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# THE JOY OF FREEDOM

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# INTRODUCTION



Freedom, freedom, freedom! Who doesn't like freedom? Taste bondage and you will appreciate what freedom is. Bondage is expensive and captivity incapacitates. People in bondage yearn for freedom and cry for it. They wait seriously for freedom. The lifestyles of bondage are clear, and their faces say it all. Bondage is not attractive to a man of vision and dreams. A vision carrier can be bound but the vision can't be bound because it is divine. Bondage keeps one in the valley of defeat and locks great men into rags of impossibilities, but there is freedom! God is a giver of freedom. His yoke is light, easy and enjoyable. Matt 11:29-30. It is good to get free from the powers of darkness. Desire freedom and seek for it with diligence, and then walk in it!

**Isaiah chapter 14:3-7, the bible records this;**

And it shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall give you rest from thy **sorrow**, from thy **fear** and from the **hard bondage** wherein **you were made to serve**.

You shall have a proverb against the King of Babylon (symbol of oppression).

- *The oppressor has ceased. God can stop oppression.*

- *The golden city has ceased.*
- *The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked and the scepter of the rulers.*
- *The Lord has persecuted the persecutor.*
- *The whole earth is at rest and is quiet.*
- *The whole earth has broken forth into singing.*

When the Lord Jesus makes you free you have great proverbs to sing. Oh, the joy of freedom!

When you live a life of experiencing all the above evil forces, you can never have a proverb (song) of joy!

The world is full of bondage and man is fighting for freedom the world's way. Day and night, man is crying for worldly freedom.

The world can grant you freedom, but still you can find yourself spiritually bound, with no space to breath.

When the world sets you free, your freedom is partial as far as the world powers are concerned. But when the Lord of all, Jesus Christ sets you free, you are freed in deed. You experience freedom on the earth and in spirit after death. In John 8:36, the bible says that if the son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. Gal. 5:1 says that it is because of liberty that Christ has set us free. Stand firm (be committed, vigilant, be sober, hold unto faith in God) that you may not be taken back into bondage again.

There is a possibility that one can be taken back into bondage. You have a role to play so that you may be free and maintain the freedom.

Christ paid the price for our freedom when he came on earth, died for us on the cross and rose again from the dead. He defeated the oppressor, the persecutor and he that frustrates mankind.

You can live in an independent nation, full of security and peaceful government yet stay bound!

God wants you to have a parable that only comes when you have freedom. Jesus said, whatever is born of flesh is flesh and whatever is born of Spirit is Spirit (John 3:6).

Paul in his epistles wrote and said that he that is born of the spirit is not bound to fear but has been adopted into God's Kingdom, thus he cries to God, calling him father (Romans 8:15-16).

When you are born of God, you will overcome the world. That's freedom, victory over the world and its evilpowers (1 John 5:4-5).

The Joy of freedom in Christ is a wonderful song, but for your mouth to sing it, you have to experience it in Christ. Bondage is expensive, that's why it cost Christ His life (blood) to pay for our freedom.

Today, many people are living in bondage because of ignorance or rejection of knowledge.



I have chosen this topic to share with you of the chains of bondage, their effects and the root to freedom. When freedom comes, you can't manage to hide it. You will sing a proverb!

I would look at breaking the spirit of bondage. A poem of freedom is only sung when bondage has been broken.

My dear reader, I have seen the pain of bondage among different classes of people. Among the rich and the poor, the blacks and whites, the literate and illiterate, the good and the bad of the society is the spirit of bondage.

Bondage pains the heart and the mind of the victim and many do not know which way forward. Every area looks closed, but our God, the living God is a God of freedom. He wants you free.

As a teen and a youth, you are a valuable person. The family and society depends on you. You have immense power and potential as a young person and you can influence positively your environment for good.

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# Breaking The Spirit of Bondage

You will never experience freedom until bondage is broken. Bondage is a spirit, and it has to be broken in Jesus name. There are experiences that someone bound will see in this life.

- When you see Satan and his agents have access to your life the way he wants and has routes of entrance anyhow, there is a sign of bondage. It will take you a battle to experience freedom. But Jesus Christ paid a price for your deliverance through his death and resurrection on the cross.
- You always experience heavy works of the devil in your life
- heavy and unbearable burdens settle upon your shoulder
- You are yoked with evil and parting is so hard. You find it difficult to stop some habit, or change to the right things or focus on the right way, however hard you physically try.
- You are oppressed. Oppression is a tough spirit over one's life. Oppression is a process by which one obtains

something from another by force, by intimidation, by undue illegal power, or by cruel exercise of authority/power. This is what Pharaoh did to Israel in Egypt after the death of Joseph the Prime Minister. Israel went through heavy oppression. An oppressed Israel never had much of herself, and she never progressed yet she worked so hard! Oh, how cruel is the oppressor! God has seen your tears of oppression and wants you free in Jesus name!

There is no song that we see Israel singing when she was in bondage because bound people have little to do with joy.

**Psalms 40:1-5**, *the psalmist says,* "I waited patiently for the lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon rock, and established my goings. And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the lord. Blessed is the man that makes the lord his trust, and respects not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies, many, o lord my God, are thy wonderful works which you have done, and your works which you have done, and your thoughts which are towards us: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

When David was in bondage (pit of miry clay), he had no poem to sing. He is a great singer and poet, but he patiently waited upon the Lord. It was a hard time for him. It was like he might not enjoy the benefits of his Kingship anointing. He was in the situation of sinking instead of standing, being stuck instead of moving forward, and collapsing in place of being established.

But he chose to wait upon the Lord who delivers from bondage, and never fails to come towards those that wait upon Him, and to wait upon the Lord that supplies freedom.

Surely the Lord heard David's prayer and He came to deliver him. This deliverance gave David a song to sing, a song of joy. It's a song with a testimony which originates from the heart of the delivered person. I pray that the Lord of deliverance is granting you a song of joy as you read this book in the name of Jesus Christ. May the Lord visit you in Jesus name, pick you up with his hand and take you out of the pit of bondage! May the Lord Jesus Christ who died for your sins and paid the price for your freedom reveal himself to you in his great name! Jesus Christ wants you free. He is saying to your oppressor; let my child go, so that he may worship me.

Bondage is a situation where you do not possess what belongs to you (Obadiah 1-17-18). Imagine someone having something paid for still held on the market shelf while he needs it. Jesus has paid for our healing. By his stripes you are healed. He surely bore our wounds. We do not need to keep spiritual wounds in our lives. The Lord has come that we may have what he has promised us in Jesus name!

Bondage is a situation whereby the enemy steals what belonged to you. It's possible you stood by faith in Christ Jesus and obtained God's promises for you, but a thief came at night when you spiritually slept and stole from you. Jesus says there is a thief who wants to steal what you have. Lack is bondage!

Revelation 2:25; "Hold fast whatever you've received says the Lord. Hold unto the freedom that Christ has supplied to you. This will make you to enjoy the fruits of freedom! Remember

the songs you sang when you were receiving the Lord Jesus Christ into your life to be your Lord and Savior. How sweet you felt in your heart. The Psalmist calls it, the joy of salvation (Psalms 51:12). To be born again is to be freed from sins. You are given a song of joy because you are a new creature and the old nature of your life is gone and now the new has come.

I encourage you to hold onto your salvation and you will never miss to experience the joy of freedom! It's sweet to keep your salvation and walk the walk of faith! You will enjoy the freedom given to you by the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not given your life to the Lord Jesus, do so and partake of the joy of freedom! Sin bites and sin's poison kills, but Christ gives us the gift of life. When you are in Christ, you have life. You will find joy flowing from your heart like a river and your mouth will sing a true song of joy because you are free indeed through Christ Jesus.

A backslidden sinner is in bondage because he has lost the joy of salvation. Let the Lord restore to you the joy of salvation! When you receive back what you lost, there's great joy and celebration. The Angels in heaven celebrate when one soul is returned back into the Kingdom of God. Receive joy as the Lord restores whatever the enemy stole from you in Jesus name (Joel 2:23-26).

Bondage is also being held by the spirit of infirmity. Infirmity is defined as a physical weakness or ailment, poor physical condition or being out of shape. In the book of Luke 13:10-18, we are told of a woman who had an infirmity for 18 years. She was a believer, termed as a daughter of Abraham by Jesus. Infirmity denied her the true joy of life. People devalued her just as her infirmity had made her to be. Infirmity made

her to look down and not up to her star.

The coming of Jesus in her church changed her destiny forever. She was healed and totally delivered from bondage. This freedom gave her the poem of freedom. She was now going to become her real self. What a blessing when Jesus breaks from us the spirit of infirmity. You may be going through an infirmity in your life but Jesus has come your way to restore your joy.

Bondage is living under the spirit of defeat. Defeat is a stronghold that can disable anyone affected by it. It denies success, denies trying and commitment. One who has the spirit of defeat always knows that he cannot win in any battle or defeat any challenge. Such a person will always be on the negative side of life. The cross of Jesus is positive to those who believe. Defeat begins to break when we understand what Christ has done for us. He has given us victory. Paul had this to say about dealing with defeat: In Christ Jesus we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37) and Phil. 4:13 – which says “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me”. Jesus is a winner and He lives in you saint. May you arise from defeat and become victorious in Jesus name!

One can also live in bondage when the seeds of Satan have been planted in his life. Seeds of Satan always affect a Christian. There are seeds like bitterness, hatred, discord and so on, that affect a Christian's life which begin to interfere with spiritual growth of a Christian. This can keep a Christian dormant in spiritual life. If not handled by Christ that lives in you, you will be kept in bondage. Be careful with Satan's seeds that look for routes to enter your life. Unforgiveness is a seed that can totally tear people apart. We must learn to forgive and seek

forgiveness. This will enforce unity and love which grows as we grow in Christ.

Evil covenants are also a key to bondage. Many people have been affected by evil covenants (Isaiah 28:15-18). An evil covenant is an agreement between two or more parties, bounded together by evil powers and monitoring satanic spirits. It's a covenant between man and Satan (hell and death).

Evil covenants can originate from many areas in one's life like evil foundations, inherited from parents, forced or inherited through dreams, done consciously, or unconsciously by witchcraft powers without your consent. Evil covenants can be formed majorly through blood, sex, marriage, food, evil sacrifices, and things like clothes, photos, charms and many more.

A Covenant is binding, whether you are aware of it or not. That's why ignorance is not an excuse. Covenant is backed by powers which are released to enforce it. Evil covenants are enforced by evil powers and these powers will make you bound, denying you your freedom that you deserve.

There is always a sign or token to enforce a covenant. That's what makes them very powerful! If you don't break a covenant, it will hold tightly and its purposes will be achieved. Covenants are tough. Many people enter into covenants unconsciously through activities of life that look harmless and end up harmed so seriously. The devil has arranged the initiation to look very attractive yet the impact is serious.

Evil covenants have been made through the use of idols, water, land (soil), witchcraft, triangular powers (sun, moon and stars), with occult agents, particular food items, with marine

spirits, which is on large scale today, with a spirit husband or wife, which majorly take place in dreams. They can also be made with trees, where trees are used as token, or symbol.

Evil covenants can also be made with evil spirits and powers at cross roads. Cross road powers attract evil spirits from the four directions to come and attack you. Such powers are unbearable, until God intervenes. You will find yourself being attacked from all quarters. Such people have every area of their lives under attack.

Evil covenants must be broken for you to live a life of freedom. Jesus wants us free. There is joy in the freedom of Christ. Let this covenants be broken and get your deliverance.

You must surrender your life to Christ. This is because Christ Jesus is the source of power through his precious blood to break the evil covenants of Satan.

You must also identify the source of the situations you are experiencing. Knowledge is power. In John 8:32, Jesus said that you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Truth releases you from satanic captivity. You must then reject and renounce the evil covenant. Oh, what a privilege to know the truth! Jesus Christ is the truth.

I want to encourage you to be determined to break the evil covenants by praying aggressively, confessing the word of God regularly and living a life of regular fasting. Nothing is too hard for God.

The blood of Jesus breaks the old covenant and speaks of a new covenant over your life (Mark 14:24; Hebrews 12:24 and 13:20).

When dealing with evil covenants in the family, you must



nullify the legal grounds of the devil over your family that enables evil to have a say over your life, family and whatever the covenants affect (Zeph. 1:4). You must also cancel and destroy the idols with their names e.g. snakes, frogs, skulls, skins, animal heads that are enforcing evil covenants. Destroy altars where things are done to enforce the evil covenants by prayer. Our warfare is not flesh and blood. (Deuteronomy 7:5; Lev. 26:30; Ex 34:13 and Ezekiel 6:3-4). You also need to break the power of idols that are enforcing satanic covenants over your life in Jesus name (Ezekiel 30:13).

Pray that the Lord dismantles the sacred pillars of evil covenants in the family in Jesus name. Burn the ropes and chains of evil that is holding you on the ground of evil covenants.

Burn by fire and cancel all the payments and tokens done by wicked people to enforce evil covenants over your life, family.... in Jesus name. Jesus paid your price of redemption by his own blood (Micah 1:7). Cancel and reject all inherited evil covenants by the blood of Jesus. Break the evil covenants reigning in your life and your family.

By the blood of Jesus, break the binding rules and erase debts that are binding you and your family due to evil covenants.

Delete and cancel the names of all those powers pushing and enforcing evil satanic covenants over your life. (Nahum 1:14).

Drive out all the powers and authorities exercising evil covenants in your life in Jesus name. Decree that the enemy and his oaths will not get a place in the family to exercise evil (Numbers 33:52).

Prayerfully destroy all the places where gods are served

which are enforcing evil covenants in the church, your life, your family and city (Deut. 12:2-3; 2 Kings 18:4-10) or village where you stay.

Break in pieces all the sacred pillars of darkness in the family, working for evil covenants in Jesus name.

Also decree that all evil covenants are submitting to the covenant of the blood of Jesus (Exodus 23:24).

Demolish and erase every evil seal created by killing of animals, human beings, bloody and other sacrifices, having marks, incisions, eating and drinking foods with evil covenants, and sexual intercourse.

Let the Holy Spirit break every soul tie with evil in Jesus name.

By the blood of Jesus, break all covenants that the enemy has made with you through dreams and food (Judges 2:2).

Pull down the family altars and their gods which have inflicted you with evil, diseases, poverty, divorces, unfruitfulness, failure, stagnancy, lack, afflictions (Judges 6:25, 2Kings 23:6-20) etc.

Nullify the works of witchcraft, sorcery, divination and enchantment through evil covenants by the blood of Jesus. Release the fire of the Lord in their dwelling places (Ezekiel 6:6).

Command all demons that swallowed your wealth through evil covenants to release it in Jesus name.

All power of evil that drain your prayer life, your power and commitment to the things of God should be broken.

Break the altars and high places raised with power to cause confusion in your life. God is not the author of confusion but of order. Confusion misleads, delays and interferes with the flow to destiny.

Let the spiritual forces of confusion from the Kingdom of darkness be stopped in Jesus name (Amos 7:9).

Scrub by the blood of Jesus, every writings, conditions, marks, emblems, signs, symbols and numbers working against you in Jesus name.

Announce your separation from all evil forces that are in union with you because of evil covenants. The book of 1 Peter 2:9 says that we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that we should show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

As a priest of the Lord Jesus Christ, decree that you are stripping off the clothes of the priest of darkness who is pursuing evil covenants over your life and family (Ezekiel 16:39; 1 Kings 15:13; 2 Chron. 34:3-7, Ezekiel 13:20-23).

Strip off any additional wearing of power e.g.rings, chains, budes, huts, handkerchiefs, staffs, sticks, swords, skins, earrings and jewels in the name of Jesus Christ.

Strip off the spiritual names of demonic authorities and operations in Jesus name and burn them by the fire of the Holy Spirit and declare them naked and exposed (Colossians: 2:13-15).Cancel their works over your life in the name of Jesus Christ. 1 John 3:8 says that Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of Satan.

## ❧ Chapter 2 ❧

# Breaking Free From Chains of Darkness

Chains of darkness are demonic ropes that Satan uses to tie people to himself and to his kingdom. These chains work through birth, social and spiritual relationships. The devil uses chains to create various problems for us in our walk with God and in our journey towards heaven. They give the devil a firm grip to control and influence things that happen to us, in our Christian experiences, family relationships, finances, and our day to day activities. For you to experience freedom, chains of darkness must be broken.

Symbolically, when Peter was put in prison in Acts chapter 12, he was chained, and put under quaternions of soldiers. But prayer was made for Peter by the saints. Chains fell from his hands when the lord came to deliver him. Chains can tie you to sin, till sin becomes your lifestyle. Deliverance is important in breaking the chains of darkness. Every power of darkness that is holding you must be broken in Jesus name.eg

Chains like Curses and spells must be broken off your life because they are not pleasant to any one's life. They can

chain your life. Destructive habits must be dealt with. These habits can be bondage, which if not dealt with can lead to your destruction. Some people are born again, yet their habits don't agree with salvation (Romans 12:1-2). We must produce fruits meet for repentance, or we shall become hypocrites! We must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Allow the Lord to transform you by taking you out of evil cages. Witchcraft cages can be a heavy bondage in one's life. A cage gives you no freedom at all. You can only move within the boundaries of the cage. If the walls are not removed, you end up not going anywhere (Acts 8:1-13). Chains of darkness are used to make sure that one is going nowhere in life, but just operating in the radius of bondage.

One can be spiritually chained to evil altars which could cause afflictions and evil dream from the kingdom of darkness. It's God's desire to release you from such. Freedom of Christ will position you at the correct place in the correct way.

Many of us are nowhere near where God wants us to be, because of the forces fighting against our lives, our health, finances and our destiny. Satan likes preventing people from getting into their destiny. In the book of 2 Kings Chapter 4 and verses 6 and 7, we learn of a widow and her children who had to be delivered from the spirit of lack and debts for her to reach her destiny. Satan had planned to crush the destiny of her entire family through the chain of debts. The bible says in the book of Proverbs 22:7 that the rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is a servant to the lender. No man can truly be free when he is bound by the spirit of debts. Debt bondage will make you a slave of men and can hold your future, making you a tail in many matters of life. Debt spirit creates unnecessary

tension in your life, marriage and relationships with others. We need deliverance.

**WE MUST BE DELIVERED** from the chains of demonic control. The man in Mark chapter five was chained with evil spirits. He lived in the tombs, he was often bound with fetters and chains, and he could cut them. No man could tame him nor bind him. Night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus from far off, he ran and worshipped him.

In Mark 5:15-20 – The mad man at Gadarenes had to be delivered of the legion of demons for him to become an evangelist. Who would have expected an evangelist from a mad man? Deliverance is good.

We must also be delivered from familiar spirits. These are enemies of your God given freedom.

In Leviticus 19: 31, the bible says that you should not consult them that have familiar spirits nor seek for the wizards to be defiled by them. “I am the Lord your God”. God does not mix with gods or familiar spirits (Leviticus 20:27; Leviticus. 20:6).

God cannot warn you not to do things that are right in his presence. He knows what is wrong and thus He declared clearly that it's wrong to work with familiar spirits, because they are evil. These are monitoring spirits which can be ancestral or generational. They are not seen but they monitor everything you do and record it for the purposes of attacking your life.

They are family idols assigned to divert those who are meant to help you for your destiny. Such spirits will divert

every good thing away from your family and your life.

Monitoring spirits are committed to put you into suffering. They wait and attack your prosperity. They also hold your feet and watch your paths. The Bible says in the book of Job 13:27 that he puts your feet in the stocks, he looks narrowly unto all your paths. He sets a print upon the heels of your feet (Job 33:11). This is the work of the monitoring spirits.

On this Jesus said: The thief comes to kill, steal and destroy. **But** I have come that you may have life and have it in **abundance**". When the devil comes your way, you will experience his works. Just as the devil has his reasons for coming, monitoring spirits also have a purpose for coming into one's life.

They come to monitor and record all information concerning their victims for future calculated attacks. It's hard for the enemy to attack a Christian anyhow because when a Christian's guard is on, the devil and his agents cannot win over him. That's why an enemy sets monitoring spirits on a saint. The enemy would want to know your lifestyle, your prayer life and your love for the word of God. This is to enable him set an attack at your level of faith to challenge you.

Monitoring spirits also enforce and influence generational, ancestral and blood line curses for continuity. That's why if curses are not broken, will hit generations without retreating. Curses don't break by themselves, but have to be broken in the name of Jesus Christ.

Evil spirits will be there to propel evil from one generation to another. Such spirits will follow one wherever he is, just

because he is in the blood line that picked the curse. With this, it becomes hard to be free. It's only Christ that can set you free from these spirits because with God, all things are possible.

Monitoring spirits also make sure that your enemies are fully aware of what is going on in your life, who you are involved with and what you are doing. By this, the enemy will oppose and manipulate seasons in your life. When this happens, you might know what you ought to do but you will be spiritually arrested by the evil powers not to do it, leading to delay and eventually failure.

These spirits follow you, surround you and operate around you so that they may pick any readily available information on you (if you are a victim) and take it to false prophets and prophetesses, mediums or anyone who does divination. Such priests can impersonate a once living human being.

They come through dreams to make evil covenants. Witches can send these spirits into cats, birds, dogs, chameleon, lizards, flies or bees and so on to monitor activities of their victims or particular place. When this happens, you will see cats producing unusual cries to annoy (mostly at night). Some will come at your place and you don't know. Dogs can also produce strange cries. Sometimes snakes or caterpillars appear in the house anyhow.

Sometimes ago, there was a sick girl who was bedridden, but medically her sickness could not be diagnosed. A relative had handed this girl to their cult for sacrifice. When we went to pray with her, demons began to monitor the compound to see what was going to happen. They were in form of dogs. We began the process of deliverance and discovered that the dogs



hovering around were literally witchdoctors from a far village. The girl was delivered. In another occasion, I was invited to pray for a man who fainted and for some days he couldn't wake up. When I arrived in his compound, a dog was outside eating a bone. I sensed in the spirit that this was the witch who was making this man to suffer. The man was carried from bedroom by his wife and another Pastor. After ministering deliverance, the dog vanished from the compound and the man was totally healed. He was freed from the power of the enemy (Ephesians 6:12; 2 Chronicles 10:4).

Monitoring spirits can also be looked at as watchers (Daniel 4:13-17). Watchers have duties like decreeing matters, they demand matters by speaking in authority, (if demonic) from the devil's power. Watchers pursue the will of their boss. Witches, sorcerers, magicians and the like are bosses to monitoring spirits. They send them with an agenda which they push to be fulfilled. But the bible says that the desire of the wicked shall fail! With the Lord Jesus by your side, they will surely fail. The watchers can wipe down a family by the command of their boss (Dan. 4:23). Watchers can cause destruction (Jeremiah 4:2).

Demonic watchers can also speak against cities of God's people, families and people's lives. They can rise up against God's people all around (Jer. 4:16-17). But thanks be to God who declares null and void the words of the wicked against His people.

Monitoring spirits can also be looked at as fowlers. Saints we need to be sober in the spirit. Satan is using fowlers to put many lives into bondage which denies them chance to be happy. The fowler uses a snare to lay a trap on the victim. This

has been used against many saints even the servants of God. The fowler is a tough enemy in spiritual warfare. He will first study his prey before he takes any step. An enemy who studies you for sometime before putting a trap is a tough one. Such an enemy will take movements before launching an attack.

Such an enemy finds you off guard. He will release an attack successfully because he has studied his prey. Only God can deliver us from the snare of the fowler. In psalms 91:3, it is stated that the Lord shall surely deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. The Bible says in proverbs 6: 5; deliver yourself as a deer (run fast) from the hand of the hunter and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. In Hosea 9:8; the Bible says that the evil prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways. Satan is hunting for God's souls in many ways. We must pray that the Lord will deal with the hunter and the fowler.

