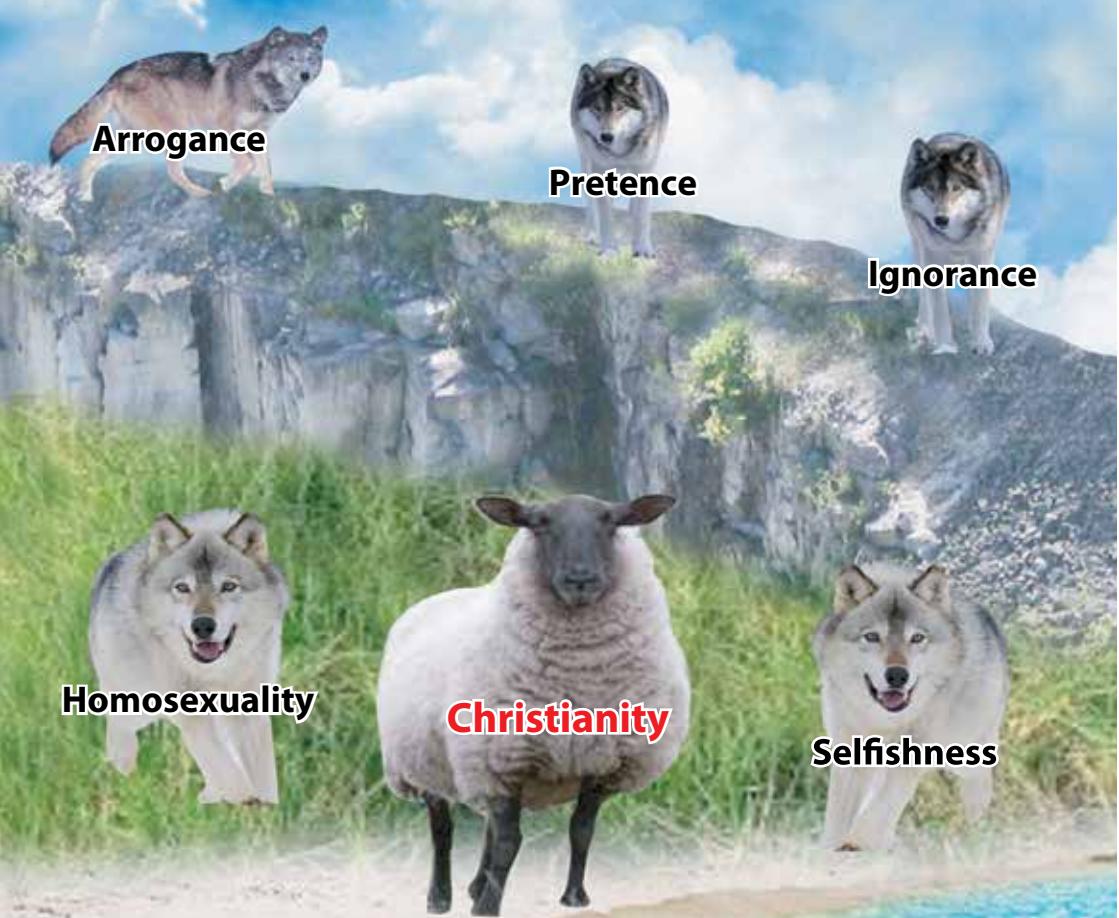


# CHRISTIANITY

## AT THE *crossroads*



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*Between a Rock and a Hard Place*

The most holy faith is caged like a rat in a very difficult situation. We know God's doctrine regarding marriage and sex; that it is between a man and a woman. The scriptures are clear that for an adult, staying sexless and childless is only by a special gift from God. Thus it is clear, marriage is the plan and will of God for all adults and surely we have no unsolvable husband shortage challenge in the whole Bible.

Yet the Church of today stands challenged: all girls are not getting husbands. Likewise, for widows and divorcees, remarrying is a whole mountain. The outcome; honest believing girls are getting to menopause childless against their wish while widows and divorcees are feared/hated by fellow women with husbands. On the other hand married men cannot be trusted by their wives and most have become a despised lot – from the Arch-Bishop to the layman.

With marriage becoming a stress, single motherhood is becoming normal. At that the girls are ok but I pity the boys (your son and/or brother): if girls are not for marrying then the good fellow is done. At that we slide into homosexuality headlong being shepherded like dumb sheep by America and Europe (the older Christians).

And before we in Africa slip into the abyss of the West, God opened my eyes to see what hails the most holy faith. The required decision is very hard but failing to make this decision is even harder, as it means admitting to ourselves that this faith may as well die in our hands, at our generation. For it is definitely not Christianity, that kind of religion where men marry men while women marry women. Yes we stand at the cross roads - between a rock and a hard place.

Regardless of your level of spirituality and/or name of your denomination, as long as you profess the Christian faith, meaning that your approach to life is guided by Christian ideologies and values, then you need this book. You are neighbor to a Christian or you have just heard of this faith, help yourself greatly by reading this book. It is useful for all humanity of God.



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**No two way for the Church in Africa. Either we go back to Biblical doctrine, wherein we ensure each adult woman has a man to relate with decently and thereby save ourselves and the Church in America/Europe or else we watch helplessly as we go the America/Europe way, and witness the winding up of the Most Holy Faith before our very eyes. It is only a matter of time.**

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**It calls for a sober people who  
value and respect religion**

## **IN BEING BORN AGAIN OR GETTING SAVED THERE IS NO ROCKET SCIENCE.**

In the words of Apostle Paul it is this simple ‘That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved’ (Romans 10:9). If you combine this with the words of Apostle John that ‘Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God’ (1 John 5:1), then I realize that there are more saved or born again people than I had always thought.

It's interestingly that simple, just because you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and you do confess that with your mouth, then surely you are a child of God (born again) and your name is written in the book of life. Let's not make godliness complex, it is as is simply written in the Bible. This means that you will surely appear before the judgment seat of Christ to answer for the things you did in the flesh (2 Corinthians 5:10); where the outcome will be a disaster to some (being thrown out to join those in hell) while to others it will be joy as they enter into eternal happiness with the Lamb (in heaven).

This book talks frankly about the things that we do in the flesh as a result of which you will either be accepted in heaven or thrown out shamefully to hell (Luke 12:46). And surely there will be no respect of persons. Some who think themselves to be the first will be shocked to find themselves last while some who count themselves last will happily find themselves to be first (Luke 13:30).

*So please, as long as you profess the Christian faith,  
read this book as a serious stake holder in Christianity.  
Knowing also that the matters therein affect all of us  
and our children in this earthly life.*

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## Dedication

I dedicate this great work to God the Father, God the Son—Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit for enabling me to gain a clear understanding of Scriptures in a manner not hitherto spoken and giving me the boldness to speak. I have nothing of my own for which to boast in this since it is no man's effort.

As I write this book I dearly hold close to my heart these three individuals; my wife Tabitha the Prophetess, my son Joel and my daughter Esther, all of who look up to me for direction in this life and the life to come. My greatest concern is that, through all challenges of this earthly life, these my very dear ones, will all keep to the faith in the right doctrine of Jesus Christ. And above all else that, as I and my wife grow old, my Son and Daughter will keep the faith in Christ Jesus and be key pillars in propagating the same for generations to come.

To my wife, I pray that you will keep preaching to your full potential and in the right doctrine of God that the great preacher in you will be exploited to the fullest. To my son, I pray that you will show yourself a man, yes a mighty man to influence the world in the correct doctrine of Jehovah God. To my daughter, I pray that you will grow to be a woman, yes a notable woman to influence the world in the fear of Jehovah God.

My heart goes out to my many great sons and daughters in the faith who have believed in God through my preaching. I release this book in great fear of God hoping that it will help you to overcome the challenges of this real life and thereby enabling you to keep the pure faith in Jesus Christ. That none of you, owing to the challenges that come with this uncertain earthly life, will reach to a point of despair and say 'it has not helped me' or that 'it is not practical to hold on any further'. That you will forever believe in God the Jesus Christ way, with the Bible as the basis of this Most Holy faith thereby keeping and guarding jealously the doctrine of Jehovah God as written therein.

## Foreword

I did not get anybody to forward for me this book. The friends that I could have counted on for forwarding feared its implications; even though they admitted that it talks only the truth. The last thing then I will expect from any of them, preachers and non-preachers alike, is a negative criticism. Such a person will only at best be explainable as a hypocrite for I have shared this thinking to as many people as I could. I kept my thinking very open sharing it out both in soft and hard copy.

I have therefore taken your silence for concurrence. Initially I had no intention of writing a book but realising your silence, I had no option.

I thank God for those of you who commended that 'God is speaking through me'. Others encouraged me that I was doing well 'to call a spade a spade but not a big spoon'. Many others have continually reminded me of Martin Luther and how he had to stand up against the entire world that day to help the church. God bless you all very much for encouraging me.

To those friends who felt that I was getting off road and those who advised that I should not rock the boat, I am sorry that this revelation became so hot in my bones that I could not hold it further. I felt that the winds were so strong that if I didn't rock the boat at this point in time then it would be carried away to an unknown destination. So I decided better rock it so that we can start thinking and save the generations to come. I got so convinced that failing to speak was like hiding my one talent and that will be enough to get me thrown out of heaven on that day (Matthew. 25:30). Why would I wait to be beaten with many stripes on that day for admitting that I knew what was to be done and I did not do it (Luke 12:47). To me, therefore, this is a matter of choosing between heaven or hell. I choose heaven and thus I must speak.

The most I expect from Christians all over the world is honesty, decency and selflessness; having regard for your neighbour and loving the other person as you love yourself and thereby fulfilling the law of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I know I am talking of something very sensitive to the Church and thus I have to state categorically that I am a staunch member of the Church without an iota of divergent opinion. I only preach Christ and Him crucified. I believe that the Bible is the written word of God which has no error and is useful for leading a believer into a way of life, a lifestyle that can make him/her be acceptable and pleasing, first to God the creator and then to fellow man thereby being able to attain to our ultimate goal; eternal life.

As I pour out my heart in this book, I am not sure of the responses but whatever happens I am comfortable. I have spoken as the Lord led me to speak. If it be my last sermon as a preacher; I have no problem for I have peace in my spirit. It is enough that while I lived I spoke as the Lord enabled me. When I shall stand before the judgment seat of the righteous I will confidently say 'I honestly believed that the Bible says what it says and it means just that'. It is better to preach once and say something than deliver millions of sermons for seventy (70) years saying nothing.

## Chapter One

## INTRODUCTION

What you are reading here is not something taught in a Theological school or read from a book of some great man/woman of God. It is written by a simple preacher, born again, full of the Holy Spirit and honestly concerned about the future of Christianity. I believe it is a revelation. I am persuaded that you will love it then share it with a friend. You will be wise to read through to the last sentence for herein is laid bare the truth that sets people free.

After preaching this gospel for close to thirty (30) years, I started noticing an unending problem: the problem of our properly born again and fiery preachers and senior members in church getting trapped into immorality scandals. I noticed a bad trend where preachers (especially the young ones) will fight fiercely with the older ones on immorality scandals only to become victims of the very same scandals after only a few years of preaching. The trend was much a common phenomenon that it bothered me. This was the very reason for which we had fled the churches of our parents to go and start a church of truly saved people without funny scandals; how can we be in the very things for which we castigated the churches of our parents?

The problem was being nicknamed 'the 3G challenge' – Girls, Gold and Glory. The Girls 'G' proving the most nagging for it will affect all, from the most respected to the least ones, from the rich to the hustler, from the archbishop to the rank-less church member. This monster was taking one good preacher after another, devastating one good ministry (church) after another. I noticed that these wonderful preachers were getting trapped either with grown up born again girls or single women (young windows or divorcees) mostly members of their congregations; all very dear sisters in the Lord.

This dragon would strike at the most unexpected of preachers – the fiercest critics of those who had earlier been caught up in this mess.

It troubled me to tears that now we were reaching a point of having to cope with the situation for it was becoming difficult to handle due to the level of personalities involved. The very problem we had run away from had caught up with us. Yet the best my preacher friends could tell me was 'leave it to God'. We started covering sin and preaching with wisdom, just like the preachers we had ran away from. The sinners in our midst were fast learning the art of the reeds by the river banks: forbearing the hard castigating sermons of the no nonsense preachers and continuing in business as usual thereafter just like the reeds will lie flat low to let the floods pass then rise up and flourish.

Then one day as I studied the scriptures I stumbled on a verse that shook me to my bones – Genesis 25:5-6. That verse clearly says that the man Abraham had many concubines. Hi! the father of faith with concubines (mistresses)!! I could not imagine that I was reading the bible. This prodded me to study more about those heroes of old to see how they lived their earthly lives. I realized that Jacob (Israel) had four wives. I read of Moses only to find his brother and sister complaining about his marriage to his second wife (the Ethiopian woman), then God defends him vigorously and punishes Miriam for it (Numbers 12:1). Hi! Moses the writer of the Ten Commandments has two wives! I looked at Gideon the hero only to find that he had many wives and a concubine (Judges 8:30-31). Hi! Gideon, many wives, and a concubine also! Well ok. What about David the man after God's own heart? I found God by the mouth of Prophet Nathan telling him 'I have given you all the wives of your departed master Saul and if you wanted more I will still have given you...' (2 Samuel 12:8). So God has no problem with David having many wives! What then was his sin? He had slaughtered his neighbour's only one sheep. Ok. Then I looked at Elijah only to realize that before going to heaven alive he had been staying with a very young widow in one house for three and a half years and nobody was complaining, not even God.

I was actually now getting nervous and anxious for it seemed all the great men of the bible had a sexual morality problem. I wanted to tell myself that those were Old Testament people but I realized that

these same characters (Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David and Elijah) are the back bone of the New Testament bible; with John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and Apostles Paul, James and Peter talking very well of them and showing them clearly to be the official yardstick for the believers of that day (the first Church) for all matters holiness. It was at this point that I suddenly understood from the case of David and Bathsheba what the sin of Adultery is: it is a very specific sin of getting into your neighbour's wife while that neighbour is alive. Ok. Then, what about sexual immorality? I asked myself. Then I searched the scriptures again only to find, in Leviticus 18, a long explanation of sexual immorality the way God sees it. At this point I understood that actually the bible fathers were neither Adulterous nor sexually immoral (David had committed Adultery once and repented). Before God the Patriarchs were thus very holy men who qualify as reference persons on matters holiness throughout the Bible. And of a truth they are already in the very heaven that we are aspiring to attain to some day. This revelation shook me to the core. I started fearing myself.

Then one day in August 2012 as I slept I had a dream which went like this:

**"We had gathered somewhere in a forest the way hunters gather at the end of the hunting to share out the kill. A large piece of meat about three feet long, one foot diameter on one side and about half foot diameter the other end, was suddenly brought forth to me by a shadowy person. I could not tell where it was from only that it seemed to be from a fridge having been kept for long for it was covered with ice as from a deep freezer. It then was stuffed into a keyboard and handed over to me for distribution to my brothers/friends in Nairobi. I tried to put the meat stuffed keyboard in the boot of my car but it would not fit well. Then suddenly I felt a bit nervous; this definitely is Elephant meat and if I carry it to Nairobi, I will be arrested by the police and I will have to explain where I got it from. Meaning that I was in fact endangering myself and those who sent me. So I removed it and kept it down. Then the person figure who had given the meat came up with a new idea; he started cutting**

**it into thin strands like belts. He then placed a thin slice on a saucer for me to carry for distribution. As the second slice was being cut for another saucer I woke up from my sleep."**

As I thought of this dream the whole day, it dawned on me that what God had enabled me to understand from the Scriptures was a very useful and timely revelation which must be shared urgently but carefully. With this in mind I started putting down, in pen and ink, my understanding of scripture and sharing it out to as many as I could reach in my own 'small way'. My 'small way' method was very cartoonic where because of fear (for I am human), I developed an anonymous email - tbiblesays@gmail.com going by the name Reverent Honest. This I used for sending out copies of my write up in both hard and soft to prominent preachers, laymen, theological schools, Kenyan Parliament and other institutions. In this my small way, I reached out to very many friends and servants of God. Unfortunately those I expected to say something kept quiet. But many others also encouraged me to move on.

The three years of waiting and sharing this vision 'in my small way' were very useful as I managed to reconstruct the revelation into this great book. Then finally I got relieved in my spirit that 'it was not the One sending me to take the meat to Nairobi who got nervous, it was actually me'. I realised that He only chose to understand my cares and thus allowed me time to use a method that would help me get rid of nervousness. This worked pretty well. I shared with those I feared most only to realize that they knew it but only lack courage to say it and wonder who will ever proclaim this truth. Others told me that if I were a well known preacher then it would be very easy for people to listen. Then I understood why God gave this Revelation to an unknown village preacher; so that no one would boast of it. Those who challenged me always did me a lot of good for they pushed me into seeking answers to their reasons for criticising and thus helping enlarge the script.

But I admit, there are many who feel shaken and scared about this revelation that I can only leave it to God who sent me to help them. For the truth cannot be hidden forever. In fact when I started the

printing process I asked God to speak to me, for on this matter He had not spoken since 2012. This is what I saw in a vision in the night of 17th July 2015:

**I was sitting in classroom desks (in a V formation) with women. The four nearer to me had husbands and were crying bitterly but quietly with their faces covered with folded hands on their desks. On the opposite side, there were seven women who had no husbands. They were getting irritated that their friends were crying.**

I had almost started developing cold feet since I knew quite well, two of the married women who were crying. Then a voice spoke to me clearly, "You have said rightly. It requires selflessness, boldness, courage, foresight and above all else the fear of God. So, who will start?" Then I just said, 'God have your way'. I am well persuaded that though they cry, but after some time they will laugh.

Well at least I have a testimony that, so far, by this revelation I have helped restrain several sisters and brothers including preachers from divorcing. I have also gotten some young girls to accept that it is holy to agree to get married. The young men have told me to rescue them by writing a book. Widows and divorcees who were at the point of quitting church have gotten their spirits revived. I am then sure this is from God. Thus the time for carrying the meat in a saucer is over, the meat must now reach Nairobi and that in my car, that is, at my expense. So help me God. After that, God knows how He will take this meat to the whole world.

I am glad that the Bible allows that there should always be revelations when the children of God gather together – some giving out their revelation while others judge (1Corinthians 14:26,29). Christianity is not an event, rather it is a long journey that takes a lifetime of the believer and hoping that we will die of old age, should Jesus tarry, then this can be real many years. Life, therefore, requires a sober approach. The worst thing to happen to us is to bury our heads in the sand like the proverbial Ostrich.

Failing to understand the Bible and giving up on religion is yet not

the solution, for you are a spiritual being who will still respond to spirituality. Whoever you are, there are still moments when you need divine intervention. So you cannot do without God. If you quit church, most likely you will land at the witchdoctor's place, or the magician, the astrologer, the Mosque or some Temple somewhere. But God expects that leaders should not be at ease when things are getting out of hand (Amose 6:16).

### **What is at stake?**

This revelation seeks to explain God's way out of the imminent danger that the Christian faith has found itself in at this very point in time whereby, since we have no answers to real questions affecting the flock, we are accepting homosexuality and single motherhood in the Church.

If something is not done urgently, the most holy faith will become irrelevant, meaningless and a waste of time. **For it is not realistic for any rational being to boast of adherence to a religion which has no moral values;** a religion where men are known to have sex with men and women satisfy the sexual needs of fellow women using their fingers and mouth. Currently the church in Africa is complaining bitterly about the Church in America and Europe for accepting this evil. Yet we are not asking ourselves, what made our brothers and sisters so godless to that extent? Instead we are just making helpless noise as the American and European leaders push this evil down our throats. The campaign for the acceptance of this evil among the Christian nations is so intense that one wonders what the whole agenda is about. But one thing is clear, they want to make it universally acceptable so that there is no longer any shame or guilt with those doing it. That then is the day when it will be illogical to be called a Christian.

The big challenge is that despite the obvious foolishness and absurdity of this practice, it seems to be selling faster than you would rationally expect. Then the question is, why are the so called Christians not thinking normally? What is this big push for this evil? Unfortunately the big push lies in the very church itself, on a big issue that we are trivialising not wanting to talk about,

choosing rather to be silent and let each one do what they think is right. Yes, then they are doing what they deem fit. **The Push Factor is plain to all of us, it is the large number of Christian adult women without a male partner.** I am not saying that the single adult women are lesbians, get me right please. I am saying that the Push Factor to homosexuality lies there – as you read on, this will become clearer. **I also have no condemnation of the single mothers since most of them have gotten into that fix while the church is just watching. It is for the Church to sort out the mess before Christianity becomes irrelevant.**

We have prayed and fasted yet the more we pray, the more the single women increase in and outside the church. This renders the church a desperate cripple in the face of decaying sexual morality. Such that even though we try to put on a brave face yet we cannot stand boldly and say NO. Why? Because we don't know what to tell the single women in our midst and we don't want to get involved. So we just look the other side. Why? Because of the disabling monster called selfishness; we fear that 'it can affect me'. Henceforth we watch sheepishly as the unresolved problem mutates to the next level where now the young men have no wives despite the girls being just around, preferring staying single like the others. This then is the bedrock of homosexuality in the church. **The church in Africa be warned; if you can't address this issue, then I am sorry 'you are barking but you will still be eaten' for 'you seem not to understand the kind of beast for which you are holding the bow and arrows'.** (These two wise sayings by the Kamba people come in handy). Better understand that the church in the West is already paralyzed.

Failure to address this issue has portrayed Christianity as a religion where marriage is too casual and extremely optional, in that even those very much willing to get a spouse are not assured of succeeding. This makes it very hard for a preacher to give any meaningful guidance and counselling on sexual morals, since it is neither realistic nor biblical to tell a normal adult to forget sex against their own wish. This then is diluting the whole essence of marriage as God intended it to be.

As a preacher, I have prayed for many sisters to receive this miracle. Some have received while others are still waiting. I know, my sister, you have done all you can. You have prayed, fasted, planted the best seed, supported the work of God the best way you know. You have gone for deliverance from the spirit of rejection, gone for seminars on how to find the man from whose rib you were made. You have been prayed for by the most anointed preachers, name it all... yet the situation has not changed and the years are still passing. Yet the Apostle Paul puts it so plainly with a lot of simplicity, let them marry and raise children (1Timothy 5:14). He also says so plainly again that due to the increase of immorality, let every man have his own wife and every woman her own husband (1Corinthian 7:2,9). Again he says to all unmarried and young windows, "If you cannot restrain your desire you would rather marry than burn with sexual passion" (1 Corinthians 7:8). Paul does not in any remote sense suggest that if you don't get a husband, pray to know if it is the will of God that you marry. No. According to Paul's instructions, getting married is not a matter of seeking the will of God. It is simply a matter of decision based on necessity. As for God's will, it is clear, there is no mistake you were born a woman with those feelings and a purpose to fulfill as a woman.

For the man, Paul's instructions are easy to abide by, but for the woman, it is a whole mountain; an item for prayer and fasting, planting seeds etc. So what is wrong? Is God unfair? It is so distressing. My sister you need not quit believing in God, for you will end up nowhere. Better get this revelation.

Fellow Pastor, you are getting concerned about this very faithful sister. She started with you as a Sunday school child, you looked forward to her wonderful wedding but now she is in her later 30's, 40's ... and still waiting. You need this revelation.

My sister, from when your husband went to be with the Lord, those sisters who were your great family friends have deserted you and now they look at you suspiciously. You have become a suspect. You need this revelation and make sure your Pastor reads it.

Besides this is the underlying challenge where noble men, both the clergy and the flock, are being shamed, day in day out because of

sex scandals. Some have so much lost face in the hands of a brutal society that they are just a shadow of their former self. You need this revelation.

The failure by the church to address this issue has gotten the most Holy Faith in a fix. Girls have pursued marriage until they have given up and resorted to having children somehow and resigning to fate that 'maybe I was not destined for marriage'. Having no solution in sight, the church has been cornered into accepting single motherhood among the faithful. Little did we know that single motherhood can become a very juicy fruit! Now it has become the in thing for our girls. Mind you, this has not killed their body feelings, hence they are, most likely, doing something we don't want to imagine.

With the ladies becoming happily single and acceptable in church and society, then comes the next question among girls, "Why should I be the one to get married?" The newly married are also feeling cheated, it is like they made a mistake. Inwardly they say "I wish I could be free like so and so!" The legal system is also very single-mother-friendly, so they say, "Even if I call it off, he will be forced to pay for upkeep of the baby! In fact I don't know what I am waiting for here?"

Given the above atmosphere, the young men are now wondering, "Should I really get married? Is it worth it?" So now the young men are also questioning the relevance of marriage. That is why they are now in their 30's, 40's even 50's still single and undecided. But remember those adult feelings of men have not died. So what are they doing? The church is feigning ignorance wanting to assume that nothing wrong is happening. Surely the devil is cunning, tricky and does not sleep to accomplish his dirty schemes. Hell has taken advantage of the silence by the church in sight of open danger to bring in a well packaged solution from the archives of hell. Homosexuality is being advertised as the real deal, advancing mercilessly like a wolf towards a cornered sheep. How the Church has played into the devil's trap!

The church is now surely stuck. May God help you to urgently read this book and think faster before we have none to preach to. If you

love Christianity, if you are a responsible parent or a youth set on-pleasing God in your life, then read this book urgently and carefully.

In this book are written many Bible verses that we are usually uncomfortable reading (especially reading them as they are written) and usually would wish that they were not there. We wish them away and turn a blind eye on them. But remember that the issues being addressed herein are the real issues in our midst that we are uncomfortable with and would wish that they were just not there. We wish them away and turn a blind eye on them. Then I realized that these delicate and disturbing issues can only be solved by reading the delicate and disturbing Bibles verses and not only that but more so reading them just as they are written when they were written and accepting that they are inspired of God. Happy are you if you are not offended by the clearly written word of God (Matthew 11:6).

Somebody serious about life and willing to be part of the solution rather than be part of the problem, as we navigate the big issue of what it is that is eating Christianity, will read this book to the last sentence and give it to a friend.

To the parents with little children, I say, don't wait to start thinking when they grow up. Should they grow up in a rotten society, then woe unto you. By looking at those grown up children of your neighbour, put yourself in their shoes and admit that you are next in line. The rain is heading towards your garden. Only a fool will be laughing when their neighbour's forest is on fire during the dry season. And as long as you own goats or you are planning to own some, then you have a reason to worry greatly and have sleepless nights when a goat eating beast is wreaking havoc on your neighbour's goats. It is irresponsible and suicidal for the church in Africa to only sit down, watch, criticize, despise, backbite and laugh at the church in the West and do nothing about it. Therefore it is thinking time for those who care about tomorrow.

## Chapter Two

### WHAT IS A REVELATION?

In my understanding, a revelation is a supernatural/God directed insight into scripture which brings to public understanding a thing (or wisdom) in scripture hitherto unknown. A revelation brings to light a package of knowledge/information that has been in existence somewhere in scriptures but not opened to general understanding by the Church. It is meant to enable the body of believers to move to the next level. A revelation does not bring a new thing altogether but just brings to light that which has existed in the mind of God as written in the Bible but somehow has not been understood. Maybe because those who got the revelation feared to speak it, or maybe it waited for its right time. All revelation must be in agreement with the written word, otherwise it will lead to heresy.

A revelation brings out a new perspective to the things of God with the sole aim in God being to get the body of believers out of a quagmire. It gives direction of God's way in solving difficult issues in the Church.

In the natural sense a revelation can be compared to the discovery of a precious treasure like gold, oil, coal etc. The coal in Mui Basin in Kitui and the oil in Turkana is not a new thing! It has always been there but hidden from the public eye. Just as the discovery gives a new hope to a people and the nation, so does a revelation to the believers and the Church. It gives hope in a desperate situation and renewed strength to move an extra mile.

God is the same yesterday today and forever more, He changes not. Man has also never changed apart from putting on new clothing and advancing in technology to better utilize God's given resources. Man is still evil minded ever requiring God's intervention to behave well both to himself and his neighbor. God has also not given up on His man; He still follows him up to help him. The way God dwelt with the men of old the same He deals with the men of today. He has never changed His standards. That is why though the Bible is

the oldest book on earth yet it remains the most current in meaning and application.

The Bible transcends culture, race, color and time. Across the board, humanity faces the same challenges, feelings and emotions. Thus the Bible is relevant to all. If only you can understand this book your life will definitely be admirable to yourself, your neighbor and your creator. And the Bible is the easiest book to read for it simply says just what it says and means just that. If we say that theology is critical for one to understand this book then we create a very serious problem: that accessibility to this book should be limited only to those with a theological degree from a recognized institution. Then at that many churches will close down.

The things of God are usually hidden in the books (holy writings) and in the fullness of time He enables a person to see in the books the answers to the challenges at hand and the direction that God's people need to take in order to move to the next level.

Daniel and all the servants of God of his day had always been reading the holy books but one day as Daniel was reading the same books, as usual, God opened his eyes (by revelation) to see from the books that the time designed for their captivity (70 years) was over (Daniel 9:2). From that day forward Daniel was never the same again.

I am sure I have seen something (gotten a revelation) from the holy book (Bible) which I must share to help the Church out of a fix. God is under no obligation to speak only through the men and women we expect Him speak through; He even once used a donkey. The only thing is that all men and women who love God have freedom, as per the scriptures, to scrutinize thoroughly whatever anybody claiming to be speaking from God is telling God's people. So everybody is very free to weigh and judge, basing on the Bible, what it is that I am saying.

By this revelation it has pleased God to reveal to the church the doctrinal complications that have dogged the Christian faith threatening to make it irrelevant to real humans. Every topic is critical for it tackles an issue of concern in our belief system. Please read with an open mind.

## Chapter Three

### THE ABANDONED SHEEP

When I started preaching this gospel, it never dawned on me that a believing sister will miss out on marriage against her wish, that a young dear sister can become a widow or that a born again believer can divorce. Such a thought never seemed possible, such were the misfortunes from which we had escaped by getting saved. But 30 years down the line, there we are with dear sisters getting into menopause as virgins, very dear sisters have gotten windowed at very young age and they are not few whose marriages have failed. It is this sad reality that made me start asking myself 'where are we talking people's children?' This lead me to an understanding of scripture in a manner that I had never imagined before. I can only call it a revelation.

This Revelation opens the lid on the unspoken case of these three groups of people we have in the church about whom we have just kept quiet and wished away their predicament. These are the senior spinsters (some aging as virgins), the young widows and those divorced on grounds acceptable in scripture. For these sheep, nobody seems to keenly care whether they have eaten or have been eaten, have they been injured or have they injured, have they stolen or have thieves stolen from them. But one thing is sure of them, they produce milk and some of them much milk (in form of tithes and offerings) for which the shepherd is very happy. But beyond that, everybody just wonders, wishes, imagines, fears... and day in day out they are still increasing. Continual silence over this matter is simply living in denial, being hypocritical and evading responsibility as the church.

The inability by the church to deal with this part of the flock is complicating Christianity by the day. We are now cornered into accepting in the faith single motherhood, lesbianism and homosexuality. With these as acceptable practices in church, then sin becomes a fake, meaningless or outdated terminology in Christianity.

This matter is of a truth very challenging but it is naivety for anybody to think that it does not concern you. The truth is that it touches on all of us in the immediate family, our relatives and friends. Everybody is involved, so you better get interested and read through this message. It is very relevant.

### **(a) The Young Widows in the Church**

When I got born again in 1986, I never thought that a true believer, born again, Holy Ghost filled can die young leaving a young born again Holy Ghost filled sister. It is so sad that I have seen it happen to my real close friends. Then I came to understand from the scriptures that God is not scared by the death of anybody given that it is preset even before birth as shown in Job 14:5 "*Since his days are determined, The number of his months is with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass*". Death is thus not necessarily engineered by the Devil, it is mainly about the fulfillment of one's numbered days. If the devil had the power to kill and especially a born again Christian, then we would all not be there.

What I found scary to the friends and relatives of the deceased is that God is extremely concerned on how we deal with the widows, the fatherless and the orphans. It is like the eyes of God are so much fixed on these unfortunate souls of His to the point that how the others deal with them is a critical reflection of the level of godliness in their hearts. Just to quote but a few scriptures

1. **Exodus 22:22** – God says "*You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.*"
2. **Ezekiel 22:7** – God is so annoyed with Jerusalem that He calls it the bloody city for among other things they "*have made light of father and mother... have oppressed the stranger... mistreated the fatherless and the widow.*"
3. **Zechariah 7:10** – God says, "*do not oppress the widow or the fatherless...*"
4. **Matthew: 23:14** – Jesus Christ talking of the hypocritical preachers of His day (the Pharisees) says, "*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour (demolish, consume) widows' houses, and for a pretence you make long prayers.*"

5. **James 1:27** – James the brother of the Lord says “*pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction...*”

So God knows that widows will always be there, that they are a challenged lot with diverse problems from which they need relief. He counts on the rest of humanity to deal with them carefully. Interestingly there is no mention of widowers being a concern to God and the word ‘widower’ is not in the Bible.

You say these widows should marry. That is right, but look at it practically, we have more widows than widowers. The widowers always have a wide choice from where to marry because there are many spinsters. Usually the widowers marry from among the spinsters. Then who is this young man you expect to marry a widow with, say three children, and is done with child bearing and by faith had procured a tubal ligation? I can imagine what you will say if your unmarried son says that he has a miracle of a wife in the name of a 40 year old widow with three children.

The widowers marry always almost immediately as long as they are willing but the widow is just like forgotten and life continues. Is God then unjust? Doesn’t the Bible say that such a widowed sister should marry and only in the Lord? (1Timothy 5:9–14 and 1 Corinthians 7:39). But to get the brother to marry a widow is a whole mountain. Due to this disorder and unfairness, some of them are being relieved by heathens (strangers) and have turned aside after Satan (I Timothy 5:14–15).

I wonder why we want all widows to be like Anna (Luke 2:36–37) who was widowed at an age definitely below 30 years and lived without a husband upto the age of 84 years to see the Lord? We also need to see Ruth, also widowed at a very early age (Ruth 1:4–5). She went to Boaz, the close relative, and demanded for her right. Definitely, Boaz is a family man for he says to Ruth, “*Blessed are you of the Lord my daughter... you did not go after young men... and now my daughter, do not fear ... tomorrow the sun will not go down before this matter is settled*” (Ruth 3: 9–13). Thank God the matter was

solved and Ruth became one of the wives of Boaz and she becomes a great great great grandmother of Jesus Christ. The same for Abigail when her husband died, she immediately became David's wife and life for her continued (1 Samuel 25:40–42).

In the Bible, the plan of ensuring that widows continue with normal lives is well elaborated. This seems to have changed; when and why, is the big issue.

### **(b) The Divorced on Acceptable Grounds**

The case of the divorced is a bit complex, but I am persuaded that I have something to say. Please judge for yourself. I realise that it is like God has put a lot of burden for making a home on the woman. He says in Proverbs 14:1 that "*The wise woman builds her own house. But the foolish pulls it down with her hands*". Please note that it is talking of 'woman' not 'man'.

In Matthew 5: 31–32 Jesus explains that a man may divorce his wife if she is sexually unfaithful. He says that if you divorce her for any other reason, you will be guilty of causing her to commit adultery. Notice also that Jesus does not implicate this condition to the man, that is, He does not say that a woman can divorce her husband for being sexually unfaithful. The issue in question is clearly 'a man divorcing his wife' not the reverse. Then Paul says in 1 Corinthians 7:10–11 that "it is not I but the command of the Lord ... a woman should not depart from her husband and if she departs let her remain unmarried and if she realises she still needs a man then she should go back to her husband". It seems like in the Church in Corinth, there were sisters who wanted to be freed from marriage (depart from their husbands) and get sexual satisfaction from elsewhere. I know some sisters today want it that way, but I am sorry the question was asked and a comprehensive reply given. I can only say what the Bible says unless you craft your own Bible and concoct your own teaching. Please men note also that Paul, building on the words of the Lord says that none should divorce his wife (1 Corinthians 7:11).

Well, there is however one acceptable reason for the wife to be loosed from her husband when both are alive. This is the case of one being a believer while the other is not and the non-believer decides to call it off. In this case, Paul says 'if the unbeliever departs, let him depart, the brother or sister is free' but notice also that this window is not opened without a rider, he says '*but we are called to peace*' (1 Corinthians 7:15). Verse 16 emphasises that the believer should rather seek to save the unbelieving partner. God hates divorce in whatever marriage (Malachi 2:16). Understand this also that this unbeliever could also be the former believer who has turned away from the Lord and fallen in love with the world, for example, Demas and Alexander in 2 Timothy 4:10,14–15. These two fellows could also have been husbands to some dear sisters. The Lord Jesus Christ also makes a similar observation as seen in Matthew 24: 45–51 with emphasis on verses 48 and 49. Here Jesus is talking of a servant of His (born again Holy Ghost filled) who has changed and started beating up the other servants. It is possible that this servant had a wonderful wedding in church officiated by the Bishop. Definitely he has been serving God wonderfully for some time but he has just changed his mind and is now beating up the others, his wife being the first culprit. By beating her up, this believer turned unbeliever is telling the sister 'go I don't want you'. So she is free of him. Too bad, but it happens. I will call such a sister the one divorced on acceptable grounds.

Now those women divorced on acceptable grounds and the widows are free to marry but only in the Lord (1Corinthians: 7:39). Then the big question comes, are they to be married by the youth, your son or my son? Mmmmm....mmmm...weee, how old is she? May be in her 30's or 40's. How many children? mmm ... say three. My young son of 25 years to marry her! I can see the butterflies in your stomach. The obvious fervent prayer in that home will be "Please God open the eyes of my son/brother not to make that mistake".

The adult women in this predicament are more than the adult men in similar situations, yet Paul directs that such sisters get married urgently. So then who is to marry them? This is become a riddle.

### (c) The Aging Virgins/Senior Spinsters

Now this is very distressing. I never imagined that a dear sister ready and willing to be married can miss a brother to marry her. Now they are not few truly born again from their childhood now in their 30's, 40's and 50's some still virgins; waiting upon the Lord for a believing brother. Their place in the Church is missing, being neither mothers nor widows nor youth. At least the ones who had gotten a child 'somehow' can fit in the single mother's fellowship. What about those aging virgins? I tell you these souls are hurting inside. I know of one old friend whose mind has become wobbly. When you meet her, she only tells you "Brothers have refused me". Another is over agitated with everybody and very difficult to cope with bosses and colleagues in the office until the colleagues sadly noted that she is unmarried, aging (above 50) and has no child. Now they sympathise with her and avoid any confrontation lest she erupts on you. Who sinned so that this can happen? (John 9:2). I hear Jesus answering with this question, "When I was with you on earth there was no such a problem, where has it come from? What has happened? Even Apostle Paul is also wondering; what is happening in the church? Did I not give clear instructions that virgins should not be left to pass the flower of their age? (1 Corinthians 7:36).

Preachers can concoct whatever beautiful titles for these sisters to soothe them - the queens, princesses etc. Yet the fact is that their flower is falling if not yet fallen and that is what is called menopause. Paul clearly instructs that this should not be allowed to happen (1 Corinthians 7:36). Sisters, don't be overtaken in this newly crafted deception, that 'age is just a number'. Yes healthy eating and proper grooming will make you look perfectly 25 even at age 50 but that doesn't change the body chemistry. For healthy child bearing, especially the first birth, you have to be below 30 latest 35. Beyond that, it will only be a miracle. Please let us be honest; it is only with men that 'age is just a number' for even at 70 the fellow can still sire a healthy baby with a 19 year old girl.

## Yet Apostle Paul Says; Let the Unmarried, Widows and Divorcees Marry Urgently

I take special notice of the ease with which Apostle Paul commands that all women (widows, divorcees and the unmarried) be married:

1. *"I will, therefore, that younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."* (1 Timothy 5:14 original KJV)
2. *"But if the unbeliever departs let him depart a brother or sister is not under bondage in such a case"* so let them remarry. (1Corinthians 7:15).
3. *..but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.* (1 Corinthians 7:39).
4. To the unmarried and widows who 'cannot exercise self control, let them marry. It is better to marry than to burn with passion.' (1 Corinthians 7:8–9).

