He won't require from you more than has been delivered to you. It is only unto whom much is given that much is required (Luke 12:48). So God will not charge you for what He has not delivered to you.

On your own part, the level to which He has delivered to you, walk in that level and you will feel no hurt. This is your access to the blessings of the Lord, and your freedom from the curses of life.

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Deuteronomy 28:15

And He began to list them out, right up to verse 68! Disobedience is the open gate to afflictions! I see every evil cast out of your affairs today! Your escape from the curses of life is total obedience. Obedience will avenge all the curses of life and usher you into covenant blessings.

Remember I already told you that what Christ did in redeeming us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13) is that He brought to us the grace to obey the law. So the curses of the law have no more dominion over us; *that the blessing of Abraham might come on us*, instead of curses.

So there's liberty for you now, to walk in total obedience. And when that is in place in your life, you will avenge all disobedience. From this day, all these curses (as listed in Deuteronomy 28:15-68) shall have no more hold on your life!

Obedience is the price to pay in order to escape the curse of the law; but thank God, the price has been paid already for your total obedience. So now, break all the barriers of disobedience over your life.

The moment you're set for obedience, God is set and committed to your liberty. Just like Jesus came to take away our sins, yet some are still committing sin, the same way He came to destroy the curse of the law, yet some have gone back into the trap of the curse of the law. But I see you totally out of it today!

If you want to flee all disobedience, the price is paid. You can now make your choice. That's the mystery of Galatians

3:13. The ability for you to obey God has been made available! From this day on you will no longer be trapped! We lay all those curses to rest today by supernatural grace for obedience, in the name of Jesus!

#### **Pray Heartfelt Prayer**

Is anyone among you afflicted (ill-treated, suffering evil)? He should pray...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available (dynamic in its working).

#### James 5:13,16 (Amp.)

Most people don't look like they're going anywhere, that's why they don't get anywhere! Look like someone who is going out of curses, into blessings! Do you know that to have backache today, headache tomorrow, leg ache after that, might be a curse? Jesus never had any ache! That recurring affliction is because of recurring transgressions.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

#### Hebrew 4:16

Mercy to cover our transgressions that are past (which is the reason for our afflictions today), and find grace to help, so we don't go back to the same trouble and suffer the same affliction. The reason your prayers for bread and butter are not being answered is because the transgression that brought you the affliction of lack of bread and butter is still in place.

There's no commandment that is impossible to obey, it is only because you have given in to the flesh. This time the flesh will surrender. Jesus prayed and He was transfigured. You need to pray that kind of prayer. All these sicknesses and diseases plaguing you, it's not because sickness has dominion over you. There is something sick about you that doctors can't find! It's right inside your heart. When that is wiped off, then your body will become whole. If the inner man is okay, the outerman will follow suit. God said:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

#### 3 John 2

What is it that God has commanded, but which you're breaking? Now take grace to overcome it. *James 5:17-18* says:

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

The **Amplified Bible** in **verse 16** describes Elijah's prayer as *heartfelt*. That is, something that is coming from the heart, and not just from your head or mouth. Such prayer makes tremendous power available! Tremendous power that gives mercy and imparts grace to make you emerge a

free man! There is enough power in that grace, to make you cheaply ride over the hazards of life.

Settle with God, and from your heart destroy all the traps and invisible forces that are attacking your destiny. In 1 Kings 18:42-45, we see Elijah pray a cloud, the size of a man's hand, into a great rain, ending the three and half years of drought!

There's a death sentence hanging on many people's heads. But a heartfelt prayer will lift it! King Hezekiah was to die. But he faced the wall and poured out his heart to God. Heaven's telephone rang! The death sentence was lifted, and fifteen more years were added to his life (Isaiah 38:5)!

Every death sentence hanging over your head will be lifted now! If Elijah prayed and rain fell, your own rain is going to fall today! Enough of choking! *Is any afflicted? Let him pray...* That is the order from above.

Every Word of God can be fulfilled! Every commandment can be obeyed! So wreck those forces that are wrecking you with your heartfelt prayer. It's a simple thing. Approach the throne of God for mercy, for everything you've done against yourself without knowing its gravity.