He has caused hatred in God's house. But the Lord wants to deliver us from such bondages through the power of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 59:19). The good news is that every time the enemy sets up a high class attack, the Holy Spirit counters higher than him.

2Samuel 22:45-46 - Let us pursue deliverance so that we may be able to enjoy the freedom that Jesus Christ paid for on the cross for us. What a joy that comes when you get out of such evil spirits. Deliverance is sweet.

## **HOW EVIL MONITORING SPIRITS COME INTO YOUR LIFE**

Friend, to be under demonic control is painful. The enemy

wants you bound and down. He will go an extra mile trying to see his dreams come true. When he sees many of his plans on you are not working as he wants, he sets watchers to get at you. There are some of the ways that the enemy can get to monitor one's life.

## **Dreams**

Dreams are visions that come in the deep of your nights. Dreams come when you are asleep. Satanists can visit you in dreams where you can see yourself eating, drinking or being sexually defiled. In such a dream, you may see yourself eating things like veggies when you are eating charms, rice when it means snakes, beans when its jiggers. You may just see yourself in a real sexual act with someone you know by figure or a stranger. It happens as though it's practical only to wake up and find that you were dreaming.

After these dreams, things begin to move in your body. You can hear movements in your head, back, stomach, legs, hands etc. These things can't be medically traced and can't be removed. When these things move, you feel uncomfortable, but you can't get them out. I have encountered so many people, mostly believers who have been affected through dreams. Many of them have been left discouraged, in despair and frustrated. God is calling upon the affected people to take a step of faith and be filled with the Holy Spirit. The spirit of God is a consuming fire to the works of the enemy. Remember very well that in 1 John 3:8; Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. As you rise up in prayer, you must call upon the fire of the Lord to burn every strange thing that is moving

in your body. Remember that Jesus Christ paid the bill for our freedom from the devil by his cross.

Command every deposit in your body that entered through food and sexual intercourse in dreams to leave your body in the name of Jesus Christ. You need to release by faith in the name of Jesus Christ the blood of Jesus to wash your blood system, body and mind system from any evil monitoring spirit that was placed there. Ask the Lord to purify and cleanse any part of your body, soul and mind which has been defiled by evil monitoring spirits, by the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Spirit. May every evil seed planted in your life to monitor you be uprooted and declared dead in Jesus name. Jesus Christ wants you free.

### **Parties Organized for Demonic Rituals**

These are areas that will attract monitoring spirits. Saints, I am not against parties because we all get achievements and also want to celebrate when we succeed in our social world. But here I am talking about evil parties. Sometimes we attend parties without knowing the agenda and impacts of the party and its purpose. I have met many saints who are having a lot of trouble originating from such parties. After a meal and drinks they never enjoy spiritual privacy again. The devil penetrates their lives anyhow. It's good and important to join parties, but not all celebrations are good for the saints.

When you want to worship the Lord or pray, strange attacks come upon you like severe headache, you feel like another force is holding your back, stomach pains, you get so

sleepy just from nowhere, you just feel tired, discouragement from nowhere and confusion in your prayer time and nausea that has no origin. You end up having no privacy. Demons will join you in prayer room, harass you and whisper voices in your mind to confuse you to the extent that doing bible study becomes hard. When you are in the house of prayer all you need to do is to deepen your prayers. Jesus advised us that we need privacy in our prayer lives (Mathew 6:6). Your prayer time is your private time. We don't shower in the open field. We need privacy with God. We don't change clothes in the open, privacy is needed.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you need to bind every monitoring spirits that entered your privacy with God through parties and celebrations. We need to disconnect every evil monitoring spirits in your private life of prayer which have come with mandate to destroy your spiritual life. Its time you command all monitoring spirits for evil purposes in your spiritual room to leave you in Jesus name.

May the Lord throw out from your mind and spirit all spirits of darkness that join you in your prayer room. You need to lock every spiritual opening that the enemy is using to control your spiritual life in Jesus name (Romans 12:1-2).

May your mind be renewed by the word of God and let your spirit be renewed by the Holy Spirit. May the Lord revive your spiritual lives in Jesus name! By the power of the blood of Jesus, you need to declare null and void every covenant through ceremonies that opens your spiritual life to the enemy. Pray that the fellowship between you and God may be restored.

## **Evil Things Placed in Your Environment**

This acts as an attractive force to evil spirits. Evil people can visit your home and deposit an object. This object can be a piece of paper, stick, a piece of clothe etc. Sometimes ago, I went to minister deliverance in the house of a couple together with their children. This family had been attacked many times at their time of prayer, when they wanted to plan for their future, every time money came in their house, Satan paid a visit with problems that were equal or more than what they had.

This made them never to enjoy whatever the Lord gave to them. While doing deliverance we discovered that a witch had paid them a visit with a wallet which he had left on the chair. On calling him, he told them to keep in their house for he would come to collect it. This never came to happen for this person never showed up. The family began to experience demonic attacks often, combined with calamities. Freedom only came when the Lord destroyed the powers and tokens of evil that were kept in that wallet.

When an evil person leaves such things in your home it begins to monitor you without your notice. The object may be so small to be seen, but it will still be useful to the witch. Such an object will make the evil person to see you, see whatever you do and hear whatever you say. It's called a hotline link of the enemy against you

You must burn such objects by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord to block the ears and blind them that are monitoring you for evil purposes in the spiritual world. You must send back to the owner any witchcraft material deposited

in your house, office or your home which is a hotline to the enemy. May your household be purified by the blood of Jesus Christ. Great is the freedom that Christ Jesus purchased for the saints.

### **Handshakes and Hugs by Evil People**

This can also extend to laying on of defiled hands or strange touches that evil people touch an area of one's body to insert spells and charms. This becomes a point of connection to evil spirits. In our language, handshake is a sign of peace. I have seen many people who received witchcraft by being greeted or hugged. I remember of one man who left his house to go for work. Near his gate, he met an old man who greeted him by hand and after the greetings he told him that he was not going to earn a living again, but instead he would be a beggar. By words, it looked like nothing much. This man's hand began to swell. He went to hospital to no avail. All tests proved negative and the hand could really pain him. He couldn't write and concentration was affected by unbearable pain. He lost his job. One day we were holding an overnight meeting in a place near their house and he was brought in crying like a child. The Lord revealed that he had been bewitched and demons were making sure that he couldn't work. After ministering deliverance, he was healed and went to look for another job which by God's grace he obtained it.

Friend, Jesus came to set us free and he fully paid for our freedom yet many will not walk in that freedom either because of ignorance or failure to take the necessary steps to freedom. Learn to cover yourself by the blood of Jesus. This will help you

to prevent the infestation of familiar spirits which will come through hugs or handshakes.

After these spirits come into your life, they begin to help their operators to see you through spiritual means. They see you when you are going for a set goal of your life and block it. They can see a relationship that is good and they try to scatter it. With these spirits, trouble can be high in somebody's life. When you are preparing a meal you abruptly get attacked with stomach problems or lack of appetite which you find difficult to be handled. Some people find eating a big problem but medically, they are proved sound.

We have seen some people who end up not eating well at all in their lives. Such spirits will watch when you are receiving money and misdirect it. Misdirecting of funds will lead to delay of dreams or failure to pursue them. Such evil spirits can put pain everywhere on your body. But we are glad for what Jesus did for us. As a believer, it's good to stand in the authority placed upon you by Christ Jesus. Cancel all familiar spirits released into your life through greetings and hugs from the agent of evil.

- **Defiled Gifts**

There are evil gifts which witches use in disguise to induce monitoring spirits into your life. When you receive these gifts, they begin to monitor activities in your life. Such gifts also become an attractive power in your house to attract demons. Such demons can come in to block the glory of the dwellers of the house. There are families or people who have received



gifts and after that life becomes miserable. Some of these gifts could be given to you during special functions like weddings, family visiting (gatherings) parties. One day a lady received a gift of a nice warm jacket for her daughter from a friend. A few days after that, her daughter began to experience tough satanic attacks. She would scream at night and she became so afraid. I asked the Lord why the child was going through this and the Lord revealed of this jacket. After getting rid of it her daughter was delivered. She became normal!

There is one who received an envelope with some money on their wedding day. They found a feather of a bird inside. Calamities that befell them after that were unbearable. On deliverance prayers, they were exposed leading to deliverance. Jesus wants you free.

A house planted on evil grounds will not have good foundations. Such can also invite evil spirits in the house and frustrate the dwellers of the house. That's why it is advisable to dedicate a ground before building and to dedicate a house before you dwell in. Some families have lived a life of bondage caused by being on evil grounds and receiving demonic gifts. Such evil powers can also divert every spiritual and physical blessing that were coming their way. It's good to get rid of evil gifts and uproot everything planted under your house, roof and so on that can kill church growth, family progress, peace and happiness. Pray that the Lord may sanctify every evil gift and objects in your life that you received without knowledge. Let the Lord remove your family, household and lives from evil spirits in the soil on the Land and in the gifts. Purify the house and command all evil spirits to leave in the name of Jesus Christ.

- **Helping Hypocrites**

In this world, no man is an Island. We all need one another in one way or another. He that waters shall also be watered. With this in mind, we all understand that we do help and also we get some help. Some helpers can bring you into bondage if not handled well. In the world of wickedness, evil spirits are being used by men on a high level. I have seen many suffering for helping witches financially. I have also experienced the same but I get wise and even decide to help them even more. There are relatives I helped and after helping (not once) I would end up crawling and struggling financially. Things would begin to shake heavily and lose stability in my life.

Every avenue of my resources would come to a standstill until I would begin to cry to God for deliverance, and then the Lord would reveal the source of evil and deal with it. Jesus is Lord.

Sons of Sceva suffered miserably for helping a possessed man, but demons didn't care about their intentions. You need to have an encounter with Christ! There are evil people who turn into small children or take figures of other people and come begging from you. I don't mean that you overlook the poor and fail to assist. But when you help such people they use it as a monitoring spirit into your life and your finances. They can begin to drive you into a life of begging and poverty. In some cases, they can enter into you after giving help and you begin to be driven by evil forces in your life to look like them. It can also be used to transfer problems to you and your family.

By prayer, cancel the powers of the enemy that took advantage of your generosity and announce his powers

defeated. Ask the Lord to take away the problems that you received by helping evil people. Things like poverty, financial struggles that are abnormal, backward life, blocked success, failures, lower life, joblessness etc. Cancel all afflictions and frustrations plus strange diseases which came to you through giving helps. Let the blood of Jesus purify your life and your resources in Jesus name. Declare your monies at the altar of witchcraft burned by fire and your life released to go for your dream.

In some places, toys or child gifts could be stuffed with demonic connections. As you receive them into your house, they believe to be magically empowered by the agents of Satan. These can be used to monitor and manipulate children by commanding them to do all sorts of evil things like rudeness, rebellion, evil and dirty speeches etc. Note that I do not mean that all toys are demonic. All a Christian needs to do is to sanctify every toy and play thing that children in the house are using. This will do away with any spell or charm or monitoring spirit that is placed on it.

To add on this, evil men or women who are involved in a cult can invite you in a meeting, a talk, fellowship, a meal or visit in their house. In such a visit, something could be placed on you spiritually to monitor, control and manipulate your life. Such an enemy can begin to heavily harass you.

The Lord is calling upon the saints to become vigilant in prayers. Freedom from these evil satanic operations is needed. You cannot be held in prison when Christ has paid for your freedom. May the Lord direct your feet away from appointments from evil people with demonic altars. In Psalms

91:11-12, the Bible says that the Lord shall give His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder, the young lion and the dragon shall you trample under your feet. What a great God we serve!

The Lord is also able to put a spiritual separation between you and the evil enemy that is pursuing you to bring your life back into bondage (Exodus 14:19).

Some wicked people in demonic world would not be happy to see you freed from bondage. Every step that you make towards your life is countered by their powers to return you into bondage. But God be praised who commanded freedom upon us who believe in Christ Jesus. The Lord is willing and able to protect you by His Holy Spirit. His spirit will protect your way and take you safely to your place of destiny (Exodus 23:20).

The Lord who watches over you and has desired you to be happy and enjoy your freedom does not sleep nor slumber. Concerning your walk and movements, he will not allow your foot to be moved because he wants to stabilize you. The Lord God is also willing to provide you with shelter, preserve you from evil men and evil spirits when you go out and come in. Be assured that in the Lord your soul shall be preserved (Psalms 121:3-7). The Lord is your rock and your fortress. He is your deliverer. He is your shield and the Lord of your salvation. He is your high tower where you can find safety and refuge. He will save you from violence. He is worth to be praised.

When you call upon Him, He is a very present help in times

of trouble. He will surely save you from your enemies (2 Samuel 22:2-4). The Lord really wants you free in Jesus name! God will guard you like the apple of his eye that his eye will watch over you all round the year as you live for Him. Happy are those that the Lord is watching over them. Deut. 32:10; 11:12). Our good God is watching over the word that he gave unto those who believe in Him to see it accomplished. Achievement for good cause brings joy (Jer. 1:12; 29:11-13). In God's word lies your prosperity and not harm. God is in the process of giving you hope and a future. The hidden treasures in secret places belongs to you saint. May all the gates of brass and bars of iron be taken away in Jesus name so that you will be able to walk a happy joyful life. Continue looking unto Him, the author and finisher of our faith, that He may establish His plans for you in your life, in the family and in your ministry.

### ∞ Chapter 3 ∞

# Break Free From Destiny Terminators

There is joy when deliverance comes upon God's people (Psalms 126:1-3). When the Lord turned away the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with singing, then said they among the heathen, "the Lord has done great things for them. The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad".

The pain of bondage is tough. Bondage is making many people shed tears, lament and weep. Bondage is squeezing and crushing lives.

Bondage is a spirit from Satan. The devil can bind people so tightly until God comes to deliver them. In some places I have seen people held tightly by stubborn powers, till they question their prayers, their faith and even their service to God. We read the scripture in Exodus 1:8 - and it came to pass after Joseph had died Pharaoh of his time also died. There came a new Pharaoh who did not fear God and knew not Joseph.

The new Pharaoh came up with schemes on how to deal with Israel's destiny. Israel was under bondage in the hands of

a King who did not fear God. His agenda was to fight Israel's coming generation. He wanted to terminate her. There are Pharaohs of today whose mandate is just to terminate the destiny of a family and an individual. They will go an extra mile to terminate good virtues in people's lives.

This terminating spirit is a tough one. He will look for all the ways to block you on every side. Pharaoh instructed that all male children of the Israelites must die. He wanted the future generation of Israel to be terminated. There are such forces in some places whose purpose is to fulfill such purpose. Many years back during my ministry in one village, the Lord revealed to me of a family where all the male sons were dying at birth or a few months after. There had been a curse many years earlier which came about when a man killed his baby boy for being born a boy instead of a girl as he had expected. This curse grew into a big problem for the family. It had to be broken in the name of Jesus Christ for the family to begin getting male children who could live.

Destiny terminating spirit pursues to see to it that people will not achieve that which is made for them. But God is faithful to sustain his people who are chosen for destiny. Moses was going to be eliminated had God not intervened. I pray that the Lord will intervene in your life and save you from losing your destiny. John 10:10 - The thief comes to kill, to steal and to destroy. The killer makes sure that life is taken away. Many dreams and visions are being killed and strangled and thrown into many waters just as it was to be for the Children of Israel. But Jesus has come that we may have life and have it in abundance. That's why the destiny terminator will not manage you!

The bible records that Nebuchadnezzar came and besieged Judah. He dug trenches around, closed every path making sure no one went in or out of Judah. He made sure that there was no trade at all. He had come to crush Israel's economy and starve people to death. Destiny terminators will behave like this, but God's people cannot permanently lose their destiny. They can be delayed, but cannot be denied. Hold on my friend, God who began a good work in you shall be faithful to complete it. The Lord shall intervene in your situation and deliver you from bondage.

Sometimes we face hardened enemies who have an evil agenda of keeping you into bondage. Such enemies have a heart against you. They have to be hit hard by God for them to release you. Pharaoh is an example of such. God wants to deliver his people but Pharaoh has a hard heart. They would not like you to know the other side of your life, the side of freedom. The god of this world has blinded so many people not to see the marvelous light of the word of God.

But God has planned to release his light. When light shines, darkness cannot comprehend it. Satan will sometimes set up stubborn forces against God's people, that even after being let go he would want to pursue them and fix them back into bondage. Stubborn forces will pursue you against development and spiritual growth. They can harass you endlessly to make you tire so that you can lose. They can make you pray until you feel you can't pray anymore, you fight till you feel your strength is gone. Such evil powers become stubborn overtime. Pharaoh had held Israel in bondage for a longtime. He was used to labour without pay. That's the real situation of slavery.



A destiny terminator can come up like an avenger. If you have done something and he feels that you must pay for it. There are things which you have done and the accuser is on you so that you must pay for it. But I thank the Lord for the power of freedom that he has given to us (Rev. 12:10-12) – John heard the voice say the accuser of brethren is defeated by the blood of the lamb and the word of the testimony of the saints. The freedom that Christ paid for at Calvary was not a cheap one. It was so expensive that there is no prize the enemy can pay to deny you freedom in Christ. No amount of payment anywhere for life can equate the blood of the lamb Jesus Christ. This has happened to those who turn from occult power or cult worship to the true God.

When some people turn from some religions to Christianity, some become prey to be destroyed. Such powers will pursue them to return them into bondage, but they should never turn back once they have found the way.

Destiny terminators also become stubborn when one is under an evil covenant for destruction. Like the covenant of death and hell. Living in hell on earth is a tough life. Hell is a symbol of evil. Jesus gave a parable of how it was for a rich man who went to hell and how it was for a poor man righteous Lazarus who went to heaven. They all died but where they went spoke a very big difference. A life of hell on earth is tough and worse if you are on your way to eternal hell. That's why Jesus Christ came to deliver you from the path to hell and shape your destiny into eternity.

In families where there is worship of idolatry and witchcraft, members of such families are introduced to evil

covenants which will make the devil to become stubborn against such people walking at liberty to their God given destiny. Sometimes our forefathers or present parents or even children can enter into evil covenants with evil altars. If such covenants are not broken, satanic forces become so stubborn that leaving becomes so hard.

The enemy can also become stubborn when he has taken a vow to deal with a person or a people. He will not rest until that person or people are finished. That's why some people can be Christians but you will see them going down and down. They go to church, give their tithes and offerings yet you still see them going down in life. You might think always that there is a sin or God has decided to bring them down yet it will be an enemy who has taken oath to bring them down.

Such stubborn enemy becomes a stronghold in such a people, making it not easy to be dealt with. That is why ignorance is not an excuse. If you reject knowledge you will be destroyed or taken into captivity (Isaiah 5:13; Hosea 4:6).

You must receive knowledge. Jesus declared and said "you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". We need this freedom my dear reader, but we must be willing to receive knowledge. Satanic covenants give Satan and his agents a legal ground to stubbornly dwell in a people or a life. Once you realize that there are covenants from altars of darkness which you or your people made treaties with, you must break them by the blood covenant of Jesus Christ.

Destiny terminator can be so stubborn in a people when his property is in their possession. Some people are Christians, but they have picked gods of animals or things and placed in

their homes for protection, for making wealth, for favours and so on! They claim to call upon the Lord with hidden gods in their possession. Sometimes the enemy can bring his property and give unto you inform of blessing e.g. jewelry, clothes, rings and other things only to find that those things brought the enemy in your life and made him stubborn to perform his tasks. To find your freedom, you must check spiritually and by prayer and discernment the kind of things that belong to the enemy which you have kept and then you must get rid of such things.

Destiny terminators can also become stubborn over your life when you are living in secret sins. In Ezekiel 8:1-10, God talks of the secret sins which Judah was performing in the church and at the altar. And he says that these sins were driving God away from Israel. When you drive God away, Satan will invite himself in! He will come with evil; steal all you had to take you to your destiny. He will destroy all the strength that was meant to walk you through. He will kill your hopes to reach your expected end.

Remember that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. Secret sins can lead to having satanic legal grounds in your life and the devil become so stubborn. You can be prayed for without much success until you confess and repent. When Achan kept secret sins in the midst of Israel, small Ai looked so stubborn to Joshua and Israel to possess. They were being hit hard by the smallest and the weakest enemy. If sin is not dealt with, defeat is at the door and it will come in. With defeat around, destiny is affected. God is calling upon His people to deal with secret sins.

When our sins are washed away, God will come back to us and we shall conquer all our stubborn enemies. It is good to confess and repent of your sins. Blessed is the one whose sins are washed away, one whom the Lord does not count guilty. Secret sins kill the fellowship with God and the flow of the Holy Spirit in a people. Whatever the case, sin is a terminator of destiny. Watch your life of unrepentant sins and repent.

God wants to draw near to you. You must draw near to God by washing your hands. His presence will deal with all your stubborn enemies, for there is nothing too hard for God. There's no power or weapon that the enemy can use against God and win. That's why Isaiah the prophet prophesied and said "No weapon that is formed against us shall prosper". This is not when we are hiding sin in our lives. (Isaiah 54:17).

The terminator of destiny can be stubborn when he operates in multiples. Such will pursue the person at all fronts. Such are forces used to bring marriages down into shambles; they pursue finances and bring a people into poverty, lack, debts, can pursue a career and make the person useless. Many careers have been dropped because attacks came from all quarters. Such kinds of attacks leave a person confused, frustrated and even regretting for carrying out a task of destiny. Even Israel complained and said when they were near the Red sea and Pharaoh and his army were pursuing them, "were there no graves in Egypt that we came to die here?"

Are you complaining for the steps of faith you have taken in life and the enemy has come for you from all over? Hold on! Job had such an encounter. He lost his children, his wealth, workers, health... yet he held on His God! And God restored

his destiny. You might be receiving attacks from all corners. Hold on, Christ will not let you down. Isaiah 28:16, God has laid a rock in Zion, and whoever trusts upon it shall not be disappointed. Trust upon the Lord. There is no side that the enemy will attack from that the Lord is not aware. He will surely deal with them. He is God in the heavens, God on earth, in the waters and in the air and in the secret. God is God.

Which altar are you living on? If you are living on altars of gods, they will sit upon you stubbornly. You can end up a loser in the hands of other gods. In Judges 6, Israel lived a defeated life when Midian, Amalek and the children of the East invaded her land with foreign gods.

That time Israel worshipped idols and called upon God who did not respond. Israel wanted to mix God with gods, which could not work. They were under an altar of gods yet they tried to call upon the God of the universe. The enemy was so stubborn for 7 years, but the day they destroyed the altars of gods, God fought for them and the stubborn enemies were defeated. There is no stubborn force that can defeat God.

God cannot be mixed with gods. You will lose your freedom! You must get out of evil altars and let the Calvary altar where Christ is Lord and saviour speak over your life. Jesus says, “come to me all of you who labour and are heavily laden and I will give you rest”.

The devil came... he has an altar, but Christ has come, the better sacrifice. His altar speaks life because He died on our behalf. His altar speaks of our redemption. It's because we have been bought by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and by His stripes we are healed. In Christ, your destiny is preserved

and is restored!

God is calling you from all evil altars, so that he may make you his. No man can serve two masters. You must get out of demonic altars; family serpents worship altars and worship the Lord God alone! (Exodus 20:4-5). He is able and willing to deliver you from any kind of bondage that is holding up your destiny. He is able and willing to uproot you from any evil altar that is holding your life. Jesus is able!