It is like Paul should have told the church to pray hard, with prayer and fasting for whatever days it takes in the best prayer centres where God moves easily without interruption, for the younger women to urgently get good brothers to marry them. You know the widows were becoming a menace, wandering from house to house gossiping, busybodies and speaking things that they ought not to speak (1Timothy 5:13). I wonder what those things are which they should not speak! Of course the gossip is known, it is about the Pastor's wife, that sister who has a wedding soon, the praise and worship team leader who is so close to the Pastor, the chair lady of the mothers and bla bla bla.

I see it in the mind of Paul and the church of that day, that for a lady to get married or to remarry in case of a disaster, it was not a big deal to necessitate prayer and fasting. It is like it was just a matter of decision and you get married. In fact it seems clear that the widows had a wide range to choose from for the Bible says, "She is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord," (1Corinthians 7:39). The Key word is '*whom she wishes*', meaning the choice is wide.

I wish preachers of today can enthusiastically preach these Holy

Ghost inspired words of our brother Paul. But if in the church today, we cannot preach and enforce Paul's clear instructions; then we are trapped and have to ask ourselves a very big WHY?

Believers, you better understand that if you are satisfied with your situation, then God is not bothered. And that is how Lazarus went to heaven a beggar and was welcomed by Abraham the great rich man. Lazarus desired to eat the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. That being his only desire, God granted it and so Lazarus never lacked the crumbs. He finally died and went to heaven (Luke 16:19–22). You know also of the righteous man Lot who was continually vexed in his righteous soul as he witnessed what they did in Sodom (2 Peter 2:7–8); remember this holy man died in the caves for fear of people and inability to pay rent in the small town where he went to hide (Genesis 19:18–20 and 30). That righteous man, never built a house for himself and family. And you like it or not, this caveman is in heaven. If your problem/condition does not scare you, neither is God moved and of a truth in heaven you will be.

I would have liked to talk about widowers but I realised that the Bible does not talk about such a group of people. The word 'widower' does not even exist in the Bible.

The church is surely challenged yet the best we are ready to say is "these are the last days, just pray, Jesus is coming soon". I am sorry that is escapism. We better get more serious.

## Chapter Four

## THE CHURCH TOOK OFF ON A WRONG FOOTING

I have come to realise that Christianity has carried with it a very serious problem dating back to the first Church. We must today face this challenge head on. The challenge we have is that the first church started on the assumption and conviction that 'the return of Jesus Christ was very near, just at hand'. Owing to this mindset, Christians over the years have not been taking serious interest in solving complex matters affecting believers; mainly because we feel 'Jesus is coming soon, we need not bother ourselves much'. To me, personally, this too soon is now lasted 30 years of serious preaching, to my ministry fathers, it is 50, 70 and yet others have slept still waiting; looking forward to this '*too soon*' coming. And to humanity at large, this too soon is now 1900 years of waiting. Well, that is not easy. We have to get more serious.

This notion arises from the difficult scriptures that we all like avoiding but I have come to realise that these scriptures are no longer avoidable if we are to face the hard issues at hand in the church today. The answer lies with agreeing to read the difficult scriptures and understanding them. So gird up the loins of your minds for hard stuff.

Before His departure to heaven, over 1900 years ago, the Lord Jesus openly told His disciples these words:

- When they persecute you in this city, flee to another, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes* (Matthew 10:23).
- Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not see death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom* (Matthew 16:28)
- So you also when you see all these, know that it is near even at the door!*  
*Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass till all these things take place.*(Matthew 24:33–34 with emphasis on verse 29 to 34)

Having said the above words in the full hearing of the disciples, Jesus left for heaven. The disciples took over from there after the day of Pentecost and started preaching the gospel mightily and with a lot of urgency because ‘the Lord is coming back very soon’. The persecutions that ensued were so heavy that many of them were killed to the point that I see the believers in Corinth starting to get worried ‘are we all going to die before Jesus returns? When He returns, what will happen to our dear ones who have already died and been buried?’ This prompts Apostle Paul to write to them encouraging them with these words “*Behold I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep (die) but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed*” (1 Corinthians 15:51–52). Take note that Paul is honestly sure that the Lord is coming back when he is alive thus he says ‘we shall be changed’.

The issue of dying believers was likewise devastating to the Church in Thessalonica. They seem not to understand what is happening. Paul, with a strong backing of well respected reputable men of God—namely Silvanus and Timothy, has to use carefully selected words to encourage these disheartened brethren, “*But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who sleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...*” (1 Thesalonians 4:13–16). Again note that according to Paul, ‘he is very much among those who will be alive till Jesus returns’. Of course it is now over 1900 years since he died; we cannot even trace his grave.

The ‘very soon’ expectation of the return of Christ gave Paul a lot of difficulty with these Thessalonian brethren. Some of them

stopped working to wait for Jesus. Paul had to direct that those who don't work should be clearly marked, isolated and not given food (2 Thessalonians. 3:10–14).

At this very same time of great persecution, when John is banished to the Island of Patmos to die there, the Lord Jesus appears to him with these mighty revelations that form the book of Revelations. As He concludes, Jesus tells John "*And behold I am coming quickly, and with my reward with me, to give everyone according to his work*". (Revelations 22:12). This further fueled the urgency of preaching the gospel because 'Jesus is coming quickly'. Now 1900 years have passed. I said this is hard stuff, so be sure to stay on board and tighten your belts again.

As years seemed to continue passing and the Lord was not coming as soon as expected, the church in Corinth is seen trying to wake up to realities. There were things which seemed like they had been overlooking, but were now becoming a headache, as the Lord seems to have taken more time than they had imagined. So they decided to ask some very interesting questions as seen in 1 Corinthians 7. But at least they were not pretenders like the believers of today. They asked funny questions but they were the issues at hand and they seemed to have no answers among themselves, so they decided to engage the Apostle in getting the way forward.

Paul starts by saying "*Concerning the things of which you wrote to me...*" This means he is responding to written questions. From the answers being given by Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:1–9 you can see a question like; "Now that we are born again, do we continue to have sex with our wives or should we stop it? What about the unmarried and young widows who are not able to control their sexual urge, what should they do? There are these women believers who want to know if they can just depart from their husbands— it is like they are too spiritual and don't want those earthly matters of their husbands! (Verse 10–11). Then there are also cases where one spouse is a believer while the other is not; what is the way forward, do we continue living together as husband and wife? (verse 12–

16). Some people believed in Jesus when they were uncircumcised while others were slaves; what should they do? (verse 17–24).

More interesting is the issues being tackled from verse 25–40, it is clear that by this time some girls were aging while still unmarried and their flower was fading, that is, getting to menopause (verse 36) and somebody espoused to such a girl was unclear whether or not to marry her! They need a clarification from Paul ‘am I sinning if I marry her?’ I wonder what they had been told sin was! It is like they thought ‘just touching a woman’ was sin (Verse 1).

In summary these are the answers as given by Paul (1 Corinthians 7):

1. *To the married* – don’t deny one another, any time be ready to offer the service as needed by your spouse unless there is consensus and that just for a given time and for proper reasons like when praying and fasting (verse 5).
2. *To the unmarried and widows* – better to marry than burn with passion (verse 8–9)
3. *Of sisters wanting to leave husbands* – A woman should not depart from her husband and if she insists on departing, then she should not get married to any other man. If she leaves only to realise later that she still needs a man, she should go back to her husband (verse 10–11)
4. *The aging virgins* – don’t let her flower fall (getting to menopause) so marry her since it is not a sin, but if the brother has purposed in his heart to remain single, then it is okay let the sister be married by another man (verse 36). (Note: there is no shortage of men and no prayers to seek the will of God).
5. *On divorce* – If the unbeliever departs, then the believer is free to remarry but only in the Lord (verse 15).
6. *The slaves* – remain as you were called (verse 21).
7. *The uncircumcised* – don’t seek circumcision it adds no value to godliness (verse 18).
8. *The widows* – remarry immediately but only in the Lord, that is, to a believer(verse 39).

By saying in verse 7(a) 'I wish all men were like me', Paul makes it clear that in his opinion, people need to stop sex and concentrate on heavenly matters. Well that is a hard one but at least he admits in verse 7(b) that this ability is a gift from God and not everybody has it. He also does not tell those without a wife or husband to pray and cast out the demon of burning with passion. He knows sexual passion is neither a curse needing deliverance nor a demon to cast out by prayer and fasting it is a normal God created biological process operating in an adult body and can only be sorted by having a partner of the opposite sex, and doing that specific funny exercise.

Yet notice the words of Paul in verse 29 that 'the time is too short'. This again means in the mind of Paul, the return of Jesus was now too soon that people can forget 'these earthly things' and concentrate in preaching. In fact he tells the believers in Rome that now "*our salvation is nearer than when we first believed ... the night is far spent and the day is at hand*" (Romans 13:11–12). Why bother yourself.

This is the mindset in which the church was born, 'that Jesus is coming very soon'. Years have passed and centuries have passed; it is now over 1900 years since the Lord Jesus left this world with a promise to return within the span of the life of the disciples, that is., when some of them were to be still alive. Now that is hard stuff.

Did the Lord Jesus Christ tell a lie? I give a resounding NO. They only had not gotten Him right. He said, "*But as of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels, but My Father only*" (Matthew 24:36). This is exactly where the Holy Spirit used Apostle Peter to unlock the puzzle. Reading from the Holy Scriptures (Psalms 90:4), Peter put down this all important statement for the Church to understand. "***But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day***" (2 Peter 3:8). Without this simple one line statement from Apostle Peter, derived from the Old Testament, we would not be able to preach from the Bible, for Jesus could be a liar. But Jesus did not tell a lie. Today as Jesus is seated in the right hand of the Father, He knows that He ascended to heaven just yesterday-but-

one and after the third day, which is today, He will come back. Then the church of today needs to be wise here and not to behave like Paul. We need to understand that the third day has just started, we are just a few minutes if not seconds into the third day (just 16 years, that is, 2016). So on this third day, Jesus will return but as for the actual day or hour we don't know. We are only sure, '**it is definitely any day and hour within the next nine hundred (900) years from now'. Wake up.**

This is why I said that the Church took off on a wrong footing. I don't know why it has taken too long for us to wake up and stop behaving like the Thessalonians. At least the Corinthians bothered to ask their funny questions and were answered. Christianity has reached a point where there are so many questions to be asked. Keeping quiet will not help us, rather it will only scare away the youth who are the next preachers on the line. Likewise, it is suicidal in the 21st Century to repeat the same old answer given by Paul in the first Century. '*Don't mind, Jesus is coming soon*', when we know very well that it never solved the problems of that day. The youth must resonate with the Bible, love it and in it find answers to life's questions. The Bible must be the answer to the ever expected better life here on earth, if not, then going to church will very soon be a waste of time and money to any rational mortal.

## Chapter Five

### LET'S THINK 900 YEARS OF WAITING FOR JESUS TO COME BACK

The simplistic and sometimes escapist thinking that Jesus is coming 'any time' makes us avoid facing the serious real life issues affecting us today. Everybody is seeing but nobody wants to see. We have become a society of see nothing, say nothing, and imagine nothing – Jesus is coming soon. Why can't somebody see that we have preached sexual purity until our sisters have reached menopause still believing and just can't give birth? Who doesn't know that widows/divorcees are feared and at times hated by fellow believing women with husbands? Yet nobody wants to speak. Let the truth be told. If we don't have the answer to these pertinent questions, then I am sorry we have no basis for condemning anybody for their sexual morality. As long as marriage and remarriage in case of a catastrophe is not guaranteed for every willing woman and every willing man, then we are headed for religious confusion and social disorder. But we have chosen to say nothing, see nothing, hear nothing.

The European and American missionaries brought the gospel to Africa in the 19th Century saying Jesus is coming very soon. They gave us cloths to wear, taught us how to read and write and gave us a religion called Christianity which they taught us meant one man one wife. With deep persuasion, our fathers divorced the younger wives to remain with only one and be allowed to be church leaders. I can imagine the pain they had to go through, anyway it was for the sake of the new found faith; if anything Jesus was coming very soon.

With the death of the first missionaries, their children seem to have forgotten the religion of their fathers and it has become alien to them. They have no regard for its doctrines yet they still maintain the title 'I am a Christian'. **Whatever they call Christianity is a very funny religion 'a religion which allows men to marry men and women to marry women in a ceremony officiated by a Bishop'.** Again they are bringing it to Africa under much coercion 'if

you refuse we will stop funding your projects'. Now which is better; our original religion or this new religion?

We have some remnants in America and Europe preaching the word of God, but I can't stomach the conspiracy of silence they have maintained in the face of adulteration of the faith. Where are you, the great preachers of America and Europe, when your political leaders celebrate gay couples and they go round forcing African leaders to accept homosexuality or be denied foreign aid? I am sure there is enough freedom of speech in the West; so why can't you speak? If some are speaking, then it must be in whispers because we are not hearing your voices, speak louder and clearer. Make this big issue the big issue it actually is. The church in Africa is getting helpless in the sight of the influence of the mighty West. At this rate I wonder whether there will be Christianity on earth 50 years from now, leave alone the next 900 years.

Every preacher from the West likes bragging that Christianity in Africa is one kilometre long and only one inch deep, yet what I see is that in the West, Christianity is becoming extinct. It is like in their trying to go very deep in Christianity they landed in Sheol (hell). At least in Africa, we have been trying to maintain a semblance of Christianity but in the West, they are busy killing the faith by making it look funny and dangerous to humanity. But why did the church in the West stoop so low? What should be done to stop this trend? These are the one million dollar questions from any right thinking believer.

Marriage between a man and a woman is God's design for humanity both for enjoyment and procreation. It is the backbone of every society. God, therefore, declares in Hebrews 12:3 that marriage is honourable above all and, therefore, should be highly esteemed by all people. The Lord Jesus clearly classified Marriage as a basic need when He talked of the normal activities that would be going on in this life till he comes back, saying in Matthew 24:36–41 that "*As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of man be... they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage....*" Therefore, eating, drinking and marriage are basic needs for human beings.

These other basic needs (eating and drinking) are no big deal, the real issue is marrying and giving in marriage and this is the one putting Christianity at the cross roads. So I will dedicate all my discussion on marriage and adult sex, looking for the scripturally acceptable way that will make marriage/sex possible to every willing normal adult believer. For in the order of basic needs as stated by our Lord Jesus Christ marriage/sex is more basic than clothing and shelter. The hierarchy of needs according to the Lord Jesus Christ is eating, drinking and marriage/sex while Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs is food, shelter and clothing. The hierarchy of human needs by Jesus Christ is definitely superior to the one of Abraham Maslow. The evidence is clear, our parents never wore cloths and still were giving birth and even in refugee camps today, as long as there is food and water, they will still give birth. So sex is a very basic need.

I know we fear sex talk but the truth is that the Bible is the sexiest book on earth and God does not fear sex talk. In the Bible, sex talk is not taboo. By fearing to talk about it, we end up messing ourselves in ignorance and be sure ignorance is no excuse before God. It is better to talk and get a solution than to keep quiet in pretense and get lost into all manner of confusions.

We have to make it possible for the next generation and all other generations following, upto a possible 900 years away, to believe in, love and cherish the Bible. This requires soberness, honesty, selflessness and the fear of God, knowing that Jesus may not be coming too soon and we have real issues facing real people.

## Chapter Six

## WHAT WAS JESUS' PERSPECTIVE REGARDING MARRIAGE AND SEX?

I would ask that you go back with me 2000 years ago and we take a walk in the streets of Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho etc., and also go into the Temple in Jerusalem. The aim of this tour is to interact with this new preacher in town, Jesus Son of Joseph and Mary, and attend as many of His crusades and Temple meetings as possible, just to listen to Him teach the way of God. I want to clearly understand His perspective of marriage and by extension adult sex (for they go together). This is not hard, we just need to get into the scriptures with an open mind and read it as it is written.

The first thing we find out from the Bible is that Jesus Christ came into this world to a polygamous people – the children of Israel (Jacob). I am saying that on the day of Jesus Christ on earth the people He interacted with were polygamous. That's how and why He always proudly talked about the fathers (patriarchs) without any reservations, saying that they have preceded us to heaven (Matthew 8:11, Luke 13:28). Father Jacob is a polygamous man of four wives namely Rachel, her sister Leah and their two house helps all who participated in bringing up the twelve sons (Genesis.29: 15 upto Genesis. 30: 24). Jesus himself is called the Son of David – the polygamous man. Jesus acknowledges Abraham as the father of all who truly fear God. He declares the same Abraham as the standard measure (official yardstick) for all people who claim to belong to God and desire to please Him (John 8:39). This prompts me to dig into the scripture only to find that this Abraham whom Jesus is talking of is not only a man of two wives (where the younger one was formerly his house girl) (Genesis. 16:3) but he is of all people a man of very many concubines! As it says in Genesis 25:5–6 that, *"And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son to the country of the east"*. May be Jesus had forgotten that! Of course He could never have forgotten, for before Abraham He was (John 8:58).

Taking a keen look into scripture, I find something interesting in the great sermon of John the Baptist, as he prepared the way for the Messiah (Matthew 3:1–12, Luke 3:1–20). This no-nonsense preacher of holiness rebukes the Pharisees and Sadducees for thinking themselves to be sons of Abraham, that is like Abraham, (Matthew 3:7–9) while their deeds and hypocrisy are stinking and they are miles apart from any similitude to Abraham (see the words of Jesus to the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees in Matthew 23). In simple terms as far as John the Baptist is concerned, Abraham is so holy that these hypocrites cannot compare with him. But this no-nonsense preacher of holiness could not miss out on who in town was breaking the Commandments of God. Whoever you are, John would not fear you. So without mincing his words, he focused on the sinful Herod, the tetrarch of Galilee, who had taken the wife of his brother Philip also a fellow tetrarch at Iturea and the region of Trachonitis (Luke 3:19–20). Now please note that Herod is very evil for taking his brother's wife (Adultery/sexual immorality), but Abraham is the yardstick of holiness with his wives and concubines. Later Jesus testifies of John saying that "*among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist*" (Matthew 11:11).

Now let us start our journey with Jesus. One day, there is a very big multitude following him from everywhere, Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea even from beyond the Jordan (Mathew 4:25 to Mathew 5). On seeing the multitudes, Jesus decides to go up into a nearby mountain only with His disciples. I don't know why he has done that but anyway I have to squeeze myself in that meeting (Like a Kenyan). He has critical things to tell the disciples (it is called the sermon on the mount). Among the many things He teaches is this statement "*Whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery*" (Matthew 5:32). Just a minute, something interesting here; it is clear in the mind of Jesus that when a well behaved woman is unfairly divorced she will definitely go and have sex with somebody else because it is a natural thing. So Jesus is telling the men, it is so bad to be the cause for a righteous woman to do this. The man will be a party to the quilt of that woman's act of adultery. Jesus says "he causes her"

so he is the cause. The woman did it because she is normal and she needed a man. This woman needs mercy not condemnation! (Matthew 12:7). And in order to discourage ‘wife poaching’ and ‘husband hopping’ and to contain the runaway divorce rate, Jesus tells these men, “Whoever marries a woman who is [thus] divorced commits adultery”. What He is saying is that every man with a conscience in them should know that it is wrong to just divorce your wife at will, and also not to imagine that you can just marry another person’s wife. Life has to be decent. So Jesus rules that if you poach somebody’s good wife you commit adultery, a sin which the Israelites really feared.

Another day during our tour with Jesus, the Sadducees bring up a very sensitive issue – **wife inheritance**. They talk of a woman who was inherited seven times by seven brothers all who died and she also died (Matthew 22: 23–33). Then they ask Jesus ‘whose wife will she be at the resurrection, that is, in heaven?’ Jesus sees the ignorance in these people and tells them *“You are mistaken not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God. In the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage”*. Luke puts it even better, *“The Children of this world marry and are given in marriage: but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage”*. (Luke 20:34–35). Waau! According to Jesus, therefore, marriage matters are not for Heaven (that world) rather, they are matters of here on earth (this world). So I wonder, Jesus you are not rebuking these fellows, you mean wife inheritance is not a serious issue as to take one to hell express! But why ask the obvious. It is the common practice in this day of Jesus! And Jesus has no problem with the instructions of Moses.

The events leading to this woman being inherited seven times are just as per the guidelines given by Moses in Deuteronomy 25:5-10 where he said, *“When two brothers live together and one dies, the other shall go into his wife and raise for him children...if he refuses then the window shall spit in his face before the elders...”* Then I realise that wife inheritance was not an issue to Jesus. After all, neither the woman nor the seven brothers were being forced into it. If a

man had enough reasons not to inherit his late brother's wife, he could explain himself well to the elders and the case would be well looked at fairly. The widow was then given to the next man in line, like in the case of Ruth and Boaz. Life has to continue since only one person had died. It only becomes wrong when the woman is being forced on a man she doesn't want; otherwise a widow is free to marry a man of her choice (1 Corinthians 7:39). Some widows also have the grace to stay like Anna (Luke 2:36), so why use force on them. Let them choose. In fact in the day of our brother Paul (that is, the days of the Apostles), it was clear that the widows had a wide range to choose from, thus Paul says, "She is at liberty to be married to whoever she wishes, but only in the Lord". After all, brothers wanting to accommodate them were available and their wives would not riot. This was just the norm.

On another day we depart with Jesus from Galilee and come to the coasts of Judea beyond the Jordan. After healing the people, He settles down with these long bearded men (Pharisees) and His disciples are also in this seating. As usual, the Pharisees want to test Jesus so they ask cunningly "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife just for any reason?" (Matthew 19). Jesus gives them a resounding NO and tells them conclusively, 'except if you find her in bed with another man'.

Trying to internalise what Jesus has said to these people, I realise that He is talking to a group of men who are definitely polygamous (as was the common practice that day) and He specifically referred to 'a man divorcing his wife for marital unfaithfulness' not a woman divorcing her husband on the same grounds! Unless you want to change scripture, in this part of the Bible the term 'man' is used in reference to the male gender while 'woman' refers to the female gender. The same is just what he told the disciples on the mountain (Matthew 5:32).

Why did Jesus say it that way? Simple; the men of that day had more than one wife, but a woman was to have only one husband. I know Jesus talked in singular in this part of scripture (He did not say 'wives') but that does not mean he was not noticing that those

men seated around him that day asking these questions had many wives. Mark you, even if somebody had ten wives each of them, being a separate individual, can only be addressed specifically as 'his wife'. So the question of these Men was quite clear in the context of their many wives, 'is it lawful for a Man to divorce his wife just for any reason?' Notice that these Pharisees are precisely quoting the guidance of Moses in Deuteronomy 24:1, where he says, "*if a man marries a wife and it happens that he finds no pleasure in her because of some uncleanness in her and he writes a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house...*" To these men divorce was very easy and a norm. Just write her a certificate of divorce if she doesn't please you and put it in her hand. So Jesus answered them within their context and told them, 'do not send her away, except if she is sexually unfaithful'.

Now this made the disciples mad about Jesus; so they told Him, '*if such is the case of the man and his wife, it is better not to marry*' (Matthew 19:10). But Jesus is not moved by this. I see Him telling them 'we are not going to argue about marriage, for unless you are a eunuch you will definitely need sex'. He then listed to them the few options for not having a wife all of which are sex centered, meaning that to Jesus sex is an integral part of humanity

- (a) May be one is born a eunuch from their mother's womb (abnormality).
- (b) You were castrated by men, for example the eunuchs who bathed the king's wives.
- (c) You have decided by your own volition to forsake marriage/sex to concentrate on kingdom matters.

He concludes the case by telling them, 'if you are not in a case like the above; just take my word as it is'.

A major change that Jesus introduced in the marriage institution was to reduce the divorce rate. Moses had given men a blank cheque to divorce their wives on any ground as long as 'she finds no favour in his eyes' because of some unspecified uncleanness in her (Deuteronomy 24:1). Divorce must have been very rampant in those days. So Jesus reduced this menace by restricting divorce of

a wife only to the reason of marital unfaithfulness thus bringing sanity to marriage. But you have to notice that He never talked about the number of wives a Man could marry, meaning that it was a non issue.

On the same note, Paul warns the Church in Thessalonica that 'no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter' (1 Thessalossians.4:6). Please note that Paul here talks clearly of 'brother' not 'sister'. Meaning that a brother can wrong another brother in this matter (that is, sleeping with his wife) but not so for a sister given that on that day there were men with many wives, therefore, normally the wives (sisters) were sharing one husband in clean conscience but not so for men.

Please do not bring in equality here for in matters of faith, that doesn't arise. Yes, we are all made in the likeness of God for it says in Genesis "*so God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them*" (Genesis 1:26-28). Yet it also says, the head of man is Christ and the head the Woman is Man (I Corinthians 11:3). Again it says in 1 Corinthian 11:7-9 "*Man is the glory of God while Woman is the glory Man ...the Woman was created for Man and not Man for Woman*". So we are equal or rather similar yet not absolutely. Our problem is that we like quoting only from Genesis chapters two and three as though there is no more of God in the rest of the scriptures.

The truth is that the entire Bible, from Genesis 4:19 to Revelation 22:21, is written in a polygamous set up to a polygamou people. I am careful not to add or subtract from scripture due the express warning given in the Holy Scriptures (Revelation 22:18-19). According to the Apostle Paul, writing to Timothy (I Timothy chapter 3), it is only Bishops and Deacons who must be a husband of one wife. However the reasons are not stated. My theologian friend tells me that, in school, they were told that "where the bible is silent you be silent". Paul talks only of Bishops and Deacons, then I wonder who made it mandatory for all Christians.

Jesus was born in the midst of a polygamous people with concubines and He lived with them for 30 years as a good neighbour; a carpenter

son of a carpenter, a brother, a brother-in-law (see Luke 3:23, Mark 6:3) and for three years He preached and taught them the word of God. In all this time, Jesus says nothing about these practices (that is, polygamy and concubines). For matters of this life, He always only referred the people to the commandments, the prophets and Moses. He says in Mathew 5:17 "*Do not think that I came to destroy the Law and the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill*".

It is interesting to note that based on the Bible, an Israelite only needed to be careful to avoid the mistake of Solomon who took on women of strange god's and they made him worship idols (1Kings 11:1-6, Nehemiah 13:26). Whenever an Israelite wanted another wife, they only needed to gauge one's ability (Ruth 4:3-6) and take a woman of Israelite origin. Then also the husband of many wives was duty bound to remember the wife of his youth (i.e. first wife) and rejoice with her (Proverbs 5:18-19). God said this because it's very easy to forget the older wife after getting a young one. So whenever you quote this verse, always remember it is being addressed to polygamous men.

The same also applies to Malachi 2:13–17 which says "*the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth with whom you have dwelt treacherously. Yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant*". Here, I see God talking to a polygamous people and He chooses to vigorously defend the first wife (the wife of your youth) from neglect and treacherous dealing from the husband and even being divorced. God hates divorce (Malachi 3:16). This part of scripture does not in any way imply monogamy, rather in it God warns polygamous Men not to neglect, mistreat or divorce their first wife. It is clearly written in black and white. I wonder why Christians don't read the Bible clearly.

It is very important that Jesus left no ambiguity on how life would continue when He has left for heaven. He said that all the essential life sustaining activities (that is eating, drinking, marrying/sex, working, looking for food etc) would continue as they were from creation (before the flood) to His second coming (Matthew 24:37-41, Like 17:26-30). Thus should anybody find themselves stuck

in any area of their life (for example no food, water, sex etc) none should blame it on the Lord Jesus Christ for bringing New Testament (NT). The blame lies squarely on you and the ideas that you have concerning life. On His part, God has provided all the resources that we need pertaining to this life and godliness through the knowledge of Him (2 Peter 1:3). Some people will lack food and water due to mismanagement of resources and poor planning by themselves and their leaders. Others will miss out on sex and the joy of child bearing due to their religious ignorance – having a funny knowledge of Him.

Jesus Christ remains the leading preacher of righteousness but we must admit that He preached it within the thinking of the then established way of doing things– as set up by Moses and the Prophets. This is clearly stated in Matthew 23:1–4, where Jesus tells the disciples and the multitude (that is, the Church and the world) that *“the scribes and the Pharisees seat in the seat of Moses, therefore, whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do like them ....they bind burdens hard to bear and lay them on men’s shoulders and they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers”*. Remember Jesus is saying this on a day when the scribes and Pharisees are physically in the temples every Sabbath teaching from the Law of Moses and from the books of the Prophets. So for the theology of righteousness and holy conduct/ behaviours Jesus declared that the standards set out by Moses and the Prophets are enough for humanity. Moses had set up the acceptable standards for morality including sexual morals and it is these that the prophets propagated. **Jesus never set up a new set of sexual sins list** rather He prescribed for humanity the same standards as laid down in the Law and the Prophets.

## Chapter Seven

### WHAT THEN TO GOD IS SEXUAL SIN?

I knew you will ask me that question. In as much as sex is treated as very sacred, very delicate, secretive, special, fearful etc, yet the Bible is the sexiest book on earth. It talks so openly about sex! It clearly explains the acceptable and unacceptable (sinful) sex. Sex being the norm in any society with far reaching implications, consequences and emotions; God decided to bring in sanity, decency and order in this vital part of human activity. Thus He clearly defined the acceptable and unacceptable sexual intercourse, thereby setting the rules of sexual morality.

Now this is the Biblically unacceptable (sinful) sex, that is, sexual immorality as explained by Moses in Leviticus chapter 18 and preached also by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles in the New Testament:

- (a) You shall not commit Adultery (that is having sex with your neighbour's wife). It applies to both men and women. A man being called an adulterer (for having sex with his neighbour's wife) while a woman becomes an adulteress for having sex with a man other than her husband) – Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 20:10 and 18:20, Ezekiel 18:11, Matthew 5:27-28, James 4:4, Revelation 2:22
- (b) Thou shall not covet your neighbour's wife (an emphasis of one above) – Exodus 20:17. Jesus further emphasises this in Matthew 5:28 where He says do look lustfully, admiringly at a woman. (NOTE: He says you will have committed adultery in your heart, meaning it is about somebody's wife; its not about admiring an unmarried lady)
- (c) A man should not seduce a girl without intending to marry her – Exodus 22:16. No irresponsible sex.
- (d) Do not have sexual relations with a close relative – Leviticus 18, 1 Corinthians 5:1
- (e) Do not have Sex with animals (Beastiality), men with men (homosexuality), women with women (lesbians). This is perversion – Leviticus 18 and Romans 1:26–27

- (f) Prostitution that is buying and selling of sex – Jeremiah 5:7, 1 Corinthians 6:15–16
- (g) A believer (Israelite) should not have sex with a non-believer, that is, women of strange gods – Numbers 25:1&6, Ezra 10, Nehemiah 13:23–28, 2 Corinthians 6: 14–17

NOTE: The term fornication is not clear in common English, so it can only be explained as per the Bible where it seems to refer to the various forms of disallowed sexual practices or a combination of various sexual misbehaviours. That is why in many Bible translations this word (fornication) is exchanged for the words 'sexual immorality'. At least we are sure that Abraham, Jacob, David, Moses and Elijah were not fornicators. With this in mind we can always try to figure out what fornication entails.

It is such unacceptable sexual behaviors among other evils that Paul says, "should not be named even once among you as we become saints" (Ephesians 5:3). How do I get this? It is simple, as Paul says this, it's clear in his mind that Abraham and David are holy Men and official yardstick for righteousness. So no single word in this statement should be assumed to condemn them (read what he says of them in Romans 4:1-8).

From the above analysis you understand why the sin of David was not marrying another wife (Bathsheba), rather it was to take Uriah's wife. Through Nathan the prophet, God reminds David that He had already given him all the wives of Saul and had he wanted more wives, God would still have allowed him. 'Why despise the commandment of the Lord to do evil in His sight? (2 Samuel 12:8–9). David had broken two commandments concurrently, that is, number seven 'you shall not commit adultery' and number six 'you shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13–14). Yet God is very fair and reasonable. After repenting God did not tell David to cast away Bathsheba seeing that her husband was dead, rather she remained his wife with whom they begat Solomon. And you know what? Jesus is proudly 'Son of David' coming from the lineage of 'Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah' (Matthew 1:6). David also had other wives for example Abigail the wife of Nabal, Ahinoam of Jezreel (1 Samuel 25:39–43) and very many others whom he married when

his kingdom got well established (1 Chronicles 14:3). And this is the man after God's own heart.

An interesting sexual relationship that I find accepted in the Holy Scriptures is the concubines. It seems like these are definitely older women believers (Israelites) not girls (virgins), who are for some reason not in a marriage relationship and are not to be married but they are seen hooking up with holy men like Abraham (Genesis 25:5–6), Gideon (Judges 8:30–31), Solomon (1 Kings 11:3) etc. This relationship was openly accepted in society, such that even Moses had given instructions on how manage it (Leviticus 19:20 NKJV). The concubines must be the divorcees and/or widows below 60 years and other women in complex situations. Logic has it that it is difficult for a widow of age 50 (+ or -) years to get married and leave her own home and move to a new home. What about the children? By now, they know their relatives, uncles, aunts, grandmother, cousins etc. What if the relatives also don't want to release these children who are the heirs to the estate of their departed son whose name they don't want erased from the family line? This is honestly a real hard situation.

Interestingly, the relatives of this widow have no problem how she goes about her sexual needs. She only needs to be 'wise'. Everybody knows she is a widow anyway, so why bother her. Should such a widow happen to be a born again Christian then 'shauri yake; atajisort' (it is her own problem, she can deal with it herself). That is why those born again widows in this predicament and have not the gift of Paul and Anna are just like condemned to a lifelong guilt. They can only fit well in those churches where members don't confess to being saved. Then a large population of single ladies is locked out of salvation. If we, the evangelicals and pentecostals, are to be honest with ourselves, we need to tell them to think twice before committing themselves to membership of our churches, because they have to forget sex. Yes, most likely for the rest of their lives. Now I hear a Woman with a husband hurriedly saying, "Yes they should, if that is what it means". Shame on you. The wise Men of old said, "the sound that an animal makes before it's caught in the hunters trap is very different from the one it makes when it is

caught". God forbid that you become a widow, then we will hear your sound.

This is not the way God intends His children to live. That is why we have father Abraham and other holy men like Job (see Job 29:12–13) doing the needful for those unfortunate Jewish Women. As far as God is concerned such women need not live guilty for life. **I know some of you don't want to hear that but do we really have another Bible to read and follow?** My friend this is real life, stop being annoyed for nothing.

Elijah lived with a young widow and her little boy in one house for three years (1Kings 17:8–15). You see the boy was too little to be sent to fetch firewood thus the mother had to do it herself. Definitely the boy did not know what was happening around him. He just saw 'Uncle Elijah'. Moreover you see the Bible is clear that 'Elijah was a Man with a nature just like us' (James 5:17). If Elijah were a eunuch, surely this would be recorded in the Bible. Also the widow was young (at 20 + or - years) that is why she had a little boy. You see it is not likely that the mother of one little boy in those days can be an old women. The instructions to Elijah are also clear 'she will meet all your needs'. We also know how Jesus openly talked about this 'Elijah window affair' that it was God's own doing.

I found it interesting to discover that Moses had at least two wives though they could be more. That is news to many of you but check the scriptures well; he had married Zipporah of Egypt whose father was called Jethro or Reuel (Exodus 2:18–21) then in Numbers 12:1 Miriam and Aaron are complaining "against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman he had married". Now those are two clearly recorded wives. Then he also has a father-in-law named Hobab who shares the same name with Moses' brother-in-law (see Numbers 10:29 and Judges 4:11). Whoever the daughter of Hobab that Moses had married it is not mentioned. It is evident then, Moses the writer of the Ten Commandments had more than one wife. The 'very righteous' and 'know it all' Aaron and Miriam complained bitterly about Moses' marriage to the Ethiopian woman but God who is not religious defended Moses vigorously from their condemnations

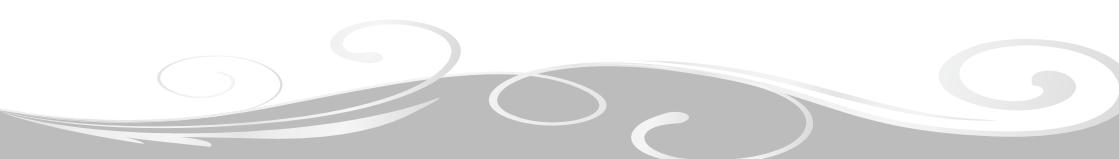
and punished the big mouthed Miriam with leprosy (Numbers 12).

It is this Moses and Elijah who appears with Jesus on the mountain on the crucial day of transfiguration (Matthew 17:3). Hi! These are such holy and privileged men.

All through the scripture the God of Abraham has never tolerated sexual immorality. In fact, on one day, they died twenty three thousand because of this terrible sin (1 Corinthians 10:8 which is quoted from Numbers 25:1–9). Now then I wondered, God hated sexual immorality even in the Old Testament yet holy men of that time had many wives and concubines. This to me, is all that I have known as sexual immorality! Such was my wonder until God lead me to Leviticus 18 and found the long explanation of sexual immorality, the way God sees it in the Holy Scriptures.

It is interesting to note that we actually don't know the exact number of wives and Children of many of the Bible dignitaries. Enoch- we are only told he had 'sons and daughters' (Genesis 5:22), Gideon- had many wives, seventy sons (not counting daughters) and his concubine bore him a son, then Moses, Abraham, David, Job etc. As far as Bible faith is concerned, therefore, the number of wives and/or concubines that one has is a non-issue. It is not a standard for measuring holiness. **We will be safer to concur with the Holy Scriptures that sexual immorality is not just anything. Rather, it is those kinds of unacceptable sexual behaviors as recorded in the Bible.**

All through the Holy Scriptures it's only Apostle Paul in his conflicting instructions who brings out unsubstantiated and hard to understand regulations on marriage and sex. How I pray that the Church be willing to study Paul carefully and understand why Peter used very hard words on him.



## Chapter Eight

### SOME THINGS OF PAUL ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND

I came to realize that on the area of marriage and sexual purity, Christianity as it is today is entirely based on Paul's writings. Unfortunately we deliberately overlook the very clear warning by Peter that we need to be careful as we read Paul for his writings can be confusing. This also is Holy Scriptures. The church ought to have taken time to see why Peter had to use these very strong words on Paul - *"as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles (letters), speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also to the rest of the scriptures"* (2 Peter 3:15–16).

Paul, in his thinking that Jesus was coming very soon, thought it not necessary for believers to trouble themselves with many earthly matters. Especially this area of sex, it is like he wondered why believers thought it was so necessary, can't they all just be like him! Anyway, one thing is clear from his own words; he had the rare unenviable gift of not needing a woman (1 Corinthians 7:7). This then means taking Paul for a yardstick on the matter of marriage and sex may not be prudent as we all don't wish it for our sons. Please notice that Paul says it is a gift and not just for everybody. Then given that the ability to stay sexless is a gift, then we have to accept that sexlessness is definitely not a standard of godliness, for God cannot condemn somebody for not functioning in a certain gift.

Yet we have to understand our brother Paul, he honestly felt that '*the time is short*' (1 Corinthians 7:29a). So why trouble yourself so much, let us go preaching, forget earthly things for they will unnecessarily tie you down. And he declares boldly '*from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none ...*' (1 Corinthians 7:29b). So when Paul is challenged on the problem of sex and marriage among believers, he gave a simple straight prescription – the time

is too short – you can as well forget it. Obviously then, it is being arrogant and irresponsible regarding human lives for the Church to give the same old prescription 1900 years later when we know very well that that prescription never worked in the first century. I will challenge the Church that we must give a more appropriate answer. This is peoples' lives, and not theater business.