Somebody does not pay his tithe, and he's complaining that his business is not growing! It will never grow! Rather, it will keep on groaning, because of the curse of the Lord you have invited. But take grace now to loose yourself, and break the power of self over your life. That force that

makes you hold on to what is not your own must be destroyed! Heartfelt prayer will help you.

#### **Invoke God's Mercy**

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

#### **Psalm 51:1**

Looking at the seven curses exposed, the summary of all the pitfalls is sin! That is, not recognising God as God; not accepting His Word as the final authority. Now, you will go back to God and begin to invoke His mercy for a release:

Lord, I know that behind any form of affliction is transgression. Let mercy answer for me now!

I may have touched what should not be touched, have mercy Lord!

I may have trampled on what should not be trampled on, have mercy Lord!

I may have despised what ought not to be despised, have mercy Lord!

I may have gone where I should not have gone, have mercy Lord.

I may have said what I should not have said, have mercy Lord!

Whatever is responsible for any affliction in my life, let mercy answer, O God, in Jesus name!

#### God said:

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

#### 1 Peter 3:13

It is when you follow what is not good that you can be harmed. Until you have touched what is not good, no evil can touch you. Look at Jesus. Evil couldn't touch Him, because He never touched what was not good. Sickness couldn't touch Him, failure couldn't touch Him, neither could depression or frustration.

Until you touch what is not good, evil can't touch you.

Lord, whatever I have unknowingly touched, let Your mercy cover me today.

Whatever opens the door to evil in my life, let Your mercy cover me, Lord!

You need to plead the mercy of God for your lineage, your clan and your extended Family, to cancel every generational curse that is plaguing your destiny.

This young man's testimony will help you understand what I'm talking about:

A woman had made a strong enchantment against my Family, because according to her, my father was strong in the Family. So she placed a curse on him; that none of his sons shall be able to attain any position in life. But when I got to this church, I began to grow in faith. The Bible in Numbers 23:23 made me realize that there is no enchantment against Jacob, nor any divination against Israel. I also read the Bishop's book, Satan, Get Lost!, and I realized that we don't fear dreams, but we dream dreams from God's dream book (the Bible).

I also realized from Proverbs 24:14 that my expectation shall never be cut off. So, I sat for the last JAMB exam, with a full belief that my expectation shall not be cut off. Before, whenever I'm going for such an exam, it's either I had withlow or one problem or the other. But to the glory of God, today, as I'm standing on this mount Zion now, I have my admission letter with me! I have been invited to study Mechanical Engineering!

B.O (Lagos)

Did you see that?

Lord, by the blood of Jesus, let mercy answer, to break every generational curse in my life!

There are some families where nobody just rises, whether literate or illiterate; everybody just lives as mediocres! It's a curse of mediocrity! In some families, at a certain age, they die! In some other families, nobody ever does business and prospers! There are yet some families where nobody has ever occupied a place of importance in all their lineage!

Wherever they go, they're despised and treated as footmats! Generational curses!

How about some families where a certain disease or sickness is like a permanent heritage that passes from one generation to the other! Your forefather had it and passed it on to your father, and your father has transfered it to you, and it just goes on like that!

#### Look at this brother's testimony for instance:

When the pastor taught on curses last Wednesday, he said there are some people that carry curses and do not know it. I'd been having an unusual pain in the sole of my left foot for quite sometime. I couldn't explain this pain. It was after the service that day that it dawned on me that this same inexplicable ailment was what my late grandmother had, that crippled her even before her death! The pain ate off half of her sole.

When I got home, I was very angry! I anointed the spot where the pain started to grow from and cursed it in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Whatever the Lord has done, it shall be forever.' When I came back to the church on Thursday and Friday, I made sure I went about the church barefooted, not wearing any shoes or sandals. And on Saturday morning, I discovered that I was okay, that I was no longer limping and till now, I'm just normal!

J. O. (Lagos)

I would like you to look back a bit and stand in the gap for your Family. Invoke the mercy of God. Whatever they did,

let the mercy of God answer now. There is something about your home that needs to be broken by the mercy of God.

Many marriages lack honour, because the bed was defiled the two were Christians before marriage and they knew what they shouldn't do, but they did it. Now they're married, they lack God's honour in their marriage. So it is fighting in the morning, fighting in the night, because a seed of dishonour had been sown. Mercy, Lord!