Destiny terminators can be stubborn at the time of your deliverance if you have previously consulted them and asked them for assistance and now you want to get out of them. Two cannot walk together unless they are in agreement. When you consult evil powers, you make agreements with them and you will become one of them. The time you want to quit and disown the evil powers, they will come for you. They will stick on you and will want to be with you at all costs or even do away with you. Sometimes I have seen people being born again and after salvation, evil powers that they were involved with begin waging war with them. Such deliverance is not easy. But the Bible says that all things are possible with God (Luke 1:37).

The Bible warns us from consulting mediums, familiar spirits and sorcery. Many people are slaves of Satanists because they consulted them for some reasons e.g. to protect their homes; get favours, jobs, marriage partners or even maybe to get rich. People are looking for wealth by all means to the extent that others have been forced to join cults and occult practices to get rich, while some have even gone as far as sacrificing their loved ones in satanic rituals and evil altars.

Destiny terminators can also become stubborn to leave

you when you are a spouse to them spiritually. There are people who are married spiritually to marine spirits unconsciously. Such forces are holding them and keeping them single. It can also make these powers to chase away everyone who approaches you or whom you approach for marriage. Such spirits use you sexually without your conscious consent.

They defile somebody and make him live miserably in his secret life. Some people are born again yet they always have sex with strangers in their dreams. This will affect them even in their marriage relationship. This has led to a lot of broken marriages, disagreements always in marriages and desertification of spouses. God demands that marriage should be honoured by all. The marriage bed should not be defiled with spiritual spouses tormenting someone. Marriage that will be defiled is rendered cheap! Today, the level of marriage breakdown in mankind is alarming. The fraction of two marriage lovers who keep themselves together through thick and thin is so small. We really need God's help in this area.

Destiny terminators are enemies who will employ sorcerers and magicians and other evil powers to bring one's destiny down. They would want to catch a target person or people using evil powers, spoil him or her, spoil a marriage, destroy a family, wreck the children and render them useless, attack a business and wreck it. People have been brought to nothing by destiny terminators. Great men and women with big eyes of focus have been rendered blind in their visions by these hired evil mercenaries. Such people end up going nowhere. They lose sight of who they are and what they are supposed to do.

We did deliverance over some person for quite a long time.

I was so concerned on why these kind of attacks kept returning to this person. When I pursued deep through the process of deliverance, one sorcerer confessed that he was paid an amount of money to kill this person. He went and bought an ox using part of the money and gave to marine spirits to drink its blood which would help him accomplish his assignment. The target person was a born again Christian. You would perform deliverance and the person would be free but for very few days. The evil spirits were so stubborn because the sorcerer had fed them with an oath.

One who eats an oath to deal with another becomes so stubborn. As long as such satanic agents are alive and oath is not broken they will never let their target free. But remember the words of Paul in the Bible. The bible says in Galatians 5:1 that it is for freedom that Christ has made us free. Stand firm so that you would not be burdened again by the yoke. The chances of being burdened again are there but the solution is that you must stand firm. There is no power too stubborn for God. Stand firm and stop being swayed by Satan's evil stubborn powers.

Moses addressed Israel when Pharaoh and his stubborn army was pursuing Israel to return her into bondage. He courageously stood before them and said: Fear not, be still and you will see the salvation of the Lord which He will show to you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today you shall see them again no more forever. I do not know which stubborn powers are trying to keep you or pursuing you to return you back into bondage. God wants you to put your trust in him. His salvation is real and his power has no limits. Exodus 14:14 says that the Lord shall fight for you and you shall hold your



peace.

Stubborn enemies can be very arrogant. They can openly speak to you and say “I can do anything I want to do against you, and there’s nothing you can do about it.” This is plain arrogance. It’s said, as stubborn as a goat. Jesus knew about stubborn powers and he openly told his disciples they can’t easily get driven out of somebody.

In the Bible, there is one stubborn enemy I would like to note as an example. This is found in 2 Kings 18 and 19. There is a king from Assyria called Sennacherib. His name is defined as “sin has sent his brother”. The brother of sin is sin, iniquity, wickedness, murder and all to do with evil. This king was so stubborn against Israel.

The father of sin is Satan who comes but only to kill, to steal and to destroy. When sin sends his brother, he comes with pride and arrogance. He is so stubborn with a stiff neck. When Sennacherib came to attack Judah in the days of King Hezekiah, he came in full swing. King Hezekiah had done well in God’s sight. He had repaired God’s altar, he had led Israel to worship the true God. He had destroyed the Brazen serpent (Nahushtan) making sure that Judah worshipped God alone!

Sennacherib said he was so powerful. He could do anything he wanted to anybody and anywhere. He was so arrogant. He claimed that even God could not stop him from doing what he wanted or reaching whomsoever he purposed. But he was wrong! Who can fight with God and succeed in the war? Even angels will not stand to be referees. God dealt with this King like the way a man will deal with a stubborn mosquito and even worse. No level of arrogance will move God. God declared, “I

will put my hook in your nose and my bridle in your lips and I will turn you back by the way by which you came (2 Kings 19:28).

Nabal, Abigail's husband was so stubborn. He even wanted to fight God's anointed. He lost his life, his happiness, his favour and just perished. Stubbornness can easily be dealt with by God's power. Stubborn enemies of God have prepared for themselves coals of fire upon their heads.

There are evil spirits which exploit people spiritually. Such spirits can be so stubborn and can fully fight one's destiny. They are interested in using people's lives for their own advantage and advancements. In the city of Gadarenes, Jesus met a man from tombs. He was a normal man who had been sent by evil powers to the grave yard. This man was beyond human control. No one could tie him because he would cut ropes like wax. No one could tame or hold him. He was misusing his energy to cut himself. It's not easy for a normal person to cut himself. The pain of cutting himself many times was heavy.

The man also used to howl, shouting always not at want but by pressure from wicked powers. Wicked powers can make you do what you do not want when they rule your life. When Jesus arrived, this man received his freedom. There is real joy when freedom comes. That's why all those arrogant powers shouting against you will be brought down. Is your enemy misusing you because he has possessed you? It's time you come to Christ for freedom! Jesus is able to deliver! In Ephesians 4:27 the Bible tells us to give no place to the devil. Have you given any place to Satan? Every small place the devil is given in our lives is used by him to possess even those areas

which he was not given. Don't give Satan any opportunity to work in your life, he will fight your freedom in spirit and your destiny will be at stake. He will work for your defeat and your downfall so as to keep you serving your enemies like a slave, a life of afflictions, a life below destiny. It's important that you deal with every area that Satan is holding on in your life, through the help and review of the Holy Spirit. You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. If the son of God shall make you free you shall be free and free indeed (John 8:32-36).

## Chapter 4

# Walking Into Freedom

Jesus Christ has given us the keys of the Kingdom of heaven to bind and to lose. Matt 16:19... so don't keep your keys in the pocket; use them for your freedom. These keys are not for everybody but for any child of God (John 1:12). The power to be made children of God gives us power of inheritance. We are inheritors of God's power. Jesus confirmed when he said in Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you".

Stubbornness is all about power but there is no power beyond God's power. By the power of God in you through the Holy Spirit and the authority in the name of Jesus Christ, you can deal with all these destiny terminators and stubborn evil powers. Jesus said that some demons don't go without prayer and fasting. Go on and begin to practice prayer and fasting in your life. You are a winner. You should bind the strongman behind stubborn evil attacks (Mark 3:27). Jesus said that no man enters a strong man's territory and take his spoils before he binds him first.

You must eliminate the source (the root) that is energizing the activity or else the devil will keep coming back to harass

you. Even concerning vegetation, there are those that you will never fully remove them in a place if you don't uproot them. As long as they are rooted, you are not done with them! Trace the source of evil powers and crush them. Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of Satan. But it was not complete, till he crushed the head of the serpent by his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. He defeated him who had the key of death, he disarmed his powers and principalities and made him a spectacle.

Jesus told his disciples in Luke 10:18 that He saw Satan fall down like lightening! His roots must be fully dealt with (Mathew 15:13). The Lord God told Jeremiah that one of the duties which he gave him was to uproot. Roots of evil can sustain evil in a place. That's why some families take time to be fully delivered. If deliverance is rushed through without dealing with the roots, the joy of freedom cannot be experienced.

Your freedom, which leads to joy, cannot be denied, with Christ on your side. 1 John 4:4 tells us that greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. Leviticus 26:19 says "And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron and your earth as brass". Mathew 17:21 says "Howbeit this kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting". As a believer prayer should be part of you. You just need to add the fasting habit. You shall find real deliverance in Christ Jesus.

Saint, you must command stubborn spirits to yield to God's power and the name of Jesus (2 Samuel 5:7) - Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. Galatians 2:9-11 - And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given

unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Break the grip of Satan in your life. God has promised to set us free from captivity. (Zech. 9:11-12) - As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee. We are invited to turn unto the Lord Jesus Christ. By His blood He paid for your deliverance. A price that none else could pay.

There is no chain that Christ cannot break. Isaiah 10:27 - And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. His death and resurrection on the cross confirmed our freedom.

As you agree with Christ on what he has done for you on the cross, let every yoke be broken. Judges 1:19 - And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. What does your enemy have spiritually that you feel impossible? Bring it unto the Lord for deliverance. Rebuke all demons that are stubborn that oppose you and your progress in Jesus name!

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, come against every persistent pattern that limits you and render it powerless. Demonic powers can have a pattern of operation over your life which you have to stop. Agree with God's word that his good

plans and future for you is yours in Jesus name. It's good to receive the word of God concerning you and mix it with faith.

Stand firm and declare the total defeat of Satan's evil powers. 2Samuel 3:1 - Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker). Psalm 46:10 says that we should be still, and know that He is God: He will be exalted among the heathen and in the earth). David, under God's anointing as he fought his enemies, he grew stronger as the enemy grew weaker. Grow strong spiritually and you will win the war. Mathew 19:26 - But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. There is no case from the devil's table that is impossible with God, however stubborn it may look like. Lay it before Jesus Christ.

Declare war till the walls of the enemy come down (Joshua 6:120 -Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in). Are you encountering stubborn barriers? God will bring them down or enable you to jump over them. Break their will that would attempt to keep this stubborn spirit in you (Psalm 12). The wicked have a will, but it's not God's will for you. That's why, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the will of the enemy on you must be broken.

Declare that the Lord is on your side. Isaiah 49:16 says "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me". With the Lord by your side, all stubborn powers of the enemy will lose their grip on you.

In Psalm 56:9, David says "When I cry out to you, then my

enemies will turn back; this I know, because God is for me". Friend, this is the power of prayer. Deliverance of many comes around through prayer.

Paul says in Romans 8:31 "What then shall we say to these things? if God be for us, who can be against us?" God is with us, we can't be defeated by the stubborn powers of the enemy.

Isaiah 54:9-10 "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you". Our God through Christ is delivering us from the powers of the enemy.

Isaiah 41:10 says "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Jeremiah 18:3 "Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. Wow! God is our potter. He moulds us to enable us to overcome the enemy and fit into our destiny.

In Psalm 40:2, David says "He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps". This is deliverance. Jesus is our rock. Through Him your destiny is established. **Read Judges 6:1-10.**

### **We can be freed from the spirit of debts and lack**

Friend, there is joy in freedom. 2 Kings 4:6-7 "And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son,



Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, there is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest”.

A widow and her two sons rejoiced when they were delivered from the spirit of lack and debts. If you have had debts, you will understand her deep pains when you see the owners demanding their monies from all over. Debts can kill your morale daily when you have not paid in time. They can make you avoid people, even close friends. Some people have their character and lifestyles changed because debts are overwhelming them.

Debts can bring enmity between two close friends. Debts can lower one's morale and a heart of focus. It's such a spirit that had killed the widow's husband. He could not afford to pay at all. When debts are overwhelming, you can't afford a real smile! All your laughs are hypocritical. The only person who grants joy is the Lord. That's why Jesus paid our spiritual debts of sin and its bondage payments. We do not take the blood of Jesus shed at Calvary for granted. It was a great price that no money nor animal blood could afford. Hebrews 9:13-24. The day the spirit of debt left the widow's house, there was joy. When God supplies your needs, you will rejoice. Lack is a serious spirit that cripples! We hear of people starving to death, missing the right kind of education due to lack of fees, dying due to inability to obtain good treatment, staying homeless because they can't afford to have one. God still loves you and He is willing to deliver you, if you are in such a situation.

If you have lacked something or some help, you will

understand what real lack is. Seeking God is good because God deals with our lack. Psalm 34:10 - The young lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. (Mathew 6:33) - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The day the widow went to seek the Kingdom of God, her lack was dealt with. I encourage you to seek the Lord and his Kingdom. Look up and live! Jesus never fails.

### **Bareness can be broken**

2 Kings 4:15-17 -So he said, “Call her”. When he had called her, she stood in the doorway. Then he said, “About this time next year you shall embrace son.” And she said, “No, my lord, (Man of God) do not lie to your maidservant. But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.

There was joy to the Shunammite woman when she was delivered from bareness. A barren woman knows how it feels when she sees mothers fitting in their maternity dresses and carrying around their babies, while she watches lonely and helpless. Barrenness is a tough spirit. A marriage where there is barrenness is a sorrowful marriage. Their smile is expensive! But there is joy when barrenness is broken. Hannah composed her first historical song and even prophesied when her barrenness was broken. No one knew that Hannah was a speaker like the way she did after her bareness was broken. She penned her song, worthy to be written in scripture. There are

many great singers and preachers who can't show up because they are barren. Oh! Barrenness is a tough spirit!

Bareness has pushed people into polygamy, to witchdoctors, depression and frustrations. A spirit that was eating up the joy of Jericho (2 Kings 2: 18-25). Thank God for sending Elisha the prophet there. Jesus has come right into your life. It was joy when Elizabeth's barrenness was broken in (Luke 1:10.. for the first time she prophesied over Mary the mother of Jesus. Who knew that Elizabeth would prophesy? But the day her barrenness was broken, in joy she prophesied. May your life of bareness be broken in Jesus' name! Whatever area that this spirit is operating in your life, let the Holy Spirit operate there.

God has released freedom upon us through his son Jesus Christ. If you are dwelling in a barren land, you will experience fruitfulness which will change your life and the lives of those around you. Oh! There's joy in the freedom which Christ gives! What a friend we have in Jesus.

### **Infirmity can be broken**

In Luke 8:1-3, there was joy upon Mary Magdalene when she was delivered from 7 demons and seven infirmities. These seven demons gave Mary seven strange characters that a delivered person does not have. Some people we see around with strange behaviours are possessed. They really need deliverance. She became a divine treasure, using her resources for God's Kingdom. How many people due to bondage are using their resources to boost Satan's Kingdom? Great men

and women are under a heavy cloud of evil spirits manning their lives.

Their bodies, their vessels and who they are is used for sin and wickedness. Every coin received ends up in Satan's treasury. We pray for many people like Mary Magdalene to be delivered and become special vessels in the house of God and support God's work! For the gospel of Christ to advance, Mary Magdalene must be delivered! What Mary did for God's Kingdom can only be done by delivered people. Great givers are people delivered from Satan's Kingdom. They end up being very helpful in God's Kingdom. When Saul was delivered from sin, he served God whole heartedly in a great way touching many lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Deliverance is releasing many sons and daughters and ushering them into God's Kingdom as servants. There are many people who are great vessels of God, but the devil has put them in demonic bondage and infirmity of a kind.

In Mark 5:15-20, the mad man of Gardarene was delivered of the legion of demons. He became an evangelist.

How I pray that as you read this book and you are bound or have people bound, whom you know, you will begin to pray for them. God has a plan for the bound people.

It takes deliverance of Christ to make great vessels of God. Not all evangelists will be born in priesthood families. God is not a respecter of persons. He commands everybody, everywhere to repent. Friend, you can be used of God. Get delivered. The delivered mad man was ready to follow Jesus everywhere he went. Deliverance is good! Who know? Some of the many rebellious and bound people in our families could be

the great preachers that God has purposed to be used for His glory. People looked at Saul and said he was a hell material, but the Lord saw some useful man who could do His work well if only he found deliverance.

Satan likes preventing people from getting into their destiny. We must stand firm, receive and maintain the freedom that Christ has given unto us. In Galatians 5:1 the Bible says “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage”.

## Chapter 5

# Walking and Living A Delivered Life

Delivered life is a good life. God's deliverance is the source of joy. Get delivered, walk delivered, and live a delivered life.

- You must have knowledge of the great deliverer. Daniel 11:32 - And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. Do you know the great deliverer? Please if you don't, then ask him to reveal himself to you. Paul says in Philippians 3:8-10 that he went through a process to know Christ.
- You must know the power of His name (Philippians 2:9-11). There is no name that compares to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Proverbs 18:10) This name is a strong tower to the righteous. Whenever they run to it, they are lifted up. They are safe and they are protected. If the son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed! There is power in the name of Jesus. When you have a relationship with Jesus Christ, you will experience his power at work as you call upon His name.

- You need to know the power of his blood. Revelation 12:11 – even the great dragon can't stand the blood of Jesus. This blood speaks of his life in us, protection, peace and forgiveness. Hebrews 9:14-28 clearly explains to us the power of His precious blood. There is no demon stubborn enough to resist the covenant of our redemption and freedom found in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the accusations of Satan are rendered null and void through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed are they whose sins are washed away and they have confessed Christ to be their Lord and Saviour. There is joy in deliverance! Bondage has no happiness! I love deliverance and I like to live a delivered life that is found only in Christ Jesus.
- Know the power in the word. When Jesus was in the wilderness of prayer and fasting, the destiny terminator went there to tempt Him. Jesus had many words to speak but he tightly held the Bible and declared what it says. Mathew 4:1-10 "It is written". God's word can't be deleted by any power or man, even Satan the devil cannot. Many have tried to destroy the written word of God in vain. They instead, write off their own lives. Psalms 119:89 reads "*Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in heaven.*" It will never be brought down to ground, it will never be broken, never be defeated, never die for it already conquered death, it will never be removed nor replaced! The word is truth and the word shall make you free. Without the word, bondage saturates everywhere in spirit.

Many great men come and go but they can't change God's word! Ephesians 6:17 - Know the word as a powerful sword of the spirit. Hebrew 4:12 says that the word of God is sharper

than any two edged sword. Chains of Satan cannot stand it.

The sword is a very powerful weapon of deliverance. In Judges 7:16-23, Israel was under bondage. There was no time for joy for 7 years. The day the sword of the Lord came into action, the enemies cried. I can see them crying as you apply the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. The enemy lost, Israel was restored. When the word of God is put into practice by those who know the Lord of the Bible, deliverance takes place promptly. Love the word of God, both the logo and the rhema word. People change, systems change, styles change, traditions can be different but the word of God that is same in any tribe or nation shall make you free in Jesus name!

When the word is put in its place, the enemies run. Deuteronomy 28:7 says “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways”.

However stubborn the enemies are, they will flee by force and by the fire of the lord! Understand the power in God’s word and use it to get into your freedom. The enemies hid. When the sword of the Lord is applied, the enemies hide. I can see them hiding, but where can anyone hide from the Lord’s presence? The psalmist in Psalms 139:1 says that “O Lord, You have searched me and known me...” Your enemies shall all be found and dealt with by God, to get you free.

That’s why when Israel was fighting to possess their promised land, kings of their enemies ran and hid in the cave of Makkedah but the sword found them. They are being found now wherever they are hiding in your life. Take heart, speak the word of God and confess it with boldness for it is power to



him who believes.

When the sword of the Lord was introduced, the enemies started fighting within. Oh the joy of freedom to the saints who understand and use the sword of the spirit!

I can see your enemies beginning to fight within themselves as you declare the word of God. They wanted to fight your destiny, but now they are bringing their own destinies down. They wanted to eat your flesh, now they are eating one another. They wanted to drink your blood but they are now drinking each other's blood! Come on friend! Use the sword of the spirit to declare your freedom. You will watch your enemies as they finish one another.

The sword of the spirit will help you to pursue your oppressors also (Deuteronomy 32:19-42). This means that you will break the spirit of oppression from your life. Isaac told his son Esau that "you will be a slave to your brother, but when you can't bare it, you will save yourself by use of a sword". Jesus died a painful death to set us free. Stand in the word of God as a sword, you will get delivered.

Friend, God knows the power in his word as a sword. Are you utilizing the word of God in your fight for freedom? The master wants you free. Get into your freedom and you shall rejoice! What a joy to be delivered from satanic powers!

The sword will render vengeance to God's enemies; it rewards those that hate God. The sword devours the flesh of the enemy. Watch the Lord fighting for you as you hold unto his word. He says that vengeance belongs to Him.

Joshua 5:13-15-And it came to pass, when Joshua was by

Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?” So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?” Then the Commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Israel won the battle that time. The sword of the Lord and the sword of Joshua gave them victory. They possessed their land of promise.

Jeremiah 47:6-7 says, “O you sword of the Lord. How long until you are quiet? Put yourself up into your scabbard, rest and be still! How can it be quiet, seeing the Lord has given it a charge against Ashkelon and against the seashore? There He has appointed it.” God’s sword was dealing with the Philistines for harassing his people in Judah.

Revelation 1:16-He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

### **All this is used for deliverance.**

Revelation 2:16- Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

If God fights against any, who can prevail against Him?

Revelation 19:15-Now out of His mouth goes a sharpsword,

that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

The sword deals with the devil, flesh, world, principalities, evil thrones, diseases, demons, evil names, spirit of death, possessed objects. Take the sword of the spirit for spiritual warfare.

### **How to use the sword of the spirit for your deliverance**

There are conditions that are required for one to use the sword of the spirit well. I want to agree with you that what Jesus fulfilled on the cross is far much better than what man can achieve byself so as to walk at liberty. Even to be born again there are conditions and to have everlasting life with the Lord in His Kingdom also.

The sword of the Lord has been given to us as a weapon of spiritual warfare. First of all, for you to use the sword of the Lord well, you must first be born again. The Bible says in John 3:3-5 that unless one is born again (of water and spirit) he cannot see the Kingdom of God. It goes on to say in 1 Corinthians 12:13-For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. Salvation is the key to the gates of freedom from the pit of hell.

In John 1:12 - Those who received the Lord Jesus Christ were given power to become sons of the living God. You can't just become a son of God. You must be given power to become. It takes the power in the blood of Jesus to wash away your sins

and justify you. After you are justified, God releases His spirit in you which calls him Abba father. This is what comes in the sons of God (1John 1:7). You must stop the habits of sin. If sinning is your lifestyle you will not be able to apply well the sword of the spirit and you will miss your freedom. Are you storing hidden sins in your life? Are you living a sinful life? Let the sinner repent and turn from his sins.

There is deliverance in our Lord Jesus Christ. In 1 Samuel 4, the Bible says that when the Philistines came to attack Israel, Israel elders went and brought the Ark of the Covenant into their tent of meeting. They shouted the shouts of victory and breakthrough, yet it was not coming their way. This is because they were holding sin and they were not ready to repent, which led to their defeat and loss of her freedom. God wants his people free but sin is a serious offence in the sight of God. Sin separates man with God. Man without God cannot defeat the devil. Jesus said it well in John 15:5, “without me you can do nothing”. We need God but not combining Him with our sinful lifestyle. The Lord has carried away our sins and is faithful to forgive us if we repent our sins. The hand of the Lord is not short to save and weak to deliver, but our inequities have separated us from our God and our sins have hidden his face from us (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Paul tells Timothy that one must train well in order to hold the sword. This is because the sword can turn to kill you if you handle it badly or can fail to be successful due to poorly trained handling. A born again person is transformed. Through Christ, we have been removed from darkness and transformed into marvelous sons of light. When you have the light, the enemy cannot hide from you. This makes you to use well the sword.