I thank God that there is the Apostle Peter. These two Apostles are checks and balances to each other to avoid the excesses of either of them owing to abundance of revelations and diversity of wisdom that they had in dealing with the real life issues as they arose on a day to day basis. At one time, Paul rebukes Peter openly as being hypocritical (Galatians 2:11–14). Then Peter at another point declares that some things of Paul are hard to understand and can easily be misunderstood or twisted to our detriment, so they need to be taken cautiously (2Peter 3:16). Notice that there is no elaboration as to what those hard to understand things of Paul are. So we need to read the letters of Paul carefully. Unfortunately Christianity as we have it today, is entirely based on Paul's writings on marriage and sex where interestingly, because of the obvious contradictions, we always try to make it say what we want it to say. We argue for what we want it to say until it says just that!

It is true some things of Paul are difficult – here is an outright self contradiction. At one point, he says, to be able to serve God without distraction you need not marry (Read 1Corinthians 7:32–35). From this part of scripture, the Roman Catholics came up with celibacy. Then at another point, the same Paul says, to be a leader in the church (Bishop or Deacon) you must be married and with children (Read 1Timothy Chapter 3 – he says in verse 5 '*for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?*'). Then the Protestants take this part of scripture to criticise the Roman Catholics. The Protestants say they don't want to have nuns but their preaching starts to manufacture nuns (aging virgins) without their consent, may be 'forced by God'. And the Evangelicals are leading in the making of forced nuns. I wonder why God does not force Protestant men into celibacy! Why force only women!

Here is another puzzle – Paul says to the church in Galatia, “*You are all sons of God. As many as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise,*” (Galatians 3:26–29). From this we understand that men and women can serve God at whatever capacity; Deacons, Pastors, Bishops, Apostles name them. But wait a minute before you celebrate. While giving instructions to Timothy his son on ministry matters, Paul slams a total ban on women ministry declaring that they should not teach the Bible and should never have authority in a congregation where there are men. They should be silent in Church only to be seen not to be heard. He has enough reasons for this decree, among them being that women can easily be deceived. He states his grounds clearly in 1Timothy 2:11–14. “*Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first not Eve. And Adam was not deceived but the woman being deceived fell into transgression.*” Yet the same Paul acknowledges women who were fellow ministers with him, for example, Phoebe, Priscilla, Mary, Julia Truphena, Truphosa etc., (Romans 16). For some, he uses very strong words like – Phoebe ‘a servant of the church in Cenchrea’, Priscilla and Aquila ‘fellow workers’ Truphena and Truphosia ‘who labour in the Lord’. Paul, you mean a ‘servant of God’ and a ‘fellow worker’ who is there only to be seen and not to be heard! This is interesting contradiction– not easy to understand.

I know we like making stories but in 1 Timothy 2:11–14, Paul is not talking of Husband and wife, he is talking of man and woman. Where Paul talks of wives and husbands is in 1 Corinthians 14: 33–38 where he was tackling the problem of noise making in the church such that communication from the preacher could not be heard because of women making noise at the back. So Paul rules that women should keep silent in the church (that is, not make noise) and go and ask their husbands at home what the preacher said. This was okay because the husbands were always seated in the front as per Jewish customs and could always hear what the preacher had said. But in 1Timothy 2:11–14, Paul simply bans

women from teaching the word of God and from church leadership. They don't qualify to tell men anything—they were formed after men and were the ones deceived, so they should shut up and listen to men as they teach them the way of God.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 7:2 that, "... *to avoid fornication Let every man have his own wife and every woman her own husband,*" When this is combined with 1 Timothy 3 where he says Bishops and Deacons must have one wife and a well managed family, it becomes clear that an honest servant of God should marry. Yet ironically this is at the expense of 1 Corinthians 7:32–34 where Paul gives very clear reasons why a serious servant of God should not marry, saying, "*He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord but he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife...The unmarried woman cares about things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*" So does it mean that Bishops, Deacons and all married men and women cannot make it to be serious servants of God? In Paul's words they have divided attention between the things of the world and the Lord! Then only the Catholic priests and nuns will qualify to be serious with the Lord? But they have no families so they can't qualify to 'lead the house of God!' Now what do you call that?

I have discovered something very interesting that in Paul's words a Bishop is different from a Pastor. He says in 1 Timothy 3:1 (Original KJV) that a Bishop is an office, a position, in which a believer serves God's people. He explains it as a good work, a responsibility of taking care of the church of God. In Paul's words, any believer is free to aspire serving the body of Christ in this office. But as for being a Pastor, Paul classifies it among the callings from God. He puts it thus, "And He (God) gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, *pastors and teachers*" (Ephesians 4:11). Note that, these callings of God are like five, but in four categories because 'pastors and teachers' are in one category (the categorizing is by use of the word *some*).

In Paul's words therefore to become a Bishop is simply by aspiring, showing interest in, and even requesting or applying to the relevant authority to allow you to serve at that office. Any believer can thus become a Bishop as long as you declare interest and meet the specific criteria as set out by Apostle Paul (1 Timothy 3:2-7). If the interested believers are many, then we can vote, caste lots or contact interviews because there is a known criteria.

But to become an Apostle, a Prophet, an Evangelist, a Pastor and Teacher is not a matter of somebody desiring; it can only come from above. It just happens to be in you not because you have desired but because God made you that way. It is clear that by voting, casting lots or interviewing you cannot get an Apostle, a Prophet, an Evangelist, a Pastor and Teacher. These come from God and you cannot even predict how many there will be in one congregation. But as for Bishops and Deacons these we can decide as per our congregational needs and the number of people showing interest in that work.

In short Pastor is a calling from above (for leading or shepherding God's people – taking care of their souls) while a Bishop is an appointee of men for the good work of managing or administering the entire church institution (property and people). No wonder Paul categorizes Bishops with Deacons (people who manage resources - see also Philippians 1:1). And Jesus is many things to us who believe – He is both Shepherd (Pastor) and Bishop (manager) of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Could it be that the idea of Paul that Bishops and Deacons must be a husband of one wife could be one of those hard things? Imagine the situation in the church that day where most men, especially the wealthy and prominent ones, were definitely polygamous and had believed in the Lord with their wives, concubines and children. Among them are those who know the doctrine, are well able to correctly divide the word of truth and meet those conditions set out in 1Timothy 3:1–13 (only that they have many wives). These brothers had already been given responsibility in the church before

Paul gives his instructions. Now Paul rules that they can't be Bishops and Deacons.

Honestly these men knew Jesus Christ personally having been in his crusades. They are sure He never condemned them. They have been accepted as they are and been filled with Holy Ghost. I see them wondering, "Surely, why should Paul make it difficult for us to serve God? Why must it be that it is mainly the poor brothers to lead the Church?" Those who are like Abraham, Jacob, Boaz, Gideon, David, Solomon etc., cannot meet the criteria. Only those who are like Isaac, Joseph, Lot, Lazarus and the unknown husband to the Shunamite woman, could qualify for appointment as Bishops and Deacons. Just imagine forcing an Abraham-like brother from leadership and replacing him with a Lot-like brother, the caveman. I imagine this could be one of the occasions where the Apostle Peter will say, 'Some things of our brother Paul are hard to understand'.

This idea of Paul even as just written (that is talking only of Bishops and Deacons) was difficult to operationalise. But now somebody later, and I don't know who, when and why, did the very thing that Peter feared. He twisted the words of Paul and squeezed in the entire church making it the general requirement for all Christians that – A CHRISTIAN MUST BE HUSBAND OF ONLY ONE WIFE and it was well inscribed as a leading vow in Christian marriage. Wherever that was borrowed from, I am yet to be told, for it is clearly nowhere in the entire Bible. Whoever that fellow is, he put the church in a fix and did set up the most holy faith for failure. I challenge the theologians of today to tell us who this was because they are well able to know. Such are the servants who will be cut into pieces and thrown out on the Day of Judgment for the Church (Luke 12:45–46). Remember that the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation is written in a polygamous set up to a polygamous audience.

The notion that Paul is against polygamy is derived from his own words at 1 Corinthians 7:2-5 where he says 'let every man have his own wife and every woman her own husband and let them not deny each other sex'. When this is combined with 1 Timothy 3 where Paul says that Bishops and Deacons must be a husband of one wife then

the deal is sealed and monogamy becomes the acceptable form of marriage for Christians. Yet ironically the instructions he gives in 1 Corinthians 7:10–11 can only apply in a polygamous set up. This is what he says "...A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And the husband is not to divorce his wife." Here Paul allows a believing woman freedom to depart from her husband and still be accepted in fellowship as a sister as long as she remains sexless. Should she later (regardless of the number of years taken) realise that she still needs a man, she is free to go back to her husband. Now I ask, what about this husband whose wife has departed from him and gone preaching? How is he to continue with life seeing that he did not send her away? It was her decision for whatever reason. In Paul's words (1 Corinthians 7:2-5) this man is vulnerable to falling into sexual sin. Definitely then if this brother (whether a Bishop, Deacon or whoever etc) had no other wife, then he is free to marry. So I see a brother (Bishop, Deacon or whoever) in this situation, in this day of Paul, taking on another sister as wife. Then after some time the sister who departed (and remained untouched) decides to come back as Paul advised. Remember the husband (whether a Bishop, Deacon or whoever) should not refuse her and also should not divorce the other wife. So? That is why it is so clear in my mind that Paul here is thinking in a polygamous society set up. Yes, the society of that day. It is only in polygamy where women can exercise this kind of freedom. It is interesting that in the same chapter (1 Corinthians 7) Paul talks different things, that is, verses 2 to 5 he thinks monogamy while in verse 11 he thinks polygamy. Then Peter is right, some things of Paul are hard to understand.

Interestingly in this part (1 Corinthians 7:10–11), Paul is clearly thinking along the lines of Moses as shown in Deuteronomy 24:1–4 which is also what Jeremiah says in Jeremiah 3:1–3. It was possible in that day for a wife to be loosed from her husband for a time and come back as long as she did not allow another man into her. If she had done it, then by returning to her first husband, the land would be polluted and rain withheld. Today the land is extremely polluted as young women move freely, back and forth, from one man to

another. No wonder the rain has been withheld. Lord have mercy.

It is important to note also that in the day of Paul, there were believers, men and women, in concubinage relationships as it was a very normal practice that time, yet Brother Paul did not say anything about them. Remember it is in the first Century not 20th Century. I wish he had said something to help us today. Anyway, neither Paul nor Jesus wrote everything about life. Rather Jesus gave a blanket general statement ‘till I come back life will be going on normally just as it was in the days before the flood... so it will be in the day of the return of the Son of man’ (Matthew 24:37 and Luke 17:26–30). Moreover all the things that Jesus did and said were not recorded due to lack of space (John 21:25). And we must also take it that the written ones are more critical for purposes of doctrine than those not written. We can safely assume that the unwritten things were not really serious issues.

Honestly with this knowledge in mind, I will say, it is irresponsible for the church to fail to scrutinise Paul’s ideas before taking them as the only acceptable practice for believers. And this does not in any way discredit the Bible as a Holy book. No, rather it only establishes the Bible as a Holy book which is open to the different perspectives of looking at life. It allows diversity of thought and more so it allows the believers to sit, think and be able to apply Godly directed wisdom in solving real life issues, ensuring that we stick to the bottom line, *“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man,” Ecclesiastes 12:13.*

To some extent, I realise that the Church has, in the last 50 to 20 years, realised that some writings of Apostle Paul have a problem. It is during this period that we have come to realise that we are being unfair and unrealistic about our sisters regarding doing ministry work, that is teaching the word of God (preaching) and church leadership. So we allowed them to be Deacons, Pastors, Apostles and Bishops, all of which are positions of authority. Yes, with women having authority over men. We must then be honest, it took us to deliberately ignore Apostle Paul’s clear line of thought as stated in 1Timothy 2:11–14 preferring rather to take refuge in

Galatians 3:26–29, because this part also is Holy Scripture. We also realised that we have little control of our children's behaviour as they grow up. So again, we decided to ignore Paul's guideline that a Bishop must have, "*his children in submission with all reverence,*" (1 Timothy 3:4).

Yes, we have agreed silently to overlook Paul in this area to accommodate our sisters in ministry and make it possible for Pastors, Deacons and Bishops with wayward children to continue serving God. Then I say, we have a long way to go. There are more critical areas where we have to ignore Paul if Christianity is to continue to the next generation and thereafter. **We have to agree that some of the instructions of Paul relate to the temporally situation that the Church was going through at that specific time**, just as he clearly says in 1 Corinthians 7: 26. That for us today such record is important basically as a testimony to help us understand the hardships of the first Church – to the point that even marriage and sex were not priorities. This should help us learn to persevere hard situations. But it is definitely not for obeying verbatim. Otherwise how would you tell a married man today 'to be as though he had no wife?' (1 Corinthians 7:29b). This fear and pretence we are perpetrating will only serve to erode the authority of the Bible in the lives of people, thereby making the Holy Book questionable.

It is wrong to implicate Apostle Paul for our own willful confusions; the Bible is big, not solely about the Pauline Epistles, and it all consists. If we say we follow Paul diligently then let's follow Paul to the letter, then I am sorry none will be left preaching— first to get off the pulpit is **all women** (as outright stated in 1 Timothy 2:12), then **all unmarried men** (as outright stated in 1 Timothy 3:5–6), then **all preachers with wayward children/child** (as outright stated in 1 Timothy 3:5) and then **all married men** (because they have divided attention, between the Lord and the wife wondering whom to please. They are in danger of preaching to the church that which the wife wants to hear him preach, and in order to please her, he will do just that rather than listen from God— see 1 Corinthians 7: 32–33). Yes that is following Paul to the letter enthusiastically

If we agree to reason with Paul's writings, then to start with, any believing brother who is not a Bishop or Deacon and all ministers of the gospel in the callings of Apostles, Prophets, Pastors and Teachers and Evangelists are all free of Paul's one wife restriction regulations. They can marry as many wives as they want. Paul did not mention them in his 'one wife restrictions' and that cannot be by mistake because he is the one who has listed the various ministry callings in Ephesians 4:11 so he knows they are there.

Then in accordance with 1 Corinthians 7:10–11 Bishops and Deacons will also be freed by Paul to take on another wife in the event that the first wife decides she has had enough of 'his work' and wants to be let free to go preaching without looking back. She can still come back if/when she so wishes. And who will complain if her creator knowing her potential, has decided to pass on to her the special gift of Paul so as to enable her fulfill her purpose in God for being alive? Such a sister need not be stressed about the servant of God or stress him while there are enough sisters to do the needful. That is why these instructions of Paul still form Holy Scriptures. We need not stop people from serving God because of considerations which are still easily manageable.

Paul does not say anything in respect to the concubines who were definitely part of the congregation of that day. Therefore, seeing that there are many dear sisters in the church today, who, owing to situations beyond their control, will not mind that arrangement, then we should agree that we have no basis of condemning them or any believing man relating with them. They only need to behave themselves according to the laid down instructions by Moses, that is, stick to one man (Leviticus 19:20). Beyond that it becomes harlotry. Remember that Jesus Christ approved the teachings of Moses as holy and relevant for the New Testament Church (Matthew 23:1-4).

It was never in the mind of God to create impossible situations. Life must be decent, thus must have moral limits that are realistic and achievable.

## Chapter Nine

## THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES PREACHED IT VERY SIMPLE

I do not subscribe to the negative propaganda that 'the Bible is written in parables'. This was the escapist and defeatist propaganda of some early believers who felt unable to cope with sound Biblical teachings. The Bible is an open to understand book that even without any theological knowledge anybody can still get sufficient understanding of it. It talks about life experiences of real humans and gives clear guidelines on how a God-fearing soul shall conduct their earthly lives in the fear of God and having respect to fellow mortals. The Bible has very few parables of Jesus which are also well explained. When I got born again in 1986 and started reading the Bible, that propaganda was the first thinking that I trashed.

Fellow Pentecostals and Evangelicals, we have always criticised those who spread that fallacy that 'the Bible is written in parables', that is why we allow among us preachers who have no theological schooling. Then we cannot now turn and start yet another fallacy that 'the examples of lives of Abraham, David and the rest relate to spiritual not physical life of believers today'. That is being funny because Abraham, David and the rest are not spirits. Likewise, the believers of today are not spirits, all are real humans made of flesh and blood. Moreover these Old Testament heroes; Abraham, Moses, Elijah and David are the backbone of the New Testament.

Honestly neither Apostle Paul nor any of the other Apostles who made written contributions to the New Testament have in their Epistles spoken in parables. In very plain language, Jesus Christ and the Apostles clearly regard with high esteem the patriarchs especially Abraham, Moses and David. Even the hard to understand things of Paul are not Parables, they are just conflicting instructions, guidelines and statements spoken in plain language. But Apostle Peter comes in handy to open up Paul's writings for thorough scrutiny by the church. That is what the New Testament is.

Any slight implication/imagination that the way of life as shown in the New Testament Bible is not what God expects from today's

believers (21st Century) is simply disregarding the Bible, thus setting up a new religion based on our own wishes and imaginations. Making Christianity more complex than what Christ Jesus taught is basically crafting our own religion. Who said that Christianity must be very difficult and complex? The Lord Jesus Christ preached it simple. So why not preach it thus?

Take this simple example. Jesus made the Holy Communion very simple to prepare; just with the common bread that they were eating for supper and the common drink on their table that evening (Matthew 26:26–29). Jesus knew beforehand that, ‘tonight after supper, I will serve Holy Communion to my disciples’ and He never carried special bread and special wine in His bag for the special occasion! He found it wise enough just to use what was very easily available to all and He tells them, ‘do this always in remembrance of me’. Jesus did not need to press His figures or naked knees very hard on the bread to turn it into His body; likewise He did not need to squeeze a drop of blood from His fingers to mix it with the supper wine so that the wine turns into His blood. No, not at all. It is simply the words spoken and the prayer made that turned the simple supper bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord. And Jesus said we should do it just that way. This signifies faith. But now, some faithless fellow later decides that ‘the Holy communion taken with ordinary bread and ordinary drinks from our kitchen or the common village shops is not holy enough. Let us have some special bread and special wine from some discrete place, so that when we call it the body and blood of the Lord, the people can accept’. This is absolute lack of faith and mind manipulation, making some people imagine that this special bread (sacrament) and wine have some pieces of the body and drops of the blood of Jesus Christ mixed therein. Not at all please. They are just made from a bakery which runs by electricity like any other.

Church, let us take care, we have done a lot of panel beating and painting of our faith with so much foreign colour, based on each one’s imagination of how to make it look nice, that we might as well be in our own religion, alien to the Lord Jesus Christ. The religion that Jesus Christ preached is very simple and straight forward

He says ‘my yoke is easy and my burden is light’ and the same is what Apostle John the beloved says, ‘His commandments are not a burden’. And this is very true, the ten commandments are not burdensome to any Godfearing mortal. That is why throughout the New Testament, the speakers therein (John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and the Apostles) whenever they talked holiness and pleasing God they always referred the people to the Ten Commandments; with Jesus simplifying the Ten into two.

Making the way of God more difficult than what Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (by the mouth of the Apostles) approved for humanity is plainly being a Pharisee ‘binding heavy burdens hard for people to bear’ (Matthew 23:4).

As sure as death, Christianity as it is practiced today is miles and miles away from that which was practiced by the first church in the first century, that is, the days of Jesus Christ and the Apostles, the days when the New Testament Bible was being written (over 1900 years ago). Whether at the judgment seat we will be judged according to the written word of God (Old Testament and New Testament) or the imagined ‘New Testament’ wrongly portrayed as being guided by the words of Apostle Paul, every believer can give the correct answer. This willful confusion has to stop.

The doctrine that a people hold in their hearts, minds and spirits dictates how they will live their earthly lives and whether they will make it to heaven someday. **For this earthly life, Jesus' doctrine is clear, He approved a seamless continuation of how people were leading their lives that day.** He approved as enough holiness for man, the lifestyle as given by Moses when He directed the disciples and the multitude, ‘to observe and do whatever the Pharisees and scribes tell them to do for they are occupying the place of Moses as they teach Moses’ instructions’, (Matthew 23:1–4).

For matters of making it to heaven someday, Jesus says, ‘I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’, (John 14:6). Thus Apostle John the beloved, tells the elect lady and her children “*Whoever transgresses and does not have the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son*”, (2 John 9).

## Chapter Ten

## WAS THE MOST HOLY FAITH, LIKE A TRAIN, SHIFTED TO A WRONG LANE?

Before I go further, I wish at this point to make a very brief summary of some critical history of the Church which has a serious bearing on what we hold as Christianity today.

The theologians know better than me the happenings at the time when the Church was just an infant, as early as the 1st Century. The killing of the Apostles and the first believers, the destruction of the Temple in 70AD, how the Roman Empire had tried to wipe out the Christian faith by persecution and brutal killing of the believers. The events preceding the Congress of Nicea in 325 AD, the general hostility against the Jews at that time and how Jewish culture and ideology was removed from Christianity in those early days when Rome ruled the world that time as the super power. The problem in the Church today dates back to that time.

It was so unfortunate for Christianity that having been born of Jewish parents, she was snatched violently from her parents at infancy and taken away by foster gentile parents (Romans). They breast fed her on gentile milk, taught her how to walk and talk as a gentile, clothed her with gentile cloths, taught her gentile practices and most critical **trained her to think like a gentile**. Thus the grown up Christianity became basically a gentile with a name tag 'Christian'.

The interesting fact that the Church must internalise therefore is that **this religion called Christianity did not spring forth from Israel but rather from gentile Rome**. It was in Rome, not Israel, where Christianity was first acknowledged as an official religion accepted by the government, that is in the 4th Century (300 years after the death of Jesus Christ). Jesus had never left any formal religion on earth. He basically left His doctrine in the hearts and minds of the disciples. At first the believers were just acknowledged as the 'people of the way' (Acts 9:2). It was later in Antioch (Acts 11:26) where for the first time they were named Christians. But they

did not get official government recognition until the 4th Century, during the time of Emperor Thaddeus who declared Christianity the official religion of Rome in 380AD.

Having snatched this faith from its owners, confiscated its doctrinal writings and books and pushed aside the owners (Jews), the Romans took it upon themselves to own and propagate the new faith, which they obviously knew nothing about. Seeing that they were definitely not well versed in the tenets of this faith and obviously not ready to completely throw away their own beliefs, customs, traditions and culture, they borrowed from the Jewish writings only those parts which they could somewhat understand, albeit very shallowly, and may be conveniently practice. This they mixed with their own beliefs, traditional values, customs and practices thereby coming out with a very different new religion – a kind of 'gentile Christianity' made in Rome – which is a concoction of gentile beliefs and practices mixed with a few selected Jewish beliefs as written in the confiscated Jewish writings. Definitely they were not able to interrogate any part of the Jewish writings seeing that it was alien to them – they said it was written in parables. I leave this to the Theologians to expound.

Given the above scenario, therefore, all the practices, habits, customs, religious festivals, name them, of this 'gentile Christianity' are borrowed from Rome. This they did in total disregard of the clear Biblical instructions, "Thus says the Lord: Do not learn the way of the gentiles...." (Jeremiah 10:2) and again "... you have not walked in my statutes nor executed My judgments, but have done according to the customs of the gentiles..." (Ezekiel 11:12). But the Romans were not after maintaining the sanctity of the Christian faith anyway, rather they wanted a unifying factor, be it a religion or whatever, that could bring people together so that they could be easily governed. That was what Constantine the Great was after, and that is what he achieved at this time when he declared himself a Christian.

The Romans being unable and I presume reluctant, to understand the Bible, said that it was a book written in mystery and parables which could not be understood. Of course, that was expected because

it was not their baby and it carried none of their common practices. Thus they kept it safely under lock and key and could not allow free access to it by laymen. **Interestingly upto today, the Christians (from Roman Catholics to Pentecostals) still read the Bible selectively and believe it and accept it selectively 'only when it favours the way we want things to be'. It has become a tool for enforcing or fixing our own wishes.**

With the evident mighty gentile influence at the infancy of the church, the much politics and personal wish of the political/religious leaders of the day including Constantine and the rest, I fear that Christianity came out a different project from that which was in the mind of Jesus Christ. Yes, a brand new religion fashioned according to the thinking of the gentile Romans had been born. This is what henceforth will be called New Testament Christianity.

In order for this newly crafted faith to gain acceptability, members were not allowed to question anything that could challenge the thinking of the leaders. The voice of the leadership was the voice of God and thus not questionable. Anything not clearly understandable was simply explained as 'a belief' only to be accepted as it is 'if you want to go to heaven'. This new faith was thus a monologue (one way thinking where members don't ask anything, they just take in everything 'as said by the leaders'). This is quite unlike the Bible based holy faith which is clearly shown as a dialogue; allowing participation of the adherent's brains. Bible faith is real life for real people who are constantly shown asking questions on real life issues; engaging their leaders in real life debates to seek godly solutions to whatever issues at hand at every point in time. In the Law we find God reasoning with Moses, in the prophets God by the mouth of Isaiah says 'come let us reason together', in the grace the dialoguing is even more intense for example Nicodemus with Jesus at night, Peter is ever asking Jesus all sorts of questions, the Corinthian Church asks Paul very interesting questions, Paul and Peter differ openly etc.

Bible faith is about a people that love God thinking loudly on how to please God. But the Romans crafted a 'blind belief system' where members don't ask anything of the leadership, you just take it as it is, otherwise you be at risk going to hell. The doctrinal ignorance

of the gentile converts could not find anything strange in this 'blind belief'. Yet on the jewish believers, prolonged persecution seemed to have taken its toll, weighing them down in fatigue. Over 200 years of continual persecution was not a short period, generations of believers had been born into suffering and died in suffering. The reprise provided by the government, in giving them state recognition thus ending the persecution, was still welcome.

To make matters worse, it is factual that this Rome made Christianity reigned alone as the only known Christianity for the next 700 years, till 1100 AD when it was challenged for the first time by Martin Luther. At this time the distortion was too big that the church leaders were selling repentance, and the poor souls were just buying. Also some physical pain would be inflicted on a repenting soul. Forgiveness was no longer by faith, rather it would cost a sinner dearly in terms of money and physical pain. At that Martin Luther protested.

I salute Martin Luther, he really tried but I have realized that he was working on the branches, the stump/base/stem still remains Roman. The Church has so religiously carried this Rome project for so long that today, my very dear friends see in me an heretic for just **reading the Bible as it is written on the day it was written. The spirit of the Rome thinking is today evident among christians as they are held hostage by beliefs that have no biblical foundation.**

I had never known why Muslims say that Christians have no doctrine and are thus irreligious (*kafiri*), until I came to this realisation. Then I understood that this must be the realization that Mohammed got in 570 AD. For close to 200 years, that is from 380 AD to 570 AD, the world had only been listening to the preaching of this gentle Christianity whose practices had no clear relevance to those of the God of Abraham. So, Mohammed being himself also of the seed of Abraham and well informed on the Commandments of God (the *Torah*) takes advantage of the open deviation from the known way of God by the Christianity of that day. He took a big section of the people of that day back to the Old Testament Bible writings. At least now, they could worship the God of Abraham the way Moses had shown them and have a code of conduct (a behaviour code) to follow as a moral guide. Unfortunately he did not lead them to Jesus

Christ, rather preferred leading them to himself as the prophet of the house of Ishmael and chose to take a war path on the house of Isaac to which Jesus Christ belongs. Definitely if Mohammed was religious before getting his vision, and of course he must have been, then most likely he was just either a follower of Judaism or a Christian for there was no religion called Islam before that date.

I am sorry to say this that in the very part where Theologians of today could have helped us, is the very part where they have failed us miserably. I expected them to unveil the complications that were introduced into Christianity at infancy. They know, but have refused to say it. I expected them to help bring out a clear matching/marriage between the Jewish perspective of godliness in the Old Testament (OT) with the New Testament (NT) set up, seeing that salvation is of the Jews (John 4:22, Matthew 15:24), the gentiles were just grafted in (Romans 11:17). Sadly they have joined the Roman bandwagon to preach that the Jewish lifestyle even at the very period when the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles were on this earth is Old Testament lifestyle, while we believers of today are of New Testament. Whatever that means, I fail to understand. **It is so unfortunate to the Church that today, when our dear brothers and sisters attend Theological school, they are fed with so much gentile tilted theology that upon graduation they are very well equipped to vigorously convince the world to buy into the gentile (Roman) imagination of Christianity.** They all in one accord, from the Roman Catholic seminarian to the pentecostal/evangelical theologian, agree with the Romans of old that the bible cannot be read as is simply written.

The theologians will argue very convincingly, just like the early Romans, that reading the Bible as is simply written when it was written, will make us adapt into Jewish culture and ideology. Then I pause to wonder, we threw away our African culture to become Jews by faith and do our things like Jews but we are prohibited from Jewish culture only to end up deep into Roman culture which is being propagated as Western civilization and implicated to be the acceptable New Testament Christianity lifestyle (culture). Then

adamantly unwilling to be led by what the Bible says (lest we accept Jewish culture which we fear like a plague) we read a verse in the Bible then preach our own favorite ideas. Our ideas being basically man's good ideas and not God's word fail the test of time. Hoops we get stuck! Then we watch helplessly as Christians start to do whatever each one wants. What a fantasy 'we are Jews by faith yet Romans by practice'. That is called confusion and it is suicidal to propagate open confusion as a lifestyle for real humans.

Please Church, let us think, for we need Christianity today and tomorrow. The conscience of anyone that believes in Jesus Christ should only be guided by that which Jesus Christ taught, that is, the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Let us get back to the doctrine of Christianity as written in the Bible.

It is evident that sometime in the 4th Century, Christianity was shifted like a train from the correct railway line (doctrine of Jesus Christ and the Apostles) to a new railway line (ambiguous doctrine) leading to the unknown. See illustration below.



*Train on track in 1st Century*



*Men shifting lanes at 4th Century*



*Train changes direction at 4th Century to unknown*



*Train running smoothly today on the rail to unknown*

That is how we can't read the New Testament Bible as it is plainly written choosing rather to theologise, rethink, panel beat, etc., until it fits into just 'what we want it to say' rather than 'what it simply says'. Then it goes without saying 'it is this Rome Project that we call New Testament'.

## Chapter Eleven

### THE CORRECT DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIANITY MUST BE GUARDED

The security and continuity of any religion is firmly anchored on its doctrine. This calls for Christianity to be more serious. **Christianity is not American or European culture, rather it is God's way of reaching and dealing with mankind.** The West has largely forsaken Bible based Christianity and the real gist of the faith now remains in Africa south of Sahara, and Kenya is key in this matter. I am happy to be a believer born and based in Kenya, truly Kenyan, the land beyond the rivers of Ethiopia (Cush) from where '*my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones shall bring My offering*' (Zephaniah 3:10). By my 'My offering' it means an offering acceptable to Him, that is true worship from the inward parts.

If being a Jew is anything as far as godliness is concerned, then this record of Prophet Zephaniah gives us Kenyans and our African neighbours a better standing in historical godliness than the Americans and the Europeans whom the Bible classifies as gentiles. At least we in Kenya are referred to in the Bible as '*my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones*' meaning that our ancestors were once of Israel but were dispersed in some very early dispersion of, I don't know when. You see, Paul tells the Jews in Acts 13:46 "*it was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you have rejected it, and judged yourselves not worthy of everlasting life, behold we turn to the gentiles*" (the same words he repeats in Acts 18:6). Henceforth he becomes the Apostle to the gentiles where he preached the gospel in Rome, Italy, Greece, Spain etc. It is clear that due to time and mobility constraints Paul did not reach the Gentiles of Britain and America. It is no wonder then that our African Customary practices are very close to the Jewish customs of before, during and after Christ.

The thinking of the West in terms of modernisation, civilisation and capitalism is slowly and systematically killing Christianity by making it a very loose and unrealistic religion with no moral limits.

You can always be whatever you want and do whatever you want and be a Christian. Thus we can dare talk of gay Bishops, gay Pastors and born again homosexuals. At the current rate I am not certain, should Christ tarry, how a fourth generation from now will find the faith called Christianity looking like.

I thank God that the understanding of Christianity is not a preserve of the West. I only need to have an open mind as I study the Bible. I salute our friends from America and Europe for technological advancement but I must put it clearly to them that technological advancement is not closeness to God. The most holy faith is being adulterated with the worst form of pagan practice, homosexuality, and this must be resisted vigorously regardless of whoever the perpetrators of such abominations are. Homosexuality is not only the climax of paganism and irreligiousness, it is plainly anti-God. Paul talking of the foolishness of homosexuality has spoken well of them saying "*thinking they are wise they became fools*" (Romans 1:22).

In as far as we all know, Christianity is a religion based entirely on the Bible. But it is so sad that in Christianity as it is now, when dealing with the matters of this life, we follow the English Common Law and the thinking of the West instead of referring to the Bible. How I find it so irritating when a respected clergyman, when discussing a disputable issue says "you know this is how they do it in the West". I feel so mad, "do you mean the West is the seat of the throne of God or is the West heaven?" No wonder we are not ashamed deliberating whether homosexuality should be allowed in the church, simply because they have accepted it in the West. It is absurd that in Christianity as seen in the West; it is an abomination for a man to have two wives yet it is a man's acceptable right, both in law and in Church, to marry another man and be a Christian. Likewise it is an abomination for a woman to be married as a second wife, yet it is her constitutional right, in law and in Church, to marry another woman and attend church service without disturbance from any quarter. That is sickening. They call it civilisation.

Then I wonder whether this is the civilisation we will preach or the Bible. There is nothing more distressing and embarrassing than when a preacher talks of “a born again homosexual”. Why do we have Genesis 1:27–28 and Romans 1:18–32?

Please get this clearly from me, **“When preached from the Jewish perspective, Christianity remains the most holy faith but when preached from the perspective of the European and American Gentiles, then it is definitely the filthiest religion on earth, a religion without moral limits”.**

It is suicidal for the Church to accept into her doctrine the abominable practices of the gentiles, the very thing that defiled them before God (Leviticus 18:24–25). Only gentiles can be happy with homosexuality, they have done it from time immemorial; even Sodom and Gomorrah were not of the line of Abraham and were thus gentiles. To them it is not news. To the Israel in the flesh this abomination could never be tolerated, such a people would be stoned to death. How much less should it be tolerated in the Israel of faith? Preaching the gospel of Jehovah God from the perspective of a people whose life-view is laced with poisonous gentile mentality can only produce a gentile society coated with the term ‘Christian’.

It is obviously self defeating to preach the gospel of the all righteous God from a gentile standpoint, it will definitely be polluted. The entire New Testament is preached from the Jewish standpoint with Jesus Christ Himself and all the Apostles being Jews. We have no option but only to preach it the way it was preached. Anything different must be a new religion (not Christianity). The thing to be sure of is that if that new doctrine does not advance the thinking, ideals, aspirations, expectations, aims, objectives and basically the totality of what was in the mind of Jesus Christ, then it will definitely be of the anti-Christ.

### **From Genesis to Revelation the Bible Consists, that is, Is In Agreement**

Let us come together and study the Good Book of the Christian faith and doctrine – the Bible – so that we may live. The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation is one book with no contradictions, speaking well flowing guidelines for the believers. I will broadly divide this

one book into three parts, that is:

1. The Old Testament (Genesis to Malachi)
2. The gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
3. The Acts, Epistles and Revelations

In Old Testament (Genesis to Malachi), we see **God the Father** speaking and working at times directly or through His selected messengers like Moses, Joshua and the Prophets. While in the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), we see **God the Son** (Jesus Christ) speaking and working directly and at times sending out His trainees, that is, the disciples. Then in the Acts, Epistles and Revelations we see **God the Holy Spirit** at work, speaking and working through the elect Apostles and the believers.

Please don't take it that I am like saying we don't have the appearance of the Trinity throughout the Bible. I am just making a broad analogy of how Jehovah God revealed Himself throughout the Bible. The trinity is in the entire Bible. Jesus clearly brings out the Trinity in the Godhead and harmony of working of the trinity as one when He says, "*I still have many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. However when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not seek His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you*

 (John 15:12–15). Again He says, "...*the words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me...*" (John 14:10). The message in all this is that, "the Holy Spirit did not come to change what Jesus said just as Jesus did not come to change what the Father said". The three are one. Jesus says, "My doctrine is not mine but His who sent Me," (John 7:16). So the doctrine of the Son is that of the Father while that of the Holy spirit is that of the Son.

Even if we say we are in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, yet we must remember, the Holy Spirit will not bring any teachings against what Jesus said and taught just as Jesus did not say what the Father did not want said. He said only what He heard from the Father and did what He saw the Father do.

For a pure realistic religion, therefore, we ought not to throw away the Old Testament. Rather, we need to combine it with the New Testament and read the entire Bible as the one book that it actually is. It is only then that we will get the right doctrine for guiding the way of life for a people that believe in God through Jesus Christ.

It is Jesus Christ who in the New Testament (NT) leads us to Abraham as the yardstick of those who truly fear God. He tells the people, *"If you were Abraham's children you would do the works of Abraham,"* (John 8:39). Jesus is well satisfied with the deeds of Abraham and He thus certifies him as the standard measure of righteousness. All throughout the Scriptures, both Old Testament and New Testament we find clearly that God is well pleased with Abraham. God says of Abraham in Genesis 18: 19, *"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his house after him that they may keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice..."* In Hebrews 11:16b while testifying of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Jacob the Bible says, *"Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God. For He has prepared a city for them"*. Further still James the very brother of the Lord says this of Abraham, "And it was fulfilled which says, *"Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God"* James 2:23. Yes, Jehovah God is, upto today (as you read this book), not ashamed to be called 'God of Abraham' and 'Abraham's friend'. Apostle Peter says in 1 Peter 3:5–6 that, wives ought to emulate Sarah, while Jesus tells true believing men to do the works of Abraham. **The family of Abraham is the only family which we are directed to emulate in the New Testament.** I am sure that God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, the apostles Paul, James and Peter knows the kind of person this Abraham was to whom they are directing the New Testament Church. Abraham's faith in God and moral conduct is clearly recorded in the Bible to form acceptable Biblical doctrine for Bible believers.

Jesus again describes how Elijah was a miracle to a young widow with her little boy son for three and a half years (Luke 4:25–26). How they lived in one house for three years, we need not ask. After all, the Bible says clearly, *"Elijah was a man with a nature like ours"*

(James 5:17) and again the instructions were clear, "*I have prepared a widow who will provide for all your needs,*" (1 Kings 17:9). I know you would have wished that God sent Elijah to a couple somewhere or to some 90 year old widow. Well that is you.

It is evident that the pillars and heroes of our faith – Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Gideon, David etc, were all polygamous. While Elijah, John the Baptist and Paul are some of the great pillars of our faith who never raised up families. So the choice is open, either way you are okay. The Lord Jesus never made it an issue. Why are we then starting to pervert scripture and coining meanings to suit our own wish and that to our own detriment and our children after us? Thereby putting the Most Holy Faith to disrepute.

I know this is how we argue, "In the beginning, God made one man and one woman not one man and two women". But I will ask you; what was the commission given to Adam and Eve? Was it not to go and multiply and fill the earth (that is make babies)? Now honestly, to make a baby a man doesn't need two women. So why would you imagine that God should have made two women for Adam? That is too ridiculous. Even the animals entered the arch in twos, male and female (Genesis 7:9) in order to refill the earth after the flood. I have also been thinking that way until I got this revelation. We also need to notice that God was not in a hurry to fill the earth, He had no fixed deadlines to meet.