He that defiles my temple (in adultery), him will I destroy (1 Corinthians 3:17). So, some people's health is destroyed, some businesses are destroyed - all traceable to the defilement of the temple of God. Mercy, Lord!

You have said what should not be said. You have said more than even Miriam said, that's why you're put out of the camp like a filthy rag! Mercy, Lord! You have betrayed, like Judas! That's why you want to commit suicide. Mercy, Lord!

I want you to know what you are doing.

Lord, I know that I am worthy of death, but have mercy! I cannot undefile the bed, it's already past; but have mercy! I cannot unsay what I've said, but have mercy! I cannot undefile my body, but have mercy! Don't destroy me, Lord! I plead for mercy!

I would like you to be able to specifically bring your spirit down to a sense of remorse. Pinpoint the issue, be specific; so that the mercy of God can flow. And when that mercy comes, the sign of forgiveness will come. You will know and will see that it is all over!

#### Call For Grace Now!

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

#### Hebrews 4:16

Now you are going to collect grace. If transgression does not rise a second time, affliction will not rise a second time. The grace to go, and do it no more, you need to receive now.

Look at the things you have called for mercy for, and now receive grace not to touch what should not be touched, not to say what should not be said. Receive it now!

Prayer also requires grace. It is called the spirit of grace and supplication. That is the spirit that helps you in prayer. It will help to keep you alive, active, and sensitive. Take that grace for supplication now!

Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

#### Zechariah 4:7

Take that grace now! The grace of God to walk in the light of His countenance, receive it now, in the precious name of Jesus!

#### The Blood

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

#### Romans 3:23-25

There is a provision for sins that are past. That provision is in the blood of the Lamb. It takes faith in the blood of Jesus to enjoy the propitiation, the covering it gives, and discharge from sins that are past. The sins that are past can be dealt with. That's good news!

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### 1 John 1:8-9

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness. So it destroys the hold of past sins and guarantees a cleansing when there's a pitfall.

Hebrews 9:22 tells us:

# And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Lift up your hands now and prophesy for a thorough purging of your life from everything that imposes curses. Take cover in the blood!

#### **Declare Your Release!**

I would like you not just to feel released, but to know what you are released from.

God said, ...declare thou, that thou mayest be justified (Isaiah 43:26). Go ahead now and make a declaration of your release from every curse of life:

I'm released now from the curse of God!

I'm released from the curse of man!

I'm released from generational curses!

I'm released from the curse of the law!

I'm released from the curse of seedtime and harvest!

I'm released from the curse of bitterness!

I'm released from the curse of the prophets!

I have pleaded for mercy, by the blood of Jesus.

I have prayed according to His will. I have poured out my heart to Him and He has answered my prayer. Affliction shall not rise again a second time.

# Chapter 10

### You're Free Forever!

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

#### Psalm 23:1-6

When you and I follow, no curse can unmake us. Now that you've been set free, you must set yourself to follow. Every destiny in the kingdom is made by following. Jesus said, *Follow Me and I will make you.*.. Our security in life comes by following.

When the voice of the Lord matters to us more than any other thing, He will prepare a table before us, even in the presence of our enemies, and our cups will run over.

Now you're no more under a curse. Jesus has set you free! The Word of God has liberated you! The blood of Jesus has set you free. You are free forever! The chains are broken today! Enjoy your endless refreshing from the presence of the Lord now!

No curse shall be traceable to your life anymore from now! From today, your eyes shall see no more evil! Your children shall see no more evil! Your body shall feel no more evil! I declare you curse-free! Whatever has remained stagnant around you, from now on, God shall grant it motion! Whatever has closed up in your life, from now on God will open it up!

Every curse over your life comes to an end now! Whatever these curses have brought about in your life, now that you have returned to the Lord, the curses are declared averted!

Every choking issue of your life is crushed now! I release you to enjoy the great refreshing that God is pouring down upon His people in this move! Your life shall no more suffer drought!

The Psalmist said:

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Psalm 119:67

May that be your testimony today! Now that the curses are removed, your showers will come, and your refreshing will be everlasting! Now that the mercy of God has rescued you, no curse will have any legal hold on your destiny anymore!

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:1

Peace, in Jesus precious name!