Through salvation, your name is written in the book of life. You are also called to live a holy life, you become the light of the world, better to be read and God's temple for the Holy Ghost dwells in you. Salvation also makes you a new creature.

The second thing to understand about using the sword is that your hands must be purified and released from chains. Bound hands cannot apply the sword of the spirit. Holders of divine sword are people who enjoy being in the presence of the Lord. These are people whose hands must be purified. Psalms 15:1...

James 4:7-8... when you bind somebody's hands and tell him to hold the sword and apply it to the enemy, it won't work. Our hands can be bound to who you are from womb. David confessed in Psalms 51 and said, I was conceived and born in sin in my mother's womb. He had done sin before God and it had defiled him, taking away his ability to hold on to the sword of the spirit. He began to wash his hands through repentance. Jabez could not hold his sword to freedom due to his birth name. Are you bound by birth or family background? Bondage can also affect you due to certain things which you have done. Committed sins must be repented and forgiven.

Bondage can also come in through things done to you. Joseph was a slave because of what his brothers had done to him. They had sold him. He was a prisoner because his master's wife accused him falsely. When Samson had been made a captive by shaving his hair, his eyes had been taken away, his joints had been hit hard and weakened. He was put into bondage. He lost his freedom, thus his joy. What has the enemy done to you? The Lord desires that you become free

and enjoy the operation of the sword of the spirit in your life.

You can also be bound because of places which you have visited. Those who visit sorcerers, diviners and evil altars begin to lose touch with God the creator. Our God is a God of jealous. He will not allow his children to mix his worship with other gods. He will just spew you out.

No matter what! Some people like King Saul, like mixing God with gods. Joshua declares in Joshua 24:15 - chose today whom you will serve, but me and my house we shall serve the Lord! As you prepare to hold the sword of the spirit for warfare, check if you have mixed your worship. In Judges 6:1 before Gideon held the sword of deliverance in his hands well, he had to disown the worship of his father's gods and the gods that Israel was worshipping at that time. He had to pull down evil altar that was used for worship of other gods and raise God's altar and dedicate it to God. He also had to dedicate himself to God. Today I encourage you to put away all foreign gods (if you have connected with any) and serve the most high God alone. He will set you free. 1 Sam 7, Ezra 10:10-12. In God the most high, you shall find your freedom.

God wants you to worship him only. The day Israel disowned gods and served God only, God thundered against her enemies. The same thunder is in action today when we set aside anything that we have put in God's position in our lives. God our Saviour and deliverer will arise and fight for us.

Another area that we must work on for us to use well the sword of the spirit is the area of our mind. Battles in the mind are very serious battles. One must win battles in his/her mind so as to hold the sword well. The Bible says that God has given

us a sound mind. A sound mind is your right as a Christian (2 Timothy 1:7). Confused mind makes one unstable. Unstable mind will achieve nothing. That's why Paul told the church of Corinth to bring down every imagination under Christ's command (2 Corinthians 10:5).

You must submit your mind to God's word and to the Holy Spirit. Refuse to let your thoughts go on rampage like undisciplined children (Romans 12:1-2). Watch the gates that have access to your mind like the eye, ear, habit, old nature, strongholds and then feed your mind on God's word. A mind full of God's word is stable and focused. It has no fear.

Health is also important when it comes to using your sword. Sick people cannot hold well the sword and fight. Our warfare is not flesh and blood but it's spiritual. Being spiritually healthy is very important in warfare. When you are spiritually ill, you can begin to think of horrible things.

It will make the devil to magnify things for you until you begin to see defeat. Spiritual problems will give you worry. Worry will affect how well you hold the sword (2 Timothy 1:7), Philippians 4:6-7 - be anxious for nothing but by prayer and supplications, make your requests known to God, and the God of peace. A spiritually sick person will want to look at spiritual matters with a physical eye. How healthy are you in your spiritual battles? Remember our warfare is not flesh and blood.

God is calling upon us to prepare for spiritual warfare. No soldier fights well without preparation. No runner runs a race well without preparation. There is no assumption in warfare. You must be strong in the Lord. The battle is not for the weak.

## How prepared are you for spiritual warfare?

Trained soldiers are not weaklings. They can't be men and women able to be blown by wind. They are able men of war, ready to deal with any kind of person! Our warfare being spiritual, God is calling upon us to be strong. The strength of a man can't defeat the devil. The strength of a man in spiritual warfare lies in his relationship with the Lord. For it is not by power, nor by might but by my spirit says the Lord (Zechariah 4:6). Those who know their God will be strong and will perform exploits (Daniel 11:32). Do you know the source of your strength in spiritual warfare? (Ephesians 6:10-11).

Strength will make you able to withstand the whiles of the enemy. This will lead to ability to withstand any kind of storm that the devil and his kingdom try to bring to your life. Strength also comes when you are armed. Don't joke with an armed enemy. God calls upon the saints of Ephesus to be armed by God. Spiritual armor does not demand physical weapons, but spiritual ones. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). Each fighter must be able to get the armor required for his/her warfare (Ephesians 6:12-18). Once you are trained, you must be armed for the battle. Training makes you an expert. Jesus trained his disciples. Peter was not casting out demons that he had never seen Jesus cast out. He was following the footsteps of his master (Rev: 12:11 -For they overcame the devil by the power of the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony). Strength comes from the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 - you need power in warfare so that you become a victor and not a victim. There's nothing bad like being a powerless witness of Christ. Christ Jesus is powerful. Spiritual



authorities and powers bow before him in his presence. God wants you clothed with power. Powerful men when they hold the sword they can fight for long without easily wearing down.

In preparation, you must also know how to respond to the attacks of the enemy. Don't just jump into warfare matters like speaking when you should be silent or getting silent when you should speak. This will cost you in warfare. You must also know your adversary. Some soldiers go to warfare to fight anything or anybody. They end up killing their partners and supporters. Just that you are a fighter does not push you into fighting war on anything. Do you know your adversary? Be sensitive and have discernment spirit.

A story is said of a polygamous family which was attacked by thugs at night. This is a living testimony. The sons of this family were experts in the use of arrows and bows. When the first target was hit, he screamed with his wife and children and his brothers came out to assist. The robbers left, and since the brothers were many, did not know that their adversary had run. One son drew a dart and threw into one of his brothers, inducing poison into him. Another one fought his brother with a machete killing him instantly. After putting the lights on, they discovered that they had hurt each other while the adversaries had run away. War demands that you must know your adversary.

Freedom from war is very expensive but it's sweet. Some people say that Christ completed the war and now we only need to relax. It's true that Christ defeated Satan's powers and principalities through his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. But we must fight standing on the

already declared victory of Christ. That's why the devil (the dragon) was defeated by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony. The host of hell has come actively to fight against the saints of Christ. The Bible says in Luke 4:33-35 that the enemy must be fought because of many reasons:-

- Because he wants to stop you from praying against him. Satan and his agents are fighting prayer on a very high level. Satan is looking for all means to see to it that people are not praying. Any Christian who will be involved in prayer will have to wage war against Satanists. In many people and in many places, the hardest thing is prayer. Saints will enjoy singing and dancing long hours, speaking the word but very short controlled time in prayer. How is your prayer life my dear reader? God is in the business of raising great men and women who know how to fight on their knees, who know how to cause things to happen, how to stop things from happening and how to charge things by prayer. Join the team. Don't stop praying, pray on! Prayer is the real weapon of a believer. Raise your praying level.

You should fight the enemy because you can never lose! We know who won the war at the cross of Jesus. Jesus lives in you saint. Greater is He that is in you than the one in the world. You are not alone. God is for you (Ezekiel 36:9). God is on your side. The heavenly army is on your side. Isaiah 8:10; 1 John 4:4; Romans 8:31.

- Because you have been commanded to fight in Ephesians 6:12-13 - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness

in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. There is no withstanding and standing without spiritual warfare.

- Because without resistance the enemy will not flee! In the book of James chapter 4:7-8, the bible says that you need to submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
- Because if you run from battle, you are finished. He who holds a plough and turns back is not worthy to be my disciple says Jesus. You can't run away from the devil and say you have conquered Him.
- Because winners don't quit! Are you a winner? Continue on in prayers.
- Because it will lead to refusal to acknowledge the Kingdom of God.

God is calling warriors into the closed rooms in the higher place (the presence of God). Spiritual warfare of deliverance is not for jokers! It's for God seekers and trench diggers. God has called us in his presence (Mathew 6:6 - But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly).

## ∞ Chapter 6 ∞

# Engaging the gear of Prayer for your Deliverance

Good fighters who cause real deliverance and the joy of it have a deeper level of prayer. The Bible says in Psalms chapter 42 verses 7 that “deep calls from deep.” Let us cultivate our hearts to enter a deeper level of prayer in our daily lives. Study about the good fighters and you will find them different: they are men like us, but they touch the heart of God...

- Their prayers are effective. James 5:16-17 - Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.
- Their prayers are fervent (are concentrated or focused). Luke 18:1-5 - This widow did not push for this and push for the other! She was a widow but a focused one! She knew her target and her expectations. Saints, what is your expectation

as you go into the prayer house? The widow persisted with a goal. And even the wicked Judge knew what she needed (justice) and in his wickedness had to give her true justice.

- They pray and allow the will of God to be done. The Bible says in Deuteronomy 3:25-26 -I prayed let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon. But the Lord was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the Lord said to me: Enough of that! Speak no more to me of this matter.
- They stay focused. Friends lets be focused. When you are in a war, you don't involve yourself in matters that don't call for your focus. Some warriors want to fight trees, rivers, soil and even mosquitoes which might not be important in their warfare. Have a focus.
- A fighting prayer warrior operates in righteousness. Isaiah 54:17- Righteousness will give you boldness to enter God's throne of grace. The righteous are as bold as a lion. May God release unto you boldness which comes as you walk rightly with Him (Genesis 17:1-2). 2 Corinthians 2:13 - I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.
- They have a heart of thanksgiving. In Exodus 30:6-7... we see the scripture revealing to us that God met man at the burning of incense.

Acts 13:2 - Incense speaks of prayer, which is combined with praise and thanks giving. Incense comes from a Hebrew

word (quota) which means fumigation (evacuating or driving out unwanted occupants). This is deliverance and we need deliverance. That's why at the place of true worship, your deliverance cannot be blocked. God is in the business of driving out evil powers that are oppressing us. We as men are filled with our own services, imaginations, our own doctrines and fears. That's why we need to approach God's throne with thanks giving. Thanks giving drives out doubt, grumbling, murmurings and complains. It will also lead you to start hearing from heaven (Rev. 8:3-4 - Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne).

- Soldiers must confirm the will of their master and obey it. Ephesians 5:17 - Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Saul was a good army commander chosen by God to lead Israel. But he was not so interested to know the master's will. When he was sent to fight Amalek, God gave him clear commands. He was given power to fight but he came up with his own will which was not God's. Samuel told him, "Rebellion is as a sin of witchcraft. It's better to obey than to sacrifice". Great warriors are obedient. Isaiah 1:19-20 – If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land. The land has good and bad. Whatever you eat from the land will be determined by your willingness and obedience. As you fight, be sensitive to determine God's will over a matter. This enables us to sail in the power of the Holy Spirit, making God to work in our lives.

- A warrior on his knees must identify his needs specifically. The blind Bartimaeus did not mix and match when Christ asked him what he wanted. He straight away said what his need was. Mathew 8:2 – The Leper said “I want to be cleansed”.

As you proceed on in prayer, you mediate on the word of God. Psalm 37:1, the Lord is able to deliver you out of all your afflictions, from all your enemies and their weapons. Our God is a God of deliverance. Meditate upon His word which you heard or read in the Bible.

- In spiritual warfare, a fighting warrior needs to pray with an expectant heart (with faith). 1 Corinthians 15:15-58... As you hold on the key of prayer, expect things to happen. 1 John 5:14-15... Lack of faith has killed many prayer warriors spiritually, making them victims instead of being victors. Jesus was a man of prayer when he was in flesh. In fact, he still lives to intercede for the saints day and night.

The great deliverer was a man of prayer while here on earth in flesh. Real deliverance originates from the house of prayer. A warrior in prayer room will also present his case systematically to God. A praying church is a place where you will find true deliverance taking place, let's turn to prayer.

Isaiah 41:21 - “Present your case,” says the Lord. “Bring forth your strong reasons,” says the King of Jacob. You can only make your requests known to God through prayer.

Isaiah 43:26 - Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted.

The place to reason with God is a place of prayer. God enjoys

fellowship with people who love prayer.

- A warrior is a representative of people. Warriors represent a people, a tribe, a group, a nation.

When David killed Goliath, the entire Israel was victorious. She celebrated the victory but David fought. That's why a selfish prayer warrior is a hindrance to many people and many lives achieving their expectations. Prayer warriors are a great asset to a family, church, people, city, nation and the entire world. When they are possessed with a selfish spirit, they are a problem. May the Lord help you not to be selfish in your prayers. Let Hannah's voice touch the heart of God for the sake of many. Samuel did not just become Hannah's son but God's servant to Israel.

Job 42:10 - And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. You may be going through a lot, but if you are a prayer warrior, pray even for those ridiculing you. God has a good plan for you.

James 4:3 - You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Stop selfishness. Reach out to God for others.

- Warriors are known to be serious people. It is not right to joke around when you are in a battle ground. The enemy is not here to make jokes with the saints. He wants to wage war every now and then (Revelation 12:10-12). If you joke at warfare ground, you will be finished! Warfare is not a joking matter. That's why the Bible says "God is not mocked". Serious people in warfare grounds will add fasting on their



prayers as they pursue deliverance. In 1 Kings Chapter 18, when God had answered Israel by fire, rain did not start immediately. Elijah did not go home because he saw the fire. He knelt before God for the rain that God had promised.

Many people fear fasting, but it's a special weapon in deliverance. Fasting beats down the flesh and allows the spirit man to arise. Your flesh might be so weak in spiritual warfare, but when the spirit is strong, you will win! Joel told Israel that it was time to turn to God, by prayer, repentance and fasting. Nineveh prayed and fasted for 3 days and she received her deliverance from God.

Spiritual strength comes from God. Go on Saint and add fasting to your prayers. When we fast, we surrender to our God to answer us according to his will and his way.

Do not dictate to God always how to answer your prayers. Do not try to help God answer your prayers because you will get into more trouble (John 4:46-53).

Warriors have to pray on. The devil will come in many ways to stop persistence prayer e.g child disturbing, disagreements in the house, dogs howling all night to disrupt our prayers, cats meowing to bring confusion. Pray more, to a level of assurance. If you still doubt God, go back and continue in prayer. Jesus could overcome the cold of the night to flow in prayer.

## Chapter 7

# Anointing in deliverance

It's a great thing to be anointed and to walk in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. When God calls us and sets us apart for himself, he anoints us.

- A warrior needs to be anointed. To walk in the prayer of deliverance, you need to walk in the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Isaiah 61:1-2; The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor. Also (Luke 4:18-21).

Anointing is very important in spiritual warfare. Saints we need the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Anointing protects. The Anointed person and anointed things to the Lord will be protected by the Lord. Let's get anointed and walk in the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Psalms 105:13-15; speaks of God's chosen people, when they went from one nation to another and from one kingdom to another, the Lord suffered no man to do them wrong. God reproved Kings for the sake of Israel, saying "touch not my anointed, and do my prophet no harm".

Friend, God defends his anointed people and anointed things. God is in the business of protecting his servants and his church, whether we are surrounded by evil powers, evil altars and all kinds of gods of this world. The chosen people of God found themselves in a foreign land where true God was not being worshipped. Through this, God paved way to introduce himself to Babylonians. After a cycle of Kings in Babylon, there comes one by the name Belshazzar.

When Israel was taken to captivity, God's anointed vessels from church were taken with them and God had warned that his anointed should not be touched. Belshazzar was the great King in Babylon. After taking office, he has set a great feast. As he celebrated drinking wine, he commanded that his servants bring in the golden and silver vessels which were taken from the temple of Jerusalem. He had vessels of Babylon which are for the palace. He does not touch the things of gods of Babylon but decides that him, his princes, his wives and concubines will use the special vessels which belong to God. He had despised the God of Israel, God the creator of the universe and he was touching God's vessels to be used for alcohol in Babylon, as he worships his gods. That was mockery to God!

This was defilement of God's name in the highest order, demanding God's holy things to be used by unholy people. The men of Babylon obeyed the word of the King and brought in God's anointed vessels. This is what the world is doing today! Respect to God's anointed vessel has been put into the dustbin. It's possible that God's men and women may be found victims of bondage, but this does not mean that God has forgotten his special vessels. No wonder, Jesus prophetically declared. "I will build my church on this Rock and the gates of hell shall not be able to prevail against it".

Friend, we are surrounded by Satan and his agents who will want to go an extra mile in defiling God's anointed vessels. Belshazzar took God's special vessels and wanted to drink Babylonian wine using them. God protects his anointed vessels. God is spirit and no one can build a physical or spiritual wall against Him if he wants to reach and touch something or someone!

As they were being taken to the King's palace, God was watching over them, waiting to see what shall be done with them. No one should cheat you that God is blind. Actually the eyes of God move everywhere to and from beholding the acts of men and proving himself strong. He might be quiet, but He is aware!

As the King and his people defiled God's vessels, they praised the gods of gold, silver and of brass, iron, wood and stone. Babylon is a strange land, even after Darius and Nebuchadnezzar announcing to Babylon that the God of Israel is the one to be worshipped, Babylon kept many more gods! God was in the room, yet they overlooked him and worshipped gods in his presence! God is a jealous God. He cannot be mixed with other gods. You will not use his special vessels carrying his name and praise his creation as gods. Church, this is where we provoke God into anger and action.

In the same hour came fingers of a man's hand, they wrote over against the candlestick upon the plainster of the wall of the King's palace. And the King saw the part of the hand that wrote. God made sure that their uncircumcised King saw his hand, to glorify himself.

Kings and leaders, be careful how you treat God's vessels. Servants of God are special vessels because God dwells in

them. God protects his servants and God protects his word. It does not matter how low a leader looks at God's anointed servants. God is watching over them saying "touch not my anointed one". Saints, it's good to be anointed with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God is God. When He is in you, God is in you. You become a special vessel. It doesn't matter how many agents of the devil in their powers want to defile you as they praise their gods. God is watching! He is not a respecter of persons.

When King Belshazzar saw what he had never seen since he was born, his life was never the same again. There are things you can do against God and he will just look at you. Sometimes it will make you to think that he is blind or too weak to do anything. When God's anointed vessels were being picked, God was silent. When wine of Babylon was poured in them, God was silent. But immediately they began to praise their gods, while using God's vessels, He showed up.

You may be harassed by God's enemies for sometime, but when God says it's enough your enemy will be troubled! God is good to his people but when his enemies touch His glory, they are gone!

God wrote on the wall of the palace because the King had touched his anointed vessels. When the King saw this, his face was charged. He was no longer the joyful King. Crossing God's boundaries is not a joke. When God deals with you, you can't hit back.

People fight and know how to revenge each other, but God is divine and supreme. There is no corruption in Him. The King's face changed! Stop fighting God's anointed vessel and misusing them before you lose your joy. Real joy is not found in

the wealth of this world, not in the office of occupation, not in the pleasure of this world, but in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Joy of the Lord is our strength. When we lose joy, sadness strikes in like a flood. Anointed vessels of God will not be captives to the enemies of God.

The King's thoughts were troubled. Who will trouble God and fail to be troubled? Many people are being troubled today for misusing God's anointed vessels. It's God that grants you the peace of mind. When you touch his vessels in a wrong way, He will trouble you. The Bible says that the joints of the Kings loins were loosed. Who made man, whether tall or short, big or small? Who took your body parts and fitted them together? Psalms 139... we are the pieces of clay and the Lord God is the potter. While all this was happening, gods could not do a thing! gods melt when God is present. They are aware of who is in control. I really feel glad when God's presence is around. Powers of darkness begin to lose their authority and their power, demonic forces begin to lose their holding powers, witchcraft begins to melt and satanic priests lose their offices (Zech. 13:1-4). Surely great is the Lord God!

Anointed vessels of God hold on! The Lord will write a message to those who defile you and do havoc on you (Isaiah 29:16). Fear not, the Lord is in control.

The knees of the King smote one against the other. To go deeper, maybe he was even urinating in his clothes. He could not go on eating and drinking. The man being celebrated was hitting together his knees and his body shaking heavily. His supporters could not protect nor help him. When God rises up, flesh melts. Rom. 9:20-21...

Before you knock your knees together, stop playing around

with God's anointed vessels. Stop introducing his chosen vessels to gods. It won't work! God is God and Him alone. Above God there is no God, and beside Him there will be no God. Isaiah 45:5 - The Bible says that there is no God beside Jehovah. There is nothing done without Him. He makes peace and judgment. I can say that he who fights God is fighting peace. He will be in trouble. The King was in trouble. God is divinely writing on many walls of great men who try to mix him with other gods. Don't fight with God because you will lose! When God saw his anointed vessels used, while gods were being praised, he came down by Himself. He did not send a prophet. His hand wrote down the word. He says to this King "No man changes my written word". Jesus defeated the devil in the wilderness by declaring the written word of God.

Taking God's anointed vessels made the King to lose his joy and his feast came instantly to an end. He lost his kingdom, his palace and worse his life for misusing God's anointed vessel. Touch not the anointed one of God and do His prophets no harm. Friends, keep the Lord's anointing that came upon you through the power of the Holy Spirit. God will protect and defend you.

Anointing will also locate you. Jesus declared it clearly – when light shines, it can't hide. God is in the business of anointing His chosen vessels in order to deal with the powers of the enemy on earth to free his people to heal and to restore lives on earth. God will locate you. He told Jeremiah in Jeremiah Chapter 1:5 that I chose you before you were born. God chose His vessels.

That's why anointed people are not meant to stay in the bond of Satan. Anointing breaks the yoke and destroys it.

Learn to work behind the scenes, even if no one acknowledges you. When Joseph was in Egypt, for many years, those who crossed his lines just knew he was a good godly man, but did not know of his anointing. Have a private prayer ministry as you acknowledge the Lord that anointed you. Jesus had serious times of private prayers. Apostles had quiet time prayers. Joseph was sent to prison but anointing located him to drive him into freedom. However long an anointed person can be kept in hell, he will fully become free. 1 Sam 16:1 when Samuel went to Jesse's house, he had no knowledge about David. Even David did not know that God had located him. He was an unknown shepherd boy. He went into the bush with sheep as normal. It was an ordinary day like others. But this particular day, an unusual sun rose for David. It is called the sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2-3). When this sun comes over your head, you will be manifested.

Rom. 8:19.. The creature is waiting for the manifestation of the son of God. Hiding is good. But anointed people can't hide more when God wants to expose them. When anointing locates you, healing comes upon you, you begin to move forward (progress), you begin to tread down the wicked.

David was the last born yet God located him. Whether you are in between, in a slum or an Island, the Lord will locate you. Deliverance is performed well by people whom God has located. Don't give up on God. He is in the business of locating you, so that you will walk at liberty. Jonah the son of Amittai was located in Nazareth and send to Nineveh.

We see in Exodus 3:1-12, Moses carrying a big dream anointing, ran from Egypt thinking that his dream was over. He took on a simple lifestyle of taking care of sheep. One day



the Lord located him at the back side of the Mountain. The creator of the tongue located him. The son will bring you out of obscurity into limelight. God is in the business of locating anointed people.

Anointing will then change your life. Your prayer life and your operation in the things of God will also change. Your history will also change. Get into the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Saul the King in 1 Samuel Chapter 10:6, had his life changed when the Lord located and anointed him.