Moreover we must agree to understand that God does not disappear from the scene after creating Adam and Eve. After creation of the first parents, we see from the scriptures God and man continuing together in this journey of life, on a step by step basis, God at every point directing the affairs of man and approving the right actions and disapproving of the wrong actions and behaviours of man. After Adam, God becomes a friend of Noah, then Abraham, Moses, David etc. And God knew these men very well. The same God is our God even today. He has not changed for He changes not, only man can change. Who are we then to start finding fault in what God has approved? Saying 'this was not His original plan'. Who was with Him before creation, in that very meeting where they said 'let us make man in our own likeness' so that you can tell us that orig-

inal blue print for marriage which you say was changed because man sinned?. Have we forgotten that 'God knows the end from the beginning'? Somebody will need to show me that verse in the Bible where God is displeased that a man has married many wives?

Now Adam and Eve (and their descendants) embarked on their commission as assigned by God. But you realise that the babies were not coming out proportionally, that is, some families have more boys, others more girls, others boys only, others only one child. Other complex things like death came in. And you see the husband must not die with the wife, when it happens it is a catastrophe. God could also not force couples to live together since He has given humanity a will which is the aspect which makes man different from other animals, so acceptable divorce came in from Moses through Jesus Christ to Paul. As a result of these emerging issues, we start seeing in the Bible holy men having many wives and concubines and Jehovah God had no problem with them. At times, this is not out of the man's wish but out of necessity, for example in the case of Ruth and Esther. The holiness was in how these holy men dealt with their wives and not going into the one who belongs to their neighbour. Some women seem to have been in complex situations such that remarrying was out of thought, so they ended up in concubinage relationship. But even for concubines there was discipline; a man found with another man's concubine was to be beaten with stripes (Leviticus 19:20 NKJV). This was a lesser punishment compared to when you were found with somebody's wife, where the sentence was death of both by stoning.

Upto today, divorce and early deaths remain a reality in every society. It is expected in God then that the believers know how to handle the aftermath of divorce and early death of a spouse. We cannot throw back the ball to God for He has given us examples to follow – as written in the Holy Scriptures. There is nothing strange.

God in His wisdom did set up well documented instructions on what to do when death strikes at the door of a man with a wife or wives:

1. *In the Law* – Moses directs that the brother of the departed man shall take responsibility for the widow (Deuteronomy

- 25:5–10). If the brother is not able or non-existent then a near kinsman will do the needful, for example Ruth's case (Numbers 27:11 and Ruth 3:12).
2. *In the Prophets* – Ezekiel says that in the event of the death of a priest the widow shall be married by another priest (Ezekiel 44:22).
  3. *In the grace* – Apostle Paul says any believing widow shall be married to whoever she wishes as long as he is a fellow believer (1 Corinthians 7:40). Jesus Christ also has no problem with wife inheritance as He classifies it as 'earthly matters' (Matthew 22: 23–33 Luke 20:34–35).

So there is no vacuum and no illusion for life must continue when one's husband dies. How I pray that we don't end up in hell trying to be holier and wiser than God. The matter of widow's and the fatherless is at the centre of the heart of God as seen throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. So we must be very careful.

Of course there is room in the scriptures, according to the Lord and Paul, for one to opt not to remarry but this is clearly on condition that they are able to fully contain the passion or have the gift of staying without sex (Matthew 19:22 and 1 Corinthians 7:8–9), but lack of a partner does not arise. Now by one not utilising a right does not negate the right. Moreover having the gift of not needing sex is not the standard of godliness. So those with that gift ought not to despise or pride over the others as being the holier ones. Your lack of interest in meat doesn't make it a lesser delicacy.

In a deliberate effort to squeeze the world into their preferred narrow thinking, some Bible translators have changed the whole meaning of scripture. Compare 1 Timothy 5:16 in *King James Version* (KJV) to the same verse in *New International Version* (NIV) Bible translations and see what I am talking of. It says in KJV if any *man or woman* that believes has widows, let them relieve them but the NIV version mentions *woman* only thus deliberately avoiding man; why should one think that the widows only need packets of maize meal (unga), beans and cloths given by fellow women. There is more in relief that a believing widow needs and the God of heaven is very much aware of that. I am so worried about what the Bible translators are doing to the faith. At every point they are crafting

a new Bible that reads exactly the way the people of that day are thinking. So we are modernizing the Bible. Then very soon we will have a new Bible replacing the words 'husband' and 'wife' with a single word 'spouse' and thus allow homosexuality as an acceptable form of marriage in the Bible.

Jesus in all His sermons did not much interfere with the already established way of doing things in the day to day life of the believers. Except a few things shown in Matthew 5 like bringing sanity in marriage by limiting reasons for divorce, reducing revenge by removing the 'eye for an eye tooth for tooth' clause of Moses among other things. By extending grace to the woman caught in the very act of adultery, Jesus showed that the sentence of death by stoning can be repealed. Here He also showed that any sin is forgivable and that is why in Corinth the brother accused of having an affair with one of his father's wives (not his mother) is pardoned upon admitting guilt and showing remorsefulness (1 Corinthians 5:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 2: 3-8). According to Moses, these two should have been killed by stoning (Leviticus 20:11). Regarding disciplinary procedure, Jesus brings in a lot of grace towards forgiveness, which seems like started being misused at a very early stage of the first church. This prompted Jude the brother of the Lord to warn of some believers who were taking the grace of God as a license for sin (Jude 4). Now that the penalty for adultery was reduced, then they started carousing in broad daylight (2 Peter 2:12-14) -"with eyes full of adultery" men seducing and moving with other men's wives without shame.

The teachings of Moses had so much emphasized on foods eaten and on outward cleanliness, like the washing of hands before eating. Jesus on His part emphasized cleanliness of the inner man. Jesus declared that a man is not defiled by what goes into His mouth for that is excreted, rather you are defiled by what comes out of your mouth (Matthew 15:17-20).

In all His sermons, Jesus told the Jews constantly to keep, "My Commandments" (John 14:21, Mark 10:19, etc). Which then are these His Commandments? Now, let us see how the scriptures flow harmoniously from Old Testament to New Testament. Moses

tells the children of Israel "*You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His Commandments and obey His voice*" (Deuteronomy 13:4). God tells Joshua "*observe to do according to all the Law which my servant Moses commanded you... this book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth*" (Joshua 1:7–8). Understand that in the day of Joshua the only books of the Bible that were written were Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. It is these books which are called the Law (Torah). Then Jesus in His preaching says, "*keep My Commandment as I have kept my Father's Commandments*". The Holy Spirit says through John, "*This is the love of God that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not burdensome*," (1 John 5:3). In Revelation, John again talks of, "*Those who keep the commandments of God*" (Revelations 12:17, 14:12 and 22:14). Now Moses talks of the Lord to whom he directed the children of Israel saying to them that, "*The Lord your God will send you another Prophet like me from your midst, Him shall you hear*," (Deuteronomy 18:15). Stephen later clarifies that this 'other Prophet' spoken of by Moses was Jesus Christ (Acts 7:37).

Moses talked of the 'Commandments of the Lord' while Jesus (the Lord) talks of 'My Commandments' and 'My Father's Commandments'. Apostle Paul as moved by the Holy Spirit says the Law is holy and the Commandments are holy, just and good (Romans 7:12). Likewise Apostle John (the beloved of the Lord) as moved by the Holy Spirit talks of 'keep His commandments' in both his letters and the book of Revelation. What am I saying in all this? The commandments of the Lord have not changed from Moses through Jesus Christ to the days of the Apostles (the Holy Spirit dispensation). Stop looking for new ones—it is the same Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 which forms the reference point for godly holiness both in Old Testament and New Testament. Jesus also says it clearly in Mathew 5:17, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law and the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill". Remember the Law is the first five books of Moses and the Prophets is those books from Isaiah to Malachi. In addition Jesus also introduced the New commandment "Love one another" as stated in John 13:34. More importantly the command that 'we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ' (1 John 3:22–23).

I take special note of Mathew 23:1–4 where Jesus, standing before his disciples and a large multitude clearly said to all, “The Scribes and the Pharisees sit on the seat of Moses, so whatever they tell you to do that do and observe...” Now here Jesus says that the Pharisees are the voice of Moses teaching what Moses taught. (Remember that on this very day Jesus is speaking these words, the Scribes and the Pharisees are there in the temple every Sabbath teaching the Law of Moses). Here then Jesus Christ, the basis of the New Testament, puts His seal on the teachings of Moses as holy teachings useful for guiding to holiness those who fear God. In simple terms, Jesus is telling the Disciples and all people that if you want to please God then follow the teachings of Moses which are clearly written in the first five books of the Bible. Interestingly the church came to teach that the way of life as shown in those books is ‘Old Testament lifestyle’ which is not relevant to us of New Testament (NT). Yet Jesus Christ, the very basis of the NT plainly declared that the way to please God in our earthly conduct is in those books! Remember how He said clearly that His doctrine is not His but of the one who sent Him (John 7:16). So why are we negating Jesus’ instructions and following our own cleverly devised imaginations/wishes? **When did the words of the Lord Jesus Christ become Old Testament?**

Jesus makes His point even more clear in John 5:45–47 when He emphatically declares to the Jews that it is Moses who accuses them (judges) and that, had they believed Moses they would also believe Him because Moses wrote about Him. So at the judgment seat, the judge is Moses! The judgment then definitely will be based on what Moses said and what Jesus said. Any believer who cannot withstand the words of the Lord Jesus Christ as sound doctrine is simply in error. Period.

## To Play Safe Only Read the Bible As It Is Written.

Christians need to read the Bible clearly. The problem is that we always want the Bible to say what we want, and surely, it will say that but to what outcome? We now have a religion based on whatever each one wants! It is like we base our faith on some writings found somewhere in the Bible after Revelation 22:21! That is only the

place where we can find the New Testament of today.

I don't know who taught Christians to follow cleverly devised imaginations of scripture meaning such that we can't read the Bible as it is written. This is the spirit of the last days when people will gather around themselves teachers to teach them what they want to hear not being able to withstand sound doctrine (2 Timothy 3:15–17, 2 Timothy 3:1–5, 1Timothy 4:1–3, 2 Timothy 4:3–4). Mind you, the last days started immediately Jesus left for heaven. Stop behaving as though this revelation is the mark of the last days.

Notice the words of Paul to Timothy, his student-preacher (son), *"From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation... all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine..."* Definitely Paul is referring Timothy to the Old Testament teachings which he has known from Childhood. Surely there was no first and second Timothy for Brother Timothy to read. Paul cautions Timothy not just to go teaching anything, rather, *"The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will teach others also,"* (2 Timothy 2:2). Again he tells him, *"Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me,"* (2 Timothy 1:13). Paul cautions that we should preach the right doctrine and not myths or fables - cooked up stories (2 Timothy 4:3–4).

Paul reminds Timothy that he is like a soldier recruited to the army and a soldier worth the name should only work to please his master not himself or irrelevant others (2 Timothy 2:4). Thus he should keep to the clear doctrine of Jesus Christ the Master. Likewise, like an athlete, he should run according to the set rules if he dreams of being crowned a winner one day (2 Timothy 2:5). Paul warns Timothy of the fearful danger of working very hard (in preaching) only to be ashamed on the day of the Lord for having been doing his own things and confusing the instructions of the Master. So he tells him to, *"Study to show yourself approved, a workman who needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"* (2 Timothy 2:15). Now at that time, from where is Timothy to study? The New Testament

is not yet written. So he will only study the Old Testament scrolls which were the Holy Scriptures of his day, Paul declaring that those old writings,... *"are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"* (2 Timothy 3:15–16).

How sad it will be for many preachers before the white throne judgment seat of Christ as they receive thorough beatings (Luke 12:47–48) for having condemned the guiltless and declaring the guilty to be innocent (Matthew 12:7). How terrible it will be for anyone who caused "One of these little ones who believe in me to be lost unnecessarily by making the way of the cross impossible to them, so they just gave up and went to the world (sinned)" (Matthew 18:6). Preachers, you have to think again. You are not the masters, there is one Master, Jesus Christ, before whom we shall all appear. We are not running in a free for all, unmarked, lawless field. This game has rules made by the master and anyone expecting a prize must run according to the set rules, that is keep His commandments. And we must work only to please the master. That means doing the master's work the master's way. **It is crystal clear that based on what we are teaching believers today as the way of God (our work as preachers), it is not a few workers (preachers) who will be greatly ashamed on the day of the Lord.**

Teaching people what to believe in is a serious matter which directs and dictates the pattern of their lives. **Get me right and clear: sound doctrine is not what I hate or what I love, it is what is written in the Holy Scriptures (Genesis to Revelation).** And the entire Bible is consistent (that is, is in agreement). Sound doctrine is derived from the teachings and way of life of the holy men/women as written in the Holy Scriptures. So emulating them, their words and actions is sound doctrine. The church must only teach and follow the 'pattern of sound words' as spoken by Moses, the Prophets, Jesus Christ and the Apostles. No illusions, no assumptions, no imaginations.

## Grace does not negate The Law

This must sink deep in the soul, spirit and body of the Church that **sin is not just anything and sin is not nothing**. I am saying that sin is not just ‘what I hate’, rather sin before God is ‘that which the Law of God says is sin’. Sin is lawlessness in respect to the law of God (1 John 3:4). For this reason, Apostle Paul declares that “*The Law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good*” (Romans 7:12) for because of it we are able to know sin. Then he gives a good example, “*What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said you shall not covet*” (Romans 7:7). Apostle John also says clearly ‘anyone who says “I know Him” and does not keep His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him’ (1 John 2:3–4). So, in order to say, this is right and this is wrong before God, we have a reference point and this is ‘the Commandments of God’.

But somebody will say ‘we are not under the Law but under grace’. To such a one, I will say, being under grace does not negate sin, that is, does not make sin to be nothing. **If because of grace we remove the Law then we will end up in a sinless situation where sin is nothing and we will do whatever we want because we are under grace not under the Law**. Then there will be none guilty of hatred/murder, adultery, covetousness, homosexuality, bestiality etc. By the way, could somebody be driving Christianity to such a direction? We need to think

Surely we are not saved by fulfilling the Law, we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. It is a gift of God, not of works of the Law lest anyone could boast. It is purely by grace (Ephesians 2:8–9). **But then as believers, we have our code of conduct and ethics/morals which is the Law, that is, the Commandments**. It is from here that we get our do’s and don’ts. We are not a free for all morally unlimited society which operates by unlimited grace without boundaries. Anybody purporting to be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot withstand the Commandments of God is an infidel. That is why Jesus says He did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets and He goes on to approve for human consumption the teach-

ings of Moses. Likewise, Apostle John declares that the only way we know that we love God is by keeping His commandments (1 John 2:3–4).

Before Jesus Christ came, acceptability before God was by fulfilling the Law. Thus Apostle Paul says that the Law was a school master leading us to Christ (Galatians 3:24). So when the Christ came the format changed. Now we gain acceptability to God by believing in Jesus Christ to be the Son of God and the lamb that shed blood for our forgiveness. Having thus received acceptance in God, then we seek to please Him by keeping His Commandments. (Hebrews 9:11–15, Romans 10:1–13, Romans 7:12, 1 John 2:3–4). Therefore, we have to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12).

The purpose of the grace is not to eliminate the Law, rather, it is to give divine enablement to the believer to say NO to all ungodliness and worldly lusts and to enable them to leave a sober, self controlled upright life in this present age (Titus 2:11–13). Remember as Paul says this he does not anticipate sexlessness for any believer. He has already said all the unmarried, young widows and divorcees must get married as long as they don't have the gift of staying sexless or are well able to control their sexual urge (passion) (1Corinthians 7:8–9,15). How I wish we can get to the broader view of sin before God and then we get sober and sort out the sex complication we are in today.

Let all humanity who profess the Christian faith have this fact very clear in their soul, spirit and body. "**In Christian doctrine, sex is not a privilege of those women to whom fate and chance allows them to find a suitable husband. Rather sex is a right and basic need for every adult woman.**" I have deliberately used the words 'fate and chance' because we cannot say it is only by prayer that those who are married to good husbands got them. Be honest, some of you crafted their way into getting a man and said 'I will pray/repent later'. Some sisters who have prayed themselves into desperation and frustration have better reasons before God for their prayers to have been answered faster than yours. I am sorry I

don't have a better word because 'grace, mercy, love etc' are equally available to all the true believers. The reason for them not getting married is definitely not in the area of God's mercy or grace or favour or love. No, it must be elsewhere.

When we have set our own rules, standards and guidelines on how to do our thing, and we neglect God's clear instructions, how can we come back again and coin the name of our God in the outcome whether good or bad? It is like God is just watching us from heaven above as we play our own game, our own way. It is hurting to us but what can He do? Well, at last He has sent this unknown preacher, to wake us up.

If for whatever reason some normal adult women are not able to enjoy sex and have the joy of child bearing, which is the God given pride of every woman, then this is a man made complication to life. This then calls for men and women full of the Holy Spirit, to sober up and face this complication before it complicates the Christian faith beyond repair.

Whatever the case, as long as we will claim to be using Christian doctrine to guide our conscience, then we must go back to the Bible and rethink how to move forward. **It is no longer sustainable to condemn people's conscience based on theories and ideologies which are only imagined to be of God while others are clear gentile practices from Rome.** Whenever we condemn a believer for actions that are not classified in the Bible as sin, then we need to be sure that we are using the rod of the Romans to punish a believer in the God of Israel. Christians should only be judged by the Bible and the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. **It is impossible, unimaginable and irrational that the Lord Jesus Christ, on the judgment seat, can condemn a believer in Him for having not followed the practices of the Roman gentiles.**

Religious preaching is very powerful, capable of holding the human soul to the point of death. Out of the misguided religious conviction that God heals only by prayer, some people refuse to go to hospital despite a broken leg. They refuse to spray their crops with insecticides. They refuse to take their children for immunisation

etc., all because they believe that taking/applying any form of medicine is declaring that Jesus Christ has failed as a healer. Hence, if you take/apply any form of medicine, they say you have left faith in Jesus Christ. But in total disregard of scripture, they refuse to accept that Apostle Paul had a personal doctor, that is Luke the physician (Colossian 4:14). Others because of their misguided belief choose to commit suicide and kill innocent people hoping to get a bountiful reward with beautiful virgins in heaven.

A misguided baseless religious persuasion is dangerous and can destroy and even kill. I urge Christians not to die for nothing, it adds no glory to your crown when you get to heaven. We must guard the correct doctrine of Christianity – the Bible teachings.

## The Contentious Commandment Number 4

Having said that we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ but have the commandments of God as the guiding principles (code of conduct and ethics/morals) of our conduct as believers, I have to mention something very important concerning one of the commandments which became a bitter contention and a divisive factor among Christians ever since the first Century to date. This is the fourth commandment, **"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"** (Exodus 20:8).

Reading clearly from the scriptures, I find it unfair to claim that it was the Roman Government that pioneered the change from gathering for worship service on the Sabbath day, that is the 7th day of the week (present day Saturday) to the first day of the week, the day the Lord resurrected (present day Sunday). That is not scripturally factual.

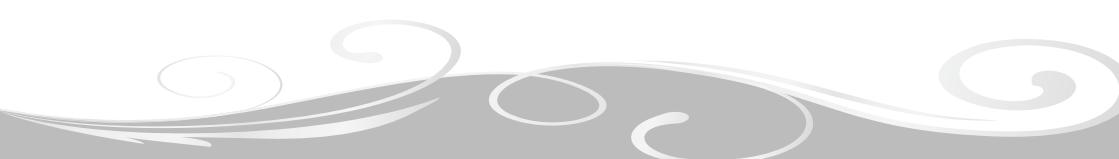
The fact from the Holy Scriptures is that throughout the life and ministry time of Jesus Christ, He attended worship services on the Sabbath day. After ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven, the disciples likewise used to attend worship services on the Sabbath day. But we also find that the disciples used to have their own special fellowships on the first day of the week, where they would meet alone as members of a common faith. Their Sabbath sessions are clearly shown in the book of Acts as very stormy sessions where

they were always debating with the Temple leadership and often they would be forced out. Reading from Acts 20:7, we find that the disciples had their own meetings on the first day of the week where they would partake of the Holy Communion (breaking bread) together as believers. On this day also, they would make collections to cater for ministry work as shown in 1 Corinthians 16:2. This definitely means that the disciples used to have a complete worship service on the first day of the week where they would share the word of God, partake of Holy Communion, plan activities for the next day (Acts 20:7–11) and collect offerings (1 Corinthians 16:2 and Philippians 4:18).

As time went by it is very clear from Scripture that there arose a debate in the churches on the matter of which day to honour, that is, whether the Sabbath day (the known day of rest and worship) or the first day of the week being the day the Lord resurrected. The division became so pronounced that Apostle Paul is seen trying to calm a storm in the Churches:

1. He tells the Church of Rome, *“One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it”* (Romans 14:5–6).
2. Likewise he warns the Church in Galatia on the danger of observing days and months leading to bondage of the Law (Galatians 4:10).
3. To the Colossians he instructs, *“Let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths which are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance is of Christ”* (Colossians 2:15–19).

From the above it is clear that the debate on the day to honour started in the first Century during the days when the Apostles were properly in charge of doctrine. This is way before the time the Romans came to declare Christianity a state religion in the fourth Century. **The Apostles handled the matter to conclusion, that the day is not the main thing, rather Christ is the main thing**—whether you esteem/respect the Sabbath day or the day the Lord



resurrected, that is, the first day of the week was plainly declared as not a big deal as to make one miss heaven. As long as you have Christ as the main point then the day you choose to honour was declared a non-issue by the Apostles. If anything to go by, the Lord Jesus Himself had declared that, "*The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath*" (Matthew 12:8).

The Romans being gentiles and idol worshipers named the days of the week in a very pagan manner:

1. *Sunday* – meaning “**sun’s day**”, the name of a pagan Roman holiday.
2. *Monday* – “**the moon’s day**”. This second day was sacred to the goddess of the moon.
3. *Tuesday* – named after the Norse god **Tyr**.
4. *Wednesday*–The day named to honour **Wodan (Odin)**. The Romans called it *dies Mercurii*, after their god Mercury.
5. *Thursday* – named after the Norse god **Thor**.
6. *Friday* – in honour of the Norse goddess **Frigg**.
7. *Saturday* – was the day of **Saturn** – The Roman god of agriculture concerned with the sowing of the seeds.

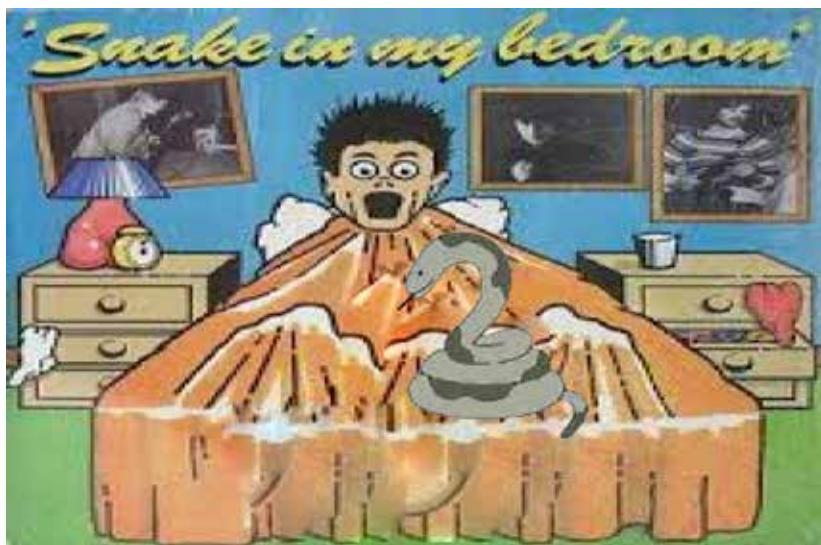
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Sorry to the world that we operate in an idolatrous Roman calendar. No day has a better name than the other, all are named after idols.

In conclusion, I am saying that it is not the Roman Empire which introduced worshiping of Jehovah God on Sunday. What they did was that while declaring Christianity a state religion, thus owning it as a government recognised religion, they affirmed the day of worship as Sunday, the first day of the week, the day when the disciples (Christians) used to hold their fellowships and a day that they truly honoured being the day the Lord resurrected. The Roman Government wanted to associate with and assimilate this new faith. So now that the contention was to become Christians and the Christians were having a day of worship as the first day of the week, then the Roman Government adopted this day as the day of worship in their now ‘Christian government’. Remember they wanted to swallow this faith by assimilation through association.

Judaism had it's day of worship, that is Saturday, but the Romans were not assimilating Judaism they wanted to swallow Christianity which was a fast growing religion without a backing by any known government of the day. So as a 'consent and show of solidarity and good will' they formalised the day of worship as the day the Lord resurrected. Remember their aim was to swallow this faith, own it and control it. And their scheme worked perfectly.

Thus regardless of the day you conduct your worship services (whether Saturday or Sunday) or the name of your denomination, as long as you don't hold on to the doctrine of God as laid down in the Bible, then don't cheat yourself, you are still operating within the domain of 'the Christianity made in Rome' and it is what you are propagating. No wonder, all of us who confess to be Christians are all together stuck in the mud being forced to eat filth. We are like locked up in a bedroom with a dangerous snake and being soothed to sleep. See illustration below.



We can only "save ourselves and those who hear us" if we revert back to the right doctrine of our faith (1 Timothy 4:16). I have refused to sleep.

## Chapter Twelve

### WHAT THEN IS THE NEW TESTAMENT (NT)?

This is a very critical question. We have seen Jesus saying that He did not come to destroy or change the Law and the Prophets and that according to His words, life will continue normally as it had been before His coming, during His stay here on earth and until His second coming. He has openly directed humanity to follow the teachings of Moses for moral decency and social order. He has declared that before the judgment seat, the judgment is according to Moses. He says that all the doctrine that He is teaching is not of Himself but of the Father who sent Him. He says, He and the Father are one. He says that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will remind us all the things which Jesus taught and continue to teach us, precisely like Jesus, the things which Jesus was not able to teach when He was here on earth owing to limitation of absorption by the disciples. Precisely, the Holy Spirit will not teach anything in disagreement with what Jesus will want to be taught, for He (Holy Spirit) will only take that which is of Jesus and give it to us daily. Jesus says that that which is His is of the Father (John 14:15–18, 25–26 and 16:7–15). In summary Jesus closes the case that even at the time of the Holy Spirit on earth (that is the present time) the doctrine of God will remain the same. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, all speak in one voice. What they say is sin, is what sin is and what they approve as righteousness is what righteousness is. Anyone therefore having a teaching or a revelation which is contrary to the clearly written word of God and claims that he/she has gotten it from the Holy Spirit is definitely an erratic.

Then what change did Jesus Christ bring? There surely is something very major which changed with the coming of Jesus Christ into this world. This is precisely in the area of worshiping God; it is called **–the divine service**. This change is well elaborated in Hebrews Chapters 7 to 10. The writer of Hebrews gives very clear and detailed explanation of the change in worshiping Jehovah God from the legalistic and ritualistic way of the Old Testament (OT) to the new order of the New Testament (NT) where we approach God by faith through Jesus Christ our High Priest. The earthly High Priest ministered in the earthly tabernacle which was a shadow of the real

one, while Jesus Christ the High Priest of the new covenant ministers in heaven itself, the true tabernacle. He is appearing before God continually. Not once a year as did the earthly high priest and that not with blood of bulls and goats but with His own blood.

In the Old Testament (OT), forgiveness of sin was by being sprinkled with physical water and real blood of a real bull or he goat using the hyssop plant. But in the New Testament we are forgiven by faith in the already shed blood of Jesus Christ at the cross. We don't need His physical blood, rather we acknowledge it by faith and it works, being well able to cleanse us permanently from all guilt (Hebrews 10 and 1 John 1: 7). Likewise water is not excluded in the New Testament sanctification; for He came with both blood and water as it is written '*one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out*' (John 19:34). Again it says '*this is He who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood...*' (1 John 5:6). Thus likewise upon conversion to Jesus Christ we go in for '*water baptism which now saves us not as though to remove dirt of the flesh but the answer to good conscience towards God*' (1 Peter 3:21). This is done only once in order to fulfill all righteousness (Matthew 3:15). Please note, for completion of your sanctification in the New Testament, you need the faith-blood of Jesus Christ and the water of water baptism. The Lord Jesus was taken through baptism by John (Matthew 3:15), He took people through it (John 3:26) and commanded that all those who will believe be taken through it (Matthew 28:19). You need water baptism. Okay!

Now when the curtain at the Temple was torn into two, exposing the Holy of Holies, then the worship of Jehovah God changed and a new order was born. The sacred duty of the earthly high priest at the earthly holy of holies changed, we can now all access the true holy of holies with confidence through Jesus Christ, the true High Priest of the heavenly sanctuary where He is seated on the right hand of God to present our petitions to the Father perpetually (Hebrews 10:12, 1 John 2:1–2).

At this point, please take note that this change happened to all the believers of that day, Israelites and gentiles, slaves and the free, men and women, wives and concubines alike. (Please take a flash back noting that it is the 1st Century not the 20th Century). As many as believed in Him, to them He gave power to become children of God (John 1:12). Yes whether you were wife number eight (8) or a concubine, was a non issue. Jesus' doctrine concentrated on accessing and worshiping God and believers were accepted as they were that day. Our brother Paul says the same thing clearly in 1 Corinthians 7:17–24, "*as you were called remain in that state*". It is not a secret, on that day they had many wives and concubines. Paul says to the Church in Corinth, "*When I came to you...I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified,*" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

The New Testament is about all people everywhere gaining access to the true God – JEHOVAH. Before the New Testament, only one tribe on earth (the Jews) had access to Jehovah God. All others were gentiles who worshiped idols on the mountains and under the green trees. There was also only one physical place on earth from where Jehovah God could be worshiped, that is in Jerusalem city. So Jesus tells the woman at Jacob's well '*the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father... but the hour is coming and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth*' (John 4:21–23). Moreover through Jesus Christ all those who believe in Him have been grafted into Israel (Romans 11:17) and received adoption into sonship (Romans 8:15). Now it is no longer about being a Jew by flesh, rather, it says, "*For he is not a Jew who is a Jew outwardly... but he is a Jew who is one inwardly*" (Romans 2:28–29). I am just saying that the New Testament is about worshiping God anywhere anytime by anybody who believes in Jesus Christ.

Yes the Old Testament priestly service (the way of reaching God) was a shadow of the heavenly things (Hebrews 8:5) while Jesus Christ is the reality (body behind the shadow)—Colossians 2:7. In Christ, therefore, the old set up/covenant (way of reaching God) is removed and the new set up/covenant (way of reaching God)

is established – Hebrew 10:9. **It is important to notice here that the New covenant only changed the way of reaching God** (that is becoming a child of God, being acceptable in the beloved, becoming of the common wealth of Israel) **but did not change the way of relating with God** (that is pleasing Him, remaining in His presence). In the New covenant the Lord firmly retains the laws of God as the guiding principles for His relationship with man. Thus He says, "I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts" (Hebrews 8:10) so that even as they worship Him in Spirit and in truth they cannot forget His laws. In the New covenant the laws become better safeguarded – not on scrolls (books) written by human hands, but right inside the hearts and minds of believers. Thus Apostle John is right, "You cannot claim to know Him if you can't keep His commandments unless you are a terrible liar," (1 John 2: 2–3). **Yes on the part of divine service-worshiping and reaching God – the New Testament is the Old Testament fulfilled.**

The greatest challenge to the first church was to convince the world, Jews and Gentiles alike, that this man from Nazareth village whose name is Jesus, whom they all knew very well as the unschooled carpenter son of one Joseph (their village carpenter) and his wife Mary, a very ordinary couple who had several other well known sons (i.e., the half brothers of Jesus namely Simon, James, Joses and Judas and several half sisters, who at this time had gotten married in the neighborhood when Jesus starts His preaching – meaning that somebody was surely Jesus' brother-in-law (Mathew 13:54, Mark 6:3), that the same Jesus was the Christ of God. Making people get any logic in this new doctrine, especially the very religious Jews and learned Greeks, was no child's play. The first church thus only preached Christ and Him crucified and that is why Paul says he did not bother to know many things about people. If only they could believe that this very Jesus, whom they thus knew, was the Christ of God and thus He was the Son of God and the way to eternal life (1 Corinthians 2:2), that will suffice for Paul.

Thus all the persecution suffered by the first church was precisely for the reason of trying to convince the world that this man

Jesus from Galilee was the Christ of God. To the Jews, Jesus was a stumbling stone (Jeremiah 6:21, Romans 9:33). They expected that the Christ would be a mysterious person of unknown origin (John 6:42 and 7:27). No, not this unschooled young man whom they knew so well! (John 7:15 and 28). To them, therefore, the good son of their neighbours (Joseph and Mary) had gotten possessed of a demon (John 8:52) and turned a blasphemer (Matthew 9:3). Just too bad, that the good young man had gone bananas (John 10:20). How could He imagine people eating His flesh and drinking His blood? (John 6:52, 60). Surely how can He, being very much man, claim to be God? (John 10:33). Thus it was of great necessity that Jesus be eliminated at all costs if the fear of God was to be retained on earth.

Unfortunately for the religious people of that day, on killing Jesus they realised that His disciples could not be silenced and were extremely eager to continue with His doctrine which the clergy never wanted to hear (Acts 5:28). All efforts were now directed at the disciples of Jesus to silence them by all means including death. Thus very zealous strong men like Saul of Tarsus were put into this noble task (Acts 22:3–5).

To the Gentiles, introducing Jesus was equally very hard as they had their own gods made by men. In Athens they called Paul a proclaimer of foreign gods (Acts 17:18). In Ephesus the business of god-making was very lucrative, so introducing new gods to them was not welcome at all. It would interfere with business. How could one dare to declare that Diana was not a god? (Acts 19:23–28).

Today, what the Christians call persecution (except in the Arab countries) must be amazing even to the devil himself. How we suffer so seriously for nothing. Most of what we call persecutions today are just interesting circumstances most of which are sex centered. **I imagine how Abraham and Sarah will be laughing at us hysterically in heaven!** Abraham remembering how he enjoyed himself with his concubines while Sarah remembers how the concubines of Abraham made life easy for her. She did not have to do it when she was not in need!. Then these concubines of Abraham

are there very happy with this great man, how he helped them with good gifts. I imagine how Ruth and Abigail will pity the widows of this generation. Brother Paul will not be amused. But the Lord Jesus will be very disappointed that instead of winning souls for the kingdom, we concentrated in making sure that the kingdom is not accessible by creating irrelevant barriers on the way of the gospel.

Unlike the first church, the church of today is put into so much tension about sex that all we want to know about others is: who are you having sex with? This is very petty thinking. I don't support irresponsible sexual behaviour but I know there is acceptable sexual behaviour as shown in the Bible being practiced by Holy Men and holy Women. And none is sexless against their wish.

It is critical to understand that this heaven we are going to is not a strange mysterious place. From the Bible, we get to know quite much about heaven, how it looks like, for example, the streets are of gold, there is no temple there, the light there is not of the sun or moon, (Rev 21:21-23), the people who are already there are well known with clear details of how they lived their earthly lives and how they died. It is clear what qualified them to make it to heaven. Imagine we will share the same heaven with Abraham, Sarah, Abraham's concubines, Isaac, Jacob, Ruth, Esther, Elijah, David, Bathsheba, Abigail etc, and that before the same God. And as expected, Father Abraham's mansion will be better than that of any of us.

Please let us understand this clearly, the **New Testament is not about changing how people live their normal lives here on earth**, that is, looking for food, working, marrying, having sex, giving birth, etc. It is simply about worshiping Jehovah God through believing in His Son, Jesus Christ, the way the truth and the life. For no one can come to God except through this Man Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Jesus says as for ordinary life things will be continuing normally as it was in the days before the flood, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man. People will be eating, drinking, working, marrying (thus having sex), giving birth etc. (Matthew 24:36-44). How we all would wish that New Testament should have changed the Adamic problems like the curse of

painful child bearing, such that New Testament women, being of the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45), should be giving birth while talking over the mobile phone! Yes, now that it is New Testament, the curse of toiling for food should have been removed so that New Testament believers just need to sit down and receive food in Jesus name. Hallelujah! Fantastic. But sorry, the New Testament was not about changing how humanity do their normal earthly things. It is about how they worship God. **Yes in the area of living the normal earthly lives, the New Testament and Old Testament is the same.**

Have you ever known that in the New Testament, the process of getting a wife never changed from how it was in the Old Testament? Both in the New Testament and Old Testament, marriages/weddings were never contacted in the Temple and were individual and/or family affairs that never involved the priest. That is why the marriage of Joseph and Mary had no ceremony. Joseph just woke up from sleep, went and took Mary as his wife and that was all (Matthew 1:24). Likewise we see Abraham in the Old Testament sending his servant to go and get a wife for his son Isaac. When the girl Rebecca was brought, she just went direct to the young man who took her to his mother's tent and that was all, she became his wife (Genesis 24:64–67). If there was a ceremony, that must have come later. Why then should a mature man and a mature girl in love be tortured for months and years of waiting and being monitored every step they make? Why can't they marry immediately they agree to be in love? On what basis, do we condemn a young man without much money to feed a whole village when he goes and takes home his wife? Doesn't the Bible say, "if a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed and lies with her, he shall marry her," (Exodus 22:16). Honestly then, on what basis do we make a church wedding a key requirement for being a Christian? Surely where is that written in the Bible?

As far as Biblical doctrine is concerned, the process of marrying a wife is a personal affair which cannot improve or discredit one's level of godliness. If people, for their own reasons, one day woke up and decided that marriages be conducted in church to make it more

sacred and serious, then that is a good idea—yes, of men but not of God. God also has no problem with our ceremonies as long as in them we will not have any form of idol worship and that we don't idolise them. In fact even the Lord Jesus Christ was once invited and attended a wedding ceremony in Cana of Galilee (John 2). But please, let us be honest, it was not in the Temple and Jesus was not invited as the Priest/Pastor to officiate the occasion. There was no Priest to bless the newlyweds. It was clearly 'a villagers and their friend's thing'. So also is the wedding explained in Matthew 22:1–13. It was an affair of the King and his invited friends and was conducted in the wedding hall not in the temple? Note also that Hebrews 13:4 talks of 'marriage' not 'wedding' and declares that 'marriage is honourable in all' which has no relations at all to saying 'a wedding be celebrated by all' as some preachers have always preached in wedding ceremonies. So preachers should be careful to speak sound words. A church wedding is an idea of the West and has no scriptural backing what-so-ever. It cannot make anybody more or less holy. It is not a bad idea but it must be clarified that it is a 'man's thing' not 'God's standard for holiness'. The church should separate secular ideas of the West from Bible based doctrine of God.

In the name of New Testament we are so much into 'men's ideas' at the expense of the expressly written doctrine of God that we are just doing 'our own thing' which we call Christianity. Then Jesus is right as He is today watching us from heaven above and saying, "*In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men*" (Matthew 15:9). Please mark His words, on the same context of doctrine He declares "*Every plant (that is doctrine) which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted,*" (Matthew 15:13). Thus every doctrine which is not from God is going to be uprooted. Jesus planted the right seeds but when men slept the enemy came and planted tares (Matthew 13:25). Now it is uprooting time.

Let me then declare this boldly to all and sundry, 'Should you get stuck in any area of the basic need for this life – food, clothing,

shelter, marriage, sex – please don't blame it on the Lord Jesus Christ for bringing New Testament teachings. Blame the doctrine in your head'.

Some sisters have let go of the man that should have married them simply because he could not afford a church wedding. Likewise some men supposed to be husbands are giving up because they can't afford a church wedding. I wish you knew that a church wedding adds no value to your godliness!



## Chapter Thirteen

## THE CHALLENGE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

The New Testament writings overlook a very critical aspect that we could easily have borrowed from. Who were the wives of the Apostles and the key leaders of the New Testament Church? I wish somebody had written them somewhere and clarified if any of them had more than one wife before Jesus called them. You see the disciples of Jesus were ordinary laymen before Jesus called them, so I expect their lifestyle was of the ordinary Jews who were polygamous at that time.

Nonetheless I appreciate the fact that marriage was not the main issue of the New Testament Church, even the Lord Jesus never made it the big issue that it is today. He found people going on with their lives and left them still going on. He never made much interference to their day to day life activities. The big issue of the New Testament Church was to get people into believing that 'this Jesus the Son of Joseph and Mary was truly the Christ of God.'

The New Testament writings also cover a very short stint definitely covering less than 100 years of the 1st century. As a result of the short time span, these writings don't bring out the real life issues of real people from birth through marriage to death and burial – these were never an issue. But at least we have a few examples of how these New Testament believers conducted their earthly matters, for example the marriage of Joseph and Mary (no Temple ceremony and no officiating priest) and the burial of Ananias and Saphira (same day without a ceremony). From these simple examples, we conclude that the early church did their normal life things the Old Testament way.

The core business in the New Testament writings was precisely how to get believers ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, like a thief in the night. It sets believers to be foreigners in this world on their way to heaven with eyes focused looking up for the coming of the Lord, very soon. Thus having no emphasis on the matters of

the earth. But two thousand years is over as we still wait. Life has not stopped. This is why we desperately need to look at the Old Testament for direction on the way of life of a people that fear God, a people heaven bound and earth relevant. For chances are that man might be on this earth for another 400 or more years before Jesus comes back. And who knows, may be in those days America will not be the super power and the world's geographical boundaries as we know them today will be history.

There is none of the pillars of the New Testament for whom we have a complete history from birth to death except only Jesus Christ himself and John the Baptist. This is unlike the Old Testament where the full life of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Samson, David, Samuel, Saul etc, is laid down so clearly like in a screen. You can see them through, how they lived their earthly lives to end up as God's darlings. To all preachers, when you quote Abraham and Sarah in your preaching, please always remember to say that Abraham married his house girl and not only that, he had many concubines with whom he had many sons and Sarah never took issue at that. A time must come when we go back to basics and base our faith on the solid word of God, the Bible, but not on our feelings and conveniences which have proved to be dead inconvenient.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 10:6 that these things recorded in the Old Testament are for our example that we may know that which is pleasing to God and that which is not and consequences of doing wrong. The plain truth is that the New Testament is derived from the Old Testament (OT). Whenever the speakers therein, that is, Jesus Christ and the Apostles say "it is written" they are referring to the Old Testament. Except for the few (though critical) difficult ideas (writings) of our brother Paul, all other writings of the New Testament have a bearing on the Old Testament. Even all of Paul's clear to understand writings are derived from the Old Testament. The good thing with Paul is that he clarifies that some of his ideas are his personal convictions, not the command of the Lord and he gives believers a chance to reason with his writings (see 1 Corinthians 14:40; 7:25; 14:29 and Philippians 3:15).

It is critical that the Church do agree to understand that the New Testament does not bring in a new way of living our earthly lives. The New Testament basically brings in Jesus Christ in the picture as the way the truth and the life; the only way to reach God the Father. The sooner the Church gets to this realisation the better for this great faith. Unfortunately somebody later, hundreds of years after Jesus Christ and the Apostles are out of this earth, made the world believe that the New Testament leads to a complete new way of doing things in this earthly life. That the New Testament people are very different from those of the Old Testament and they lead their earthly lives very differently. What that person then forgot was to put down in writing the 'New Testament doctrine' that was in their mind that would act as a guide on how the 'New Testament people' would be managing their earthly lives before going to heaven. This is critical, given that the New Testament Bible that we are carrying approves for human life here on earth the way of life as lived by the Old Testament people, that is Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, David, Esther, Ruth etc.

Every religious system is held together by a known and usually written down set of values – do's and don'ts- which holds the adherents together. Without this so called 'New Testament doctrine' being written down, the tragedy we are in is that the 'New Testament believers' are all each 'directed by the holy spirit' on what to do at every challenge of life. Hence each one does their own things their own way as directed by 'their holy spirit'. This then is what is called anarchy.

The problem with these 'New Testament believers' is that the 'holy spirit' who leads them is different from the Holy Spirit whom we see in the New Testament Bible. The Holy Spirit in the New Testament Bible guided Jesus Christ and the Apostles to preach to humanity that way of life as given down from God the Father through Moses and the Prophets. Thus the New Testament preachers (Jesus Christ and the Apostles) directed the New Testament believers to that way of life as detailed in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit led Jesus to preach the doctrine that He had received from the Father thus He says "My doctrine is not mine but His who sent Me," (John 7:16).

So this 'holy spirit' of the current 'New Testament believers' is deferent from the Holy Spirit that guided Jesus Christ and the Apostles. The doctrine of this 'New Testament holy spirit' seems to exist in a yet to be circulated 'New Testament Bible' which begins after the Book of Revelation. This then is the reason behind the current confusion in the Church of Christ today. It is this 'New Testament holy spirit' who seems to have led the church in America and Europe into accepting homosexuality for their 'New Testament believers'.

Whether somebody feels offended or not, the truth is plain, the doctrine of the Son Jesus Christ is the same as the Doctrine of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, for the three agree as one. The doctrine of the trinity on how humanity is to conduct matters of this life (eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, doing business, living with the widows, orphans and the fatherless etc.) is the same from Genesis to Revelation. Whoever imagined a new doctrine for the New Testament Church must table it for the church to scrutinise and see how holy it is. We will need to know its source and whether it will lead us to heaven or hell. Every doctrine must have a source and an objective.

## Chapter Fourteen

## THE POSITION OF THE WOMAN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

I thank God that the Lord Jesus Christ, in the New Testament esteems and alleviates the woman to a status of being equally important. Jesus did not at any one point treat the woman in the manner that the Jewish culture dictated. Just like the African Culture, the Jewish culture treated the woman as a second class being, a property of men with which men could do whatever they pleased.

But this was not so with the Lord as shown in the few examples below:

1. The Lord Jesus defends the woman from being divorced just for any reason (Matthew 19:3).
2. He defends the woman caught in the very act of adultery telling the men that they also are sinners (John 8:4,7).
3. At Bethany when a woman poured very costly oil on His head, the disciples saw a wastage of resources by a woman, but Jesus saw a great woman offering a very essential service (Matthew 26: 6–13).
4. When the men saw a sinful woman anointing His feet with very expensive oil and wiping it with her hair, they saw a shameless harlot but Jesus saw in her a great servant (Luke 7: 37–50).
5. When the poor woman gave only two coins, Jesus applauded her as the best giver in the congregation that day (Mark 12: 42–44).
6. At the well of Jacob, when His disciples were wondering silently what was Jesus doing with a Samaritan woman, Jesus saw a wonderful vessel fit for the Master's use and did not hesitate sending her out as the first evangelist (John 4:27–30).
7. At the open tomb – as Jesus was ascending to the Father to present His all important sacrifice of His blood, He cuts short His ascension to Heaven just to come back and answer the cry of a woman at the tomb (Mary Magdalene) who refused to be silenced wanting nothing less than "Where have you laid Him?" (John 20:17).

8. Jesus had no problem sending out the all important report of His resurrection through the women (Luke 24:10). He sends them to the men, "To go and tell His disciples and Peter ... " (Matthew 28:1-7, Mark 16:6-7).
9. On His resurrection, He first appeared to a Woman, Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9).
10. He accepted financial support from women – Luke 8:2–3.
11. You can add other incidences.

In the eyes of Jesus, therefore, women are souls of God just like men. To the Lord, gender is not the issue, rather, the issue is an available vessel fit for the Master's use (2 Timothy 2:21). To Jesus the woman has a right, a say and a position in society. She is a dignified soul. Jesus' perspective of the woman is nowhere near that of Apostle Paul.

But notice this that **Jesus never said that a woman is woman enough only if she is the only wife of her husband.** Jesus never said a wife was equal to her husband. Whatever 'wife number' a woman was never bothered Jesus, nonetheless, whether she be somebody's concubine, that was the norm in His day. Jesus looked at what was in her heart. If anything in Jesus' own ancestry are women, behind whom, is an interesting story, the likes of Leah, Ruth and Bathsheba.

The entire New Testament is very clear on the position of the woman:

1. Jesus protected and valued her greatly.
2. Paul tells husbands to love, honour and respect the wife. Deal with her as your own self (Ephesians 5: 25–29, Colossians 3:19).
3. Peter tells husbands to treat the woman with all honour and tenderness as the weaker vessel (1 Peter 3:2).

What more, the New Testament woman is a valued personality, no longer a piece of property for a man. They are valued, highly esteemed, useful companions and co-workers in the ministry. Only one thing to keep in mind though, all these words of Jesus, Paul

and Peter are spoken to men and women in a polygamous society set up where some dear sisters in the church were in concubine relationship. It is in the first century please, so it's obvious.

Modern men, that is New Testament men, must therefore, honour, love, respect and care for their wives, and if you have several of them, then treat them equally as part of your flesh.

All believing wives must be fair with their co-wives, not like Rachael who harassed Leah very much but rather be like Sarah. Sarah lived well with Hagar until the later started misbehaving, but it is Sarah who had brought her to her husband and she also had no complaints about Abraham's concubines. You notice that God is so holy, He does not tell believing women to be like Rachael. Likewise the younger wives must display great respect for the older wives and not being like Hagar. All wives must respect, honour, fear (1 Peter 3:2 KJV) and submit to their own husbands as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:12, Colossians 3:18). How I pray that no believing woman gets offended at these words of the Bible. Husband-wife equality is an irreligious concept crafted by an irreligious people. God has no intention of dehumanising women but He has simply set up social order starting from the family unit. The marriage institution is a divine institution with clearly set operational guidelines, with the man as the head (1 Corinthians 11:3). This order must be respected for the sake of the angels (1 Corinthians 11:10).

Rule of law requires an element of fear. At times, a dangerous debate can only end if one party fears the other. Submission coupled with an element of fear is important for order in the house. I am certain this is the surest way to avoid substantial amount of domestic violence where, in most cases, the woman is the looser. My sister in an abusive relationship, I prescribe an element of fear of him to save your skin. This means as a wise woman, sometimes you deliberately avoid some questions which you know can lead to emotive arguments. This is Biblical for it says of a man, "It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman," (Proverbs 21:9). Even the King's best friends including the vice president have some fear of him and because of

that, there are questions they will avoid asking him. And that has its merits. Every man has a 'king spirit' inside him and will not want to answer some questions from his subjects, that is, the wife and children. Read the Bible well and believe it.

My sister, it was, and still is, God's perfect plan that you be a woman and thus a wife. Don't desire to be a man. That was not for you. It also has its own challenges. Be happy to be a woman and see what the Lord will do with you and for you as a woman. Marriage just can't work when both are 'men'. One party must be truly woman and be very contented, happy and excited at that. Only a woman can be married by a man. Unfortunately some women, very distressed that they are women and wanting to show that they are men have destroyed their own marriage with their own hands. It goes without saying that two strong bulls can never share one cowshed. If you must keep both, then you must castrate one. Adherence to a good religion will do the needful.

To reclaim the marriage institution, therefore, we need a kind of preaching that will turn girls into women and boys into men. Otherwise, current preaching coupled with Western based education is turning girls to men and boys to something close to a woman.

## Chapter Fifteen

## WHY IS IT THAT A WOMAN SHOULD AGREE TO GET MARRIED?

I will start this discussion from Genesis and end it in the New Testament. I hope that at the end of it, a God fearing woman will appreciate marriage and all God fearing men will encourage their daughters to get married and remain in marriage.

Back to the Garden of Eden, when man sinned there in the beginning (Genesis 3), then God got annoyed with man and there pronounced curses. The curse had specific pronouncements for each gender as follows:

1. **To the woman** – God said "*I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception, in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you*"(Genesis 3:16)
2. **To the man** – God said, "*Because you have listened to your wife (and despised my clear instructions to you) the earth is cursed because of you ... in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life ... in the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground...*"(Genesis 3:17).

The overall picture/scenario we get from here is that each gender is given their responsibility to bear tirelessly. The woman is to painfully bring forth a new life while the man is to toil and sweat. Henceforth the die is cast, the resolutions are made, the battle lines are drawn, the playing field is marked. A wife shall painfully give birth while the husband is to toil and sweat to provide food for the family. Each one is to carry their burden. Then my mother tells me of this no nonsense woman who declared, "I cannot give birth and cultivate. I will be giving birth and he will be doing the cultivating for us".

There is this other part of the curse specifically for the woman which we need to carry at the back of our minds as we continue

in this discussion. God tells her, "Your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you". This declaration has two important parts:

- (a) Despite the one sided pain of child bearing; yet the woman shall not stop desiring her husband even though he impregnated her and never accompanied her to the labour ward to get his share of the pain. She will still desire him and subject her wish to his wish. Thus the husband can still insist that he wants another child and the wife will agree despite the fact that she knows the pain she will undergo. This is a mystery, only explainable as God's doing.
- (b) Authority and order in the family is also instituted at this time –the husband will rule over his wife. So the man will be the King of the home while the wife and children are his subjects. Obviously a wise and sober King will definitely work for the good of his subjects, for without them, he has no Kingdom.

Now God has spoken in Genesis, that is, at the beginning of all life. At this point we have to agree that neither did life stop at Genesis Chapter three nor did God disappear to Jupiter living the cursed man alone to do their thing. Life continued and God continued following up on His man. God continued to relate and guide man approving the conduct of some people and disapproving of others.

Before the Law, we have examples of notable characters in whom God found delight – Enoch, Noah and Abraham. Concerning Abraham the Lord says, "*For I have known him that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord to do righteousness and justice*". (Genesis 18:19). Remember we, of today, are of the household of Abraham. After these we have Moses, David, Elijah, Elisha just to mention a few. These were all God's generals. It is this Moses whom God gave the all important Ten Commandments and the many ordinances and statutes. Henceforth these commandments become the focal point of God's dealing with humanity on all matters of loving God and living well with your neighbour.

Then we also have the prophets, notable among them is Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah upto Malachi just to mention examples of another set of God's generals of the Old Testament. God uses these prophets mightily to correct and direct His people at every moment of their lives.

As humanity increased in the land, competition for resources began, leading to jealousy, strife, hatred and wars. Humanity is selfish and always bent on doing wrong, wanting everything 'for myself'.

God ends up choosing for Himself, from among all His people, a group of people special to Him (don't ask me the criteria used, even Paul did not understand— see Romans 9). These are the children of Israel, that is Jacob. These became God's special people with whom He dwelt as a parent. Punishing them for every wrong and defending them from any harm by the other group of His people. Even these His special people were not perfect, yet because of His vow to Abraham He never gave up on them. The most common punishment that God allowed on these His special people – Israelites – was to allow the other tribes to defeat them in battle and plunder their resources.

Now let us look at some happenings in the time of the Kings specifically the times of King Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. This is the time when Isaiah the son of Amoz was the prophet (2 Kings 15–20 and Isaiah 6). At this time the children of Israel had sinned against God so much that they attracted His wrath (Isaiah 1:4–6). From chapter one, Isaiah declares to them the word of the Lord of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel. At the end of chapter 3, that is verse 25 going down to Chapter 4 verse 1: the Lord declares this, "*Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in war .....And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying we shall eat our own food and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach*".

By the mouth of Isaiah, God is simply saying the men are going to die in battle to the point that husbands will be few, yet the women have to give birth. So, several women will have to willingly, soberly and in the fear of God agree to share one man and ensure that they don't

overburden him with demands for the other basic needs (food and clothing). That one they can organise themselves. The only thing they cannot do to themselves is to create a pregnancy which forms their whole essence of having been born.

This statement from the Lord of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, sounds like a major milestone in God's dealing with humanity. In the first declaration, the woman was to endure the pain of childbirth while the man was to toil and sweat for food. But now God, approves another system, that in the event of scarcity of men, then several women can agree amicably to be served by one man and not overburden him with toiling for food and clothing. Thus from now on, it is possible that the woman endures the pain of childbirth and also toil and sweat for food and clothing. This is what I am calling a landmark step in God's recorded dealing with man. Before this time the practice of men having many wives had been going on but now God has said it loud and clear.

This new stand of God is further clarified in Proverbs 31:10 –31 where we are told of the virtuous wife. How she works very hard willingly in all sorts of careers to support her husband and children. This is called changing with the times. No wonder we see in the Bible great career women with husbands of no known significance. For example Deborah the judge and the Shunamite woman. Yet these great women acknowledged and subjected themselves to their unknown/insignificant husbands. To us, Lapidoth is insignificant but not to Deborah (Judges 4:4). Deborah sees in Lapidoth a very useful person called 'my husband'. The same for the Shunamite woman.

Now this sounds like resonating with our times where women now have careers, are Chief Executive Officers and they own property etc. Then the big question comes, why would a woman who is well able to support herself and her children get married? What is that magic in marriage that could even necessitate a woman getting married at times to a less endowed husband who will be to her an extra baggage? Why not live freely and control her own calendar?

Well, it is a matter of the heart and fear of God. It depends on

whether in her heart there is a vocabulary called reproach or shame. What reproach or shame? The shame that she has children without a known father or worse still she is childless having not gotten herself a husband among the available men and she did not want to sin, thus ended up old and childless.

How I appeal to modern men and women and especially those in the church, to agree to develop/grow up with the times, and together with God, move from Genesis, the beginning of creation, to where we are today. **It is a fact that there is nowhere in the Holy Scriptures where men and women are directed to copy anything for this life from either Adam or Eve. Adam and Eve are only famous for failing God, so if you want fail God and suffer a miscarriage of destiny, then follow Adam and Eve.** But we are clearly told both in the Old Testament and New Testament to follow the deeds and faith of Abraham and Sarah. We also have these well recorded heroes to emulate, Moses, David, Elijah etc. The faith, actions, morals and lifestyle of these heroes is well recorded and God was well pleased with them.

God did not get stuck at Genesis neither should we retreat backwards to Genesis and pretend to restart life. Life has been moving. God has been moving, so humanity of the 21st Century must move on and face life. God has the answer to all things and His answers are as written in the Bible. It must be amazing to God when we pray unceasingly over issues where the direction to follow is clearly written in the bible.

At the time of the first decree, Genesis 3, there were only two souls on earth one man and one woman, so there was gender parity. But with the increase of people and gender disparity coming in, God did not have any problem with the natural flow of life. Thus as early as Genesis 4:19 we see Lamech taking two wives, in Genesis 16:3 Abraham acquires a second wife, in Genesis 26:34 Esau marries two wives and adds another one in Genesis 28:9, then in Genesis 29 –30 Jacob acquires four wives. Abraham also has concubines and life is moving on smoothly with God not complaining.

Women becoming more than men and all of them getting husbands or just a man to relate with honestly and openly, was never an

issue to God at all times, that is, before the Law, during the Law and during the grace. Jesus did not come to change how people were living their ordinary lives. That is why the seventh Commandment is clear "thou shall not commit adultery" (having sex with your neighbour's wife) and the 10th emphasises the same thing "thou shall not covet your neighbour's wife". This is well exemplified on the day of David's sin with Uriah's wife. By the mouth of prophet Nathan, God tells David, *"I have given you all the wives of your master (after the death of Saul) and if that was not enough, I would still have given you more. Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord..."* (2 Samuel 12:8–9). God has no problem with David marrying many wives, but surely why take somebody's wife?

Now through the mouth of Prophet Isaiah, God makes it formal. See how Isaiah puts it in the opening remarks of his message, *"Hear, o heaven, and give hear, o earth! For the Lord has spoken ... (Isaiah 1:2) ... seven women will take hold of one man ...."* (Isaiah 4:1). Notice that God is addressing himself to all heaven and earth.

Jesus Christ did not change things when He was here on earth. He said that the major life supporting activities – eating, drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage will not change. As it was in the days before the flood, so shall it be upto the time of His return to take us to heaven. Apostle Paul also insists on the same thing saying, "Let the unmarried and widows marry for it is better to marry than to burn with passion". Paul is candid saying that if they don't marry, they will be burning with passion in the midst of the others and causing frictions in the church and families. Paul does not advice anybody to seek God if it is His will that you get a husband/wife. He commands that they get married immediately. Therefore, marriage is not just a prayer matter, it is more of a decision matter, informed by the Biological processes working in an adult woman/man. The fact that God has allowed you to be alive to adulthood being fully normal, with normal adult feelings, is enough evidence that it is God's will that you get a partner of the opposite sex to do the needful. God is not unfair to create anybody to suffer. If you have no burning with passion problem or your organs are not bothering you, then you have the gift of Paul, but don't impose it on others. Believers, do not be deceived with empty words. **No amount**

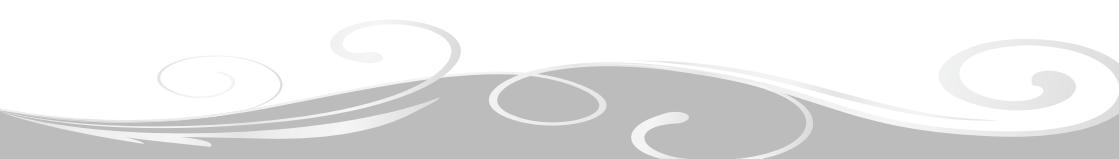
**of prayer, even if with fasting, will forever quench the 'burning with passion' problem.**

So, why should a woman get married? I wish to point out the *should* and the *should not* answer to this big question:

1. It should not be because she wants material support for herself and her children. A woman of virtue should be well able to meet those needs herself.
2. It should be because of the fear of God and a deep seated desire/resolve in the heart to live a decent life - without shame.

Mind you, even with women now giving birth and doing the toiling for food and clothing (at times making more wealth than the husband), yet the second part of the first directive still remains – her desire shall be for her husband and he shall rule over her. This is well emphasised in the New Testament with Paul saying ‘the husband is the head of the wife’ while Peter tells believing wives to emulate Sarah ‘who called Abraham Lord’. This part is meant to create order in the family by creating an authority system which has to be respected for the sake of the angels (1 Corinthians 11:10). Wealthy wives should borrow a leaf from the Shunamite woman who though very prominent, she never despised her somewhat miscellaneous husband. It is so interesting how she carried him wherever she went and kept on consulting him on decisions that she could otherwise still make alone. But she had a husband in her mind. The people interacting with this woman (Elisha and the King) seem not to notice her husband but the woman can’t forget him; it is only her who knows what he is there for. Please read 2 Kings 4:8–36 and 2 Kings 8:1–6.

Yet men have not been left off the hook, for Paul says, if any believing man does not provide for his own house, he is worse than an unbeliever (1 Timothy 5:8). So men ought to be very responsible and hard working to provide for the family. Nevertheless, wholesome doctrine must recognise that the ability to create wealth is a gift and a husband being less gifted in this area is not a license for the gifted wife to throw him out.



Woe unto the world that is today and the sort of gentile Christianity made in Rome and propagated by Europe and America. This kind of funny Christianity based on no known holy writings has created so much disorder to life, that today, Christian women are seeking artificial insemination, in the name of In-Vitro-fertilisation. For some, it is for a genuine health reason; yet for others it is because of the lack of a man to give them sperm, while others will see in it a safe way of being free of men. When you combine this technology with vibrators, then the game is over, women will survive without men. Then what will our sons do? It is obvious! Mind you, the Bible is clear, use of vibrators is whoredom (Ezekiel 16:17).

May all humanity get me right and clear. Freedom and democracy without the fear of God is self destruction. Let no one undermine the essence of religion in the name of freedom and democracy. There is no real freedom on earth. Life must have limits if it is to be orderly and decent and that is where religion comes in, to persuade people to be freely willing to do the right thing. An awakened conscience will do better than what the law and prisons can do. Religion only needs to be realistic, decent and for the good of all. Religion aught not complicate life. That is what I find to be Christianity, which to me, is the best religion, but this is if, and only if, it is based on the Bible.

Marrying and giving in marriage (having sex) is so much a basic need that the Lord Jesus Christ puts it immediately after eating and drinking. It is more basic than clothing and shelter. In fact our forefathers and mothers were moving about naked and comfortably giving birth. Even today, refugees still give birth in camps as long as they have food and water to drink.

To be able to eat is not just a matter of praying, as sure as death, if you just kneel down and pray unceasingly, you will die of hunger. So you will have to pray and then move out looking for available food. Sometimes you may not get exactly what you wanted (may be for economic reasons or availability) but you have to eat. So you eat with thanksgiving what is available. If you miss Beef Fry then eat *madodo* (beans), it is equally a good source of protein. It is the same

with marriage. So I advice the girls and women, if you miss out on your dream man, then get the available one and with thanksgiving make yourself comfortable and believe God for great things. The end result is the same, you will enjoy your nature and fulfill your God given mandate of bringing forth a life on earth and that without shame nor reproach. Even children from very poor backgrounds still make great men and women for the bible says 'the race is not for the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happens to them all' (Ecclesiastes 9:11)

A suit will still be smart depending on the wearer regardless of whether it is from Sir Henry's or from Gikomba (the second hand clothes market). Even at Sir Henry's, you will not miss out on a suit with poor finishing. Women thus beware, some very classic men have a poor finishing. A man that fears not God and considers not His word has a poor finishing because of the work of the devil that he has entertained in his spirit. That is why Paul says "marry but only in the Lord".

## Chapter Sixteen

### A LESSON FROM MOTHER NATURE

Have you ever wondered why ten (10) powerful Buffalos all with very sharp horns will fear one hornless Lion? Why should one Lion chase away five (5) Lionesses and snatch the pray and be the first to eat? Two (2) or three (3) Buffalos are well able to chase away a Lion and tear it into pieces if it becomes adamant. The Lions also know this very well and thus whenever the Buffalos in unison charge at an advancing Lion, the Lion always recoils and turns away to wait for an opportune moment when the Buffalos like decide each to think of themselves and start running 'for my dear life'. Then the Lion jumps on one as the others run without looking back. This is well illustrated in the photos on the next page. You can also watch the animal films and see. Now why should they run? Somebody will say, it is because of foolishness and ignorance. Yes, that is right, but this foolishness and ignorance is deliberately inbuilt inside the Buffalo by the creator of the universe in order to sustain the ecosystem, so that the Lions can eat. A religious man, like me, will rightly explain this foolishness and ignorance as the plan of God. I will say, it pleased God that it be like so. It is the will of God.

It is very interesting to know that Buffalos cannot survive for long in the forest without Lions! If the Buffalos became wise enough and refuse to be eaten by the Lions then the Lions will die of hunger. Then without the Lions, the Buffalos will become too many in the forest and finish all the grass and then they will also die of hunger! So just as without Buffalos the Lions will die of hunger, so also without Lions the Buffalos will die of hunger. This is called the balance of nature.



'Even Nature itself teaches us'  
1 Corinthians 11:14a

Irreligious Western based education and ignorant Christian preaching has focused so much on educating and empowering the

girl child and the wife (Buffalos), exposing all the weaknesses of the men (Lions) to the woman thus fully undressing the man and making him extremely vulnerable. Now the Buffalos have become too wise and so strong to be eaten by this vulnerable Lion. That is why the younger generation men are hesitant whether or not to marry. Why the trouble?

But there are those natural (God made) bodily processes and feelings at work in the body of every adult man and woman that needs to be addressed by an adult of the opposite sex. Woe unto mankind, this hell bent irreligious Western based education and civilisation has invented irreligious hell bent solutions – homosexuality and sex toys. Then Christianity is slowly but steadily getting trapped in this mess. What shall the end be? One thing is for sure, Christians will diminish while Muslims flourish.

The church must now preach back enough foolishness into the girls and wives (the Buffalos) so that they can become women enough to be married and likewise preach to the boys and husbands (Lions) and make them men enough to marry a woman.

I now regret this example that I have been using in pre-marital counselling. "A man was beaten up by his wife to the point of taking cover under the dining table. Coincidentally his friend enters just at that moment and as usual without knocking the door. Surprised he asks his friend, 'my friend, what are you doing under the table?' Careful not to expose his family problems, the friend answers, "Aah don't mind even here is still in my house". I have used this example to train young men not to expose the problems of their families. But what I am realising is that no man is willing to live under the table. Ironically and most unfortunately many of the wives we have created won't mind this as long it is her husband living under the table, not her son being squeezed like that by his wife.

A woman with a sizable level of religious foolishness will agree to be married as a third wife basically motivated by having a name and children of a known father: knowing very well that she will need to work hard and support her children with whatever amount of support from the husband who has many wives (Isaiah 4:1).

Not forgetting that when the husband comes home, he must get something to eat just as do the Lions and Lionesses. The main work of the Lions is to mark their territory and protect the Lionesses and the young ones in times of danger. It is God who creates more Lionesses than Lions and they know that they need each other. The five lionesses can crush the Lion but how will they survive without him since their ability to procreate depends on him. So, when he comes home hungry, let him eat first and we will eat. Yes, the woman with enough religious foolishness will share her husband because of necessity. Not just on her part, but also considering that the other woman has a need and reasonable men are few just as it happened in Israel in the day of Isaiah the prophet (Isaiah 3:25–26 to 4:1).

The irreligious woman will think it much wisdom to rather remain single, have enough children from whoever she wants and sue the fathers for upkeep of her children ensuring a *caveat* that they don't visit the children. Thus the man has no claim to the child he is supporting. In her craftiness, she will distribute her financial commitments to different men. Then she will brag that 'men are fools'. Well, happy is she if she has no sons but if she has them and more so if she has only sons, then I pity her for she is busy feeding fools. At old age she will cry with her fools. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever you sow that shall you reap (Galatians 6:7). Again it says "*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written He catches the wise in their own craftiness*" (1 Corinthians 3:19).

Given the choice, and if we will have a decent society, then I will consider this religious foolishness to be better by far compared to the irreligious wisdom. The Bible is just correct saying that, "*The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God...because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men*" (1 Corinthians 1:18–25).

## Chapter Seventeen

### THE MYSTERY THAT 'THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'

Very dear to the heart of God is *the family unit*. It was from day one God's own idea that there should be families. The family unit is also the sure foundation of every decent and functioning society. God is very holy, decent and a good planner and regarding the family unit He is perfect. I thank God for His written word, the Bible. In this book, we find God's clear thinking and vision for the family unit. There is no confusion. If humanity is willing they can make decent family units God's way. Just see God's beautiful vision in this statement of scripture which is repeated three times in the Bible, a fact that I find fascinating for it clearly shows the interest of the Trinity in the family unit:

1. In Genesis 2:24 God the Father says, "*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.*"
2. In Matthew 19:4–5 God the Son (Jesus Christ) repeats the same words saying, "*He who made them in the beginning 'made them male and female' and said, 'for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they two shall become one flesh?'*"
3. In 1 Corinthians 6:16 God the Holy Spirit (by the mouth of Apostle Paul) says, "*Or do you not know that he who joins to a harlot is one body with her? "For the two" Saith He "shall become one flesh".*"

I had always, just like everybody else, thought that these verses mean that God approves only of a monogamous marriage of 'the two' not 'the three' or 'the four'. This was not until I made a closer look at 1 Corinthians 6:16 only to realize that here God the Holy Spirit (by the mouth of Apostle Paul) is using the very same words spoken by God the Father and God the Son –'the two shall become one' – when He is referring to the case of an immoral act by a man and an harlot for temporally pleasure.

Paul does not mean that if such a man has a wife he has divorced his wife in order to become one with a prostitute. He is still one flesh with his wife but also becomes one flesh with a harlot courtesy of a ten minute stand– even in the ‘green lodge’ (forest).

The statement that ‘the two shall become one’, therefore, does not relate exclusively to a marriage union. Rather, it is about a union of flesh to flesh (sex) which always involves only two people and makes the two to become one flesh. Such that at that act with a wife, ‘the two become one flesh’ likewise in the same act with a prostitute, ‘the two become one flesh’. Therefore in God’s thinking as per the scriptures; the two, Abraham and Sarah, became one; the two, Abraham and Hagar, became one; the two, Moses and Zipporah, became one. The two, Moses and the Ethiopian woman, became one, the two, David and Saul’s daughter, became one, the two, David and Bathsheba, became one; the two, David and Abigail, became one and the equation continues with one man being ‘one’ with several women. It makes sense because we are talking of a bedroom matter where they are always only two in a very mysterious intense flesh activity. Yes, in that act the two became one flesh. So even today, as long as that single woman will give birth, and/or as long as she is getting sexual satisfaction, then she is one flesh with some man somewhere, most likely some woman’s husband.

This surely is a mystery and that being the case, then it is irrational for us Christians to ground life to a halt because of a mystery so hard to explain. Standing squarely on the Holy Scriptures, I will boldly declare that **monogamy is man’s misconception of God’s mystery**. At that I am persuaded I also have the Spirit.

The family unit is surely in God’s divine order. In the first time (in Genesis 2:24) when He used these words, ‘the two shall become one flesh’, God the father was setting up the family unit. He laid a very clear foundation, that when a man gets married, he shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife to become one flesh and form a new family unit independent from the one of his mother and father. From that point onwards, we see holy men forming deferent family units with deferent wives and God never complained.

In the second time that those words are repeated (in Matthew 19:4–5) the Lord Jesus Christ (God the son) is bringing in decency in marriage where the male population of the day (definitely polygamous) were divorcing their wives just for any simple reason. Thus Jesus brings it to their attention that 'your wife is already part of your flesh and you cannot just throw her out at will, not unless she has broken her faithfulness' and joined herself to be one flesh with another man'.

On the third time the same words are repeated (1 Corinthians 6:16), here God the Holy Spirit by the mouth of Paul is warning men against sexual misbehaviour and getting them to clearly understand the implications of sexual union. That is, when you join yourself to a woman, whoever she is, you become one flesh with her. Thus He warns them not to join themselves with harlots 'because you will become one with her'. This should help to make a man feel ashamed that 'he has become one with a harlot'. So you are now like a harlot – what a shame!

Purity, order and decency in God's sight, therefore, demands that a woman shall be one flesh with only one man. Just as in Christ we are all espoused to one husband and no unfaithfulness is expected (2 Corinthians 11:2 and Ephesians 5:30-32). Again, it says the man is the image of the glory of God, but the woman is the glory of man (1 Corinthians 11:7). On the other hand it is expected in God that a man should not go into his neighbour's wife (to become one with her) and he should avoid careless sexual behaviours.

There are truths that we often wish were not so but our wishes cannot change the word of God. When we force a change, then we end up in error and confusion. We cannot make God's systems any better than how He made them.

## Chapter Eighteen

**CURSED BE THE ONE WHO PREACHES  
THIS GOSPEL NOT LIKE THE LORD JESUS  
CHRIST**

Jesus Christ came to this world to a people (the Jews) that had with them the written word of God— the holy writings, that is the Law (5 books of Moses— Genesis to Deuteronomy), the historical writings (Joshua to Esther), the wisdom books (Job to Song of Songs) and the Prophets (Isaiah to Malachi). It is from these writings that the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Apostles preached holiness and the way of pleasing God to the people of their day. Whenever they said ‘it is written’, they referred to these Old Testament books. It is these writings that the Lord and the Apostles are seen expounding on and defending vigorously at every point of their preaching. All the words that the Lord and the Apostles spoke had their bearing and foundation on the Old Testament writings. It is these words spoken by the Lord and the Apostles and the records of events and happenings on their day that form the New Testament writings. In essence, therefore, both the Old Testament and the New Testament consists (are in agreement) on all matters of human life and living as well as pleasing God.

The entire Bible, therefore, from Genesis to Revelation comprises the very important written word of God which is holy and must be zealously guarded. For it is the only compass for guiding us to attain eternal life and not only that, more so to enable us live decent lives on this earth.

The push by people to bring in strange doctrines to fit their own wish, convenience, likes/dislikes and ego is not new to the way of the gospel. On the day of Jesus they were there. That is why we see Him castigating them for teaching as doctrine of God the ideas of men. He laments that they are busy worshiping Him but it's in vain since they are not doing it as per His doctrine (teaching) – *"But in vain they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments*

*of men*" (Matthew 15:9). Jesus feels bitter that out of their own imaginations of what is needed to please God the Pharisees and Scribes were giving the people so many irrelevant requirements. To make it worse the Pharisees and Scribes are very sure that they themselves are not able to observe those requirement that they are telling the people to observe. They are only pretending to people. He says of them "*they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but themselves will not move them with one of their fingers*" (Matthew 23:4). It is interesting to know that the doctrine of God is central to worshiping Him. So claiming to be worshiping God while you are doing it in your own format is a clear waste of time. Throughout His ministry time therefore Jesus was very keen on retaining the correct doctrine of God without any leaven (dilution) (Matthew 16:11-12).

Upon taking over from Jesus, the Apostles likewise remained very alert of doctrine distorters. Apostle Paul alerts the Church of Corinth to beware of people who were corrupting the word. He says to them, "*we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God.*" (2 Corinthians 2:17a). Jude the brother of the Lord also warns the church of that day to beware of wicked people who had crept in unnoticed, a people hell bend on abusing the grace of God as a license for sin (Jude 4). This means that as early as the days of Jesus Christ and the Apostles, there were people twisting the word of God to their own benefit. People distorting and diluting the doctrine of God. Yes, there also were preachers in those days preaching the gospel purely for personal gain, with no concern whatsoever, for God's agenda in giving unto us His holy word, preferring rather to see in preaching a source of livelihood (1 Timothy 6:5). In the church at Galatia, things were getting out of hand, prompting Paul to be tougher in order to safeguard the doctrine of God.

It is important that we understand the serious issue that Paul is tackling in the Church at Galatia. Here, some false brethren

(Galatians 2:4) had come in to disturb the conscience of the believers (Galatians 1:7) telling them that just believing in Jesus Christ was not enough to make them acceptable to God. That they being gentiles needed to be circumcised the Jewish way in order to be acceptable to God. This was the Old Testament system of gaining acceptance to God where a gentile could become a Jew by circumcision –( Genesis 17:10–11, John 7:22). Paul had preached to the Galatians that by faith in Christ Jesus one gets full acceptance in God. But somebody, behind his back, comes and starts preaching to the same people that they need to add to their faith physical circumcision of the flesh. Now this is definitely ‘another gospel’. Paul got so mad about ‘this other gospel’ that he tells the Galatians and those funny preachers that ‘whoever thinks that physical circumcision is profitable should even go ahead and be cut off the whole organ’ (Galatians 5:12). Paul then declared that whoever brings a different gospel (bad teachings) from the gospel of faith that he had preached to them be accursed (*anathema*) (Galatians 1:6–9).

So on the doctrine of sanctification Paul teaches that they are cursed who preach a different gospel. I am glad that the word of God did not leave us without written doctrine in the area of marriage and sex. We don’t have to fumble like in the bush looking for what God says in this critical area of human activity. Incidentally, sexual decency and purity is central to the entire doctrine of holiness as written in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and can never be trivialized. On this area the doctrine of God is crystal clear—there is no one, no, not even one, who is to be forced into sexlessness and childlessness. Rather, marriage and sex is for all willing adults. Sex is performed between a man and a woman both for pleasure and for procreation. This is what was preached by Moses, the prophets, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Apostles. Apostle Paul spoke very elaborately on this subject where he declares marriage as a basic necessity, for every willing adult, men and women alike. He brings it out clearly

as a critical area for the Church to keep an eye on so that we do not end up ridiculed by our adversaries (1 Timothy 5:14 – original KJV). According to Paul, marriage/sex is not a prayer item, rather, it is a decision item, just like eating and drinking. Thus he says, when ‘food fasting’ you will also ‘sex fast’ and resume normal activity after fasting (1 Corinthians 7:5).

From where then did we borrow these arguments that a normal adult is to pray to know if it is the will of God to get married? Yet it is clear that for most of them, the desire for sexual fulfillment and the woman's inner urge for giving birth cannot go away by prayer. Mind you, they are not to blame and have no demon. It is just that ‘God has not given them a gift of sexlessness’ (1 Corinthians 7:7). Then we preachers end up confused and start ‘being wise’ in our preaching not to hurt an already hurting people. Ending up with a shameful religion where sexual morals are not talked.