The Apostle Paul came from Saul (Acts 9:1...) Peter was changed from fisherman into fisher of men, Elisha was changed from farmer to a great prophet. Jeremiah was changed from a normal young man to a great prophet. The woman with an issue of blood for twelve years was totally changed and became normal. The man at the beautiful gate never went back begging again (Acts 3:1..). God is in the business of pouring out the anointing upon his people so as to be changed and also change other's lives. Oh what a joy to be a son of God and a servant in the Kingdom of God. What a joy to find the freedom of Christ!

Anointing will make you get free from spiritual cages. There are many people in this world who are living a caged life. Some are Christians who attend church like the woman with a double bend in Luke Chapter 13:10-18. The Bible says in the book of Jeremiah 5:26, "for among my people are found wicked men. They lay wait as he that sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men". When you are caged, you can't enjoy freedom, because you even don't have it. Lives all over the world have been caged in one way or another. In the city of Bethphage (Matt 21:1-6), the writer gives us a picture of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a free city but spiritually bound. Jesus sent two

of his disciples to go and find a donkey and a colt. He told his disciples that they would find them tied on a tree. They were to untie them and bring them to the master. Anointing is the source of freedom. Christ is the anointed one. Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil and one of this works is to break cages and release God's people. God says among his people, are found wicked men. All people belong to God, whether good or wicked. They live on the land that only God created, breath God's air and feed only on what God caused to grow or live on earth.

This wicked have many activities but here in our case we see that they set snares or traps to catch men. A cage is an enclosure or a given area with boundaries that the caged person or thing can reach. It is made specifically for the purpose of trapping and confining birds and animals. Some people are just caged like birds.

Spiritual devices are used to trap and hold people in confinement. A person's finances can be caged. One's general progress can be caged, health, marriage, academic career and so on. Friend, a caged life is not a life of freedom. In an enclosure, you can move but only within a certain radius. Your movement will be only within the realms that the captor has set. No matter how hard you try, you can only achieve upto a point. All efforts after that level is just frustrations.

In an enclosure, you are surrounded by the gates of brass and bars of iron (Isaiah 45:2-3). This leads to making little progress in life, however hard your work. There are many areas that caged life can be seen experienced like in business, ministry, church, in one's academics. Sometimes you will find that everyone is being promoted at work, given salary

increment, yet you hung on fully below your qualifications. Every blessing outside that cage is kept out of your reach. As a Christian, you need to break all satanic territories that are set against you. The entrance of Israel in Jericho was also freedom of the city dwellers like Rahab (Jos 6:1-2) – Now Jericho was straightly shut up because of the children of Israel. No one went out and no one came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, “see I have given it into your hand, Jericho, and her King and the mighty men of valor”.

When Jericho’s wall came down, Jericho became a land of freedom. May the Lord bring down all the walls that have been built to cage your life. May every demonic restriction placed over your life be broken in Jesus name!

If a cage is not broken, the one enclosed in is in trouble. You can see freedom, but you can’t experience it. How do you enjoy what you don’t have? How do you celebrate what you are not experiencing? In John 5:1-9, we are given a story of a man who had an infirmity and stayed there around the healing pool of Bethsaida for 38 years. This man was not blind. He could not walk but his eyes could move. Infirmity had caged him in one place. The only moving thing was his eyes. A caged animal can see through the cage yet it can’t get out of it. People came with different problems, dropped in the pool and got well, but for him, he only saw freedom. He couldn’t sing the song of freedom in the land of bondage. When others rejoiced and celebrated the freedom, the man could not taste it. But the day anointing visited him through Christ Jesus, he was commanded by Christ to arise, pick up his mat and go home. He tasted freedom for the first time after 38 years. Jesus Christ is the source of our freedom saints. We need to get out of bondage in Jesus name.

A caged life is a helpless life and a life without defense. You can't effectively respond to whatever is done against you. In 1 Samuel 11, we are introduced to a King called Nahash. He is the King of the Ammonites. He came to attack Israel. Israel had no King but the Judge Samuel. Saul had just been anointed King but not yet active.

When Israel saw Nahash coming in full swing, the elders decided to approach him for peace. Nahash gave heavy conditions for peace that Israel could not afford. If you approach the devil for a peace accord, his demands will be so tough for you. Christ bought us with a price that no one and nothing else could have paid. O how I love Jesus!

1 Samuel 11: 1-11 - Then Nahash the Ammonite came up and besieged Jabesh Gilead. All the men of Jabesh Gilead said to Nahash, "make a covenant with us and we will serve you. Nahash gave them conditions for the covenant:

- I will remove all your right eyes
- I will lay it for reproach upon all Israel

**The elders said to Nahash:**

- Give us seven days' relief that we may send messengers to all the territories of Israel.
- And if there is NO MAN TO SAVE US, we will come out to you.

Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and said the news in the ears of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept.

Friends, there comes a time that even the mighty weep.

When fixed in a tough corner that demands a great price to get through you will shed tears. We have seen the strong cry or lament when things yet too hard for them. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. There is no night that is permanent apart from hell. The light of God is shining upon us who are in darkness. Let us not dwell in darkness forever. Jesus is the light of the world. His presence takes away darkness from us. Your light has come.

As the people were weeping, Saul came from taking care of animals and He saw the people weeping. He felt that there was a problem, for people don't just cry. They had no joy at all. Saul knew that something was ailing them. He asked to know what was ailing them and the people told Saul of the news of the men of Jabesh Gilead.

Friends, there is joy in freedom. But when you see your freedom being taken away from you, you will cry. When you see darkness coming to cover your future, you will cry. We can see tears all over around us. Many people have lost hope due to life's changing challenges.

Some situations are too hard to be handled by man's natural abilities. The situation of this people needed divine intervention. A crying people need divine intervention. Thanks be to God for giving us His Christ the anointed one.

The Bible says that immediately Saul received this news the spirit of God came upon him and his anger was greatly revived like fire. We can call it divine anger. Anger that God can release upon a saint when he wants to engage him/her in spiritual warfare until a given force of darkness is fully dealt with, a kind of anger that will not turn back in spiritual war. An anger that gives God no rest until Jerusalem is established

and Judah becomes his praise. An anger that releases deep groaning prayer that touches the throne of God, causing His will to prevail.

In this spiritual anger, Saul took a yoke of oxen and hewed them in pieces and then send the pieces to the territories of Israel. And as he spread these pieces he said “whosoever will not come after Saul and Samuel, this shall be done to his oxen”. Spiritual anger was pushing Saul to call men into war against an enemy of Israel. This anger was stirring up men of war to arise. The enemy was around and something had to be done. Saints, we can’t just sit by and watch Satan & his forces harassing God’s people. Even when Jesus saw people harassed by Satan he was moved by compassion on them and said to his disciples, “we need harvesters and they will be released by prayer. Warriors in spiritual warfare are not raised by recruitment. Prayer warriors are not chosen and elected by men. True servants of God are not obtained by recruitment. They are born and released from the womb of prayer (Mat. 9:36-38). Great things are born in the word of prayer.

When Saul made an act of sacrifice and send a strong message of invitation for war, the Bible says that the Fear of the Lord” came upon the people.

I am glad that it’s not the fear of man (Saul) that came upon them. When people fear man and join a spiritual battle, they serve a man and lose, but when men see God in a leader and join a cause for God, they will never give up until the victory is obtained in the Lord. We have seen people doing duties in the fear of man and when the man is missing or challenges arise, they quit. But those who know who has called them and whom they serve, they are bound to perform valiantly. Whom

do you fear, O Saint? (Ps. 27:1). Fear can put you in a cage and where there is fear of man there is no freedom, which will mean that joy is absent. In homes where children fear their father, whenever he arrives home, their freedom is gone and joy is gone. Children should respect their parents and not fear them. People came up to join the cause of Saul because they feared the Lord and they saw God in Saul's call.

The Bible says that the people came out as one man, around 330,000 soldiers. What a great thing that happens when an anointed leader calls the warriors for a godly cause. A huge number turned up not just for a show, but prepared for the war. They were as one man. There's power in unity. The blessing of a united Christian or any team can't be over expressed. It is clear that when a people unite they will achieve a great purpose. What of now when we unite for a Godly cause? God is calling us soldiers of Christ to arise as one man and deal with a common enemy "the devil". Our warfare is not flesh and blood, but it is spiritual, for pulling down strongholds and bringing down every mind that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. That is what Nahash was doing.

This united Godly army sent a message to Jabesh Gilead saying "Tomorrow by that time the sun becomes hot, Jabesh you shall find help". This was a message of hope to the people of Gilead. Satan is harassing many people in this world. God has anointed His people and send help of Christ to them. There is help my dear, there is real help. The Psalmist says "I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from", then he goes on to explain the statement by saying "my help comes from the Lord which made the heavens and earth. Friend, there is help. The enemy may have threatened you, making you to look weak and helpless. Jesus says "I am here to

hold your hand and help you". Don't die before you die. From the throne of God is coming your help. He that never loses war is coming to your aid. He is called "the Great Warrior". He conquered the devil on the cross when he died for mankind to redeem him and rose up again from the grave. All actions in spiritual warfare have proved beyond doubt that Jesus the son of the Most High God came from heaven to earth, born of woman by the power of the Holy Spirit, died and rose again and He's alive, interceding for the Saints day and night. He is alive. Take heart, your redemption is near, whatever the case.

The war that you are facing may be tough, but there is help for you from above! The creator of the heavens and earth is fighting for you. The one who joined Joshua at the wall of Jericho to make them possess their promise is right where you are. You have help. Jehovah Rapha the healer has come to heal you that impossible disease that man and his abilities cannot work out. He has come to solve that problem that the world is weeping over you because they can't help you. The resurrection is coming right at your place where your dream that died was buried. Help is coming. Don't give up!

When the men of Jabesh received this message the Bible says that they rejoiced! They received it by faith. Faith is a substance of things hoped for and a reality of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please God. For he that comes to him must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Rejoice in God's promises. For what He says He will do, that He will do. He is not man that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should repent. When He sends His word, He follows it to accomplish it. The word He sends will only return to Him after fulfilling its purpose. Remember His word is final.



Rejoice in the word of the Lord, for He is faithful that promised it! As the men of Jabesh rejoiced, God followed His word. And it came to pass, that Saul put these united army in three companies. They came into the midst of the host of Ammon who were ruled by Nahash in the morning watch. They slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day, (just as they had said yesterday) under the anointed anger! The remnants of Ammon were scattered. Your enemies that remain shall be scattered in Jesus name so that two of them will not be left together.

Friends, Jesus is risen (Mark 16:5-6). He has all the power in heaven and on earth. He has granted His power to His church to bring down Satan and his kingdom. Don't run away from your enemy, because he will flee from you (Jas 4:7-8). The Bible says in Mathew 11:12 says that since the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent shall take it by force.

That's the same spiritual anger that came upon Saul to deal with Nahash! There are things in your life which must bend, bow or die. You cannot let them rule and ruin your life. For you to enjoy and celebrate the freedom that Christ fully paid for you on the cross, they must be dealt with!

The spirit of Nahash is killing many people's joy in life. His name means a serpent/Leviathan or he that hisses. This is the devil. Is. 27:1., Amos 9:3. It also stands for the dragon. Rev. 12:9-11, Rev 20:2, we are aware that Satan has come to fight us and take away our freedom. But remember, Jesus paid fully for our freedom and our joy. That's why He said in John 16:33 - in this world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world.

Nahash was a King of Ammon which symbolizes something

dimmed or darkened. When darkness hits, hope is gone. Some of us are losing hope in life due to many negative things that are happening to us. Some have already begun to see that they have no future at all. Future is looking so bleak. Because of the devil and his attacks we have become a Jabesh Gilead where the enemy has come to try to excel over us. Jabesh Gilead means dryness. Dryness could stand for a desert life where there is no water. Ask Israel how she felt in some areas of the desert before God performed a miracle of water. When we are spiritually dry and the enemy strikes, we will just wither and if help does not come, we die. Many people are withering now. But the Bible says that he that trusts upon the Lord is like a tree that is planted by the waters. He will not wither. There is help for those in the desert. The Lord says that he will supply waters in the desert. There is watering from above. The serpent will not bring the praying Saint down even if he is withering. Job declares and says that when the root of a withering tree in the desert just smells water, it begins to live again. May you begin to live again because Christ has come to help you in Jesus name! There is a man ready to save you before you die. Jesus is the man. The enemy will strive to fix you in great shame. Jabesh also means shame or reproach. But God is ready to take away your reproach. He died naked and took away your reproach. Israel went through a lot of reproach while in the wilderness, but when they had just crossed river Jordan and stepped on the side of the land of promise, God declared and said “I have taken your reproach away”.

Nahash may be planning to fix you in whatever shame, but you must nail it on the cross. Jesus has taken our shame and our defeat away. A man in shame has nothing to rejoice in!

Jabesh Gilead means a confused person/confusion.

The spirit of confusion is a bad spirit in a people. 1 Cor. 14:33 says that God is not the author of confusion. We can see from this statement that confusion is authored. Satan is the author of confusion. He releases confusion over God's people. Confusion frustrates goals and purposes (Gen 11:4-9). If goals have been set and the spirit of confusion sets in, trouble will be visible. Confusion has killed great dreams and rendered dreamers as failures. Confusion spirit can bring great homes into nothing, can make great goals become useless. Confusion spirit has stalled many churches and ministries. Confusion has divided families. It has made many to stop a good cause and end up nowhere. It is a spirit that operates with envy and shame (Jas 3:16). Confusion will make people to begin to scatter and move far from their rightful place. It can make people to become wanderers and find no rest. This spirit will make people to stop doing what they are supposed to do. We must rebuke the spirit of confusion and call back order in our lives. Confused people cannot lead a life of joy because their visions are troubled.

Nahash came to Jabesh Gilead to attack it because he had power. The devil is a powerful enemy but weaker than God. Nahash knew that Jabesh Gilead could not match him. Without Christ we cannot defeat the devil. It's Jesus Christ who was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Eccl 4:1-2...

The wise man looked and saw that under the sun there was power to the oppressor. To counter this power, Jesus gave us power. We need the power of the Holy Spirit. Lack of power has made many Christian warriors to become victims of their enemy.

## ∞ Chapter 8 ∞

# **Deliverance by breaking covenants with the enemy**

There are people all over who are making covenants with their enemy the devil. They are bowing to pressures from friends to lose their clear vision and destiny. Satan will make you lose the true purpose for God in you on earth. Big problems are the cause of making satanic covenants. When you've prayed and you seem not to find solution, some will begin to visit a witch doctor or charmer. One thing you need to know is that the enemy knows that there is God's power in you, yet you don't! Don't run from the enemy but let him run! It's said that he who runs is pursued. Don't make a covenant with the enemy. Psalms 5:9 – there is no faithfulness in the enemy (Psalms 120:7...).

People have touched what should not be touched in the enemy's camp to make a covenant. They have done what they shouldn't just because the enemy looked powerful. Satanic covenants will defile you against the plan of God for your life. If you rely on charmers, you will find that there are more powerful charmers. There is more pressure today to make a covenant with the flesh, to live according to the flesh, while calling it a

spiritual life. Many people are entering into covenants without understanding what they are doing. Just because the enemy looks strong does not mean that you rush into agreements. In the book of 1 Kings 20:1-4, we are introduced to a King of Syria called Benhadad who gathered all his army together. He brought to himself thirty two Kings with horses and chariots. With all these he went up and besieged Samaria and warred against it. This was a big force against Samaria. Friend, when the enemy comes in like a flood you must know the source of your help or else, you will go for a covenant with the enemy.

Benhadad wanted to make an agreement with Ahab by force because he was armed and great in numbers. I am aware that numbers speak loudly when it comes to battles. But in our God's Kingdom, numbers may not speak much about the victory of the Saints. Elijah defeated 450 prophets of Baal.

Christ conquered for us and we are walking in His footsteps. The enemy may gather in large numbers but with the Lord on our side, we are sure of victory. Benhadad sent messengers to Ahab King of Israel and into the city of Samaria. In his message he said "your silver and your gold is mine" This mighty king with his great army is claiming to possess what he has not worked for. He wants to take the sweat of another. He waited for Israel to work hard and get blessed by God then he came with a plan of taking their earnings away. I know that Satan is a thief, a robber and a murderer. But Jesus has come that we may have life and have it in abundance. The Bible says in Haggai 2:8 – The silver is mine and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts". But now we see a man who worships gods coming to claim what God has given to his people. Do you think that God will let the enemy collect all that he has given

to you, leaving you a failure and beggar? Ahab was pursuing peace with Benhadad. He agreed to this demand.

Benhadad went on and demanded Ahab's wives and children. This is a big attack that Satan is using against the church of Christ. When families or marriages break, churches will shake, nations will be unstable. Family is lifestyle that determines the social stability of a people. When families are weakened, morals quickly decay and a society become rotten. God has set that children will grow up in a godly family where parents will bring them up in the ways of God. In order to heavily shake the church, the kingdom of darkness is breaking marriages and snatching sons and daughters from God's presence into drugs and disorderly lives. Parents, let's not hand our children to the devil just because we don't want war. We have dedicated our families to God, He will help us. Children are an inheritance from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward (Psalm 27:3).

Whatever the Lord has given to us is not of the devil. That's why whatever Satan has snatched from you shall be restored in Jesus name. We are claiming back families that have been handed to the devil by their authorities and bread winners in Jesus name.

Benhadad moved on to say to Ahab and Samaria "Your goodliest things are mine". Ahab went on and agreed to this. He told Benhadad he could come and possess. He was willing to sacrifice his silver, gold and even his family to avoid a fight with the devil. We are in spiritual warfare Saints. Even if you are good at giving out everything to avoid war, it will happen with the devil. All Satan wants with you saint is war. In Revelation

12:12 – therefore rejoice you heavens, and you that dwell in the heavens. But woe unto the dwellers of the earth and of the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time”

That is why every time you agree with the devil for you to experience peace, he will demand some more agreement because he wants war. All covenants you make with Satan will lead to pain, regret and suffering. God is calling upon the spiritual warriors to put on the armor of God that they may be able to fight spiritual battles. As much as Ahab went on to avoid war, he was being pushed to the wall, till he has to fight.

1 Kings 20:6 – yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time and they shall search your house and the house of your servants and it shall be that whatsoever is pleasant in your eyes, they shall put it in their hand and take it away.

Benhadad extended the covenant when he saw that the previous one had been granted. Satan can never be your friend. O you dweller of the earth! I always pity all those who gave their lives and families to the devil. There is nothing of great gain that Satan can grant to God’s people without high prices. The devil has his duties in John 10:10 – to kill, steal and to destroy. He will never relinquish them. Any good place he finds to settle, he fulfills his duties.

When you make a covenant with the enemy, it will make him get place in your life. The Bible says in Ephesians 4:27 – Give no place to the devil. Saint, have you given place to Satan in an area of your life? If you give place to the serpent he will stay! Some of us the enemy is already inside and pulling him out has become a hurdle.

There is a learned man who after his great academic achievements went to serve the devil. He worshipped the devil with commitment, sacrificed some of his children and made some wealth. He bought many cars and obtained a lot of influence in his family and in their country. One day the devil came to him and demanded the only child he loved most. He was the most disciplined and successful. He refused but because he had made a covenant to serve the devil, Satan went on and killed the son for sacrifice. He had disagreements with the devil who proceeded on to make his wife and daughter insane and the remaining son was made confused and a wanderer. His wealth began to disappear and by the time he was dying, he had heavy debts that left him poor. His family was torn in pieces and there was nothing to boast of. I wished he had received Christ in his life. Friend, every time you make a covenant with Satan, he will want to manipulate everything by force. When I look at the story of Jabesh Gilead and Nahash (1 Samuel 11:1-11), I see that the elders were careful before they signed a covenant with their enemy. We can also see that when Benhadad began to sink deeper in his demands to Israel, Ahab became careful.

Ignorance is a weapon that Satan will use to put you into evil covenants. Remember very well that ignorance is not an excuse in spiritual warfare. Do not be ignorant when Satan comes your way like a flood for war. If you are ignorant of Satan's devices he will take advantage of you. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 2:11, that we should not be ignorant of the devices of Satan. Satan has taken and is taking advantage of many people due to their ignorance which he uses to fight them.



Satan is promoting ignorance everywhere, even in the church of God. Watch out this spirit. John 3:19 – Jesus declared and said “light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. (20)For everyone that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved”. Ignorance will make you to live in the midst of swine. When the prodigal son took his wealth and went far, he didn’t know which kind of friends he was going to make. They helped him squander all his money and resources then they dumped him. He had nowhere to go. The only job he found was caring for the swine and feed on their food (Luke 15:12-17). There are many people who have been misled due to ignorance and now the lives they are living is pathetic. God wants to restore any life that comes back to him. It went so bad, until the prodigal son came back to his senses. Ignorance can also lead to your destruction (Hos. 4:6) and send you into captivity (Isaiah 5:13). Jabesh Gilead elders nearly ate the pig’s food, but they came to their senses. Luke 15:11-18 – when the prodigal son came to his senses he said “I will go back to my father”. God the father is waiting for anyone who is in bad shape because of making evil covenants with Satan. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but shall have everlasting life.” Everyone in his rightful senses will never make a covenant with the devil. Ignorance will also keep you in darkness. Many devil worshippers have never experienced the marvelous light of God. They are in the pit. That is why Satan will do them all kinds of evil and they will bear in sorrows and helplessness. 1 Samuel 11:3 – The Bible says that the elders of Jabesh said to Nahash “Give us seven days respite that we may send messengers unto all the

coasts of Israel and then if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee”.

Serving the devil would be the last option and it's not an option at all for the Saint. Satan is not a kind of master that a Christian should admire to serve! The conditions in Satan's Kingdom are tough, because there is no mercy whenever you break a rule or a covenant. Punishment for faults is compulsory.

God is a merciful God. Blessed are those who have found him and are serving him. Asaph the singer in (Psalms 73) was trying to regret his servanthood to God by trying to compare himself with the servants of wickedness. When he was doing this he was using physical comparison. But when he was in the spiritual focus of success, he saw the end of the wicked and the end of the righteous. He repented and stood for his master!

Benhadad wanted to be given place by Ahab and Israel, but when they looked into his covenant demands they rejected. For the men of Jabesh, they said, “Let us do research for 7 days”. They knew the pain of serving a wicked enemy “the devil”. The scripture warns us that we should give no place to the devil. To give place to the devil means to give sin a foothold in your life eg fornication, adultery, idolatry. Satan is the father of sin.

Many saints take sin lightly. Sin can take you to hell. Sin grieves the Holy Spirit, which will affect your fellowship with God. Sin dims the light of God in your life.

To give place to the devil also means to eat at the dining table of darkness. Paul saw this character in the Corinthian church and he rebuked her sternly.

1 Corinthians 10:21-22 – You cannot drink the cup of the

Lord and the cup of the devils; you cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table and of the table of devils. This will provoke the Lord to jealousy, whereas we are not stronger than he.

When you eat at the dining table of darkness, you receive the hosts of problems because you make covenants with evil spirits. Today, there are many believers who are partaking the lord's table and the table of devils.

To give place to the devil also means to allow the enemy to construct a building into your life. A house is a place to dwell in. When Satan builds a house in your life he will stay in. He will interfere with your life in many areas. He will then extend to taking away your joy.

To give place to the devil also means to allow Satan to exchange your destiny. Where will you find joy in a destiny that is not yours? You will just end up in tears and sorrows. What a joy when a destiny is released and dreams are realized. Come on! Give Satan no place in your life! Many people have their destinies changed!