**Church, it is only when we read the Bible as it is written when it was written that we will be preaching the doctrine of God as preached by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles.** On marriage, if we are to get out of the shame we have landed in, we must go back and preach it like Apostle Paul, *“let all younger women marry, bear children, guide the house so that we don’t give chance to our adversary to reproach us”* (1 Timothy 5:14, original KJV). We have no option but to agree with Paul that unless each adult woman is in a known marriage/sexual relationship, then this fornication thing will never get out of us (1 Corinthians 7: 2–5) and we will become the laughing stock of our adversaries. We must likewise tell the men like Jesus Christ ‘unless you are abnormal or have willingly renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom’ (which should be evidenced by total self control and no hint of interest in sex) please get yourself a wife (Matthew. 19:12). Yes in this day of Jesus Christ and Apostle Paul (First Century) no woman can miss a mate unless she has a special gift, for the audience is polygamous and being a concubine of some known man is normal. Likewise no

man can miss a wife for all women are looking forward to getting married, motivated by the fear of God knowing very well that one can neither get sexual satisfaction nor give birth irresponsibly (with an undisclosed man).

It is so sad that today the Christianity that we are propagating has greatly changed the doctrine of God in this critical area of marriage and sex by cunningly bringing in ‘another gospel’ with strange ideas. That some very normal women will have to remain sexless and childless forever against their wish – as though they were born outside God’s plan and budget. That some women can use vibrators to help themselves. And most wicked of all that homosexuality is acceptable in the faith of Christ. Whoever it is that are perpetrating this ‘other gospel’ of strange ideas (which are now being cleverly stamped into Christian doctrine) are definitely cursed (anathema). These are the anti-Christ, clouds without rain, trees twice dead ... (Jude 12–13)

If in Christianity we bear with homosexuals saying that ‘some were born with that inclination’ then I will wonder, why condemn a thief in who’s ancestry are well known thieves? Let us then also accept into this faith witches, witchdoctors, wizards and night runners because definitely these are inherited traits. Interestingly it is scripturally correct that there are inherited good and bad traits (1 Corinthians 7:14) yet that doesn’t change God’s standards. God remains God, He is not democratic and owes no one an apology.

I refuse to be party to a silent change of the doctrine of God in the area of marriage and sex to this ‘other funny gospel’. I must preach with Apostle Paul that marriage and remarriage incase of a catastrophe is not debatable, it is for all adults– women and men alike. It must be obvious as long as you don’t have the special gift of sexlessness. There is no debate, it is for humans of opposite sex. This is the gospel that I received from childhood and it is what we have been preaching all this time. If there have arisen challenges to this clear preaching, then it is the challenges to deal with but not to

introduce ‘a different gospel’ through the back door.

The systematic change of doctrine that has been happening in Christianity is definitely the work of the perverse men of the last days who are bent on burying the known and well written doctrine of God by replacing it with ‘another gospel’ fashioned after man’s wishes and desires. This is the sure, silent, smooth formula conceived in hell to systematically get Christianity killing itself. For it is not christianity, that religion where men marry men and likewise do the woman. It is the work of the antichrists of the last days. Remember the last days or the last hour begun immediately Jesus left this world for heaven (1900 years ago). This is as clearly seen in the language of the Apostles in their letters to the believers – they say ‘these are the last days, it is the last hour’ (Acts 2:17, 2 Timothy 3:1, Hebrews 1:2, 2 Peter 3:3 and 1 John 2:18).

Knowing, therefore, that the last hour or the last days began that long time ago (1900 years back) and the push to distort the doctrine of God is clearly shown as very real those very days, then we need to be careful of what we are preaching today as the doctrine of God. Are we still preaching it like the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles or are we preaching ‘another gospel’? How far did the push to distort the doctrine of God go? Cursed be anyone who preaches this gospel in any way other than how it was preached by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles.

**Chapter  
Nineteen****LET THE BITTER TRUTH BE TOLD**

I have rolled up my sleeves to say the things we don't want to say, hear, see or imagine. For we are all seeing but we don't want to see, we are all hearing but we don't want to hear, we all have brains but we refuse to think and everyone has shut their mouth tightly.



Then let me talk. The church has preached sexual purity until some of the very faithful sisters have gone past the flower of their youth (gotten into menopause) yet there is none to marry them, the very thing that Paul said should be avoided (1 Corinthians 7:36). Now there we are, with virgins of 35 years and above ready and longing for a husband but with none in sight. For these sisters, only a miracle from above can make them conceive. Surely we are guilty of destroying somebody's daughter and we just have nothing to tell the upcoming young girls. A Christian who can't see this as a disaster in the Church is selfish and near sighted, unable to see beyond their nose. You can only see upto yourself and your wife/husband today. Please remember that soon you will both be history, but the faith must continue for generations and generations to come.

It is blatant escapism to blame a girl for having refused the man that approached her. As long as that man still got a lady to marry, it means that had this, now unmarried lady accepted his hand in marriage, then the shortage could only have been moved over to the one who is now married. Hence somebody will still be missing a husband. Let us stop this escapism please, for we are dealing with people's lives.

It is likewise irresponsible to tell a girl, a young widow or a divorcee not to worry 'for Jesus is coming soon'. This prescription as a solution to sexual desire was made long ago by Apostle Paul to the Corinthian Church in the First Century (over 1900 years ago) and it definitely never worked (1 Corinthians 7:29). How can we then re-invent the same old prescription to real humans of the 21st Century? We should be honest and prescribe a better answer.

Our over ripe virgins in the very strict churches are in a mess always being asked by their parents 'what is happening my daughter/grand daughter, you are not getting married, you don't have a child; what's up?' The challenge is that their peers in some other churches have a solace in this 'she is not married but has two children hence she will take care of them'. I pity those of our girls who have had to procure an abortion(s) to cover up the pregnancy of the Bishop, Priest, Pastor or Deacon. They are frustrated beyond measure. It was better if they had just given birth and let life continue. **We are behaving as though our God has gone for holiday to Jupiter.** That is why holy men are helping girls procure abortions while others are abusing children in child-care centres (orphanages) and shooting each other with guns.

Hear this; the other day, a virgin of 38 years told me, "In my youth my mother physically beat me up so that I don't engage in sex. Now she is verbally beating me into it, at least to get myself a child, yet there is no man with whom I can do it and remain saved. Then my mother wonders that I must have joined a funny religion which is making me grow old childless. Pastor what should I do? The young girls don't want to listen to me preaching to them holiness because they don't want to end up like me! Nowadays I am no longer a

youth, neither am I a mother nor a widow. So who am I Pastor?" This should provoke tears from any honest Christian. The ignorant insensitivity we are portraying in the face of such a challenge is sickening.

How our dear Pastors and Bishops are unknowingly displaying their arrogant insensitivity in public. A Bishop/Pastor stands up in the funeral of a departed sister and tells the widower, "Brother, now take care. There are very many sisters who will start knocking at your door with all manner of excuses just wanting to gain your attention. So stand firm lest you are spiritually finished by such". This portrays our senior spinsters, widows and divorcees as very dangerous women. How I wish this widower is being warned against prostitutes outside the church. But now he is being warned to beware of fellow believers. What a tragedy? Now my question is, can't we see that we have a problem? Ten single sisters of a good age and very dear in the Lord, are seeing a miracle in the demise of their friend! That speaks volumes. They are keen to keep the faith but what reward do they get in public, 'they are dangerous women who can finish the good widower'. Honestly, are they not also part of the flock? I would that we rather ask ourselves: why should we have in the church such a large number of born again sisters desperate for a man? Why is God not answering their earnest prayer for a husband?

Amidst all this, is this story in the press every other day, 'A Pastor has done this, a Bishop has done that, a Deacon has done this, so and so has been killed by his wife, so and so are divorcing etc'. Can't somebody wonder, what is just so wrong? This never used to happen in the days of our fathers. So what is happening?

## **Things are Elephant**

Let me tell you Church; things are elephant, if we don't address this issue, several things will happen:

- (a) The preaching of the Gospel will become irrelevant. Already, the preaching of sexual holiness is hard challenged.
- (b) We will be a religion of hypocrisy whose adherents live a lie in the open.

- (c) Our preaching will be relevant only to the youth upto the age 19 years. And now I understand why they (Parents and leaders) like telling us, "Pastors preach to the youth very much, they are getting spoilt". When these youth get out of the youth bracket, then it is over. I am sorry I was not preaching to make good youth. I am preaching for people to go to heaven. The word should apply the same way to all mortals.
- (d) It will be sensible for a parent to deny their daughter from getting saved(born again) for it is a dangerous society where you may miss out on everything like so and so's daughter who has no husband and no child and is not a Catholic Nun. You see, the Catholic nuns have decided in advance and their parents have agreed to that, so everybody is okay.
- (e) The divorced on acceptable grounds and young widows without the grace of Anna are not going to continue being comfortable with us.
- (f) The men who don't want public shaming will keep away from church leadership if not altogether opt to stay out of church.

When we don't want these single sisters near a male mortal and we have no problem when two of them live together like love birds, what do you expect? What if they turn on each other for a scratch? Mind you, they are Christians endeavouring to keep the faith and not wanting to break peoples' marriages. So in a way, their conscience is appeased. Gradually, a dear sister gets trapped in lesbianism. Then to a large extent the preaching of the so called Christianity has created lesbianism. No wonder they demand recognition in the Church (not in the mosque) since some of them were pushed into it by our preaching.

By preferring human ideology, myths, feelings and conveniences (overly based on the thinking of the West) to the expressly written Biblical doctrine in handling matters of this life; the preaching of the so called Christianity might be blamed for enhancing gayism. You say how? It is a threefold cause—Equality, Monogamy and Women Empowerment. These three factors have created a monster called a wife who is greatly feared by the faint hearted man. Of course to the wife with a, "We are equal, I am the only wife and I

am empowered" mentality, the husband is an Ogre, having failed to naturally internalise these three factors which to her are critical. So in one house, there dwell a Monster and an Ogre!

Women empowerment is very essential for the safety of the family and is also biblical as shown in Isaiah 4:1 and Proverbs 31. A family where the wife has no idea how food comes to the table is in great danger. When the husband's few days are over, what becomes of the children and their house wife mother? Women, you must get out of this house wife mentality. Husbands please, help your wives to know how to make an extra coin. But the empowered Christian Woman must endeavour to remain in the confines of our faith, otherwise we will degenerate to an irreligious society to our own detriment.

True biblical doctrine does not produce equality of husband and wife. Rather it clearly brings out the man as the head of the family to whom the wife must submit totally, love, obey, respect and fear. On the other hand the husband is to love the wife as his own body, honour her and be wise in dealing with her as the weaker vessel (Genesis 3:16, 1 Corinthians 11:3, 7–10, Ephesians 5: 22–24, Titus 2:4–5 and 1 Peter 3:1–6 KJV). This equality thing is confusing humanity and especially those who confess Christianity.

Equality, Monogamy and Women Empowerment produces two strong bulls in one shed. The result being endless fierce fighting, ending up in painful separation, divorce, hatred, stress, depression, murder etc. The simple minded man afraid of marrying or frustrated by his wife, starts to explore ways of releasing himself on another man in a similar predicament. They continue attending church service. At first they are guilty but by and by they get used to it and console themselves with, 'what else were we to do?'

You may want to think that I am being too much, but if you are willing to reason, you will realise that with the increased difficulty of keeping the marriage institution, there has arisen simultaneously a new phenomenon in Kenya, gays and lesbians opening up among people professing the Christian faith and demanding recognition in the Church. The Westerners that we are imitating blindly reached

this point a long time ago because they started this ‘Christianity teachings’ many years back. Without their awareness, their teachings birthed homosexuals among them and now they have gotten used to them. They find them normal human beings doing just what they want and free to attend church and even be church leaders. This is what they now want Africa to accept as normal.

Am I speaking to somebody anyway? I know in all this, there is the hand of our enemy, the devil, yet I ask, why should the preaching of Christianity be the breeding ground for this kind of evil? One wonders where the great preachers of America and Europe are when their political leaders go round issuing all manner of threats to the African Presidents who refuse to accept homosexuality. What is happening my bigger brothers and sisters?

## **Christianity has been Evolving**

It is hard to understand what is happening to this our dear faith. Christianity seems to have been undergoing an evolution. Think about it this way: the Roman Catholic Church reigned from the 4th Century through the dark ages until 1517AD, when Martin Luther, (formerly a Catholic priest), brought protestantism, then recently we have Pentecostalism. This means Christianity has been evolving over the years as believers get a clearer understanding of the Bible and strive to become more Bible based. Then the church of today has yet a big challenge, to take Christianity back to the Bible and mainstream it in all our systems. Failure to do this in time then the most holy faith is in danger of getting extinct, being overtaken by the so called modernisation, civilisation, democracy, freedom etc.

The systems that Western education and Christianity have birthed are pushing marriage to later years. This is unlike in the Bible days when marriages were very early. The Theologians say that Mary the Mother of Jesus was aged 17 years when the Angel visited her. Well, I don’t know, but it makes sense given that in those days marriages were early. In fact for Jesus at 30 years (when He started preaching – Luke 3:23) to have had four half-brothers and several half-sisters (of same mother but different father - Mathew 13:55-56) it means His mother Mary had started child bearing at an early age. Now

being a virgin at 17 is quite normal and healthy but a virgin at 30, 40, 50 etc, and that not by choice, is definitely a matter of concern to any right thinking human being. Let us be honest at times.

It was wrong from day one to align life to education. Rather, it was education that should have been aligned to the established life systems. Here, I mean that marriage for an adult should not be upset by education. Honestly; we are allowing girls to go back to class after giving birth. So she is already a mother, then why separate her from her husband? She will still be doing it! Why pretend? Why should a teacher lose his job for impregnating a girl who was a very willing party to the act and may even have been the one who seduced the teacher? That is why she never complained until she got pregnant. Why destroy the teacher's potential in nation building and make his other children suffer? The best punishment to such a teacher and the pupil is simple, let them marry and the teacher be compelled to ensure that the girl, turned wife, continues with her education. If he is not willing to marry the girl then the Bible says let him pay the bride price for virgins (Exodus 22:16–17) and this should extent to paying for upkeep of the child. But if it is the girl, and/or her parents who object to marriage, then let them take care of the child without disturbing the man. It means the girl and/or her parents wanted a child and now they want to trick the man into taking care of this child who will not benefit him at his old age. Children, especially when well taken care of, are the only real assets that parents can lean on during old age.

## **The Time Bomb: Christianity Infected with an Anti-Men Virus**

This blatant hypocrisy and cruelty against men must stop. How is it that, when a willing man and a willing woman have intercourse, both knowing the consequences, it is only the man who is crucified when it turns nasty. We have become overprotective of the girl child to the detriment of the boy child. It is wrong for the society to be so much bent on punishing men. We all have sons and they also are men. Where do we want them to go?

Before we accept the common argument that the man abducted the school girl, we first need to dig deeper. "How did the school girl move from school/home to the man's house?" If she consciously used public transport, for example, then it means she had a date. When we simply say that the *boda boda* (motor bike) operator impregnated five girls, don't we realise that the impression created is that the girls are like empty sperm holding objects capable of contracting a pregnancy, into which the *boda boda* operator successfully but illegally injected fertile sperms thereby creating unwanted pregnancies? Hence the defenseless objects (girls) were never consulted and never participated in the act! I am simply saying 'as long as the girl never raised an alarm nor reported a sexual abuse, then obviously she is party to this thing. And that is just what the Bible says in Deuteronomy 22:23–29. Why should we pretend that we don't know that a girl can seduce a boy/man? It is socially unhealthy to get boys/men scared of girls/women. Marriages will seize.

Consensual sex should never be made a crime unless it is with somebody's wife (adultery) or a minor, though some 'minors' are not minors. That is why she only talked on realising that she was pregnant – age is not the only determinant. Puberty might be a better option. Even the Angel visited Mary when she was under eighteen! But rapists must be dealt with thoroughly according to the law.

The devil seems to have so far succeeded in infecting Christians (men and women alike) with an anti-men virus. We are feeling uncomfortable that with the new marriage law in Kenya a man can marry five wives yet we don't want to ask ourselves where the men will get those five women from. One would be left to wonder whether men have gotten a new technology of manufacturing real women in a factory or carving real women from trees. Is it not our daughters and sisters getting a man with whom to give birth and enjoy their nature? **How the devil has blinded Christians to only ask the wrong questions lest we get the right answers and be helped!** This also is funny, we have no problem when a second wife

sister becomes a preacher yet we can not stand a man of two wives on the pulpit. Why the double standards?

God being just and fair as He is, I can not imagine the extent of surprises that we will find before the great white throne judgment seat of Christ (Revelation 19:11–13). The environment in which the Bible was written is miles apart from where we are now, yet God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen. The challenge is that what we are setting as standards of Godliness are not Biblical principles but theories of men set after the manner of their own convenience and imagination dominated by the Westerners. Then we have been running our own race, marked for us by Men not the Lord Jesus Christ! Honestly, we don't expect Jesus Christ at the judgment seat to rely on the English Common Law. He will surely rely only on His doctrine as written in the Bible. How I pity the church!

The worst thing for a parent to do is to introduce unrealistic rules in the family and demand compliance from the children. They will rebel. Our God is not unrealistic in His righteous demands from us, His subjects. He did set up the ever unchanging ten Commandments which are not a burden to a God fearing people. This is just what John says, "For this is the love of God that we keep His Commandments and His Commandments are not burdensome," (1John 5:3). The Lord Jesus says the same, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me....for my yoke is easy and my burden is light," (Matthew: 11:28–30). Yet the righteous standards that we have set for ourselves are unrealistic and unattainable to most mortals thus the irreligiousness we see in Christianity today. With unrealistic expectations there must be disappointment.

Ladies and gentlemen, or could it be that I am just resisting change? You know a new society is coming up where we have "Mr. Jane, Mr. Anyango, Mr. Katile, Mr. Wanjiku, ..." and "The homestead over there belongs to Miss Margaret Nafula and the other one over there is of Miss Priscilla Kagendo." I know the non-born again Christian single mothers have no problem with that. But those who are born again protestants have a problem because somebody is

asking, "Are you sure she lives without a man?" Occasionally some overzealous preacher will mention something to that effect in their well calculated sermon. Surely we are confusing the single women in our Churches. Today we need them, tomorrow we rebuke them, the next day we tell them God loves them very much and so on and so forth.

But this is a time bomb, the day we accept this culture as normal then the preaching of sexual morality stops. Likewise, the need for marriage will be gone as has happened in the West. Which woman will want to be subject to a man when she can live alone and get what she wants, from where she wants and when she feels like, and above all be very much understood and accepted in church. Then I pity the boy child. You see, the girl child can somehow make a homestead without a visible man but the boy child definitely can not do that. A man in his 40's without a wife and is not a Catholic Priest is really a troubled creature. God of heaven help the boy child for without a visible woman, this good fellow is in a mess. From the look of things, the families with girls only could be happier than those with boys only. Sorry, I am only talking, don't be mad at me. But I have sensed that it is like the girls have woken up to this realisation. Some of them are so proud that for a man to keep them as a wife, you have to remain on your knees begging, "Please, please, please ... don't leave me please". I am a Pastor and the God of heaven bears me witness that I am speaking the truth that I have witnessed. In the old days and Bible days when men were men this could not happen. But now, we live in a woman's world. All systems being woman centered. Yet this joy of women is only short lived, for what will your daughter do when men realize that they are being misused and shy off from girls as has happened in the West?

In the sustained pursuit of equality, a doctrinally lost Church, preaching the ideas of men (civilization and modernization) as the doctrine of God, has sniffed out the man spirit, the manhood, out of the man, thereby leaving him just similar to, just the same as, a woman. Then the women, who thought that equality is their salvation, are the first to realize that the men have vanished. They are now wondering "where are the men?"

Men and women know ye therefore that God was not a fool to set the husband slightly above the wife and clearly defend that position in the Holy Scriptures (the Bible). It is God, not the Devil, who ordained the life system that leads to more women than men at adult age. In some countries I am told, men in their wisdom have artificially manipulated God's system, especially to have more boys but the outcome is a mess - more men than women hence a generation without wives. Lets let life be as God set it to be and we will be okay. The consequences of disobeying the clearly set order of God are open to all – thinking they are wise they became fools. All women with sons, more so, those with sons only, you have a reason to start crying. Some of you may have no feelings for your husband for whatever reasons, but your son also is a man. Soon he will graduate into somebody's husband. We need one another. Let us together find out what is eating up the men.

The Men are slowly but steadily becoming miscellaneous. Only the strong ones will survive. Yes, I mean the all-round strong, financially-unchallenged by his wife, emotionally able to withstand the shaming by society for the 'sin' of behaving like Boaz (the great great grandfather of the Lord), Abraham (the father of faith) and Elijah (the great prophet who went to heaven alive). That is, the 'sin' of helping some needy woman/women. Well, I wish Jesus had declared these heroes of faith to have been sinners. Now that He didn't, then He must be wondering what kind of followers He has on earth today. They crafted their own doctrine and stamped His name on it without due regard for His clearly written teachings. Their self-imposed doctrine is destroying them but they have decided to rather be numb and blind.

## **Preaching Water but Drinking Wine**

My friends and fellow Preachers, I am at a loss what to tell the world because what we are saying should not be done, is what we are doing as they watch. Is it that the Gospel has failed? No, not at all, God forbid. Is it that there is a different kind of salvation than the one

which was first preached to us by Bishop... Evangelist... Apostle... Brother... Sister...? I don't want to name names but I am sure you have a name of a dignitary in the faith with whose name you can fill in my dots, who today is only a shell of what he/she was and that mainly because of ugly sex scandals. Self condemnation has made them lose confidence before God and the church, so much so that they no longer function in the office of their calling (1 John 3:21). If the salvation they preached to us is not helping them, then ought we to look for a different one? But does any other salvation exist? If it exists, then we have all been liars for too long and we will all have to start again.

The only explanation to these unending challenges is that we are pushing something of our own making. That is why it has no grace to carry itself, hence the many problems for which we have no answer since we don't know the basis of what we are preaching. **We have resorted to burying our heads in the sand in the pretext that 'we are praying about it', yet the more we pray, the worse it gets.** Then we have become the laughing stock of the heathen as we preach water but drink wine. They must be seeing that we are funny, because apart from them meeting with us in the same corners they go, they are the ones helping some single mothers and widows in our churches. Then we are telling them to get saved and stop sinning; **with the only sinning we seem to know being something to do with sex.** Yet in this regard we aim at being holier than Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Elijah, Ruth, Esther etc. We think we have a better way of doing it than whatever John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and the Apostles might have thought. Oops! That's why we are stuck. I doubt whether it is necessary to have been holier than Abraham, Moses, David, Ruth, Esther to make it to heaven. Unless you are aspiring for a better mansion than the one for father Abraham and Moses, yeah even better than for Elijah; or definitely one more glittering than for Mary the mother of the Lord; you see, she is clearly of the New Testament but had no holy wedding in church.

My friend, the Bible says you can destroy yourself by being overly righteous the same way as for being overly wicked, it says a wise

man will escape both extremes (Ecclesiastes 7:16–18). Let us not be extremists like fools.

One senior virgin in a youth camp put forward a note with this question, "Why did God create me with this organ if He knew I would never use it?" Well answer that one.

## **Why Should the Church Criminalise a Normal Biological Process?**

I have come to realise that some single women come to our churches weighed down from the world by diverse challenges, problems and frustrations by wicked men and merciless women. This makes them think that the only way out is to get saved and have Jesus help them out of this frustrating urge which, for reasons beyond their control, has nobody to fulfill. They love God in their hearts and want to live a decent life but sexual desire is frustrating them. So they surrender all to Jesus and sure enough, for some time they are very happy and satisfied. But little do they know that after the emotional dust has settled down, their senses will wake up and they will find themselves more trapped than they were before getting saved. Now they face a danger of being labelled agents of the Devil or even excommunication from church. Did you not know that sexual desire is natural and God will not kill it, unless you are sick or you die?

I have sadly seen some of them disappear from our churches quietly into thin air after having been very committed in the short period they were with us. Why? Nobody wants to ask and the Pastor cannot seriously follow them up because he is careful not to lose his wife and the larger flock. Even the lady Pastor is also careful lest she loses her husband to this generous sister. What shall the end be? Why should the Church criminalise a normal biological, God given process and then run away from the ensuing complications? Sex is a biological need – thus a basic need and a basic human right for adults. Medically speaking, sex is very good and necessary for the physical health of every adult human being. That is why the all wise God of heaven does not prohibit sex for any normal adult, rather, He sets out in the Bible very clear and achievable sexual moral standards. **Jesus Christ never prescribed a new set of sexual sins list for New Testament church.**

## The Playing Field must be Level

You are asking me whether I think this will eliminate sexual immorality. I am certainly sure it won't and that is not what I am talking about. I am talking of living our lives the way God set it to be according to the Holy Scriptures and not putting unnecessary burdens on some people and making the way of the cross look like it is unclear and impossible to follow. Competitors in athletics must put on the same attire, not some putting on gumboots while others have genuine athletics attire. The playing field must be level for God is not unjust.

The wicked will not cease in the land. In the Old Testament, despite men having as many wives and concubines as they wanted, they are still rebuked for running to the neighbour's wife (Jeremiah 5:8–9). The gospel remains clear warning men of the adulterous woman and her seductive tactics and dire consequences of adultery (Proverbs 5, 6:20–35; 7). Even with this revelation in operation, the words of the Lord will still remain '*narrow is the gate and difficult is the way that leads to eternal life and there are few who find it*' (Matthew 7:13–14). Remember Jesus said these words over 1900 years ago to a polygamous people with concubines. The words are still alive to day.

Let the wicked continue being wicked and the righteous continue being righteous (Revelation 22:11). Only one thing, this righteousness is not guess work or an imagination of some overzealous uninformed batch of believers basing their faith on baseless persuasions. The standards are as set out in the Holy writings of Christianity which is called the Bible. **Unless we have a new God developed from where I don't know.** If we still retain the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Matthew 22:32); yes the God of Moses, David and Elijah who changes not, then we must go back to the Bible. Without these Old Testament champions we definitely have no New Testament and thus, no religion called Christianity. The way our God perceived sexual holiness in the days of Abraham

and David is still the same, He has not changed. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever more (Hebrews 13:8), the same way He was when He was here on earth the same He will be at the Judgment seat.

It is critical for the Church to swallow this, as Jesus Christ and the Apostles are speaking all throughout the New Testament they are addressing themselves to a people who know the Ten Commandments of God. Every adult Jew knew the Commandments of God off-head. Jesus did not bring a 'new kind of people' from the blue to preach to. It was these same Old Testament people whose lifestyle revolved around the Law and the Prophets as the determinants of their moral values. Then Jesus tells them 'I did not come to destroy the Law or the Prophets' (Matthew 5:17) again He tells them to 'obey the teachings of the Scribes and the Pharisees because they are teaching just what Moses taught' (Matthew 23:1–4). Jesus preached that, to be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven (that is to inherit eternal life) is not just a matter of believing in Him (thus calling Him Lord, Lord). He said there is more than that 'you must do the will of His Father in heaven' which is by practicing the Law (Matthew 7:21–23). Which Law is this? It is no secret, it is well explained in the answer that Jesus gives to the rich young man; keep the ten Commandments (Matthew 19:17–21, Mark 10:17–22). In Matthew 22:34–40 Jesus classified the Commandments in two parts, that is the first one is for governing the relationship of man to God (commandment No. 1 to 4) while the second part is for governing the relationship of man with man (Commandment No. 5 to 10). The rich young man passed in the area of man to man but failed in the area of man to God.

Likewise John the beloved, speaking to a people that through him had believed in Jesus Christ (that is why he calls them my little children), he tells them that having believed in Jesus, they must be careful to keep the Commandments of God. He tells them that it is only 'by this that we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments' (1 John 2:3–4) and 'His commandments are not burdensome' (1 John 5:3). This then clearly means that the

standard or the benchmark of godliness is 'His commandments' and not any new ones; just the very old ones (1John 2:7) plus the new Commandment of the Lord 'Love one another' (1 John 2:8 which words are drawn from John 13:34). Apostle Paul is also in agreement that the law is holy, good and just (Romans 7:7and12). Therefore, any new standards of godliness above the ones set out in the Commandments must have been set up later, that is after Jesus Christ and the Apostles. I leave that to the Theologians of today to tell us who brought new standards of Godliness.

## **The Kind of People that Jesus Christ Lived with on His Day**

To the Jesus I have learnt from the Holy Scriptures, the number of wives and/or concubines that one has is not relevant for our being able to see both the Kingdom of God here on earth and being in the Kingdom of Heaven. These are the kind of people that Jesus had lived with throughout His 33 years of life on earth as a human being and He had no problem with them. If it were so, He would definitely have said it. If Ezra was able to correct a bad situation where the children of Israel had married foreign women by having those wives returned (Ezra 10:18–44); why could Jesus, who feared no man, not have corrected the situation or just made a statement that in future, these practices should stop never to be repeated? We are only trying to make insinuations about scriptures – by saying this, He implied...and you see... and you know... bla...bla...bla. I am sorry we are only adding to scripture, to our own detriment (Revelation 22:18–19). Jesus clearly lived with it and He never talked about it, hence it is irrelevant. How can somebody honestly create doctrine from the blue and purport that it was Jesus' doctrine?

I believe in the God of Abraham. It is enough that one attains to the righteousness of Abraham. We will find him in Heaven. Before I apologise for this Revelation, the Apostle Peter must lead. How can he use Sarah as the yardstick for holy Women of the New Testament while knowing very clearly that she got her husband into marrying their house help and also never raised a finger as her husband went on impregnating concubines all over the place (Genesis

25:6). Why would Apostle Paul (in all his Epistles) and James, the Lord's brother, use the same Abraham as the Father of faith and the yardstick of righteousness. Jesus Christ will also have to apologize for saying that Abraham's children (that is true believers) "should do the works of Abraham" (John 8:39). Again the Lord Jesus Christ also said that Elijah was a miracle to a young widow for three and half years! Don't forget also that Jesus Christ entertained the story of wife inheritance (Matthew 22:25–30). And John the Baptist is also not to be spared for he challenged the Pharisees and Sadducees to be truly like father Abraham if they wanted to claim to be his children (Matthew 3:7-9). If John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and the Apostles –Paul, James and Peter understood what they said then the Church of today is terribly misled. If the Church is right in her thinking regarding marriage and sexual holiness, then John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and the Apostles are wrong; but that will simply be a disaster for we will have to take the Bible to the archives and decide what to preach. Whatever we mean, I don't know.

The realistic instructions on marriage and sexual relations are given by Moses and this is what Jesus approved for human consumption both to the disciples and the multitudes as He says in Matthew 23:1–4, "*The Scribes and Pharisees sit on the seat of Moses (they are the Moses of that day), so whatever things they tell you to observe those do and observe...do not bind unbearable burdens on people's backs*". He also declares that at the judgment seat the judge will be Moses (John 5:45–47).

## **Christianity Stands Guilty of Courting Homosexuality but Should Not Give Up**

By trying to improve on God's designed way of living our earthly lives, Christians have landed in a mess. Now Christianity stands guilty of courting and unknowingly nurturing the culture of homosexuality through preaching of doctrinal ignorance. This being the unfortunate bad reality, the solution is not to accommodate this abomination into the most holy faith as the Church in America and Europe has done. For what shall we (preachers) answer before God at the judgment seat of Christ as the Lord demands the blood of these misled souls from our hands? (Ezekiel 3:17–19). If we are Bible believers then we have a reason to worry.

Unfortunately this un-natural behaviour is only tolerated in Christianity. This gives our religion a real bad image in the Eastern bloc where Christianity is a minority religion perceived as funny and dangerous – a religion that allows men to marry men while women satisfy the sexual urge of fellow women using their mouths and fingers! Who will want to join such a religion? You know Christianity in the Eastern bloc is as scarce as Buddhism and Hinduism are in Kenya. They mostly hear of it when it hits the headlines internationally for all the wrong reasons like the ordination of gay Bishops.

Homosexuals and Lesbians are people who have openly defied the teachings of the Bible on which Christianity is founded, thereby denying the Christian faith. Now by wanting to force their way into being accepted as Christians, they are attacking Christianity from outside with an aim of weakening it. This is a great challenge to Christianity given that these imposters are operating from right inside the Church, pretending to be part of the faith. Yet there is a greater challenge from right inside the faith amongst the sincere believers which is eating up the faith like cancer. This is the unending number of unmarried senior virgins, single mothers, young windows and those divorced on acceptable grounds. As long as we have them and have no clear policy on dealing with them, then the preaching of holiness is challenged as Christianity turns into a single mothers' society which celebrates homosexuals. What a funny society to call a religion?

I have nothing personal against the homosexuals; it is their right to whatever sexual behaviour they feel like. But my Bible based faith says that people who do such things will go to hell. So if somebody has chosen to go to hell, then that is none of my business. But it is my God assigned duty to defend the most holy faith. I will thus firmly say, not just everybody is accepted in the Christian faith (2 Timothy 3:8). **Homosexuals cannot be Christians.**

I would that homosexuals come up with their own religion and craft their own teachings. There are very many religions and each religion has its own sacred teachings which hold its adherents together.

Christianity is based on the teachings of the Bible which are very clear. It says God made them man and woman and commanded them to go and multiply and fill the earth (Genesis 1:27–28). Now if you don't ascribe to the Bible teachings, why should you want to be called a Christian? I wonder why they don't complain of being discriminated against in the mosques. Surely, the Muslims can't accept this abomination. They say those things are done by Christians. That is sickening.

This is the outcome of a slow drift. Christianity has drifted so surely and systematically from the Bible over the years that today, anybody wants to bring in whatever they think and demand that it be accepted as Christianity. After all, we have condoned many unbiblical things; why not this one. I feel so irritated when an internationally respected African Arch-Bishop says, "The God I serve will not take this homosexuality debate as a big issue". That definitely is somebody talking of a different kind of god not the God of the Bible. Then this other big church leader says in 2013 "if a gay person confesses the Lord, who am I to condemn him". And a great American televangelist dares say that "I don't know whether homosexuals will go to hell or heaven". This then reduces Christianity to a mere mouth confession religion without any moral standards. It is because of this neglect of Biblical standards in practicing of Christianity that the charismatic preachers world-over have become a menace, commercialising and polluting the gospel without shame. And who will ask them? The Bishop they could have feared and respected is in a bad sex scandal, thus being seen to be, and himself feeling, more sinful than they, seeing that WE HAVE ONLY ONE BIG SIN WITH FUR CALLED SEX OUTSIDE A MONOGAMOUS MARRIAGE.

## **Christianity was Simply set up for Failure**

It is time that Christians woke up and realise that the most holy faith is in danger. I fear that, at some point, the Christian faith was set up for failure. You need no theology to understand this, it is plain common sense. Somebody somewhere (definitely in Rome and

Europe) sat down and hurriedly crafted, from specific parts of the Bible, a religion to suit their own wishes and called it Christianity. Unfortunately true Christianity can't be sustained without the whole Bible in focus. Brothers and Sisters, this is the only time to arise and fight for the faith. An evil spirit from hell using the West is bent on killing Christianity.

The way forward for the Church is simply to take responsibility for the error and apologise/repent to the world then turn back to the Bible, the true backbone of our faith, and preach godliness the Jesus Christ way. Then in a clean conscience and love we will rehabilitate, by counselling and prayer, those lesbians and gays who will accept the gospel of Jesus Christ. and turn away from their wickedness. Of course some will refuse but that is not a scare. It is not news. It happened in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. Also Paul says about such people that, "*Professing to be wise they became fools... and even as they did not want to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to debased minds, to do those things which are not fitting,*" (Romans 1:22,28). Some refusing to be ashamed will choose to do their thing openly and rejoice in their shame (Jeremiah 3:3, Philippians 3:19). But the Church must stomp its feet down and reject all those who reject Bible doctrine. How can we just agree to be party to this error? **The Church that has accepted homosexuality as an acceptable practice among her members is a failed Church.**

It is plain trickery, for a preacher with a wife and children to let people's children, entertain a feeling that homosexuality is not very bad. Yet we know that this practice is plainly anti-God and is dangerous to humanity. With gay couples there is no continuity of life since there is no procreation. The name of the two simply ends with them. And if we make this tendency not a big issue thereby allowing it to get widespread, then, don't we see that a whole generation is getting wiped out? Then humanity, especially those who profess the Christian faith, will diminish on earth! But other religions will still be increasing and replacing the Christians, especially the Muslims who are our main competitors.

God does not hold old political leaders responsible for people's morals. This duty God has delegated to the Church and her leaders. Political leaders are chosen by the people to lead the people in the direction that the people have chosen to go (according to their constitution). But Church leaders are God's appointees to direct God's people in the way God desires His people to go (according to the Bible). Therefore, before God, the blame for the moral decay in the West lies squarely on the Church leaders from where those political leaders come; yes those Pastors, Priests, Bishops, Archbishops etc who preach to them the word of God. I wonder what they will say at the white throne judgement seat of Christ.

It is infidelity to the God of heaven when a preacher, owing to material gain, fails to tell it point blank to the people of God that homosexuality is anti-God and is destructive to humanity. With ten million gay couples it means twenty million souls of God will soon go without a replacement and these are mostly Christians. Homosexuality then is a systematic weapon of mass destruction of Christians. Then the Muslims will be systematically taking over.

In the days of ignorance, God overlooked, but now He commands all men everywhere to repent. Church of today, let us repent and help ourselves and the generations after us. If we can't get out of this fix, I am sorry the next generation will have a reason not to go to church, for therein are no answers to real life issues, we only want to condemn people. It is like we are just happy condemning! As it is now getting saved is being equated to getting into problems and unresolvable situations.

I fear this is the mistake made by the Church of Europe and America; they preached Christianity to the world very enthusiastically in the 19th Century. Then by and by, they landed in this problem, failed to solve it and now they are where we see them today. To the Church in Africa, I say, take care for the Swahili saying still stands "*Ukiona mwenzako akinyolewa tia chako maji.*" (If you see your neighbour getting shaved then apply water on your own hair). Self deception is "taking the highway to Mombasa from Nairobi and declaring that

you will neither turn to the right or the left nor stop moving, yet have a firm belief that you will not find yourself in Mombasa". I tell you, it is only a matter of time and you will be there. Prayers and crying can't help, only a decision to turn back will help us not go the Europe and America way.

It is very sad that Christians of today cannot face and solve serious issues of life rather wanting to 'leave it to God'. This ignorant insensitivity will not take us anywhere. A preacher in desperation the other day, said to me, "It is like God will have to come and preach by Himself". Another one in his much 'wisdom' and 'carefulness' told me,"Pastor, leave that to God". Mmm. Okay Pastor, you mean God should come from heaven and help us sort out our issues. Why did He not come in the days of the Apostles to give direction when they were faced with serious emerging issues forcing them to dispute very seriously (Acts 15:6–7)?

My friends, holy preaching is about giving direction of God's way to his people as they face real life challenges. **If our preaching cannot give guidance and God's way in the face of difficult issues of this life, if it neglects its adherents when faced with difficult situations and only cares about how much tithes and offerings they have given, then it is not worth being called holy preaching because it is hurting. Somebody may as well be excused for calling it a business and to be more precise a bad business.** If only for our own stomachs and cares we preach this gospel, then we are to be pitied of all men. We better eat and drink for tomorrow we die (1 Corinthians 15: 19 and 32). As for me, I will not despair, but one thing will I do, I will only preach and teach what the Bible says. I will read any scripture from the Bible for it is all breathed of God and written by holy men as God gave them utterance. It is useful for doctrine, for admonition and correction of the believer until we all reach christian maturity (2 Timothy 3:15–17, 2 Peter 1:20–21, Ephesians 4:11–15). I WILL PREACH THE BIBLE NOT WESTERNISATION.

## No Quick Fix Answers to Life

There are no quick fix answers to life. Life is hard. That is why God gave mankind a Bible to read and get guidance on how to manage life. Religious preaching is very important to any society for it awakens the conscience of men/women 'at least to fear the unseen God'. Religion then should bring solutions and make life more bearable not more complicated.