When Satan wanted to change Joseph's destiny in Potiphar's house through sin, he rejected the offer thus realized his destiny. What offers is the devil giving you? Satan has no true lasting offer for you!

To give place to the enemy also means to allow the forces of the enemy to control you, eg anger. Anger is an expensive luxury. He that keeps this spirit will find out that when you keep it, prepare for costs (losses). The Bible says in proverbs 29:22 – An angry man stirs up strife and a furious man abounds in transgression.

Anger reveals our true nature. Prov. 14:17 – He that gets angry quickly behaves foolishly and a man of wicked devices is hated.

Friend, don't allow your joy to be taken away by anger. Get free from this spirit and your joy shall be made full! Anger can also shorten your life when combined with temper. It is a weapon for your opponent. It is said that he that angers you will conquer you. Prov. 25:28... "He that has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down and without walls". Do you have walls?

Moses was a man of meekness. Men whom the Bible says will inherit the earth. In salvation, one thing should connect with others so that we can achieve our joy and our freedom. The devil looked at Moses studied him well and saw a place where he had a chance. He found out that anger was a weakness in this great leader and he successfully used it against him.

Proverbs 18:19... A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city and their contentions are like the bars of a castle".

Anger is temporary madness. Anger will make you manage everything badly. For instance, if you go to bed angry, the devil will become your bedmate.

Anger will make you empty so that you quickly boil.

Anger has opened doors for the enemy to destroy homes, marriages and many kinds of things. Many good and sweet relationships are being rendered useless because of anger. Good friends end up as enemies due to anger. Some people are avoided and are lonely because they are hot tempered.

Anybody who gets angry till his body vibrates is finished (Eph. 4:26-27).

Ask the Lord to deliver you from the spirit of anger, so that you will enjoy freedom. The Lord Jesus Christ wants you free and happy! As you deal with anger, break every covenant that you have with the spirit of unforgiveness. Grudge keeping spirit is a bad spirit. It will cause tormenting spirits to attack you. Demons of depression can also enter and control someone who harbors the spirits of unforgiveness. Friends the spirit of unforgiveness is the enemy of a happy life. The Lord wants you happy but you must forgive. I declare every covenant with the spirit of unforgiveness broken in Jesus name.

We can also give place to the devil by harboring hatred against someone. Are you harboring hatred? Hatred is like burning a whole house because you want to kill a rat. You will see a saint fighting the whole church because one person there has hurt him/her. If this spirit is holding you, it will be hard for you to find freedom that leads to joy. You will walk away from the city because one person you hate has come around. You will miss a good fellowship or a party because one person whom you hate came in. That's why hatred is self-punishment. Hatred is the handcuffs of demons. It makes Satan and his agent to handcuff you. Hatred hits you hard than the things the person did to you. Hatred is like cancer. It starts small and grows into a huge forest. It kills slowly but sure. It can make you become a murder. We have been shocked when we hear of someone who was a good person killing his/her spouse. Such matters did not just arise that day. They developed hatred which they did not handle. Hatred kills the love of God. You must deal with the spirit of hatred and accept the love of God.

God is love and those of him must love. If you have to fill the place of hatred, you must find the love of God and embrace it. Let the love of Christ fill you richly. Begin to trust upon the Lord to help you love someone who you hate with passion. Remember that this person is God's creature, just like you and pray for him/her. As you pray the spirit of the Lord will lift away the demon of hatred. When love replaces hatred your heart is filled with joy and happiness.

Giving place to the devil is failure to tame your tongue. When the men of Jabesh went to see Nahash the King of Ammon, they used their tongues to want to bring trouble to themselves by their tongue. How are you using your tongue my dear reader? The tongue has power to life and death. (Prov. 4:21-23). You can kill others and even yourself with your tongue. In Prov. 29:11 – A fool utters all his mind; but a wise man keeps it in till afterwards. Some people have spoken words which they later wish they didn't say. We have seen even some saying they are not the ones who said it. This is what made the Psalmist to declare "I will be careful to my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue. I will keep my mouth with a bridle; while the wicked is before me".

Proverbs 10:19-21 - In the multitude of words there lacks no sin; but he that refrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the just is as choice silver, the heart of the wicked is little worth. The lips of the righteous feed many; but fools die for want of wisdom.

Proverbs 18:6 says that a fool's lips enter into contention and his mouth calls for strokes.

Friend, are you in the business of taming your tongue?

Isaiah 6:5-7 - Isaiah had a problem with his tongue. The Lord's angel put coals of fire on it to purify it. Uncontrollable tongues are a problem to many saints today. May the Lord help you to learn to tame your tongue in Jesus' name.

Other ways that we can use to give place to the devil is by engaging in any form of deception, which will be a legal ground for satanic operation in your life.

Receiving help from familiar spirits, wizards, sorcery and witchdoctors will open grounds for Satan to operate in your life. Giving in to worry and anxiety, harboring abominable materials in your possession, running the race that God has not assigned you to run and getting involved in what you should not tamper with. When you continue living in the iniquity of our forefathers and allowing flesh to control you, You give place to the devil. You can also give ground to the enemy when you show no resistance when he is fighting you and open your mind to wandering spirits. Wandering spirits are a hindrance to your prayer life. Have you seen people who begin prayer and get mixed up, their minds are stolen and concentration dies. This will also affect your ability to listen to sermons thus killing your faith.

You can also give ground to the enemy by taking what does not belong to you. This is the spirit of borrowing and refusing to pay. It will not give you joy. Using wrongly what was put on your care for your selfish purpose. You will open the door for the enemy to devour your blessings. Some people are so lazy, or they report late at work always, then they claim full pay. Give no chance to the devil. Laziness is a spirit of the devil. You must refuse such a spirit.

Friends, freedom in Christ is sweet. That's why we must pursue it. From the book of 1 Samuel 11:7... when the enemy came to attack Jabesh and they went for covenant, the enemy told them the conditions of this covenant. That's why we can see that Satan has no good covenant. People have regretted going to serve the devil. If you have found the Lord Jesus Christ, you are blessed, keep the faith.

Nahash told the men of Jabesh that he was going to make them a one eyed generation. He was going to remove their right eyes. The eye is a very important component in a people. God did not create an eye for nothing. In Mathew 6:22 – Jesus said that the light of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is single, your body shall be full of light. But if your eye is evil, the whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Friend, it is a terrible thing to have an enemy that you know you can't fight. But thanks be to God for Jesus Christ who made us more than conquerors. To lose the right eye means to lose the power of the Holy Spirit. We have seen that the power of the Holy Spirit is important in a Christian. This is the power of God that we received since the time Christ Jesus left the earth. When you sign a covenant with the devil, he will demand that you do away with the Holy Spirit. You cannot serve the devil and operate in the Holy Spirit at the same time. To lose the power of the Holy Spirit means to operate in the flesh. Flesh is hostile to the things of the Holy Spirit. Many saints are turning in the flesh, yet they began in the spirit. When a Christian is minus the Holy Spirit of God, how dark is that Christian?

To lose your right eye also means to be rendered ineffective



for spiritual warfare. Saints, when the Holy Spirit is absent in us, we will not be able to use weapons of spiritual warfare well. It is the Holy Spirit that puts all weapons of warfare into powerful action. It's like having blunt or functionless weapons. If you went for the battle and you have nonfunctional weapons, you will automatically be defeated. In the battle, the right eye was the only part of the body that was not protected by the shield. It gave a clear sight of the enemy and the power of aiming the weapons well. Where there is vision, people will not go far. Blind people have no future. When the Holy Spirit moved upon the waters, God began to speak and things began to shape themselves (Gen 1:2). Church, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to move in our lives. We shall be effective in warfare. The church is facing a lot of battles in the spirit. We need God's power to defeat the enemy. Whenever the power of the Holy Spirit came upon Samson, the number of his enemies and their strength did not matter. Even if the devil has attacked you in full swing, don't sign a contract with him!

To lose the right eye also means to remove blessings from you. The right eye is of blessings. Blessings will never come from the devil. And if the devil will bless you, expect sorrows. It is only the blessings of the Lord that makes rich and has no sorrow in it. He that is blessed of the Lord is happy.

Habakkuk looked at how precious it is to have the Lord on your side and said, "Although the fig tree fails to blossom nor the fruit be found in the vines; and the labour of the olive fails, the fields yield no meat; the flock be cut off from the fold and there is no herb in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength and he will make my feet like a deer's feet, and he will make me

to walk upon my high places (Hab. 3:17-19). Habakkuk knew where to find joy. It's not in things that have worked out for him but in the salvation of the Lord. When Christ sets you free, you shall be free in deed. Rejoice in what Christ did for us at Calvary. We are saved because of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are blessed if you are born again. Your name is written in the book of life. You have eternal life. If God blesses you, he will wipe away your tears and take away your sorrows. Don't sign a covenant with Satan!

To remove the right eye also means to remove that which God has chosen and put what he has not chosen. God will not support what he has not rubberstamped. He will not put his hand on what he has not chosen. When we try to disapprove God, we will discover that we are wrong. There are morals that God has placed in order from creation.

When man tries to make his and pushes God to back it, He won't! When Israel had sinned in the days of Eli the Priest, the Philistines came for war. Israel knew that as long as the word of God was with them, God was with them! God doesn't join sin, even if the Bible will be read among sinners. Sin separates man from God. This is the time Israel lost battle miserably. The family of priesthood was wiped away. God is not a respecter of persons. If you are living a sinful life, God will not rubberstamp wrong things. The enemy is trying to push the church to accept things that are not of God. Oh Nahash the Amorite, you wanted Jabesh to fight with her God after signing a covenant with you. When we sign a covenant with Satan, we will surely go for what Satan wants and God's ways will be put aside. Let God be God! No one will change the Lord God and his word!

To remove the right eye also means not to see as God sees. God told Samuel when he went to Jesse's house that what a man looks at is not what God looks at. Man looks at outside appearance but God looks in the spirit. God is spirit and those who worship him must do so in spirit. When we join God in spiritual worship, we begin to see things as he sees. It took Elisha to pray for his servant so that he could see the victory that the Lord had placed upon Elisha's compound.

To remove the right eye means to live by that which satisfies the flesh. It also means to agree not to call sin sin. It is true today when you sign a contract with the devil, you will not call sin as it is. Sinful actions become tolerable and are not condemned at all. Today, Saints do all kinds of sinful actions and there is no repentance. We think that God has closed his eyes on it (Ezekiel 8:1-10). The Bible says in Psalms 32:1 - Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (2) Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no guile.

**Chapter 9**

# Breaking free from the spirit of reproach

A contract with the devil will prepare you for a reproach. Reproach is to expose by stripping of conscience, integrity, conviction and courage. In Isaiah 24:4 - Isaiah prophesied this that the earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the haughty people of the earth languishes. All these is the opposite of joy. Reproach does not bring joy to you or to a people. The devil's contract can take away your true joy. He works with things that make him strong and active. Satan does not rest, he does not go on holiday but he works hard at what he is doing to release the fire of hell. Satan is enriched to grow and spread quickly. Satan can bring you reproach, if you make a covenant with him;

He will use your life for another life. Christ is our substitute. He died on our behalf, but in Satan's kingdom, people are killed for survival of others.

- Kill someone for another to live, make someone poor so that another can be rich, or make someone a vagabond so that another can have direction. Isaiah 42:4 - But the Lord shall not fail nor be discouraged till he has set judgment in the earth and the isles shall wait for his law. Saints, we

are waiting upon the Lord for His word to come to pass. Proverbs 11:8 - The righteous is delivered out of trouble and the wicked cometh in his stead. Let's walk in righteousness.

- By stealing virtue from you.

Isaiah 48:13-14 - My hand has also laid the foundation of the earth and my right hand has spanned the heavens, when I call unto them they stand up together. All ye assemble yourselves and hear which among them has declared these things. The Lord has loved him and he shall make his pleasure on Babylon and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

Virtue is very important to your life. That's why a Satanists can use his demonic powers to transfer your virtue to another person eg intelligence and wisdom of somebody can be transferred to another person. In the Bible we can see that Manasseh's virtue was transferred to Ephraim, through the grandfather (Jacob).

One time there came a young lady in one of our services. And it came to pass as we were praying, that evil spirits manifested in her. She had just stopped going to school in standard seven claiming that she was not getting anything in class. The demons confessed that they had been used by a witch to steal the understanding of this girl, so that the sorcerer's child would succeed in school while this one failed. After deliverance, this girl went back to school and her understanding was restored. She performed so well in standard eight and high school and proceeded to university. When her virtue was restored she went for her star. There are many people who are not living their real lives. It's good to claim for your virtues from whoever has taken from you.

- Satanists can also exchange blessings or take them away from you. Genesis 25:30-34, we see how Esau lost his blessings together with the birthright. It is because he came back from his job hungry. He found his brother had prepared pottage of soup. At this point of hunger, this man confessed by his mouth that he was handing his birthright to his younger brother. He sealed this covenant with food. Needs and hunger has made many people to speak against themselves exchanging their blessings. After you lose such blessings, it will cost you more spiritual warfare prayers to bring them back. The opposite of blessings is a curse. Curse words are heavy when they fall on fertile grounds. They are so heavy when they have covenants. And such will bring reproach to someone. I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for taking away your reproach so that your respect shall be restored back! God is in the business of wiping away your tears and restoring your joy! Be prepared to receive God's blessings.
- Reproach can also come your way when your promotion is stolen. When you are demoted, it's hard to lift up your head. The day Job was demoted by losing his family and his wealth, he removed his clothes of respect, put on clothes of ashes and felt very humiliated. The only thing that kept him up was his God. When he became sick, he even went lower down. But because he kept the faith, after staying down for some time, God restored his promotion and doubled it. God is aware of your lost promotions. He wants you to be restored. I declare that all promotions that have been stolen from you be restored in Jesus name!
- The enemy can release reproach to you by reducing your life

to that of an animal. Daniel 4:16 – “Let his heart be changed from man’s and let a heart of a beast be given unto him, and let seven times pass over him”.

This was declared to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon when he lifted himself without honouring God in his success. We see many people who know God, when they rise up financially and materially, they begin to exalt themselves and forget God that exalted them. This angers the heart of God!

But we have seen Satan using this as a weapon to release an animal’s heart into people’s lives. Some people begin to behave like beasts. For instance, a dog’s heart in a person can turn him into a prostitute or an adulterer. This is the spirit that is spoiling people’s sons and daughters. Such spirit will break good marriages, tearing spouses apart. In one counseling session, I met a woman who was married with five children. This lady was born again, yet she would never live a faithful life to her husband. The husband loved her so much. He supplied to her everything as a committed husband but that was not enough. She was always found in the arms of other men. This brought shame to her, to her children and worse to her faithful husband. Every time she was caught, she could sob in tears, apologize and promise never to repeat again. When I had discussed with her, I discovered that she had been possessed with a beastly spell. After her deliverance, she became very committed and faithful Christian in her church. What a joy that came upon her life, her marriage, her family and her church!

Friends, there is joy in freedom! I also remember of a man

who was a good Christian, but he had a beastly heart. He would mishandle people, even fellow saints. He was so hot in temper, hatred and envy. He always used to beat his wife thoroughly. Whenever the pastor went to counsel the family, he could not see the real reason why such beatings would arise. One day this man took an axe and cut a portion of his wife's neck. She escaped death narrowly. When I got chance to meet this man, I discovered that he had a leopard's spirit. All people avoided him because he would start war anyhow, but the day this spirit left him, he became one of the best people to associate with. Beastly spirits have been released to people through spells, through satanic dreams and other witchcraft powers. Some men will receive this spirit and roam all over on so many women, impregnating and making a big number of children out of wedlock, they become so irresponsible. These children will have no real father. On their death bed, a clan of children will be brought in every woman saying that he is the father of the child. There will be no inheritance or care for them.

We need freedom my dear brethren. This is not God's plan and order for families. Stable families need to be established where the child will understand roles of fathers and mothers so that another stable generation can be realized. We need to break all the spells of a beastly behavior that have been laid upon our lives and family in the name of Jesus Christ. May this reproach be taken away from you in the name of Jesus Christ, and May your true respected life be restored in Jesus name! I cancel the beastly life of bad eating habits, howling at night in dreams, barking like a dog and screaming in your sleep in the name of Jesus Christ. Oh what a joy to be free in



the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

- The enemy can also bring reproach upon your life by transferring problems to the target. This can be done by words of declaration from authoritative people when we cross their lines and by people in the occult operations. They will speak transfer of problems of one person to the other. Such transfers can come upon one due to his/her behaviour. You have seen people who take advantage of others because of their weakness or their poverty state. I have seen a rich man and his family dropping down from grace to grass for mishandling the weaklings of the society. This man enriched himself by grabbing from the weak innocent, took their financial support, their food and clothing to enrich himself. When God allowed a cruel messenger to visit his family, he could not escape. Many of you who are frustrating the weak in society be aware that shame is awaiting you! Ahab and Jezebel brought reproach to Naboth and even stoned him to death, dogs leaked his blood. God through the prophet Elijah pronounced reproach upon this wicked King and his family. Gehazi followed Naaman after Elisha had given him the joy of the Lord without pay and he demanded the wealth in Elisha's name. As he got this wealth, he got reproach (2 Kings 5:27). I don't know which way problems have been transferred to you. Either for harassing the poor, weak, innocent or by witches pushing them unto you.

If you have mishandled the weak, cry to God that he may have mercy on you and forgive you. If the troubles have come from Satan's altars, cancel them now by the blood of Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord to deliver your family from such problems. Oh what a joy when one is free in Christ Jesus.

- The devil can also bring reproach on someone by manipulating him so that he fails to receive God's promise for his life. Check my book "Equipping yourself to receive God's promises for your life". God has promises that are so great for you. But Satan knows very well that If you achieve them, you will be a wonder on earth. This has made him to stage manipulative forces to make you a loser! In the book of Acts 5:1-11, the scripture speaks of a man called Ananias with his wife Saphira. This couple was a committed couple in church. They must have been filled with the Holy Spirit because it was the Holy Ghost time. With the presence of the Holy Spirit and the operation of God's power, there was grace of giving. People were giving themselves and resources to God. This was a wonderful time. This couple was also infected with the spirit of giving. They went and pledged a great offering to God from the land they were going to sell. God gave them favour, they found a good buyer who bought their land. But the devil filled their hearts to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of their pledges. They were manipulated by Satan. Instead of them enjoying the blessing of giving, they both lost their destiny. It was a couple with a good destiny. The Bible says that when we give it shall be given back to us. But do not give a lie!

Many people are giving a lie to God, which leads to loss of their promises. Satan has manipulated people in different ways so as to affect the promises of God for them. Some are manipulated to do what they are not supposed to do, some don't do what they are supposed to do leading to their failure.

I cancel the spirit of manipulation over your life now in the

name of Jesus Christ.

In 1Samuel 13:13-14 - And Samuel said to Saul, “you have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God which he commanded you; for now the Lord would have established your Kingdom upon Israel for ever but now your Kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought himself a man after his own heart that the Lord has commanded him to be a captain over his people, because you have not kept that which the Lord commanded you”.

It's painful to lose the promises of God for behaving foolishly by being manipulated by an evil spirit. Saul could have done greater and led his family to heights but his behaviour was manipulated by the devil, leading to loss of God's promises for him. Return to God and he will return to you. Repent and he is faithful to forgive confessed sins. Ask for God's restoration. He is a merciful God.

When you lose God's promises for you, you lose peace, joy and love. You will begin to walk in hatred. You will be tormented by evil thoughts leading to evil actions. You will have no peace anywhere, you will have a restless life and you can lose focus. You begin to live like someone without a future. Where there is no peace, there is no progress, no development, visions come to a standstill. That's why Jesus gave his disciples divine peace to overcome the world's instability. Economy grows with peace, joy comes where there is peace. The joy of the Lord is our strength. When the Lord grants you joy, your strength shall be renewed. May you receive the joy of the Lord in your life. Oh what a joy to be freed in Christ Jesus!

- The enemy can bring reproach on you by making you to labour and someone else enjoy your fruit. When Israel was enslaved by Egypt, she labored without pay for Egypt. She built treasured cities for Egypt without gain. There are families where the devil has taken roots. People farm, invest and perish without enjoying their labour at all. Others built houses and die without staying in them. I am very well aware that as Christians we are pilgrims on this earth. But you are on this earth for a purpose. When God enables you to build a home he will also enable you to live in that house. Some families build homes but before they dwell in them, debts cause auctioneers to come and sell the homes.

I remember of a family which was very rich by world standards. Their children used to fly to school when schools opened and closed. Fee was very high in those private schools. They had build two homes worth millions. The enemy attacked the man's business and brought it to ashes in a short time. Within one year, auctioneers had come in and sold both of their houses, all three vehicles and all their house belongings. They proceeded and even sold the village land. This family was stranded. The wife developed high blood pressure and other health complications due to stress, children dropped in their school grades so badly. There was no school fee. This brought the family to seek refuge in the Lord. The lord revealed that there was a high level of witchcraft which had been performed to bring this family down. During that time a friend was accommodating them in his servants' quarters. When the Lord broke the powers of witchcraft and released them from bondage, restoration began to take place. After a few years, the family began to

crawl and finally stood on her feet. In the book of Isaiah 65:20-22 the Bible says that there shall be no more death of infants, nor an old man that has not completed his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and my elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. verse 23 – “They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; For they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them”.

What a joy when our reproach is taken away! The enemy causes reproach when he wastes someone's life so that another benefits. This happens so much where the spirit of sorcery and divination is so active. We can see what God spoke through prophet Ezekiel in Ezekiel chapter 13. We see how souls of people can be hunted down and transferred for others to live. From this book we can also see how people's brains can be used for the success of others.

People will make others mad for their increment of wealth or freedom of their lives. They make their culprits mad. Some few years ago, we were holding a conference and we saw outside, a man who was sitting around the tent. In the middle of the sermon, I perceived that this man needed to be delivered. I told the ushers to bring him in. He was so dirty. After casting out the demons, the man came to his senses. He could remember what had happened to him the day he became insane seventeen years earlier. He was on his way to school

in standard seven, carrying books when he lost his mind and never returned home nor reach school. He fully recovered and gave thanks to God. We gave him water for shower and clothes to wear and also gave him fare to return home rejoicing in the Lord Jesus Christ. What a joy to see this man going to pick back his life.

Some people terminate another's life for them to live. They sacrifice to the devil. Worship of the devil is an expensive field. Blessed are you who worship the Lord God. Jesus paid a price for your life as sacrifice once and for all but nobody paid for a price in Satan's Kingdom. Everyone who becomes a worshipper of the devil must be ready and willing to give some of his family members, friends or other people. From the book of Ezekiel Chapter 13, we see how the diviner used her divination to take lives that should not be taken and restore lives that should be gone. Satan has no power to create anything but he is the most successful robber in the universe (John 10:10). If you give him chance, he will steal from you and if possible steal you! Satan can steal, transfer or even exchange health and ages and the effected person will look older than his age. He can replace someone's brain with that of a failure. Two years ago, we went to a mission where we found a 20 year old boy in standard six. It was not because he had gone to school late, but because his head could not get anything. We found out by God's revelation that the devil had taken away his brains. We prayed for the boy and reclaimed back his brains. After we left, the boy's academic performance changed tremendously, making him to become a good performer. Right now, he is in high school performing well. What a joy when the Lord gives us his freedom.