As I put down this revelation, I know that polygamy is not a bed of roses yet, as things are, it is a more reasonable practice to propagate for decency in life than monogamy. In any case, the God of the Bible has no problem with it. **There is no bed of roses anywhere in this real life** until we go to heaven where it will only be singing, praising and worshiping God perpetually(24/7) as we walk in the streets of gold. That is up there; but here, don't be deceived, **life is hard**. The fact is that the Bible is the Holy Book clearly written in a polygamous set up for a polygamous people. Throughout this Holy Book (that is in the Law, the Prophets and the Grace), the God of heaven gives instructions on how man is to contact the affairs of this life and it is evident He has no problem with men having several wives and concubines. Only that He says you should not go into your neighbour's wife (adultery), avoid sexual immorality (which is as earlier explained) and don't neglect the first wife when you get a younger one. So, if Jehovah God has not changed, and we know He changes not, then we Christians are in for trouble.

Whoever changed the normal course of life of all humanity, Israelites and Gentiles alike, must have been a very simplistic thinker who forgot a very basic question, "What will happen to the excess women when each man marry only one woman?" That person was naive, thinking that 'only a few people will become Christians' and maybe he thought 'Jesus is coming very soon'. But for whatever reasoning, it is impractical for a religion to disregard its written doctrinal teachings and hope to remain relevant. This is where the Theologians of today need to rise to the occasion and tell us in proper details; when and why Christianity departed from the clearly written, God breathed, Holy Ghost inspired word, which gives clear reference-point-mortal-examples, on how God fearing

mortals ought to conduct their earthly lives in the now troublesome area of marriage and adult sex.

When a religion starts to disregard or undermine its own sacred writings, then it is definitely heading to disintegration and falling apart. Christianity without due regard for the Bible is plain irreligiousness. The Church has been sleeping on the job for too long, but now we must wake up and face issues. The sleeping Elephant must wake up before it is eaten up by wolves.



## Chapter Twenty

## THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION IS CHALLENGED

The spillover effect of the fix that the Church has found herself in is that the married women are always kept on their toes lest the husband be snatched by that praise team leader, that young widow that single mother or that divorcee. Because of this constant stress, she fails to perform where it matters most (that is the Bedroom), thereby frustrating the husband. My sisters, you can reduce this stress by remembering Sarah your mother. She lived with great peace of mind not afraid or terrified in any way rather preferring to call her husband Lord (1Peter 3:1–6). Sarah was not bothered about Abraham's concubines. She knew that her Abraham was not soap so they couldn't finish him!

As it is now, Christianity is being turned into **a religion of heroic single mothers, despised men and stressed married women.** The outcome being that marriage is no longer attractive. Single motherhood is becoming the inn thing. "Why stress yourself being subject to a husband while you can live freely and get all you want, when and where you want it?" says the modern lady. So they are slowly pulling the weak ones from marriage to this freedom club.

With single motherhood becoming acceptable and understandable (courtesy of monogamy) then getting married becomes an unnecessarily inconvenience to most women. If she has to agree to get married it is not out of necessity on her part rather it is because the man is pressing so much for it. On her part she is clearly better off on her own. Anyway she can agree to give it a trial but the guy must show utmost commitment and sacrifice. At that the known culture changes, so does the old time scripture - Proverbs 14:1 will henceforth read "the wise man builds his own house but the foolish one pulls it down with his own hands". Now it is for the man to do whatever it takes to keep the wife in, including apologizing to her for her mistakes and just putting on a brave face, otherwise you will pay dearly especially if she calls it off. With an inverted (upside

down) thought system the marriage institution is challenged with the ultimate looser being the men, who are aging childless, despised and misused by women. Men beware! Mothers beware for your sons also are men.

I pity some women whose husbands are like Abraham and David. They can work, work, work and work. These women are always complaining "He cannot have enough". I wish you can consult the wisdom of your mother/grandmother. I now know why those wise women of old used to help get a young girl for their husband 'to help with the work' and this work was never specified. If anything, immediately the younger wife was brought in, she was given her own house, kitchen, a donkey, cows, farms/gardens, her own food store name it. Yet she has come to help the older wife 'with work'. Now which work?

We are very quick to point fingers at the men especially the male preacher without considering some important points:

- (i) Where is his wife in all this? She also is a complete woman with all the organs. So why does the husband have to risk going to another woman with just similar organs?
- (ii) He was with a single woman; then what should the single woman have done seeing that she has a need? That is why she did not make noise! All the complainers are third party to the act.
- (iii) The man going into his neighbour's wife is definitely guilty.

It is interesting to realise that some men we are condemning definitely have no sin before the God of heaven!

My sisters, the more you refuse being helped with this 'work' that you know you are not performing well, the more you are causing problems because finally, he will go out where you don't know and can't know. If you trace his steps, you will only earn yourself stress. Note that, no matter how strong the cowshed fence you make, if the cows inside are not well fed, they will still break the fence. You better not set spears outside because you will kill the animal and yourself by extension. Some of you are praying that this man should

die. But remember, should God answer your prayer and he dies early, then you will be a widow with all the ensuing complications. Woman, if you don't have enough feed, for your animal be honest and get assistance. There is somebody very willing to assist as they get assisted; they only fear you. I believe if the 'strong men' were allowed to freely marry several wives, that could reduce the rate of HIV and AIDS as it is in the Muslim world.

Nevertheless polygamy is not just about men having a lot of 'work', it is more about sharing of Gods limited resources ensuring decency and fear of God as the bottom line. This means some of the holy women will still have to put up with 'less than full capacity' while holy men have to be considerate how they deal with their wives, especially, the older ones. For it is true "*straight is the gate; and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it.*"(Mathew 7:14). This was declared by the lord as he emphasized the need to do unto others as you would that they do unto you. He said, "*Enter ye by the straight gate.*"(Mathew 7:12-13). Remember that Jesus is addressing Himself to a polygamous people some with concubines, so no woman is lacking a mate. Then nobody should insinuate that some sisters are lacking a mate 'because the way is narrow'. Quoting scriptures out of context is dangerous; Jesus here is talking about 'doing unto others as you would that they do unto you'. That is not easy, so He says 'the gate is straight and the way is narrow'. That is why most women with husbands don't want to hear me talk of the forgotten sheep (senior spinster, young windows and divorcees). My sisters, be ye sure that with this selfishness you can not find the narrow way. Only a few will find it.

It is high time Christianity becomes real on life and more so on the area of marriage. All throughout History, before these amorphous Christian teachings began, men of means (in and outside the Church) always married many wives. These women were not to come and sit down to be taken care of by the husband. In the African set up, each wife would be allocated her share of wealth to take care of and no Woman benefited from the sweat of the co-wife. They each managed their own resources. All the cumulative wealth belonged to the husband but taken care of by the different

wives. Depending on a woman's wisdom and effort, it was common to have a poor wife and a rich wife yet the husband is one. That is why speaking in this polygamous set up, God says in Proverbs that a wise Woman builds her own house but a foolish one destroys it with her own hands (Proverbs 14:1).

For a long time, wealth creation had been viewed as man's responsibility but thanks be to God that this notion has greatly changed and now both men and women have equal access to wealth creation. In fact, some Women have proved to be able to create real immense wealth even more than Men. That is quit okay. The only unfortunate thing that has arisen directly from this turn of events is that as the women get more economic power, they have tended to feel more and more free of men. They develop a feeling that they can do without a husband or rather, that they can relate with a man only on their own terms. This is where disorder, moral decay and self destruction have crept in unnoticed right inside the Church. We desperately need the help of religion, no government can help here, only sound religious teaching.

I will make an appeal to Women. May God help you to understand that '**marriage was never intended and never will be meant only for a woman to be taken care of by a man**', with the man being the provider of everything. It is this inordinate thinking that leads to the current situation whereby if a husband is not the supper provider, then he is no longer relevant. I am sorry to remind these economically able women that as you continue rubbishing men, then know that tomorrow it will be your son being rubbedished.

The undue pressure put on men by women is destroying their chemistry. Men were never meant to withstand such extreme pressure from women. No wonder, their performance is becoming weak by the day, for they no longer feel like 'men'. Women, I repeat, your sons are men.

The Bible gives clear records of women who were more prominent than their husbands yet they respected marriage, for example Deborah a prophetess who Judged Israel is addressed as 'the wife of Lapidoth' (Judges 4:4) likewise the Bible records that the

Shunammite woman was a 'notable woman' yet she had a husband whom she regarded highly doing nothing without consulting him (2 Kings 4:8–10, 22–23 and 8:1–6).

Some women divorced for irrelevant reasons and should go back, for example, some will say the man is not providing for the family. Then I will ask them; what are you doing yourself? Can't you provide? Read Proverbs 31 and Isaiah 3:25–26 upto Isaiah 4:1 and get out of your foolishness/laziness. If he can't feed you, then feed him and cloth him and thank God for giving you a husband, the father of your children. We will only be helped if we look at the Bible the way it is written. If you sleep hungry and go naked, yet both of you are normal (that is with eyes, legs, hands etc.) then let none blame the other. You are both lazy. This other one is saying, "I found out that he had a mistress". Unfortunately this is not a scripturally valid reason for a wife to leave her husband since the holy men in our Bible had concubines and Apostle Peter puts it candidly to women believers – "Be like Sarah your mother". Another will say, the husband is an idol worshiper. To this one, I will read the words of Apostle Paul, "If the unbeliever is willing, don't divorce him," (1 Corinthians 7:13). Understand that Apostle Paul is writing this verse to the Church in Corinth and they are gentiles with idols everywhere in the house, but he wants the wife to remain with her husband. Don't fear his idols, they can do you no harm (Jeremiah 10:5). Greater is the one in you than he who is in the world (1John 4:4). **But this funny Christianity founded on each one's imagination is birthing a group of believers who fear the devil more than God.** This is absurd.

Most married women and those who have had a failed marriage have just come to loathe husbands. To some, it is because of the shock they got in marriage, while to others, it is simply because of bad influence. Now they are very bitter with men thus have fulfilled this scripture, "*You are your mother's daughter loathing husband and children...*" (Ezekiel 16:45). This bitterness of women toward men is only pushing the next generation to homosexuality and moral decay. Woman, you departed from your husband saying you can't share him with another woman. But now you have gotten into an

affair with a married man. Now what have you done? Are you not still sharing a man? Then I will rightly conclude thus, either you never knew what you were doing or you are a hypocrite lying that you hate sharing a man. Better say, you simply loathe/hate a husband. There is this other one. You divorced your husband because he was sexually unfaithful and now you have been happily sexless for years. Then I fear that it is this your sexlessness that drove him out. Take the children back to their father and be there for them and work on your low libido. To hell with this equality thing.

However there are men who have become a disgrace to the men folk, that is the drug/alcohol addicts and wife beaters. These should not be allowed to live with anybody's daughter. But seeing that we have no option, we keep telling their wives, "Sister just persevere and believe God". I have realised that this is the most dangerous statement that we preachers do make in the presence of unmarried girls. It is making them fear and hate marriage, associating it with physical beatings and sleeping in one bed with a zombie who can do nothing. He is not sick and occasionally will relieve himself on the bed and you have to clean up. Any woman in such a predicament must be feeling accursed. Such men, whoever they are, should be left alone. There are other men with a phobia of hardworking prosperous women, such men require counselling.

That is why from Moses through Jesus to Paul, there is acceptable divorce. The Bible is crystal clear, with divorce there is remarriage if one is willing or be a concubine of some 'Abraham' or 'Gideon'. There were always responsible men ready to take in more than one woman even if it is out of necessity on the part of the woman (for example Ruth). How the Church needs such men today! This is godly and will instill some sense in these alcohol/drug abusers and wife beaters when they find that the girls/women have been married. Then they will wake up from their laziness, drinking madness and absurd cruelty. I am quoting from the Bible, read Isaiah 3: 25-26 and 4:1 and don't spiritualise it, for it talks of a real issue that had happened in that day. Here Israel is defeated in battle and the men have died in the battlefield, so the women are more. Just like today where our young men have fallen in the battle of drugs and alcohol.

So seven women will go for one man and tell him, "We know you can't feed and clothe all of us but at least you have something you can give all of us. So we will feed ourselves and cloth ourselves only perform your God given miracle and let us have babies with a known father and remove from us the reproach/shame" (Isaiah 4:1). I see the preachers of that day telling these women to be like Sarah their mother. She never minded Abraham's concubines rather, she called him Lord (1 Peter 3:6). She knew they couldn't finish her Abraham.

May all mankind understand that marriage is a divine institution for God's designated way of life for mankind? Thus in His word, God declares, "Marriage is honourable in all" (Hebrews 13:4). It is surely a great honour for a decent woman to be Mrs. ..... and then her children are proudly sons/daughters of Mr. ..... Likewise it is a great honour for a man to have a wife; even God said it is not good that a man remain alone. Yes it is the will of God that you marry and stay in marriage.

I am not going to talk about the husbands who can no longer perform their 'duty' for I have no example in scripture for this unfortunate real life situation. May God help us here. One sister sought her Pastor's advice on what to do when she realised that her husband (a Meru friend of miraa) was wisely bringing in his brother-in-law for assistance after admitting to himself quietly that he could not perform more than once in three months and that only the *cock* style, in a matter of seconds he is through. That Pastor who is my close friend also had no idea; they both laughed and left the matter unresolved. The sister did not want to sin. I am very sure this Pastor did not step in to do the job himself as many others would do. Young Men don't be deceived, miraa is that bad. It causes spermarhoieah, a condition which leads to the seeds falling off before you reach the garden.

Well, sometimes a husband will fail to perform for well known acceptable reasons, for example accidents, prolonged illness etc. This then is also a challenge to the church and as long as it is a reality, however remote it may be, then somebody has to think about it.

## Today's parents unknowingly pushing their children into homosexuality.

I will challenge the entire society today and especially the parents. **What are we doing to ensure that there will be marriage for the next generation?** I am sure we all know that this earthly life will not be decent and manageable if marriage is put aside. The sorry situation is that we are all, albeit unawares, pulling our children away from marriage in the name of loving, caring and protecting them.

This is how we do it. In every family, especially the well to do ones – the father, mother and brother(s) – we are all telling our daughter/sister very clearly, "You must not get married. Men have become very irresponsible, unpredictable, bad and \*\*+=@#& ha. You can stay alone and have your peace. After all, you are not the only one". If she has no job, we promise to help put up a business for her. If she is employed in a good job, in fact we are very happy telling her 'you will even be better placed to help your parents'. To the one who has gotten married we are also keenly following up on whether she is being well treated by the husband, mother-in-law etc. Whenever we meet with her we have this 'wise' advice, "Should you sense any sign of a problem, just call it off immediately. We have enough space for you".

With this 'wise' counsel from those who matter in her life, (that is everybody in the family) backed by a very woman friendly legal system, an understanding church and society, the outcome is obvious. The girls are not keen on getting married and when they get married, they are literally on their toes ready to call it off at the slightest provocation or discomfort. This gives the impression that the girl child is an angel who can never do any wrong to a fly. Then it is only those from very poor families and 'those who have not woken up' who will be struggling to remain in marriage.

This now is the unseen trap: each one has advised their daughter/sister as above and we have formed in them the impression as above stated. Then we – father, mother and sister – turn to our son/

brother, "Please get married. We are worried that you are getting late". So there goes the young man to the neighbour's girl to request a hand in marriage only to hit a brick wall. She has been wisely and carefully advised by the people that matter in her life. She wonders whether there really is need. Should our son/brother succeed to get a miracle girl to marry, then there we are earnestly praying, "I hope she will stay. You know, girls these days have become \*\*+=@#& ha". How I wish we can be honest with ourselves and remember what we have told our daughter/sister. This one was also told the same thing. Even for our crazy son/brother, we still want somebody's daughter to 'persevere religiously like the women of old'. Yes, we expect somebody's daughter/sister to persevere our alcoholic and brutal son/brother but for our daughter/sister, "No way it can't happen, no, not when I am alive".

Now, what are we doing? Everybody in selfish arrogance and ignorance is destroying marriage for the younger generation. You cannot eat your cake and have it at the same time. Can we please agree that our daughters should get married and remain in marriages so that our sons can have wives. Then we each train our sons and daughters that marriage is a necessity for this life even when it looks like 'a necessary evil'.

We parents are being used by the devil to paint a wrong picture that 'my' son/daughter is an angel while 'your' son/daughter is the devil. Honestly we are sure that we all have issues to solve every time in our marriages. So why make our children think that they are angels and must only marry an angel. Angels stay in heaven. Here on earth, it is humans and they have weaknesses. That is why we have a Bible to read from and get impartial guidance.

It is the duty of all of us as caring parents to encourage our children to forbear with one another and raise a family. If our children have marital problems which they have been unable to resolve, let parents from both sides come, each ready to help sort out the issue. If it is the daughter who is in the wrong, let her father and mother be firm and tell it to her face. The same applies if it is the young man who is on the wrong, let the father and mother tell him to his face.

But we are doing very wrong, 'the son's parents are busy bedeviling the girl while the girl's parents do the same to the boy'. Finally each one sides with their child and the young marriage is torn apart. The Pastors are then given a very hard time persuading two sinners to each accept their sins while each of them is a confirmed angel by those who know them better.

If your daughter is married to a man who is not able to provide for the family and you have some means of helping her, then why can't you help her while she remains with her husband? Why must she first leave him so that you can help her? Are you sure you will give her 'all the help' she needs as a woman? Yes, you can help her materially but what about that other area where that man you are despising was helping? Our forefathers had not gone to school but they proved to have been wiser than us. They never would allow a daughter to divorce just for anything. It must be a real issue. Oh my God, I remember where our problem is; it has everything to do with the irreligious Western education that we have received which has made us morally worse than our forefathers.

I am sorry to say that the parents of today are party to misleading their children into homosexuality. When you tell your daughter that she can live comfortably alone and she is an adult with sexual needs, what have you told her? If the daughters don't want to get married, what will the young men do about their sexual needs?

A time comes when somebody has to rise up and call a spade a spade, not a big spoon. What is killing Christianity is historical hypocrisy.

## Chapter Twenty one

### THE PROBLEM IS BOTH MATHEMATICAL AND SCIENTIFIC

World population census has it that at adulthood, women are generally more than men. Taking Kenya for example, we find that according to the 2009, census the population was 19,192,378 males and 19,417,719 females; meaning 225,343 females are floating and that is not a small number. Moreover, this includes infants, so the gap is definitely wider at adult level. To the Muslims, there is no challenge, but to the Christians, everyone just wishes that it would not be me, my daughter nor my sister. So who do you want it to be? Yet, it is evident in every Church that there are more single adult women than adult men.

Honestly, faced with this practical situation, the Kenyan church should now be praying to the Heavenly Father to touch some able men and convict their wives, because of necessity, that they be willing to take in more than one wife. Instead each one has chosen to mind their own business. How we are so unbiblical!. Did not the Children of Israel cry bitterly when they realised that there were no wives for Benjamin (Judges 21)? Is God only concerned about men having wives and not women having husbands? What an unfair God that would be? But somebody in their much spirituality tells me to 'leave that to God'. But God has already spoken through His word. If we deny God's clearly written instructions; how else should He speak?

By refusing to think and 'leaving it to God', unfortunately, we are implicating the Christian God in wrong doing. That He is a careless incompetent poor planner, who being the architect of creation allows gender imbalance and takes no responsibility for His actions. Moreover He forsakes some very honest believers letting them pray forever without bothering to answer. It is like now, "**A thing too hard for the Lord has just surfaced putting our big God in a dilemma**". On my side, our God is not like that. Rather, it is

the Church which is irresponsible. We have presented Christianity as a theoretical religion which cannot withstand reality.

The author of the universe has never gotten it wrong. He did set up a perfect ecosystem with humanly unexplainable self balancing systems. The lions will never be more than the antelopes, the elephants have no predators (except man who is hoped to be logical) yet they cannot fill the earth. So are whales in the sea. God did this by regulating birth control for different species which no scientist has been able to change. As for man, a doctor told me that at infancy, the boys are always more than the girls but at maturity the females become more due to higher death rate of the males. To the Doctor this is a fascinating sad reality but not so with God. The simple reason for this is the XX and XY chromosomes whose initiator is the God of heaven (the atheists will say it is 'nature'). The doctor told me that the XX makes the females stronger and more resistant to diseases than the males (XY) hence higher death rate for males than females leading to more females at maturity. Due to the weaker genetics, the men also are mostly the madmen and are leading in alcohol and drug addiction. The men are also more exposed to 'easier to die environments' – working in the defense forces, combating danger to defend the wife and children, night watchmen, long distance driving , they are the targets of Al-Shabab and other extremist groupings etc. It is an undisputed fact world over that the death rate for men both at infancy and maturity is higher than that for women.

To keep the human ecosystem balanced, therefore, the God of Heaven, the author of creation, allowed Men to marry as many Women as they could afford but forbade Women from marrying many Men. God desires and expects from humanity order and decency thus He detests the adulteress and hates adultery.

The author of the universe can never be wrong. But Men from the West 'thinking they are wise' and thereby desiring to help God, come up with a 'better system' have led the world into a ditch and fled from the scene in open hypocrisy. Thus the writing is true, "*They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters and hewn for themselves cisterns– broken cisterns which cannot hold water*" (Jer-

emiah 2:13). Only a fool can doubt the hand of God in presetting life as it is throughout the ages.

One day, I went to preach in Suswa – Narok, where the Gospel of Christianity had not been preached until 1986 – just the year I got born again. I liked that place because in a whole location all churches are Pentecostal. I was amazed. These were a privileged people! Well, I am a Pentecostal, so on this I am biased but don't hate me for it, that's me. Ok, one day as we discussed the Bible with my host brother, we mentioned Jacob and how he married his second wife after working for his father-in-law for 14 years. Then my brother happily said that, that part of Jewish culture exactly corresponds with the Maasai culture, where in the earlier days, if a Maasai boy wanted to marry and did not have cows to pay dowry, he had to look after his father-in-law's flock for three years. Then the conversation went on like this:

**Myself:** Why did that happen?

**My brother:** Hee! To get a girl to marry, you had to sweat my brother.

**Myself:** So what changed?

**My brother:** Well nowadays the girls are very many.

**Myself:** Just a minute brother, what made girls many?

**My brother:** Mmm....you know with Christianity every Man is to marry only one girl.

**Myself:** So some girls are now going to miss husbands!

**My brother:** Wee..ell it seems so.

**Myself:** Then it is like Christianity in a way, is making some girls miss husbands.

**My brother:** Well, my brother, now those are emerging issues.

Yes, in the Church, I had seen many mature Maasai girls. They were more than the boys. Then I started imagining that because of Christianity the Maasai will now build homes for their single mothers. Sorry, that's not very hard; the very hard one is for a Maasai to build a house for his old childless and unmarried christian daughter.

When we completed our preaching mission, as I left for Nairobi, my brother escorted me upto the shopping centre where we met his father; a man of ten wives. The old man told me, "Young man I have ten wives but you, if you try, weee, your wife will kill you". I never understood why he thought of telling me that because we were not discussing anything like that. I think he was just excited about how much 'he is more of a man than myself and his son'.

Now, with this in mind, somebody should listen carefully to what the Maasai women are saying. This, 'Christian/Civilisation thing' which is associated with failure to circumcise girls has confused them. Now many uncircumcised girls don't get husbands and should one's husband die, they can't be inherited. What a genuine cry? Only that it is being spoken in the Maasai language. Now let me put on the shoes of a Maasai woman and put this complaint in English, **"Please Church, and the Educationists tell us why the educated/uncircumcised girls are not getting married and why they can't remarry when their husbands die? If you don't tell us, then we will revert to the old way of doing things and be traditional; circumcise our girls and not take them to church/school. To us Maasai women, it is better to be labelled ignorant and backward and have children with a known father and be able to remarry if your husband dies, than to be an educated, childless woman or an educated woman with fatherless children. Worst of all an educated widow/divorcee who is hated by the supposed to be close friends"**. For a reason like this, every woman of substance, of good moral standing and respect for religion should riot against whoever it is who is responsible for such a messed up society. Maasai women please, stop venting your anger on the wrong target; female genital mutilation is unhealthy for your girls and will not help you. As long as the Church and the educationists are not willing to change their thinking, then you will circumcise your girls and still go back to the problems you are running away from. Vent your anger on the Church and the educationists.

Single Women in the cities, I know for now you are comfortable because you live alone in a rented house or in your own house. Happy are those living in their own houses for they can choose to

stay there till whatever age. What about your friends in the village? What about those who can't afford to have their own houses and old age is still catching up with them? Soon they will retire to the village!

Now then, let the proponents of the one man one wife theory, the so called Christianity, tell the world today, what mechanisms did they put in place to ensure the ratio of men for husband to women for wife is equal? They have led the world to a ditch into which we have all walked in majestically only to be cornered at the end of the tunnel with no escape route. Our 40 year old virgins are asking us, "Pastor, why did you lead us into this ditch? Our fertility is now compromised, our flower has faded, what shall we do?" Church, we have hit the wall and the crowd behind us is still surging forward as our daughters are growing up and we are still preaching, calling others from outside. If somebody does not stand up and speak, then the most holy faith is in jeopardy.

Have you ever thought of this? Our fathers in the flesh, just like the Bible fathers, had one, two, three, four, five etc, number of wives and there was no shortage of girls to marry! None would miss a wife because somebody has married ten women. Every Man wanting to marry, even the mentally retarded, had a wife! And not only that, even women without a son could still get a girl to 'marry' to keep the name of the family alive. Such women 'married' by women were not for lesbian purposes but they could become somebody's concubine or just collect seeds from willing donors and start a family for their 'husband'. This definitely means the women have always been more than men. Then I challenge Evangelical Pastors and all preachers, if you are not willing to think, then prepare your daughters and all the young girls in your congregation in advance that 'should salvation mean that they lack a husband, never enjoy sex and have no child', then they should be ready to take it in gracefully. Not to get them by surprise as is happening now. We need to learn from experience.

How can we forsake our sisters in their hour of need. If we want to say the solution is prayer, then let us all get our feet into it and PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens). It is irresponsible to leave the burden to the affected sister to pray, pray, pray... forever and start treating her as an outcast, forsaken by God and friends. We

are all members of one body and if one part of the body is aching, the whole body must ache. The joy of one part is the joy of all and the shame of one part is the shame of all (1 Corinthians 12:26). If our prayers are not answered, then we all have to think. **Or should we declare Christianity ‘a religion exclusively for the married couples and the children under eighteen?’ Such that, especially for women, if you attain a certain age and have not gotten a husband or you are divorced or worse still your husband dies while you are still sexually active then you are automatically disqualified from Christianity!** But that will be our own religion. The Bible is clear on this, whoever comes to Jesus will by no means be thrown away (Romans 10: 11–13). Sisters be sure that there is nowhere in the scripture where we have evidence of women born for forced celibacy, however much we rationalise and spiritualise things.

Surely the church is in a fix and whenever we pray, it is important to be sober and make sensible requests to our Heavenly Father. Imagine this scenario:

- (a) The population ratio is not even concerning men for husband and women for wife.
- (b) Inside any church today, from Roman Catholic to Pentecostals, the women far outnumber the men and this is nothing new for in the first church the women and children were always uncountable, only the men could be numbered (Matthew 15:38).

Honestly then, in a typical situation where we can have 29 mature single sisters and 17 mature single brothers, what kind of prayer will be made such that each sister gets a husband on a one on one basis. Such a prayer must be made in ignorance by some foolish if not hypocritical batch of believers. However much anointed the praying preacher is, I tell you, some 12 sisters here will remain single. Somebody had better tell the truth. That is why it is now not a matter of praying, but competing, and cut throat competition to be more honest. Sadly then, we have been playing with people’s lives while pretending to be praying for their lives.

Church leaders and theologians, let us be careful, some terminologies like “permissive will of God” can be very dangerous being able to fit

in any situation for which we have no clear answer. In the difficult position we are in, it perfectly cover all sexual immorality including homosexuality.

On realising that this intense praying is not yielding anything, the wise girls have woken up and decided to be doing it as they continue 'waiting upon the Lord'. After all there is in scripture forgiveness at the rate of seventy (70) times seven (7) and you will not be cut a finger when you repent, so you can always repent again. You can't call this willful sinning because the pressure was extremely high and praying did not bring it down! Then they will also quote "permissive will of God".

Sadly also, some girls have decided to call off the competition, and after getting a child by whichever means, have resolved to remain single. After all she can manage life and be free. In any case it is no longer a problem in church and society. So be it. How do they go about their sexual needs? Well, don't ask that please, 'we are praying for them, so just pray, yes pray, pray for them'. So we say. Again it becomes "permissive will of God".

The church just needs to face the fact that our preaching has what the accountants call, an **error of original entry**. Somebody, sometime I don't know when and why (but the theologians can tell us), directed the church the wrong way and we have gone too far for too long. It looks too hard to change foot. But I say we better change than continuing with this hurting hypocrisy until Jesus comes back. If we don't change, then I am sorry we have no basis for condemning anybody for their sexual morality. I am certain I am in the Spirit of God.

Unfortunately that is where we have landed. Challenged by the impracticality of what we have all through known to be holiness, the wise preachers now tactfully avoid every scripture that will hurt or condemn people. Preferring only to preach the good things promised in the scriptures and more so where it mentions the blessings arising from giving. So, do we mean that people have become truly holy that God is obliged to bless them outright?

My friends, the preachers, the Bible says in Deuteronomy 29:29

*"the secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law".* There is no better scripture than this one to stir our minds to action, for what is happening is manifest to all of us. The most holy faith is in a crisis and we have to agree on what to do so that we retain 'the word of this law' (the Bible) in the minds of the generations to come. It depends on us, the christians and preachers of today.

If the Lord Jesus Christ was to stand at the doors of our churches today, He will not mince His words telling the Church leaders, "*You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel,*" (Matthew 23:24). "*You have eyes and you don't see, you have ears and you don't hear*" (Mark 8:18). This matter is of ratios and arithmetics and the answer is not in prayer. It is in reasoning by men and women full of the Holy Ghost". In God, there is no crisis, for life is just continuing normally as it was in the days before the flood, so it is today and thus shall it be until Jesus comes back. Thus I say, "the sleeping Elephant must wake up otherwise it will be eaten up by dogs".



## Chapter Twenty two

## THE CHALLENGE OF CAPITALISTIC THINKING OF CHRISTIANS

The hard nut to crack is the capitalistic thinking of Christians. Capitalism is not godliness at all. It is selfishness, and God hates selfishness. Capitalism breeds jealousy. God hates jealousy. Capitalism is thus evil. Christianity can't be likened to capitalism. Then whoever it is that so seriously engraved capitalism into Christians confused the most holy faith. Sorry, don't mistake me, I am neither a Socialist nor Communist nor Capitalist; I am a born again Christian who firmly believes in the Bible as the written word of God.

Every Christian woman wants the husband to belong only to her. Likewise even if a believing man wanted to relieve a believing divorcee/widow, she wants him to forget his wife and children and devote all his efforts to her and her children. The same case applies when you marry a girl, she would that you forget the first wife and her children and never see them again. However rich the man is the stress is the same. They are not few rich Christian men who have been assassinated by their Christian wives simply because of jealousy and selfishness.

How I wish that Christians believed the holy scripture when it says, *"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, let us be therewith content"* (1 Timothy 6:6–8). Why all this madness about riches ending up forgetting the faith and piercing ourselves with many sorrows (1 Timothy 6:9–10). Sons and daughters calling on themselves curses for despising their father when he takes on another wife and this for reasons best known to himself. If the old man has what it takes and the young lady is willing, then why the hullabaloo? Why should it be that, when a hard working, responsible and caring father (in his fifties and above) gets widowed, his very own grown up children will start seeing him as an economic risk? Meaning that they attach

more value to the assets of their father than the person of their father? All this shamelessness by Christians is precisely because of property inheritance. And the complaining sons/daughters are not deaf and blind cripples. Forcing respectable men to live a lie courtesy of interesting religious beliefs. One is tempted to think that somebody will take with them some property to the grave. How humanity desperately needs the Bible!

Father Abraham gave gifts to the sons he had with his concubines and the inheritance belonged to Isaac (Genesis 25:5–9). It is like God used His own other unsaid means to bless Ishmael (Genesis 17:17–20). In the case of Jacob, all the twelve (12) sons of the four wives all received their inheritance.

The problem of Hagar started when she behaved the way the second wives of today behave. She despised Sarah, thereby straining the relationship (Genesis 16:4–9). At first, God counselled her on what to do and she went back to her mistress (Genesis 16:9). From this, we get it clearly that God had no problem with Hagar being Abraham's second wife. That is why He does the follow-up to bring her back. She only needed to respect Sarah. Later, her Son also behaved like her Mother by scoffing at Isaac thereby putting the last nail on the coffin of her mother's marriage (Genesis 21: 8–11). That was the end of it. God approved the separation. She had to go even if Abraham thought that he could manage the situation as a man (Genesis 21:11–13). Yet Abraham never forgot Ishmael (Genesis 17:18–20).

Sister, should you get married to a man with another wife, respect the first wife and your life will be okay. I am just telling you what the Bible says read Genesis 16:9. The Angel of the Lord said to Hagar, "*Return to your mistress and submit yourself under her hand*". You are asking me whether that is practical. I say this will be a more realistic gospel to preach than to preach to a congregation where the field is not level and you expect the same standard of holiness. It is like releasing athletes to compete where some are putting on gumboots while others have genuine athletics shoes.

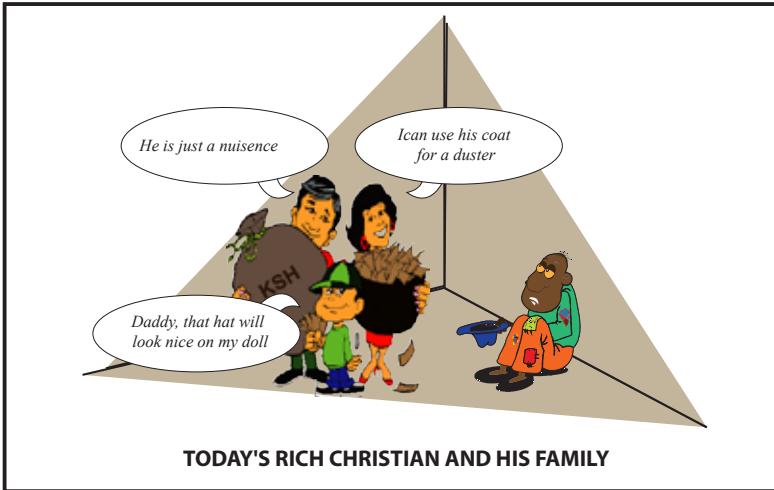
After all if you don't have a husband, you will be 'stealing' the same married men. Should the wife get wind of it, she will waylay you

anywhere and beat you senseless like a chicken thief or a pickpocket and the husband will not come to your rescue. Owing to the shame, then next time you will not resist the opinion of this woman agent of evil telling you, 'I will show you how we can sort ourselves amicably'. Again it will be coined to be 'permissive will of God'.

The statement 'be holy for I am holy' as written in 1Peter 1:16 does not begin in the New Testament. Apostle Peter is quoting from the Old Testament (Leviticus 11:44) where he is certain that the men being addressed by God are the likes of Abraham, Gideon, David, Solomon etc. These were not only polygamous men but men with concubines, yet they were holy Men. **Holiness is not a New Testament theology.** From creation, God remains holy and expects holiness from man. Among all areas of holiness, sexual holiness is very highly rated as a critical holiness standard with God clearly equating the sin of adultery (going into your neighbour's wife) to the terrible sin of idol worship (Jeremiah 2:20, 3:6, 3:13). Sexual holiness cannot be trivialised please.

The doctrine of God is clear, a Christian must be a 'brother's keeper' not being like Cain who killed his brother (Genesis 4:9). Thus we must take genuine interest, from deep within our hearts, in the affairs of fellow believers; weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice (Romans 12:15). This selfishness of people is very old. It gave Apostle Paul a very difficult time as he travelled with a bunch of very selfish brethren, each one seeking their own things. None was ready to look into the state of the other members. But at least, Paul found one out of the many, a brother named Timothy who had a different heart (Philippians 2:4, 19–20). The purpose in God for having this scripture is not to console ourselves that it is human. No, we should emulate Timothy. Paul insists to the Church in Rome, "Let love be without hypocrisy....be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, distribute to the needs of the saints..." (Romans 12:9–15). This is what Bible based Christianity is. **But in the capitalist infiltrated Christianity, it is 'everybody for themselves and God for us all'.** See illustration at page 167.





The venom of selfishness embodied in capitalism is so deep in Christianity such that only God will help us. Then don't doubt it is God leading you to read this book. You will come out a valuable vessel in His hand.

**Chapter  
Twenty three****CHRISTIANS BE REAL AS PER THE  
BIBLE**

The Church cannot afford to pretend forever. Let us face reality. My sister, you fear being married as a second wife and miss heaven after you have persevered for too long? Then I think you are aspiring a heaven where Ruth and Esther cannot poke their noses. At least you admit that it has been perseverance and if that is the case, then get me right, it is not the will of God that you continue persevering. If it was the will of God, He should have made it very clear to you such that you can be very proud of it like Paul and his infirmities (2Corinthians 12:8–10). You should now be holding seminars and crusades to tell other sisters how nice it is to be a virgin at 40 and for the rest of your life. But it is embarrassing to the church when you flock to Nyayo Stadium (in 2011) and KICC(in 2012) for prayers from a foreigner as if you have no Pastor in your church or because your God can't hear your prayers. Some preachers know how to play with the minds of women and milk their wallets dry to their own benefit!

A brother needing to have another wife or even a concubine need not pretend. The holy Men of old, as we have so far seen, were open about it and that is why it is written in scripture to form part of the Holy Writings – Biblical doctrine. You are just like other holy Men in the Bible, both Priests and laymen. In Ezekiel 44:22, we find that only a priest was allowed to take as wife the widow of another priest. Definitely there were no standby single priests waiting for the death of one of them so that they inherit the widow. It is clear therefore that priests were also polygamous. In 2 Timothy 1:3 Paul proudly refers to these holy men of old, how they served God with a pure conscience. You have to be sure that the forefathers of Paul can not be the likes of Peter, John and James: these to Paul are peers. Definitely Paul is referring to the likes of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Gideon, etc. Then one wonders; why can't the holy Men of today with concubines (they are today referred to as mistresses) serve God with a pure conscience like our forefathers? These mistresses are also children of God with genuine biological needs. They are part of the Church and society. Where on earth does

anybody want them to go? This guilt and fear among Christians is simply misplaced being based on the doctrinal ignorance derived from the **skewed theology** (bent on the thinking of the West), that we have been fed with from the pulpit over the years.

Remember, if you care about Heaven, then keep off the wife of your neighbour. God hates Adultery. Also you must know very clearly that God hates divorce, so you must keep, honour and serve your first wife (the wife of your youth) as shown in Malachi 2:13–17. I know that desperation has made some of you, preachers included, behave like there is no heaven. Please, heaven is real and hell is real; choose your destiny. It depends on your conduct on this earth.

Married Women, hear this; you can't compete with the written word of God in the name of ravenging on your husband. God hates Adultery and abhors the adulterous woman. If you care about heaven, be faithful to your husband as commanded in the Holy Scriptures. Be like Sarah your mother. Before you die of stress or start plotting to kill your husband, get back to your senses and read the Bible well.

Some married sisters have waited for a child until they have reached menopause. You need no further stress, just do like Sarah your mother. She allowed him to go into the house girl. God never made it an issue and He changes not. God only maintained that the promise was to be fulfilled through Sarah (Genesis 17:16–21, Romans 9:9). Abraham also had adopted many children (Genesis 17:23). So you can also adopt children as you wait upon God like the father of faith did.

Now, let me make a solemn warning to Isaac and Joseph (the men of God with the grace of only one woman). Have due respect for Abraham your father, and Jacob, that is, Israel, men of many wives and concubines (mistresses). Both categories are the icons of our faith. Some of you are like Lot and Lazarus and have no shame abusing Abraham. Ok, you are satisfied with one woman but who made you the standard? If God has no problem with Abraham helping some Jewish women (believers) who for some reason, not explained, are not to be married but still need the monkey

gymnastics, then why do you, mortal man, find it an issue? This Man Abraham honestly loved and feared God and cared about humanity. If God has no problem with Moses for marrying a second wife, that great pastor who spoke to God face to face and gave God important counselling, then why should you, a mortal man, complain if a pastor gets a second wife?

Likewise there is this widowed sister. You have so far succeeded in constraining your feelings until you have subdued them completely, yet that does not make you the standard. Why condemn others who are not like you? If you don't eat meat that doesn't make meat a lesser delicacy! Wish them well and pray for them to get a good man to do the needful.

If you have the special grace of Paul and Anna, then don't condemn others, be happy for them and wish them well like Paul (1Corinthians 7:7–9). Here Paul says it very honestly, "I wish all men were as I am but everyone has their own gift...so if you can't exercise self control, marry". For it is better to marry than to burn with passion – crying on your pillow throughout the night doing some unprintable things there.

**Now I hear what you are saying, this man's teaching is interesting and if not very good, then it is very dangerous. But it is so Bible based that I wonder what is going to happen to the church. Yes you are very right and that is why it is a revelation. If you don't know how gold looks like, then you will use a gold bar to scare away birds in the forest or to scare those dogs disturbing your peace at night. But your wise neighbour will take it and become a millionaire. Before you discard this revelation, think twice, it could be your lifeline.**

Christians have to admit that nature abhors a vacuum (and God is what the world calls nature). If you don't want to know what the adult singles are doing, then you are living in denial. This is the truth – they have lived in guilt until they have gotten used to it. Now they want that that corner of human activity to be given a total black out. Any preacher venturing into that corner is inviting

trouble and at best will just be taken for a noise maker. With sexual morality preaching thrown out of the widow then moral decay has crept in comfortably in the Church. Sadly a rot in one pillar corrupts all other pillars for it says ‘a little leaven leavens the whole lump’ and scripture cannot be broken. This warning is given by Apostle Paul speaking on this very context of sexual immorality in Church. No wonder then the Church is what she is now. So sad.

I now see the wisdom in Apostle Paul’s counsel to Timothy, that younger women should marry (1 Timothy 5:14; original KJV). Notice that from verse 3 of this chapter, Paul is talking of widows (young and old) but in verse 14 he widens the net to cover all younger women (unfortunately other Bible translations have changed it to say younger widows). The reasoning of Paul is critical since he says ‘if they don’t get married then that will be an open opportunity for our adversaries (nonbelievers) to reproach us, mock us, despise us, speak evil of us etc. Because definitely some immoral behaviour will happen and be noticed by everybody. So, for us to have decency then let the younger women marry, have children and manage homes’. By despising these wise words of Paul, the Church is now where she is; everybody from the Archbishop to the ordinary church member, all are caught up in a sexual immorality web. I say it is every believer because if it is not you, it is your fellow gospel minister, your leader or fellow church member. And now we are being reproached daily by our adversaries.

We can hold seminars and conferences to pray for men and teach them how to stick to one wife and avoid '*mpango wa kando*' (side plate) and teach married women how to dress well, make up their face, talk nicely, cook good food, keep the house girl away from the husband and all that good stuff, in order to ensure that the husband will not stray. But as long as there is in our midst wise adult women without a man to do the needful, then all these our efforts in teaching wives and rebuking husbands, will go down the drainage. For even those very same married women in that couples seminar, still want their mature unmarried daughters to ‘be wise’ and give birth. You don’t want to know with whom she will give birth. Then I tell you, most likely it will be with your friend’s husband! Or some woman’s

son will be misused as a seed donor and dumped! I am only saying let the girl get married to whoever it is that she has agreed to get intimate with. And that is the scripture way, Exodus 22:16.

As we teach couples how to 'zero graze', the wise single women in our midst are busy in their informal conferences, walking seminars and roadside/office workshops, strategising on how to get a married man to help without the wife knowing. The end result is despised husbands and stressed wives. When marriage becomes a stress, you need not ask what next. **I know this is the hard truth that we are not used to but it is so sad when religious people get used to lies so much so that they become experts in crafting all sorts of arguments to sustain the lie.** No argument will hold water as long as by it, you imply that some normal adult will be celibate against their wish – even if you climb a tree you will still come down.

The continual pronouncing of curses on these single women will have no effect. Should it have effect, then know that it will be on our own daughters, sisters and church members. But I doubt whether it will, for God is only bound by His word to fulfill it (not our thoughts, prayers and wishes). He has put His word above all His name (Psalms 138:2) and the word of the Lord says a curse without cause has no effect (Proverbs 26:2).

**Please preachers, we have to stop this preaching of ignorance and egotism. If polygamy were a curse, then Moses, Abraham, Jacob (Israel) and David would all be cursed men. If this were so, then all Bible based faith (in both Old Testament and New Testament) will lead to a religion founded on cursed people, thus be a cursed religion. I thank God it is not so, we have only been misled too much for too long. We must change as early as yesterday before we became a cursing religion that curses its own.**

These cooked up curse theories of today's charismatic preaching, where even the very blessed Abraham and David are cursed men (with a curse of polygamy), are making this faith very interesting. A

religion full of curses where a sizable number of honest adherents remain trapped in curses that never end despite all the deliverance efforts and sacrificial givings. Yet it is clear that Jesus by hanging on a tree became a curse for us that those who believe in Him shall be without a curse (Galatians 3:13). Then for perfect/sustainable deliverance, Jesus prescribes 'knowledge of His word after believing in Him' (John 8:31–32). This means perfect deliverance comes by simple faith in Jesus Christ and knowledge of His word. Then how do we again start preaching that there are curses that cannot go except by sacrificing to compensate for what your forefathers sacrificed to demons?

I am sorry I realised that most of those speaking great words and claiming to deliver others are themselves bound in the same problems from which they promise you deliverance (2 Peter 2:18–19). Believers, beware of preachers motivated by their stomach, who will always craft 'another hidden curse' in order to squeeze out more money from you (1 Timothy 6:5, Philipians 3:19).

Then you will ask, "Why am I not getting a husband, why is my husband moving out?" I prescribe for you better reading of the scriptures for knowledge of His word is what you need. If you lack knowledge then you become a fool and foolishness is very expensive. Truly no amount of prayer will remove foolishness – only studying the word of God.

I wish God's servants could be wise to lead God's sheep in God's way. You, who are called to be Pastors/Teachers, be careful, for you shall stand greater judgment than the rest of the believers (James 3:1).

Sisters in the Lord, you will need to be realistic in this matter and love one another. To the married women who by now feel that I belong to the gallows long crucified, I want to remind you that you are not past being widowed, for only God knows the number of days He has set for your husband. Do you ever put yourself in the shoes of a widow? It is not that they were such bad sinners that God took

away their loved one. God does what He wants and He remains God. Do you have a daughter(s) growing up? Then you better stop thinking that I have a legion of demons. I am seeking for your good, trying to help you, for you don't know what tomorrow has in store for you. I am certainly sure I am fighting for you, married woman, so that should the worst happen tomorrow (that is, sudden death of your husband) then you won't start behaving like a mouse who's only remaining eye has been gorged out.

**The useful insurance cover is the one taken before the accident and benefits others before your bad day comes. Even if the worst doesn't happen yet insurance gives you peace of mind. Woman, as long as your husband's life runs on flesh and blood, you are wiser thinking, "What if one day he is just gone?"**

What is better, your daughter/sister/mother being officially married as a second wife or surviving by stealing from different husbands here and there; occasionally being found out and embarrassed in the market place as she fights fiercely with the wife of the man who has been helping her secretly? Which is better, your daughter being married a seventh wife as per the scriptures (Isaiah 4:1) or being a lesbian? Why can't your divorced or widowed mother be somebody's concubine rather than be a lesbian or be unfairly labelled 'husband snatcher' by fellow church members. I thought it is more honourable that your daughter has children with a known father, where she is a wife number whatever, than to have grand children of unknown fathers! Who on earth will be happy that their daughter becomes childless because there is no husband. It is by all standards better to handle the case of your son having impregnated a girl than learning that he is gay. Let us be sober, this is real life where real things are happening to real people.

**Then some Christian women, at this point told me, "In that case let each one choose what to do in accordance with their conviction". My God, I said to them, I am very sorry, for this then is what is called the climax of irreligiousness, where**

**everybody does what they want. If we adopt this approach then we don't need a preacher and we don't need a Church. Let us close down the churches and keep the Bibles in the archives then agree to be led by the laws of men as made by their Parliament. Unfortunately that describes the Church in America where there is no sin vertically (that is man to God). To them sin is only horizontal (that is man to man). Thus in America adultery is a sin (for it hurts your neighbour) while homosexuality is okay (because nobody is complaining). And for sure one said to me, "In America, we don't condemn people".**

By the way married sisters, and be honest with yourselves here: what happens when the husband of one's best friend dies? Does the friendship continue? If you find her taking coffee with your husband, how would you feel? I can see the butterflies in your stomach! I tell you what; the right thing according to Biblical love will be that you occasionally sent your husband in the evening to see that widowed/divorced friend of yours. He will still come back home. Then you will proudly say you love your sister. This way, we stop talking of marital rape which some of you married Women have endured for as long as you can remember!

Unfortunately, most friendships, if not all, of sisters dwindle when the husband of one dies or one is divorced. She instantly becomes a dangerous woman—a suspect as though it were her fault that her husband died or she was thrown out.

**How can we claim to have a sensible religion if in it, the wives of departed respected Church leaders are not only neglected by male believers: they are feared, hated and persecuted by fellow women in church; the very friends she had been proud of all the time and hanged on all through in times of need. How can a religious people be so heartless and godless? Yet James the brother of the Lord tells us "*true religion is visiting widows in their troubles*" (James 1:27).**

It is so interesting to notice that the kind of stress couples endure in marriage are for reasons with no heavenly value addition. It is certain that in that heaven, where we are so much striving to enter there already is Abraham, Sarah and Abraham's concubines among a multitude of other similar well documented Biblical characters. That is why borrowing a leave from Abraham's family will save many marriages of today and reduce the skyrocketing divorce rate and innumerable child maintenance court cases among Christians. Incidentally the Abrahams are the only couple that we are given in the New Testament to emulate.

**I know I may seem funny to many but I can't imagine how much the believers of this generation will be frustrated in heaven.** I see the 'very holy men' and 'very holy women' (who's only standard is sex), wondering on that day, whether they are in the actual heaven or in purgatory. Why? You see at the high table in heaven, they will be seated with Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon plus the many others of their kind. Then there will be in the same table these present day Bishops and great men whom we have blacklisted as hell material depending on how they conduct their sex life; with many wives and mistresses. Then next to them will be Sarah chatting comfortably with the many concubines of Abraham plus other such women of Old Testament. Our wives will be there but quite uneasy with the women next to them, that is the suspected but confidentially confirmed mistress of Bishop X, the mistresses of Mr. Y and Mr. Z, the very women they branded agents of the devil. Yes they made it to heaven. How? The qualifications are simple, they believed in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and kept His commandments. God is not unjust, holding other things constant to focus on sex and marriage; then as long as Abraham is in heaven and of a truth he is there (Luke 16:19–31), the believing men of today who are like Abraham will be there. If Abraham's concubines will be there, then the mistresses of today's believers will be there. Game short! Abraham can't be in heaven while his concubines are in hell simply for the sin of having been a concubine of Abraham.

**Oh what a peace we often forfeit. Oh what a needless pain we bear, all because we do not read the Bible the way it is written. The Bible is written by the all loving, all knowing God to real human beings, not angels, not cartoons and not experimental rats.**

My sisters with husbands, I repeat again, stop being selfish. Tomorrow, it could be you, your daughter, sister or your mother who is still looking young. **The firewood in store does not laugh at the one in the fire.** If the Lord calls you to heaven today, we will all prevail upon your husband to marry after the mourning period is over. Then what is wrong with me talking about how a sister can survive in a good conscience when her husband has gone to be with the Lord? We have to be honest for God is not unjust to only consider men and not women when it comes to sex. Let us all take the Bible as it is and believe in it for harmony and success in the present life and the life to come.

My sisters with husbands, hear the word of the Lord Jesus. He says, "Do unto others as you would they do to you." (Matthew 7:12). Thus I challenge you, take a minute of silence and imagine that suddenly, your husband is just no more and you become a widow. What would you wish other sisters and your husband's friends do to you? Please do the same to the widows around you.

Moreover, women, I know you love your sons very much. Then take it from me that if we don't change and go back to the Bible, you might as well soon find yourself wishing that this your boy was a girl. The *little girls* are watching how the *old girls* are dealing with the *old boys*, and they will perfect it. At that time the, 'husband being fixed to where he belongs' will be that your son. God allowing you to be alive that time, you will watch the drama helplessly, just as your mother-in-law is helpless as you fix her son today. For this is what it says, "*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap*" (Galatians 6:7).

## What part of the Bible is our constitution, all of it or only some verses?

On what do we base our faith? Is the Bible truly our constitution? Then how can you read a constitution partially and demonise anyone who reads the part you don't want? Then you stand before the congregation of God and/or the TV/Radio station and declare "the Bible is our constitution". Are you sure you are talking of the whole Bible or is it the verses you like?

Unfortunately, we have cast away God's word in favour of our own wish-world, managed by our own ideas rather than God's word. So there we have it! A so called Christian world, where the Bible is only a very thin coating of our own ideas. **The most holy faith is rapidly becoming a bitter religion with very bitter women and frustrated men.** The married women are bitter that their husbands can't be contained while the single women are bitter that they have to live with an unclear conscience, being intimate with a man whom they can't just call at any time of need. Not even during an emergency like a road accident, night robbery or a night fire. Worst of all, should you be 'caught off guard' you have to undergo an abortion despite the fact that you would not have minded a child. Should the top secret (that you procured an abortion) be discovered, then that is the end of a dear sister, yet the brother/preacher responsible continues with his performance in Church. The good, sensible and honourable men are helplessly sandwiched between the two sets of women. Some women in their bitterness say they would rather be lesbians while some simple minded men in their frustration choose to be gay. Then there they are men on men and women with fellow women doing the shame which even the brute beasts cannot dare. The pain would have been less if only they confessed their own religion but now they call it Christianity – meaning Christ like, that is like Jesus Christ. I thought you shed some tears... If this is okay in Christianity then it means that in this faith, the words like morals, decency and sin are outdated terminologies. What a funny religion!

Whichever way we look at it, one thing remains clear, the Bible is the constitution of the Christian faith. Every religion has its own sacred writings which form the basis of its adherents' beliefs and thus all their way of life, their moral values, their do's and don'ts are based on those writings. A religion with no sacred writings can only either be fake or is in the formative stage, not yet fully developed. That explanation cannot apply for Christianity which is the second oldest religion on earth after Judaism. It only means that somewhere along the way, Christianity lost touch with its sacred writings and started to follow imaginations of men. But there comes a time, and now is, when Christianity must retrace her steps back to the Bible, as difficult as it may seem.

In the world, they live by pretence and hypocrisy, fixing and outwitting each other. That is why in Parliament, some members leave their conscience at home to go and support the funny opinion of their party leader without a feeling. But I thought in the Church there was truth and honesty. Sadly, I am seeing some preachers leaving their conscience at home just to come and stand before the congregation of God basically to tell the people that which their itching ears want to hear (2Timothy 4:3) and there after they make it home with a good offering.

Well, I still believe we can bring back the fear of God in the Church. That is why, I am firmly a believer in Jesus Christ, born again and called by God to honestly preach His word. This I shall do till Jesus comes or I go to meet Him in that place where He went to prepare for us who believe in Him (John 14:1–3). I am not a fool, for only a fool says that there is no God (Psalms 14:1). I believe in God the Jesus Christ way. I love this Man, Jesus Christ of Galilee:

1. His teachings are pure.
2. His miracles are great.
3. His doctrine is real for this life and the life to come.
4. He is the way the truth and the life.
5. He is superior to all those others who claim to be the way to God. All those others are too much human and too mortal to help a mortal man. But Jesus Christ is supper human:

- (a) Born of a virgin, Luke 1:34–35.
- (b) Willingly died on the cross to shed blood for the remission of sins for those who will believe in Him, Matthew 26:49–56, John 10:17–18.
- (c) He resurrected on the third day as soldiers watched and was publicly seen by many people after resurrection, Matthew 28:1–4,11–15.
- (d) He ascended to heaven publicly, ‘they looked steadfastly towards heaven as He went up and up and up’ (Acts 1:9–10).
- (e) He will come again and take us to heaven to be with Him forever and ever. Amen. John 14:1–3, Acts 1:11.

How I love this Man of Galilee! He has saved me and made me what I am. Because of believing in Him, I am who I am today. I will preach His doctrine very carefully in order to make it possible for all those willing, regardless of their social status and social standing, to attain eternal life just as He intended. So help me God.

## Chapter Twenty Four

### WE NEED A COUNSEL LIKE THAT OF JERUSALEM (ACTS 15:1–33)

Honestly we the Pentecostals have a duty to explain to the rest of the Church (the mainstream Evangelical Churches) where we were going to when we departed from them in a huff. We have come back to where they are and even sunk way down below. We jumped but have landed at the same place or even much lower. So now we need another breed of zealots to rise up and preach to us very powerfully and with great zeal. This will continue until they hit the rock bottom after a few years and then we ask them the same question we are being asked, "Where were you going?"

Yet I have a bone to pick with the older evangelicals. They failed us. Where? They never told us why they changed their preaching just abruptly. Why did you not tell us these challenges? You just stepped aside to see how far we would go and you rightly called it 'a movement for the young generation'. Unfortunately that young generation of 30–50 years ago are now the old preachers of today. What a pity if we don't tell the new young generation that we are not just unwilling, "To call sin by its name". There is a serious technicality. You know a new generation is already here preaching exactly the way I have been preaching for the last 30 years. Soon they will realize that there is a big problem somewhere.

Now let me tell you the reality. The problem is definitely not in 'what the Bible says' for this is clearly written in black and white; **rather the problem is in 'what somebody decided to say is what the Bible says'**. Then whoever that person was, they convinced the whole world to uphold their misguided line of thought. This has gone on and on for so long that we all have accepted that mistake as though it is the way of God, to the point that when I now read the Bible as it is written, you will think I have come express from the moon. This is quite unfortunate.

Somebody should stop pretending and face facts according to the scriptures for it is evident that the Bible clearly addresses all issues of this life in a fair and just manner.

In as much as the Bible is without error, the Holy Spirit in the New Testament allowed the inscription of words like:

1. "Some things of Paul are hard to understand which some people twist to their own destruction", 2 Peter 3:16.
2. "This is me and I think I also have the Spirit", 1 Corinthians 7:40.
3. "This is me and not a command from the Lord", 1 Corinthians 7:25.
4. "Let prophets prophesy one or two and let the others judge", 1 Corinthians 14:29.
5. "If in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you" Philipians 3:15.

This means that at any time men and women full of the Holy Ghost can make a council and look at things clearly. This precisely is how the first Church operated as seen in Acts 15:1–33. Note that verse 6 and 7 records that there was '*much dispute*'. I see some Apostles trying to walk out in protest but have to be persuaded by others, "You know a decision has to be made. Walking out won't help, please sit down and say what you want and give others time also. We have all believed in the Lord and the church is looking up to us for direction. Please sit down brother". That is called disputing seriously. Finally James the brother of the Lord will bring out the verdict as agreed by everybody. This makes me understand and appreciate that the Christian faith is a dialogue not a monologue; members are free to raise the pertinent issues and dialogue within the confines of the known doctrine. **Holy brains are needed in this faith.**

As we get carried away in Westernisation and drift away from the Bible, as the Westerners have done to our own detriment and the generations behind us; let me make this one point clear:

**"Jesus Christ and the Apostles drew their preaching from the Old Testament (there was no New Testament). In all their castigation of adultery, fornication, immorality**

and all uncleanness, we must understand that they were quoting from Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah and the like. To Jesus and the Disciples, Abraham, Moses, Elijah and David are yardsticks of Godliness and holiness. In all their conducts these Patriarchs are not guilty of any immoral misconduct, except for David but he dealt with his specific sin to God's satisfaction. Therefore, to be able to understand what was in the minds of Jesus and the Apostles as they castigated these evils (Adultery, fornication, sexual immorality and all uncleanness), you must first understand that they are quoting from the Old Testament. Therefore, it is only by reading the Old Testament books that you will be a preacher like Jesus Christ and the disciples. Otherwise, most of us are only preaching ourselves and teaching for doctrine our own ideas rather than God's word. Preachers, be careful for you will give an account for every idle word that you said (Matthew 12:37–38). If only we have the mind that was in Christ Jesus and we agree to guard His doctrine, then and only then will we be able to save ourselves and the generations after us till Jesus comes back (1 Timothy 4:16 and 2 John 9). Amen and Amen”

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, I know some of you may want to crucify me or skin me alive, but I also have the Spirit of God. I am just being honest. These are weighty matters, consider them carefully. We can make a difference and save the future of the most holy faith – Christianity. Don't just criticise blindly, for we are dealing with real life issues not a rehearsal. **I fear that the most holy faith was at some point set up for failure whether deliberately or not.**

As it were now, the Church is in total mess courtesy of some careless people somewhere who confused the church at some point. They were unable to interrogate some writings/statements made by our brother Paul, which are hard, unclear and difficult to comprehend just as Apostle Peter warned beforehand (2Peter 3:16). Yet the hardest thing for an honest adult is to try to convince logical adults into pursuing an idea that is outright unrealistic.

The truth is that we have serious problems in the church and problems are solved by thinking and serious problems require serious thinkers. I am only thinking seriously for the Bible says, '*No temptation has overtaken you except that which is common to man. But God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it,*' (1 Corinthians 10:13). Now that the church is experiencing problems without foreseeable solutions, and temptations which are not common to man (in that they were never experienced by our friends of the Bible days with whom we are going to share the same heaven) then we can only revert to our doctrine which forms the basis of condemnation of our souls. May be some are not temptations. They could be situations that require wisdom not even prayers. James the brother of the Lord advises the brethren who were distressed by being chased away from their homes and their property confiscated, to pray not just any prayer, but to **pray specifically for wisdom** and do it in utmost earnestness with all faith and no iota of doubt (James 1:5–6).

Today the church seriously needs wisdom. At times God must be wondering when He finds us fighting fiercely for our own principles and convictions yet each party is holding on to the wrong thinking; just like little babies fighting for wrong answers. Why do you think many a times God fails to punish some people whom in our thinking are in the outright wrong? May be they are not wrong it could be that it is the 'right' ones who are wrong. So the 'right ones' fight very hard to stop the 'wrong ones' then the 'wrong ones' being ignorantly guilty, fight back fiercely like rascals. The battle gets hot and nasty. Then God just wonders what to do with these babies of His fighting fiercely for wrong answers.

Truly we are standing at the crossroads placed squarely between a rock and a hard place. The point is "If we keep the *status quo* the most holy faith will become irrelevant in less than another 30 years from now. Ten (10) years could even be too long given that now we have in Africa, the remaining holy continent, a generation that is like hanging on a cliff. Marriage is becoming very difficult while hell is moving full throttle to entice them with homosexuality

as the only solution. **If the church in Kenya allows this evil to penetrate and gain ground in our land then Christianity world over is doomed.** They are silently but prayerfully watching Kenya. That's why I couldn't wait to release this book. Let come what may. **I have to add this spanner to the works.** I can't stomach appearing before God on that day just to say that I did nothing. I feel it can be enough to get me thrown out of heaven for having hidden my one talent (Matthew 25:30).

The fact is that, reading the Bible as it is written when it was written will lead us to unfamiliar practices of polygamy and concubines in Church. This is very hard and stressing, I also agree. But this is real life and the church must give solutions to the real problems affecting the flock. This may seem very hard but I have to speak for we have to start from somewhere before Christianity becomes irrelevant. **A religion that disregards or undermines its own sacred writings is definitely heading to disintegration and falling apart.**

We must remember the words of the Lord to Peter, "*Simon son of Jonah, do you love me more than these? ... Feed my lambs... Simon son of Jonah, do you love me? ... Tend my sheep ... Simon son of Jonah, do you love me? ... Feed my sheep*" (John 21:15–18). For too long, we have sang the common song 'don't do this don't do that'. Now, in order not to remain irrelevant noise makers, we must make the song complete 'don't do this, please do this'. We cannot just continue telling people what not to do. That one they have known, now they want to hear about what to do. We all must be ready to look beyond ourselves. Think outside the box. It is not just about the families that we have now. We are all passing away and very soon we will be history but life on earth will continue. Let us, therefore, think of Christianity in generations and generations to come.

If anybody feels that it is not possible for Christians of the 21st Century to conduct their sexual relations as shown in the New Testament Bible, then I will challenge such a person to lay down for us, that sexual moral code in their mind for today's Christians, which they think is better. Having it in mind that the Western breed sexual moral code that we have now is outright rotten irreligious.

Mind you, by saying that the Bible cannot be followed by 21st century mortals, you imply that the holy book of the Christian faith has become obsolete. Meaning then the good religion is tumbling down. Unfortunately some rascals masquerading as Christians are eager to see this great faith die.

The initial plan by the forces of evil to eliminate Christianity after having crucified the Messiah and killed the Apostles was to use force and persecution. When this failed, hell devised a plan B which is '**to inject Christianity with a slow killer dose, a sweet deception, to drive this religion away from the right doctrine of its Master Jesus Christ**'. This was the great wisdom from hell 'before they realise that they have forgotten their faith they will be too far to accept to turn back'. How we have feasted for so long on sweet slow killer rat poison served to us wisely by the enemy's crafty stewards in our midst. **To every preacher/believer of today, selfishness and personal interest supersedes logic and soundness of doctrine.** We are so drunk with the wine of the enemy that no one today has the mind that was in Christ Jesus. We all mind our own things, it is 'me, myself and mine'. The irreligiousness and indecency of the so called 'New Testament Church' is nowhere near the holiness of the Old Testament religion. Yet today, holy servants of God who have preached this gospel for years and years and even some with doctorates in theology, see me an erratic when I read the Bible as it is obviously and plainly written.

How I wish that those who are honest with the faith, the remnants with a conscience, can wake up to see that we have dangerous pretenders, clouds without rain, among us who though professing the faith yet they have no iota of interest in it (Jude 12). To them this self made elastic (adjustable) gentile Christianity is superior to the Christianity of Jesus Christ and the Apostles as clearly given in the Holy Scriptures. The trick is, we have all been shifted into a new religion where the doctrines are assumed, debatable and can always be twisted to accommodate what we (humanity) want, because it is ours, based on "*Whatever we bind here on earth will be bound in heaven*" (Matthew 18:18). So the god of this new religion is very co-operative and understanding of us. If we agree that homosexuality

is normal, 'because some people were created so by this our god', then it becomes alright. Then this god is a cartoon of men who can't refuse what men have decided. Yet one day we will all appear before God to give an account of the things we did in the flesh (Rev. 20:12-13).

How a people lead their lives depends on their mindset which is in turn derived from the doctrine (that is, that policy or set of guidelines or principles) of life that they have adopted over the years from whichever source that was available to them. This could be either by default or by choice. Where it is by default, it means, 'you just found things being done that way' and by doing it like the others you found it normal, workable, acceptable and good. On the other hand where it is by choice, it means that a people, at some point in time, sit down to decide to choose how to do things. This definitely involves a deliberate change from the established norm because there has never been a vacuum in life. From the very first day life began on earth, there was a set up of guidelines on how to do things. The church then has a very simple choice to make if we say that there is a God in heaven whom we honour. It is this simple. **Do we follow the set up of guidelines (doctrine) of living our lives as given down to us by Jehovah God (that is as written in the Holy Scriptures, the Bible) or do we follow the set up of guidelines (doctrine) that has been developed by the Westerners which they are pushing down our throats? It is decision time.**

Deciding to go back to Bible doctrine at this point in time definitely looks like plunging ourselves into the Ocean. Yet the option is agreeing to die effortlessly like fools, for the wolves are not joking. Then we can only say like the four leproous men 'if we stay here, we will surely die foolishly, if we jump into the Ocean the Lord may save us from the deadly ocean fish, (2 Kings 7:4). We better jump into the Ocean. At least we have a testimony from the scriptures that God saved Jonah from the Ocean. He will save His church'.

When God decided that the children of Israel must get into the Red Sea in order to cross over to their destined place, their true

homeland, He had to ensure that there will be no arguments about jumping into the opening inside the Sea. So He directed the furious Pharaoh and his chariots to charge at them. There was no time for debating with Moses on whether he is sure that the water will not close up on them. Their very lives were at stake. Today the future of both our Children and our good religion (Christianity) is at stake. A step must be taken.

Please preachers, I beseech you by the mercies of God, let us help humanity and Christianity. This we can if only we get bold and selfless. **We can make all sorts of noise and curse as much as we want but the fact is that if we have no formular that makes it possible for all normal adult women to get a man to intimately relate with honestly and without fear or shame, if we just close our eyes and not imagine whatever it is they are doing to survive, then be sure of this, we are not helping the world to attain social order and avoid moral decay.** Above all we are making Christianity irrelevant. Facts are stubborn things which fear no man. Remember, the hope of the world is in the Church.

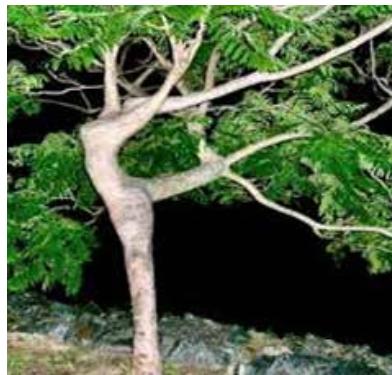
Life is what you set it to be and when you get used to that set up, it becomes the norm and it blinds your thinking to all other alternatives. Only a hard hitting challenge to a thinking set-up can make humanity start rethinking. Whether we like it or not, we have to rethink because the most holy faith, which we all dearly treasure, is in jeopardy. To those of us who are born again, I say we have to open our eyes and face facts for salvation is not synonymous with blindness. Neither is faith equal to mind blocking. This naivety must stop. We cannot agree to be blind guides making and guiding blind followers.

Now then, Church of Jesus Christ, hear the word of the Lord 'we need not get confused, the riddle has been correctly solved -the Bible is crystal clear polygamy and concubines is not sin before Jehovah God of Israel. So let every willing woman believer get married, as advised by Apostle Paul, to whoever she wants but only in the Lord. And let there be sexual moral decency in Christianity for God hates sexual immorality (fornication)'. Let there be none missing a mate as per the word of the Lord in Isaiah 34:16 (God is more

interested in humans than in birds of the air Luke 12:24). This is the doctrine of Jesus Christ and the holy Apostles.

It doesn't matter how mad anybody will feel, the reality is that we can only practice Christianity the Bible way, not according to the English Common Law and/or the constitution of America. Whoever cannot withstand Christianity the Bible way is free to form their own religion and craft their own heaven idea where their followers will aspire to attain. The heaven that Christians aspire to attain at eternity is prepared for a people 'whose lifestyle here on earth was in accordance with the Bible doctrine'.

The words of the Lord are sure, "***Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted,***" (Matthew 15:13). Surely some plants are extremely beautiful and touching to us (see illustration below), yet however much we treasure them, they just must be uprooted.





Remember that the Lord here is referring to doctrine. So, every doctrine, however much we treasure it, as long as it is not from the Lord Jesus Christ, must be uprooted urgently in order to defend the sanctity of the Most Holy faith.

## Chapter Twenty Five

## WHEN AND WHY CHRISTIANITY CHANGED TO MONOGAMY

Having clearly understood from the Bible that Jesus Christ and the Apostles preached the good news to a polygamous people and left them continuing in that way of life, I got very interested to know then when did Christianity change to monogamy and why did that have to happen. My readily available source of reference for this was the internet. So I searched for 'Origin of Monogamy'. Thank God for the wisdom of the machine, it brought 'History of Monogamy'. The facts that I found well written here will shock all of us:

1. That monogamy is basically an idea of the Roman Empire derived from the Roman form of idolising women and the goddesses.
2. That the gentile Romans were notoriously monogamous but mated in a very polygamous way. In the houses of the rich there were always a collection of servant girls for sex purposes.
3. That the Roman Catholic Priests were all through polygamous and had mistresses but due to complications of inheritance of church property (since a priest's son could only inherit from the church) Pope Benedict VIII in 1022 AD banned marriages for priests (monogamous or polygamous). In 1039 AD Pope Innocent II voided all marriages of priests and all new priests were forced to divorce their wives.
4. That the driving force for monogamy was an interesting ignorant anti-human Greek doctrine which taught that to be spiritual is to forsake all human nature and human passions. It is called asceticism. It says that to be spiritual you have to be poor and that sex is unclean and sinful, allowed only for the less spiritual. This teaching painted marriage as a necessary evil basically to help guard against sexual immorality (fornication) (1 Corinthians. 7:1-2). Thus marriage becomes a fleshly activity only for those not seeking spirituality. As such, monogamy would be tolerated for the 'less spiritual' while polygamy was condemned as an abomination.
5. Seeing that Christianity sprung forth from gentile Rome, it was completely infiltrated and adulterated with Roman ideology.

6. That in the Greco-Roman world view that promoted asceticism, the lifestyle of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David etc) was thrown away as Old Testament lifestyle. This is in total contrast to Biblical doctrine where the Patriarchs form the entirety of the New Testament as clearly propagated by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles: who openly declared the Patriarchs to be the yardstick, for matters holiness, to the New Testament church.
7. That this Greco-Roman world view and scriptural understanding replaced the Hebrew understanding of scriptures. This gave birth to a funny notion of 'New Testament believers' whose way of life was quite different from the way of life of the New Testament believers of the days of Jesus Christ and the Apostles.
8. That the Christian Jews who had understanding of God's truths rejected these distortions as a result they were denounced as traitors, betrayers and murderers of the Lord, and were replaced by the Gentile "spiritual Jews" who gave in to compromise and accommodated the Greco-Roman way of interpreting the scriptures in place of the old Hebraic understanding.
9. That Martin Luther was never for monogamy. In fact it depressed him.
10. That monogamy gained widespread acceptance just about some 150 years ago, that is the early 19th Century (early 1800's); being the same time when Christianity was brought to Africa from Europe and America.
11. That during the World Wars, polygamy was badly abused by irresponsible men who made it appear evil. Thereafter, there was need to restore women's dignity and respect, giving them their "rightful liberation" and equality. This automatically promoted monogamy to be the only right form of marriage. Since then polygamy was declared abusive and unworthy of a good respectable marriage. The deceived church then accepted it as the only way approved by the Holy God. Henceforth monogamy will be a must for one to be accepted as a Christian. Of course this was based on logic not the Bible.

12. But to the Church's dismay this desire to please women (feminism) has graduated to homosexuality which again, the Church is cornered into accepting. After having accepted other deceptions, then why not again!
13. Thus Christianity is carrying a **monogamy calf** from gentile culture which it must crush and cast away if Christianity is to be helped.

At first this distortion of doctrine thrived on illiteracy of the scriptures, especially on the part of the gentile believers who were totally ignorant of the established way of worshiping, serving and pleasing Jehovah God as outlined in the law (Torah) and the prophets.

*Source: [www.patriarchywebsite.com/monogamy.mono-history.html](http://www.patriarchywebsite.com/monogamy.mono-history.html).*

(I recommend this website for every Christian who is serious about the faith).

Today we have all known the Holy Scriptures but selfishness (covered in the cloak of fear and carefulness) is the vehicle that is religiously carrying on this distortion of the way of God to our detriment. It is so sad that today what we call New Testament is this Greco-Roman world view, a gentile christianity made in Rome which has no Jewish ideology. Not knowing that we are drunk with asceticism, we emphasis a level of self denial which is beyond the clearly set Biblical standards as preached by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Apostles and the entire New Testament Church throughout the ages upto just this recent - early 19th Century.

Surely I see the scheme of hell, the working of the anti-Christ to make Christianity 'a very difficult religion'. This was to discourage people from joining this faith. It is openly suspicious; it leaves a lot to be desired; why should somebody craft a 'New Testament lifestyle' very different from the one openly and clearly propagated by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostles? The mission of the anti-Christ in this was to create a deterrent, a repulsing factor that 'this faith is very difficult, only to be practiced by super beings or by skilled pretenders'. Therefore honest adults will keep off. I do not see how and why somebody could not notice that forced monogamy for all people will lead to some women missing husbands and thus making life complicated. The desire to please women (feminism) seems to have superseded all logic.

The doctrine of Jesus Christ clearly brought out a lifestyle for mortal man that was easier to practice by the people of that day than what they had. Thus on seeing that the people really wanted to please God but were heavy laden with hard to bear practices of men: He told them *"come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light".* (Matthew 11: 28-30). Life has to be orderly and descent, so Jesus will still put on people a yoke (teachings/doctrine) but His yoke is easier. He will still have to lay on them a burden (requirements for pleasing God) but His burden will not make human life harder; He made it easier, more realistic and holier. But the teachings, doctrines and holiness requirements brewed in Rome and propagated by the West over the years, are very complex, unrealistic, imaginably and utopic, birthing an extremely wicked religion incomparable to any other on planet earth; a religion where men marry men while women marry women and all go to church together happily and give an offering (unfortunately they call it New Testament Christianity).

The passage of time has blinded us completely. That is how and why we are stuck and caged like rats. Then unconsciously, the Christians have become the cheering squad for the devil's homosexuality campaign as women in church strife to be free of men while the men find women hard to contain.

I am sorry to tell the world that the way we are preaching Christianity is not the way God the Father, Jesus Christ (the Son) and the Holy Spirit desired it to be. Whoever therefore loves God and seeks to please Him must let go of this adulterated New Testament Christianity made in Rome -the one we are all carrying now (which produces believers who are Romans by faith). Then go back to the Bible and retrace the true New Testament Christianity the Jewish way (the one that was thrown away). At that you agree to become a Jew, not of the flesh but of faith as per the Holy Scriptures. Then start your journey of faith of going to the heaven of Jehovah God, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Israel/Jacob, God of Moses, God of Elijah: where we will be met in the clouds by Jesus Christ Son of David.

**THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT CAN NEVER BE HIDDEN FOR EVER THE SUN, THE MOON AND THE TRUTH: THOUGH THEY MAY BE COVERED BUT IT'S ONLY FOR A TIME, THEY WILL SURELY APPEAR.**

*Humanity can only serve and please Jehovah God in accordance with His doctrines not according to our own ideas, however wonderful they may appear.*

***THE CHALLENGE CALLS FOR HONEST COURAGIOUS BELIEVERS***

*May the almighty God deliver His Church now and forever more. Amen!*

The Lord Jesus Christ is saying, “Every plant (Doctrine) which my Heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted”,  
Matthew 15:13.

*MAY GOD GIVE YOU BOLDNESS TO DISCUSS THIS WITH A FRIEND*

By reading this book incase you have realised that you have gone far from God or you had not understood Christianity or had thought it as an impossible unreal/unpractical religion, but now you have discovered the truth and want to answer the voice that has been speaking to you to give your life to Jesus Christ then pray this prayer:

“Lord Jesus, I welcome you into my life. I believe that you are the Son of God, that you came and died for my sins that I may be forgiven. Today, Lord Jesus, save me by forgiving my sins and accept me as your child. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me today. In Jesus name I pray.”

Amen.

MAY GOD HELP YOU TO GET A CHURCH  
WHERE THE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED  
AS IT IS HONESTLY WRITTEN