Satan can also do child exchange in the womb or even

completely remove the foetus. There was a lady who had lost so many pregnancies just before birth time. The last one came in and grew to eight and a half weeks. She bought maternity dresses which she was wearing. She attended clinics and prepared to go and get her child. One night she went to bed as normal but when she woke up in the morning, her womb was empty and her stomach was very flat. There was not a tress of anything removed. This lady moaned and wept so bitterly to no recovery. When we went to perform deliverance on her, it was discovered that the aunt had handed her children to marine altar, declaring that any pregnancy she received in her marriage belonged to marine spirits. Satanists can also do wealth exchange, withdrawal of money from one place to another. Can also do exchange of partners, talents etc. Satan also do hair manipulation. Some people have their hairs secretly taken to witchcraft altars which cause them to have severe headaches that don't get treated. Some find their memories affected. They keep forgetting. Saints, let us not be ignorant of the devices of Satan. God wants to set us free and there is joy in freedom!

∞ Chapter 10 ∞

# Breaking free from affliction spirit

The devil can also harass someone by afflicting him. The Psalmist looked at a Christian life and saw afflictions and had this to say. Ps. 34:19 – many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers him out of them all. As much as the enemy afflicts the righteous, the believer has a good promise that he shall be delivered out of all Satan’s afflictions.

From 1 Samuel Chapter 11, we can see the enemy coming to afflict Jabesh Gilead. These people had not sinned. Afflictions will increase upon the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. The Bible says that none of your bones will break during afflictions. To encourage his people, God spoke through prophet Nahum to Judah, saying that affliction shall not come the second time (Nahum 1:9). God does not want afflictions to be repeated on you, which means that a Christian is not meant to dwell permanently in afflictions. When Job went through it, it was very tough, but God had planned it not to come back.

If you see afflictions rotating around somebody now and then, the enemy has an agenda on the person that he had to



fulfill. Such an affliction has a killing mission. Before you die, this enemy will afflict you in so many ways to see you dead. I have met some people who have been heavily afflicted to the extent that they cry for death to come and take them away. Such people look at their lives and believe that death will grant them rest. Some years ago, as I was ministering in a mission an old man approached me outside and asked me to go to his home and pray for his sick son so that he may die. I hesitated, but the man was serious. The Lord healed that boy that day. It is not true that the father wanted the child to die but afflictions on his son made the whole family afflicted and wish him dead. It just reminded me of what was happening in Job's house. After being brought down from grace to grass, the devil afflicted Job with severe skin diseases.

His wife requested him to pray the prayer of death but Job stood firm. In the name of Jesus Christ, I cancel the enemy's killing mission on you. May the Lord arise and stop the way of the enemy who is pushing you into the grave by evil powers. Jesus has come that you may have life, and have it in abundance!

The afflictor can also repeat if he has been assigned to make sure that you have no peace. This one will use crossroad altars to afflict your life. Cross road altar is a demonic altar which is drawn upside down. It's the opposite of the cross of Jesus which is used in the Kingdom of darkness. It attracts Satanic attacks from the four sides of your life. This is used to make you totally frustrated in spiritual warfare. When you face attacks from all sides, you tend to get confused and give up. You don't know which battle to fight and which one to leave. In places where witchcraft is high, such attacks are released upon a people, a church, the servant of God, even elders. There is a

church which faced such afflictions in a heavy way. The church elder was a secret drunkard in a secret cult. She could fly to the spirit world at night and be on church pulpit on Sunday. Through her, demons found access to the church. The Pastor lost his wife mysteriously and as he was still mourning, a deacon became totally insane, two deacons died one after the other, the church treasurer died, the secretary was bedridden with paralysis. When members saw this they scattered. It was so tough for this Pastor. He had been struggling to raise this church and see it grow for years.

When fasting and prayer was done for some days, the enemy was discovered. She confessed and these evils stopped. Oh what a joy when freedom comes upon a people from God! Jesus said, "Peace I give unto you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives". The heavenly peace is your portion, and with the prince of peace by your side, none of your bones will be broken by the afflictor.

Afflictions can also repeat when the afflictor is chased but not dead. When you chase away an enemy, he will return again. In 1 Kings 20:20-22, the Bible says that when Benhadad attacked the Israelites, Ahab, by divine help used 300 young men to defeat him. Benhadad ran away and Ahab had a great slaughter of his enemies. And a prophet came to Ahab the King of Israel, and said unto him, go strengthen yourself and mark and see what you can do, for at the return of the year the King of Syria will come up against you. Benhadad ran and thus he went to plan another attack. He still went to plan of how to come and afflict Israel. He even went on to study with his servants on how the God of Israel operates. In their thoughts they said that the gods of Israel are of the hills and not of the valley. If they attack through the valley, they will

win. It's strange that those who worship gods tend to think that everybody is a worshipper of gods.

I remember one day being attacked by a killer agent of the devil. He could kill people as he thought. He had been hired by someone to kill me. He came and found me sitting somewhere in the field. He walked in a way of making a rectangle around me. When I arrested him in the spirit, he said that he was making my grave and by his powers he knew that by the time he finishes, I would have collapsed and died, but to his surprise I was looking at him and laughing. He had been paid heavily. I am glad that some of us are not measured in quantity of cash. Our lives have been paid for by the blood of Jesus. No amount of cash will buy my life to take it to hell. Oh what a great saviour we have, Jesus Christ the son of the living God. This man was telling me that he was wondering which gods I had and how powerful they were than his. I told him that I was a child of God and I was serving Him. He is above all gods of any name, power and origin. Our God reigns.

Whatever positions gods have in a people, they will never be equal to God the creator of the universe. If you have found the Lord Jesus Christ, you have found a power that will never be compared to any other power anywhere and everywhere. Power belongs to God!

Jesus said this “when you cast the devil out, he goes into the wilderness and moves through dry places. When he finds nowhere to rest, he says “I will return to my house”. If he finds it still empty, he goes and calls seven more like him and enter this man, making the person's state seven times worse. No wonder that's why the Bible says “suffer not a witch to live”. We are not told to take stones and stone witches or burn their

houses as some do using physical powers to fight spiritual authorities. We need to see a witch saved or dead in spiritual powers. You must put the afflictor under the sole of your feet (Luke 10:19). May the Lord lift you higher above those powers that are afflicting you in the name of Jesus!

**When an affliction persists, you will see the following signs:-**

You make your prayer and they only bring temporal changes and real changes of a situation is not observed after prayer. Friend, this will call upon you to practice persistent prayer, be sensitive to the Holy Spirit to reveal the ways of the enemy and his purposes.

When you do a deliverance session or wage warfare, the enemy waits a little bit and starts again. I have seen this in many occasions. You will pray for someone who has a case in his life, freedom is short term lived and bondage returns again. Such a situation needs you to operate with a discerning spirit. There could also be Satanic covenants on points of contacts which could be encouraging the enemy to keep coming to afflict the affected person.

An afflictor persists when you create a ladder for future attacks. This is also possible through making of covenants with the afflictor, creating points of contact by things like food, money, clothes, rings, chains, photos etc.

The Bible says in James 5:13 “Is anyone among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing psalms (praises).” Friend, if you are afflicted, God is inviting you into the prayer room. Many people when they are afflicted they will do double taking drugs, alcohol, fight everyone, start speaking of suicide and hang, but God has said that none of the bones of

the righteous will be broken because of afflictions.

There are things that show afflictions in someone's life e.g constantly failing at the edge of serious breakthroughs or success, being hunted by the spirit of demotion, having health failures that you can't explain, pains hard to explain, persistent and recurrence suffering, being knocked here and there or completely knocked down in life, harassment that leads to embarrassment, always surrounded by troubles, having weakness in body and other areas of life always without winning over, being tormented, being oppressed, being in distress and being overburdened. In some families, we have seen a person's children becoming his enemies, you are tortured till brain begins to fail (memory loss), you experience all kinds of terrible spiritual problems coming to you. Also you will see some people finding it difficult to grow in the things of God, mostly when the enemy has taken away your real self e.g your virtues. Afflicted people have low self image, terrible nightmares (especially seeing themselves serving others all the time being chased all over, being beaten for no reason, being harassed in dreams). Afflicted people also tend to experience a life of struggle always accompanied by spiritual battles that are persistent. I know there are more and more signs of afflictions but remember my main focus is the joy of freedom. Whatever the case, I believe that it's the will of God to see you free from all these evil powers of darkness. That's why the Bible says in 1 john 3:8b – Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. He is right here my dear reader, right where you are, to break all these chains and burn them to ash. He is right here with you to lift away the weight of the affliction. Take heart, your redeemer is alive and able!

∞ Chapter 11 ∞

# Breaking the dormant spirit

A dormant life is a tough life. There is no joy in stagnancy. When life is not on a move, one will not celebrate. There are many lives which are stagnant, but it's the will of God to propel lives. Stagnancy is a spirit that bombards everyone at one point or another. It's a curse when it becomes a lifestyle. No stagnant lifestyle is a blessing.

A stagnant life is a cruel hold which keeps people from accessing their glorious destinies in God. My friend, if you meet someone who is stuck, you will sense the sadness in the face.

The Bible says in Philippians Chapter 2 verses 13 and 14 that it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose. You will see the joy of one that sees his goals achieved, and the tears of the other with a stagnant life. Stagnant lives are bleeding from within. They are wishing but a wish without force is like faith without actions. If you gave birth to a child and the child remains same weight, same size year after year, you will be troubled. It's because this child will increase in eating. If you took a child to school and ten years

down, he is still at the same level your heart will be troubled. Oh how great it is when people enter their path to achieve God's purposes for them!

Stagnant life can make others run over you. Life is a race. Paul talks about his calling and purpose in ministry by declaring "I am running properly the race. I am running for the sake of winning my race. The wise man said in the book of Ecclesiastes, "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the men of understanding, nor yet favour to the man of skill, but time and chance happens to them all".

Life is a real race. Can you imagine someone running but not making a move! Right now, there are stagnant lives. If people were running and you are on the way stuck, they will surely knock you down and run over you. I want to encourage you to gain freedom from the Lord so that you can run the race well.

A stagnant life can also make you to be removed from the way because you are a hindrance. In Hebrews 12:1-2 - Paul is telling the Hebrew Saints to lay aside every burden, so that they can run the race before them. Take the burden and put it aside. A stagnant life is a burden. If you are stuck, you are delaying others. You are likely going to be put aside. You have seen in some companies they set age limits for employment. When you are stagnant, you tend to cause jam, so you will really be put aside. When you are put aside, you end up feeling rejected. Many people are frustrated with the spirit of rejection because people put them aside. I saw in a family of five, one first born child was put aside because she was not making progress in her life. The parents put her on pending and concentrated on

the younger siblings. How will one rejoice in this situation?

In a stagnant life, you keep on moving, yet you discover that you are going nowhere. In Deuteronomy Chapter 2, we can see how Israel rotated around Mt. Sinai for a long time. When Israel moved, the further they moved, the more they returned to their original place.

It was like this for so long and for so many times of movements until the Lord himself got concerned. He told them it's time to turn towards the North. Friends, God is concerned about your dormant life. He wants you to take a direction and move.

A stagnant life has unstable foundations. Psalms 11:3 – If the foundations are shaken, what can the righteous do? Faulty foundations raise faulty buildings. There will be no results on your progress. You may have all connections and qualifications and yet nothing is working out! Dormant life slows your motion. You work hard for long hours but you have nothing to show for it. There is no change. Stagnant life makes you to just exist and not live. That's why we need to get our freedom so that we may rejoice!

There are things that can cause life of stagnancy;

Laziness (I don't want to do it). Lazy people will never make progress in life. The progress of a lazy person is theoretical and not practical. Lazy people are sometimes good at speaking about many great things without willingness to work towards them. We have Christians in church who are lazy. Even some Pastors are lazy in their labour. All success in life demands hard work. Prayer demands working hard and commitment.



Many people want to walk in victory but they don't like prayer! Knowing what you are supposed to do and failing to do it is sin before God. May the Lord release to you the desire to work and get results in Jesus name.

Doubt is another spirit that can cause dormancy in life. Doubt says "I can't do it. Paul hit on this when he declared in Phil. 4:13 that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

When the ten spies instilled doubt in Israel, they said "we can't defeat the sons of Anak". They made Israel dormant. They rotated in the wilderness for forty years, when she would have taken days to enter the Promised Land.

Do you doubt God and doubt yourself? Doubt makes you unstable, and unstable person is like a troubled sea. Such people achieve nothing, because they are afraid to do anything lest they fail.

Stagnancy can also be caused by apathy. Such a person does not care to do something or not. This can keep men as bachelors or ladies as singles until it's too late then they wake up from sleep. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 - That there is time for everything. If one does not care about what he needs to do, he will be stagnant. You find that such people will not care whether something gets done or not. If they are students, they will not care about their homework. This makes them to lose on their success. Some parents even able parents will not care if their children have paid school fees or not. Lack of concern makes things go wrong without rectification.

Stagnancy can also come your way when you are so focused

on gaining the whole world's wealth. There are people who are just chasing for money. Every step and activity is just for money. Day and night, they are just chasing for money. They have no time to do anything else. The love of money has made them think that all you need in this world is money. They can forsake family, church fellowship and everything else just to get money. Jesus looked at such people and had this to say; For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange of his soul? For the son of man shall come in the glory of his father with his angels and then he shall reward every man according to his works. (Mathew 16:25-26).

Searching for wealth has fixed men in activities that don't glorify God at all. Christian, all wealth of this world will remain in this world. Christ wants to save your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul.

There is a parable that Jesus gave in the Bible which can also explain to us some causes of a dormant life which eats up your vision, investment and hard work. In the book of Mathew 13:18-22, the Bible talks about the thorny soil. When the sower sowed, some seeds fell here. They grew but got stuck and died because they were choked by the thorns. Friends, watch where you place your seeds. Forces from thorns will make you see no harvest of your labour. In the thorny soil are worries. Worry is labour, but labour in vain.

People who worry always have not learned to put their trust in the Lord. They worry so much to the extent of not doing anything in their lives. Where there are worries, people tend to put wrong priorities in their lives. Friend, be careful about priorities in your life. If God has granted you a livelihood,

watch your priorities.

Any person who carries a vision has to understand how to arrange his priorities. In Luke Chapter 10:38-42, Martha invited Jesus in her house. She was the owner of the house. She had a sister called Mary. Since the time Jesus came in the house, Martha was busy making meals for Jesus, but Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to the words of God. Jesus told Martha, you are so careful about many things. What Mary has chosen to do will never be taken from her. She was at the feet of Christ. This is the heart of worship. God has called us to worship him. We can't just focus on service in church and forget our real goal. Christian, watch your priorities in life. There are people who are born again, yet they will choose to attend a party for a Sunday service in the church. God is on the back seat of their lives. Where will you go without God? God is the one with a good plan for you. He is the father of your success.

Another problem with a thorny ground is stress. Thorns prick. If you sit next to a thorny tree, you will never relax. A person who is not relaxed has no time to think properly. He is always trying to make a move to find some rest which is not available. This leads to unprogressive life. A stressed person will never produce to his ability. You will expect under productiveness, which supports a stagnant life. Cares of this world is a spirit that eats up people whose lives are planted in thorns. They will never grow spiritually.

As we mature in this world, we should be growing towards Christ. Yet there are many of us who are growing away from God.

Friends, without Christ you can do nothing. You need him. May the Lord remove your life from bad soil and place you in a good fertile soil where you will grow and flourish in Jesus name!

In Christians, religious zeal can make a Christian to be stagnant (Phil. 3:4-9). If one is not careful, it can lead to a situation where a saint begins to look for man's admiration without minding God who sees the heart and its motives. This spirit has also led to hypocrisy where people put on a Christian show which is not real. We easily become tares among the wheat. This will deny us a chance to be transformed in our minds.

Religious zeal is the spirit that ate up the church in Ephesians (Rev. 2:4-7). Ephesian Church was planted in a tough city. A place where there was heavy idol worship which supports high level of witchcraft and sorcery.

Stagnancy can also be observed where there is bareness. There are areas in our lives where we can see this spirit fully operating. We don't see any fruitfulness. There is no development in bareness. Jesus saw a fig tree one day and he went to it with an expectation to find fruits, only to find it empty. The Bible says that Jesus then cursed the fig tree. The following day the tree had withered and died (Luke 13:1-6). Oh what a pain when your life is barren. You can't produce anything. It's a wasted life when you are barren. May the Lord break this spirit by his word. Before God spoke a word of creation, the earth was barren. Then the Lord spoke and said, "let there be and the Holy Spirit began to implement the word, making the word practical. God is in your life to perform such work. Womb can also be barren. Such people would live a sorrowful life. They

will feel that there is something missing in their lives.

A barren woman is not a happy one. Barren couples have it rough when year in and year out they are looking at each other like dry logs of wood. May the Lord who broke the bareness of Sarah (Gen. 11:30), Hannah and Elizabeth break your barrenness and make you fruitful in Jesus name! He that gave prophetic songs to Hannah and Elizabeth is the same yesterday, today and forevermore. He is here to give you a new song. You will sing and dance in his presence.

Stagnant lives can be observed in people who fail to study the word of God. God's word is a map, its faith and strength. The word is truth (John 16:13-14). The work of truth is to make one free. When you study you become approved unto God. A man who studies the word of God makes you a Christian who is not ashamed due to ignorance. When you study the word of God, you will need to divide the word of God well. People who study the word of God tend to be good at encouraging others and can become teachers of the word. The word of God can only dwell in you after you have received it. It's the will of God that people study his word (Col. 3:16, 2Tim 2:15).

To add on this, don't add your own word on God's word. Rev. 22:18-19, you will get stuck.

Impatience is another spirit that can cause a stagnant life (James 1:4, Mathew 13:1-58). An impatient person is in trouble of getting stuck if he does not deal with these endeavors. Impatience will also lead to lack of submission to God's will. He who fights with God shall not prosper at all. It's better to wait upon the Lord than to move out of God's will. The best place you can be in is in the will of God! Impatient people will

be tempted to seek short cuts to their success. This will not go well for such people. "Follow the narrow way," says Jesus and you will find your destiny. Impatience will also make your things to come to nothing (1Corn. 11:4-5). Stagnancy works well in people who stay in the comfort zone of defeat. Some people are so comfortable with their defeated lives. They don't want to take any risk to catch up a miracle.

In the Bible, there was the woman with the issue of blood for twelve years. There was a comfort zone of bearing the situation and maybe letting it crush her, but for her, she risked and made a testimony. There was no more bowing to her sickness again. Jesus took it away and restored her health. People who received and walked into their miracle were people who walked out of the comfort zone.

There are things you can see in stagnant lives which are not appealing at all. That's why we need to deal with this spirit when it affects us. Stagnancy spirit will make people ineffective and unproductive. How do you expect such people to rejoice? In John chapter 5, we see a man who lived at the pool of Bethesda for thirty eight (38) years. He had a need yet he was stuck. He had lost his joy and decided just to exist. When Jesus met him he asked him if he wanted to be healed. The man was not jovial as he responded to Jesus. He had been kept in desire that seemed denied for thirty eight years. He had expected and expected, till he never expected any better. The impotent man answered Jesus and said, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, but when I am still coming another steps down before me".

This man was not happy. Stagnancy had made him overtaken by others for thirty eight years. Imagine how far

those people who had received their healing progressed from the day he came at the pool! Friend, it's not enjoyable to be stuck in life. There was a family which fell into stagnancy for many years. In this family, life had been great, full of humour. Parents had happily lived together with their children then the devil came and hit them. Parents lost their jobs abruptly and life came to a standstill. Family needs could not be met. Children suffered, school fee was hard to be obtained and many of the family properties were auctioned due to debts. Within ten years of no progressive life, this family was getting crushed.

One day as I was ministering in a church, the man of the house came there. He had become so negative in life and depressed. He heard the gospel and decided to give his life to Jesus Christ. The Lord revealed to me of witchcraft in their family which was eating up the family. I went with him to his family. And as we prayed, demons manifested in one of his daughters. They confessed fully how they were brought in the family by a relative to pause the lives of that family. No step forward was made for ten years. By the grace of God, this family was delivered and began to progress in life. What a gracious God that we serve! May the Lord make you effective and productive in your endeavors in the name of Jesus Christ.

Life of stagnancy will also waste away a life. It's easy for stagnant people to begin to lose their visions and their goals. A wasted life is a life full of pain and tears. In Mark chapter 10:46-52, the Bible talks of a man whose life was being wasted. He was born blind, and blindness had made him a beggar. He was always found on the road of the City of Jericho begging. Day after day, he was always there. One day, he heard a noise

of many people moving and he was told that Jesus was passing by that highway. This day, he shouted to his highest voice. He persistently shouted. Jesus stopped and gave him sight. From that day, this blind man was never seen at that place again. Satan has held many people with chains to keep them stuck, wasting their lives. I have seen beautiful daughters kept single for too long without a marriage. When you meet them, they are so frustrated due to delay. They are being wasted. I met one who was bound never to get married and after deliverance she got married at fifty one years.

Ecclesiastes chapter 10:18 - BY much slothfulness the building decays and through idleness of the hands of the house drops through (a house is wasted). A wasted life can become open to satanic infestations (Math. 12:43-45).

As someone feels wasted, he will give in to the devil and his state of life towards evil will be worse. May the Lord break the spirit of wastage and make you useful in Jesus name!

Stagnancy can also make you to lose what you have (Mathew 25:14-30). This book talks of talents. A group of three men are mentioned here. They were all given chance and time to prosper. One had five, he used them and made ten. The second one used the two given to him and made four. The third one buried his one talent in the soil which made no profit. It was wasted because when the owner came, it had lost its value and not produced anything. A wasted life loses value without making any benefit. Are you living a wasted life? It's not a happy life. God wants to use you. He wants you productive and effective. God does not want you stagnant my dear. That's why he is prepared to fight for you against any backward spirit, so that you can move forward (Exodus 14:15).



God wants to see you progress (advance). People who advance in life are happy people. When you meet them, life has improved. In Genesis 26, we see a man called Isaac. He was a son of a very rich man called Abraham. Abraham was a man of faith. His son who took after him walked in the ways of his father. When he was in the process of possessing his father's land and wells, the land dwellers grabbed it all from him. He lost everything and I can see him not smiling because he was starting from down. But God saw it when he was pushed from home to the real desert and God promised great blessings upon him (Gen. 26:15-33). God advanced Isaac. He wants to see you advanced even in the midst of your enemies.

Proverbs 4:18 – but the path of the just is as the shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 29:18 - where there is no vision the people perish but he that keeps the law happy is he.

God will cause you to bear fruit. Walk with God and life of bareness will be broken. What a joy when you bear fruit in your life (John 15:5-8, Psalms 1:1-3).

To break the spirit of stagnation, you must use the things God has placed inside you. Things like great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:4), the Holy Spirit in you who is a seed (Divine Power) that breaks evil forces that come to make your life stuck (2 Peter 1:3). You can also be able to respond to God's calling in your life (2 Peter 1:10). Have faith in Christ. You will be free and you will be happy (Galatians 3:10-11, Romans 14:23). You also need to add the attitudes of Christ which the Bible talks about in (2 Peter 1:3-11), which are: Divine power, exceeding and great promises which you need to stand on them, be fully diligent, have faith, virtue, knowledge, self-

control, patience and godliness. With Christ's attitude in you, stagnancy will lose on you. You will walk in the joy of freedom. To be released from stagnation, you must also wake up (Rev. 3:1-3; Heb. 12:9-13 and Heb. 10:24).

We are also called upon to be renewed in our minds, to be steadfast and dedicated (Psalm 51:10-12). Have a renewed sense of purpose. When the heart is right the feet are swift. What a joy to be delivered from the spirit of stagnation.

God is also calling upon us to be compelled. This is being bound by a sense of duty. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Mathew 9:35-38. A person with a sense of duty is not a spectator. He is a Christian of prayer. God is in the business of breaking the spirit of stagnation in many lives, so that they may be fruitful and prosperous. Join the Lord in his business and your life will never remain the same again!

### **Frustration eats up your joy**

A frustrated person cannot be a happy person. We have met people frustrated; young adults and old. Their real smile is very expensive. Even in the Bible, we see that it was not easy for Judah to sing a song of freedom in the land of bondage (Psalms 137:1-4). Instead of joy, there was weeping. Frustrated people lose their joy.

Frustration is a situation where one experiences a feeling of being thwarted from the fulfillment of a meaningful goal. When you fail to see an achievement in life, you will get frustrated. Frustration is also a deep chronic sense or state of insecurity and dissatisfaction which arises from unresolved problems or unfulfilled needs. There are many people with

unresolved problems which are eating them up inside. In some homes, people don't solve problems. They pile them up leading to frustration of the affected person. Sometimes, ago I was talking to a woman whose life was very miserable. She couldn't smile and every time she talked, a drop of tears would be seen on her cheeks. She had tried to solve her marital problems for so long with no avail. Her needs were seriously overlooked by her wealthy husband who was busy on other matters. There was plenty of wealth in her family yet she lived a frustrated life. Through prayers of deliverance and counseling of the couple, the heavy spirit was lifted away and she received back her joy. Unresolved issues in life has been one of the causes of lack of peace of mind, feeling rejected and so on. It's encouraging that people should be willing and be prepared to resolve matters that arise in their lives. Many people lack peace due to reserved issues which are like a covered wound that has not been treated.

God wants to keep his people in perfect peace. Anyone who has the peace of the Lord is a happy person, for where there is true peace, people rejoice. The peace that Christ gives to his disciples is an everlasting peace. God wants you happy and that's why Christ came to set you free from bondage and grand you joy, real joy, the joy of the Lord. In Isaiah 24:3-4 – the Bible gives us a condition that leads to the receiving of the Lord's peace. One is that your mind shall be focused into the Lord. When things are not working and your mind is not fixed on Christ there will be no space for joy. A disturbed mind is a sad mind. Put your mind in the Lord and trust Him! One who trusts upon the Lord does not lean unto his own understanding. Trusting in the Lord will lead to the release of everlasting strength. Blessed is the man that trusts upon the

Lord, for he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, whose leaf shall never dry. He shall continue bearing fruit in season and out of season. Such a person will also rejoice.

In the book of Ezra chapter 4:1-12, we can see the children of Judah and Benjamin doing a good work unto the Lord. They were building the temple unto the Lord God of Israel. The work was going on well until the enemy came in to interfere. The enemies came to Zerubabel the chief of the fathers and they requested to join in the building work.

Chances that unrepentant enemy will make you build a durable thing are so slim. An enemy who has not changed is for your downfall. If you give him chance he will never allow you to build. Zerubabel, Joshua and others said to them, you have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God, but we ourselves will build a house to the Lord God of Israel as King Cyrus and the King of Persia had commanded. When the people (enemies) saw that they were not welcomed to join in the construction, they decided to weaken the hands of the people. They troubled them in building. A troubled people cannot do a good building. They can't really commit to a goal. That's why you must be alert when troubles come by. A troubled person is like the sea moved by storms. Such a person cannot do anything constructive that brings joy to them. We must know where to run to when troubled. Psalms 46:2 – God is our refuge and a present help in times of trouble. The enemies went as far as hiring counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose.

We can see from this statement that a frustrator can also be hired. When the enemy wants you frustrated, he can look for mercenaries who will do their best to frustrate you.

A frustrated life is not a free life, thus cannot experience joy. This frustration affected the building of the temple. Frustrated believers cannot really build the church and progress her. Satan comes with this spirit in many churches to delay or even stop her advancement. But Jesus prophetically declared and said “I will build my church on this rock and the gates of hell shall not be able to prevail against it. This same spirit has been released by forces of darkness against families, marriages and some work places, but in the name of Jesus we shall prevail.

In the book of John chapter 14 verse 1, Jesus told his disciples that they don't need to allow trouble to dominate their hearts, but to believe in God the father and the son also. From the heart of man shall come the issues of life. A healthy heart supplies a healthy life. If your heart is sick, life will not be healthy. A distressed heart has no real joy. Put your trust in the Lord and stop being agitated in your heart. Jesus read the scroll of Isaiah in the church of Nazareth and narrated the duties of the anointing of the Holy Spirit that was upon him. In one of them, he said of healing of the broken hearts. A troubled heart is really broken inside. Such a heart is so divided in pieces. May the Lord unite your heart for you to have a flow of life in this life as you prepare for the life to come.

Frustration is a tough spirit. It will make you to reach at a place where attacks come to you and intensify, putting more burdens on you. One attacked from all over fails to know where to run to. But the Bible says in Proverbs 18:10, that the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run unto it and find safety. God wants you safe and that's why he has lifted Jesus and given Him a name that is above all names, so that in the name of Jesus Christ, every knee shall bow in heaven, on earth

and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Jesus declared openly and said, “Come to me all ye that are heavily laden and I shall give you rest”. Are you afflicted with burdens, come to the Lord Jesus Christ and rest. It’s rest that will give you a chance to rejoice.

Sometimes the enemy will send obstacles, hindrances, people and circumstances to frustrate you. Don’t give up but take heart, for your redemption is near. Such frustrations will make you to have a faint heart.

Frustration spirits will come to you to make things get tough and look like they are not working. It can put you in a fix to waste time. In such situations, you begin to lose confidence in yourself and even in God. Such a frustrated person ends up possessed with a spirit of anger. He is angry with self, others and even God. His joy is flashed out!

In frustration, you will work hard towards your goal or project and it will not work. This spirit has led to closing down of churches, marriages, businesses and companies. There are many people who stopped trying because everything they tried did not work. But Jesus is able to deal with the works of the devil. He is able to make what is stuck in your life to begin to move.

One day, Peter and his friends went fishing. They expected fish and because they were experts in this work they went at the right place and at the right time according to the conditions for successful fishing. But after all the strain, they caught nothing. They were frustrated. Jesus came at the sea show

and commanded Peter to cast the net at the right side of the boat. He doubted because Jesus came at the wrong time. The best fishing time was gone. But on obedience, they caught the highest yield. Friend, Jesus knows that the frustrator has joined your vision to make you a failure. That's why he has had mercy on you before you are crushed and has come to give you aid. You may have worked hard without a show of it, you have without doubt a real answer. Christ is the answer. With Christ Jesus by your side, you can conquer the spirit of frustration.

- In Christ, you can turn the frustration into a funny humorous event (Proverbs 17:22). A situation whereby you can rejoice in the lord and in his power.
- By asking the Lord to fill you with love (Romans 8:25; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13). The love of God overcomes anything that comes to frustrate you. Rom 8:35-39.
- In Christ Jesus, you will be able to thank the Lord for the situation because whatever temptation He allows to come your way, He will make a way of escape for you and give you grace to withstand it. 1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- In every situation, as believers we need to see what the Lord is teaching us. Life is full of teaching lessons. God is the greatest teacher. He can teach the most foolish, the most proud, the richest and the greatest. The point is this, can they learn? You may be going through frustrations at the moment. Ask the Lord "what are you teaching me Oh Lord? When Joseph the dreamer was going through it, sold by his own blood brothers into slavery, falsely accused by his boss' wife, leading to imprisonment, he asked the Lord, "Why have you forsaken me Oh Lord? God was quiet, but he

was teaching him a lesson to sustain him. After finding out that the path was leading to victory, he got the lesson. You wanted evil but God meant what you brothers did to me for good". Romans 8:28. With Christ in us, God means good for you. Some of us would not be saved had we not reached a level of frustration. Some of us became the best just after being frustrated. Take heart and learn the lesson! The fruits of a trained person are sweet.

- Another thing to do when you find yourself frustrated is to examine yourself. Jesus said that before you remove a speck in someone's eyes, remove the stick in your eyes. It's always easy to throw blames when afflicted.

About Job, it's said that when afflictions stroke, he held his peace. He wanted to find out whatever was going on in his life. The Bible says in Galatians chapter 5 verses 7 and 8, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap everlasting life". Are you reaping what you sowed? This is a question you should ask yourself when going through afflictions. When Job discovered that he had not sown what he was reaping he decided to wait on God to see his justice and salvation.

- Once you find out that you are surrounded by afflictions, you are encouraged to continue doing good. Many Saints have stopped being faithful and committed to a good cause because they became afflicted. Satan has used afflictions to kill their morale and now the good work has stalled. I call upon you who left a cause due to afflictions to arise and take your cross and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus did



good while on earth, he was afflicted before he died for the sins of mankind, yet he did good to the last minute. Go on with your good work, your good character, your committed prayer life etc. God will surely reward you (Galatians 6:9).

- When you are frustrated, pray. Pray my friend. The Prayer of a righteous man avails much. Make your request known to God. When the writer of Psalm was afflicted, he cried unto the Lord. Crying unto the Lord was the lifestyle of Israel whenever she was afflicted. Judges 3:13-15, 4:3, 6:6, Psalms 69:1-3. When you pray, the peace of God that passes all understanding will fill your heart (Phil. 4:6-7). This will also give you grace to go through it (Gal. 4:7; Col. 3:15).
- Cast your cares and burden unto the Lord (1 Peter 5:7; Mathew 11:25-29; Jeremiah 29:11-13).
- Be angry, but sin not. Frustrations can make you angry and bitter. They will shake your heart, making you to develop resentment. Be careful when your heart is on pressure due to life's challenges (James 1:2-4, 19; Psalms 4:4-5).
- Frustration time is the time to trust in the Lord and stop leaning upon your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6; Philippians 1:6).
- Wait for God. He will not fail you (Psalm 62:5-8).
- Be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:1-6; James 4:4).
- Have faith in God (Hebrews 11:1; 1 Corinthians 16:13).

You are also encouraged to maintain good company and morals (Psalms 1:1-6), continue looking forward for the best (Rom. 8:19-27), – Press forward towards the mark (Phil.

3:14) think of good things (Phil 4:8), and don't cast away your confidence which has a great recompense of reward (Heb 10:35-36). Fear not (Isaiah 41:10), and know that the Lord is near you (Psalm 34:18).

Friend, I will encourage you to arise after falling and try again. A righteous man fall seven times and rises up again. If you have fallen, rise up again! Check on your accomplishments which will make you feel great. If your goal looks like a mountain, break it into small achievable goals. If you are fighting giant forces, break them into small achievable goals. Focus on what you want to happen, which will help you to be focused. Think of how to improve the things working in your life by staying positive and taking action.

Frustrations should not make you to procrastinate. Remember that frustration does not make life stop. Don't spend more time worrying. Figure out the best direction and go for it. Cancel the valley of stagnation (John 5:5-7).

Break the yoke of frustration (Jeremiah 20:11-13). Break the ancestral flow of frustrations over your life and family (Neh6:14). Break the spirit of sweating without results (Gen 3:19).

It is the will of God to get his people out of frustrations. If you are His child, you will surely get out of it. Hold on and keep going. The joy of the Lord is your strength. By being freed shall your joy be made full!

Bondage, afflictions and frustrations are some of the ways that Satan and his agents use to harass God's children. Sometimes, I have met people who are so frustrated and keep

on asking questions to God without hearing his clear voice. God can allow Satan to trouble you first before he acts. One day the Psalmist asked the Lord “why have you put your hand in the pocket while the enemy is attacking us? This is a question that many Saints and even unborn again Christians question.

I have a few lessons which I got while experiencing the tough wilderness of a believer in Christ and a servant of God. First of all, it's good to understand that the devil comes to kill, steal and destroy. Since he is the first one to come against you, he will roar like a lion and pride over you to show his great power. Then Jesus appears and says that “I have come that you may have life in abundance”. Abundant life is a life of joy and freedom. God uses this situation to show us that the devil who is our enemy does not have all the power. Satan enjoys a fraction of spiritual power, but his power has got limit. Every time God manifests his power, the enemy freezes. No wonder the Psalmist said, Lord, my soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land, where there is no water; to see your power and your glory.

God will also allow trouble to make you to develop unshakable confidence in God. What you are going through now could be the testimony of many people in this world to become believers in God and to stand firm in hardships. Not every challenge which you are facing will kill other people's faith in God. Paul tells the Hebrew church that we are surrounded by witnesses. These are men of faith found in Hebrews Chapter 11. We see what they faced by faith, the battles they fought by faith and their victories which they obtained by faith in God. When we see what the Lord did to many lives on earth we appreciate our confidence in him. We see the man that had

a lunatic child. He brought his child to the disciples but they could not exercise deliverance. The man moved on to Jesus. Jesus told him that if he believes, all things are possible. The man told Jesus to help his disbelief into believing. That day, the man's child was healed and delivered. The trouble made many there to have confidence in God.

In Psalms 46:1 - God is our refuge and a present help in times of trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains are carried into the midst of the sea. God wants to use trouble to strengthen your faith. In John chapter 9, the blind man was born blind to show the power of God.

God is the greatest teacher. The lesson God teaches cannot be overlooked. If God wants you to learn a lesson, you will get it right, however stubborn you are God will use trouble to teach you important spiritual lessons that can't be learned from any book or school. Nebuchadnezzar did not learn to give glory to God through books. When he was made a beast to eat grass for seven years, he got his lesson clearly. Some of us would never have learned to humble ourselves before God the creator and give him the glory due if trouble had not come our way. I thank the Lord for the troubles I have had to go through.

It is said that what costs you nothing has no meaningful value to you. Losing it has no pain on you. But whatever costs you is expensive. Jesus told Simon the Pharisee in his house, that there was a certain creditor which had two debtors; one owed five hundred pence and the other fifty pence. When they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. He asked Simon who among the two would love the creditor more? Simon answered clearly that he that is forgiven huge debt will

love more. Friend, when you feel that your salvation was cheap, you joke around with it, when you feel that your deliverance was of no price, you take it for granted. But those that know their deliverance was paid for by Christ, they do not want to go back into bondage. God can allow trouble to come to you so that people will appreciate the worth of the deliverance. King Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian people acknowledged the Lord's deliverance on Meshack, Shadrack and Abednego who stood for the worship of the true God and rejected the worship of idols (Daniel 3:1...; Luke 7:40-43).

God wants to prove your spiritual strength. If you fall in the time of trouble, your strength is small. God allowed Pharaoh to follow Israel, it tested Israel but Moses kept the faith. Pharaoh and his army were swallowed up. God allowed Absalom to chase after David but God showed up and David won the war. God allowed Daniel to be arrested and be thrown in the den of lions, but he shut the mouths of the lions. He allowed Meshack, Shadrack and Abednego to go into the fire but he was with them to deliver them. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to fast in the wilderness, God allowed Satan to tempt him right there but he gave His son victory. Paul suffered wretch, imprisonment, beatings and so on but God made him win over them all. God has a way in the wilderness. He will be manifested right there. In the whirlwind, God has his way there. He wants to show up for you. Remember that God is not deaf to your cry and he will avenge your cry speedily. Cry out to God! He is waiting for your voice (Psalm 79:1-13).

## Conclusion

### The Price of Freedom

Friend, there is joy when you are freed from the powers of darkness. But this freedom is expensive. Freedom is obtained after warfare. Many people love freedom, but hate warfare. If you ever dream of freedom, you will have to fight for it. When the dragon was thrown on earth from heaven, the angel of the Lord lamented for the dwellers on earth and those of the sea, because the devil had come to them with great wrath. This dragon persecuted the church and is persecuting church even now. We dwellers on earth are in warfare with the devil for he wants to take you to hell by force. Defeating the spirit of hell will be by warfare. Rev. 12:11 - And they defeated the dragon (Satan) by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony.....

Jesus conquered the devil when he died and rose again from dead. He paid a heavy price for our freedom. We must walk in this victory. But it's not a ride. That's why Paul says we are in spiritual warfare. We must put on the armour of warfare. They overcame the devil means that they fought. Our warfare is not flesh and blood. It is a spiritual battle which we are called to fight. In 1 Peter 5:7-8, we are encouraged to resist the devil vigilantly. No one puts on clothes of warfare if he is not a fighter. They are called weapons of warfare because they are for warriors.

If you are going through warfare, don't surrender to the

enemy when you don't need to. In the book of 1 Kings Chapter 20:1... we see that King Benhadad from Syria gathered all his host together, together with 32 Kings on his side, together with horses and chariots and he went up and besieged Samaria and warred against it. And he sent messengers to Ahab King of Israel into the city and said unto him "Thus says Benhadad, your silver and your gold is mine; your wives also and your children, and even the goodliest, are mine". Ahab agreed to these demands. But Benhadad demanded even more and Ahab said NO to his additional demands. (We shall be looking at Benhadad later).

In war, many British soldiers were slaughtered by the Japanese because they surrendered to loss. Many Saints will say that they don't see a way for their victory. Well said, many saints and even servants of the living God have surrendered to the enemy's will than God's will. They are losing when God has set them up to win. If you surrender to the enemy (Satan), even your sons and daughters will be affected. Remember that the defeat of fathers and mothers would make sons and daughters to think that it's the trend. When you surrender to challenges, wrong attitudes, shattered life, broken lives, your children will do the same!

I encourage you to stop getting used to live the life of failure and defeat and start seeing the kind of life that the Lord has set for you. Don't surrender to the loss of your right eye, the way Nahash wanted to scoop out the right eye of each Israelite (1 Sam. 11:7). Start believing that you can overcome your spiritual enemies through Him. You must tear down the mental barriers that are stopping you from moving forward in to your liberty.

It is not good to continue making excuses for your bad and pitiful lifestyle. Don't give in to laziness, carnality, life of below what God tells you that you can live. The devil's demands will always hurt you if you surrender to them. God has a way for you out of the devil's trap (1 Corinthians 10:13).

You must make up a strong decision when you are under bondage or attacks. In the valley of decision, there is trouble (Joel 3:14). Decision speaks a lot. The choices you make in life have repercussions. Take time in prayer seek good mature and spiritual elderly advice. Make sure that your choice is not going to break your covenant with God. You need God whatever the case. It's better to let his power flow through you and from Him you will experience the kind of deliverance which you need. Seek the face of the Lord and have his presence with you. Satan can never win where the Lord Jesus is King! As you do this, make up your mind to surrender your life to Jesus Christ who was manifested to destroy the works of Satan. Through Christ, you will receive help!

Deliverance is surely expensive. It cost Christ his life, but it will also cost you as we have seen above. Furthermore, your response to God's word will also play a role towards your deliverance. In 2 Kings Chapter 5:8-13, the Bible talks of a man from Syria by the name Naaman. This man was a mighty man of valor, a commander of the army of Assyria. Affliction came upon him. He found himself attacked with the spirit of leprosy, a very deadly disease of his days. It was a case that could not be cured naturally. He needed supernatural intervention.

Affliction is a spirit that knows nobody, no position, no academic levels and no illiteracy. It will afflict any being born



of flesh. Afflictions can come to you when you least expect them. Naaman was enjoying his office work, his wealth was prime his marriage was at a good stage, he was counting his victories and success, he was standing high in the favour of the King and there struck this cruel messenger with a bad gift. Naaman finds himself in an awkward situation. He is told by a little Hebrew girl that he can obtain deliverance in Israel. As he comes to Israel, he is looking for the restoration of his health. It will cost him to receive back his original health.

Like many people of today, Naaman arrived in Israel with his thoughts. Your thoughts are not the thoughts of the most High God. With your thoughts you can fail to recognise God's will and direction. Naaman said "I thought". Friend, I believe that when you are afflicted and you come to the Lord, you must put aside your personal thoughts. When it comes to trusting upon the Lord, it demands that you should not lean upon your own understanding. People who are learned and are aware would want to try to manipulate God into their thinking, hoping to obtain a miracle which does not materialize. You just have to set aside your own will and submit yourself to the will of the almighty God.

Naaman is a special name. His name symbolizes very special meanings like pleasant, sweet, delightful and beautiful. All these names represent precious things but they cannot overcome the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the name given to us which is above every name. Whatever meaning your name has, if it cannot deliver you nor sustain your deliverance, get down from your horse (strength) and humble so as to lean on His strength. Many people are missing their freedom spiritually because they don't want God's way.

Many have hindered their destiny and their miracles due to self-will. This is the spirit that is hindering servants of God, believers and even leaders. We want it our way thus we lose! In the things of God, I have learned to surrender to the way of God and His will.

No wonder Paul had to say this “I discipline my body to do the will of God”. Friend, who can fight with God and win? God is no respecter of persons. Are you angry with God because when you came to him he demanded of you what you never thought? That is his will and his way Saint. I have learned it the hard way and I am still a student in God’s classroom.

I come to God because I need him! Jesus said that a sick person is the one that needs a physician, thus he looks for him. You need God whether you are great or small. Your soul is sick due to sin, you need forgiveness. Your life is troubled, you need freedom.

Naaman arrives in Israel and the Prophet treats him like a common man by not coming to show him respect and sending a mere servant to instruct him. It was a costly experience! Imagine our president visiting a foreign country and is welcomed by a small civil servant. What a humiliation! But the type of reception does not reduce your deliverance. You need to understand what took you to God! People like dignity and they want to be treated with dignity. A chief wants to be well addressed, a doctor, honorable, a Bishop, a lawyer etc. and if you forget their position (portfolio), you will be in for it. We want to take the same demand to God. God will not come to you as people of the world do. Your pride will be wounded before God. Be prepared to be hurt if you are proud and you

arrive in God's presence.

Your self importance will not be ministered to by God! Before God grants you miracles, he will humble you! God is reading your heart, not your portfolio. In Luke 19:1-4, Zachaeus had to come down from the tree for Jesus to be with him in his house. He had thought that he could see Christ on top of a Sycamore tree, but Jesus gave him a message of coming down. The pathway to God is not going up but that of coming down. John had this to say "For him to increase, I must decrease (John 3:30).

Are you disappointed with God for telling you to humble? Your pride is being tested. Don't perish just because you are rich, learned or holding a position in your office. All those things don't move God the creator. Without Him you could not exist and even if you die, God remains God! You have to put aside personal wisdom and renounce your self worth. Naaman is leprous, yet he is not ready to humble before the lord that is supposed to heal him. However big you are, you must be willing to acknowledge your sinful nature and weaknesses to God. People want to be treated well even at the hands of the most high God. We want God to respect us and do everything our way. Jonah thought so, but he was lost. Jonah himself had rebelled and asked for God's forgiveness in the belly of the fish. But when Nineveh repented and God forgave her, Jonah was angry with God (Jonah 3:2-4 and 10; 4:1...). Jonah believed that he was the only one with the right to be forgiven and not the Ninevians! You must come down from your horse. The freedom of Christ has been paid for you, but you must pay a price by humbling before the Lord. Be prepared to receive the joy of your freedom in Jesus name!

Are you thinking? What are you thinking as you approach the throne of grace? The word of God is written and clear. It's not what you think. Some people think by giving to God you get saved. The way of man is not God's way. The way of man leads to destruction (Proverbs 16:25). A man's word cannot be above God's word. We are encouraged to cast down our imaginations and thoughts which are contrary to God. If we have to walk in freedom, we must let him tell us his word that leads to freedom, not our thoughts (2 Kings 5:11).

If you want salvation your own way, you will not find it. If you want healing you will also not find it. Naaman wanted the prophet to recognize him first by saying "come and see the commander in Chief from Syria is here, lets arise and honour him before I pray, then lay hands on him and heal the leprosy in a respected way" Is that what you want? You will pay a price for your deliverance. Namaan had to humble and obey the voice of God through his prophet, which led to his deliverance. What a joy to be delivered!