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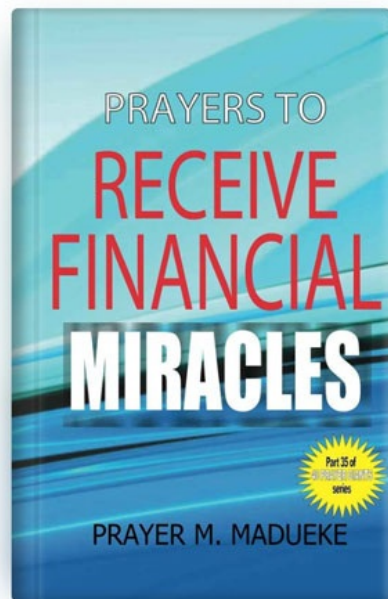
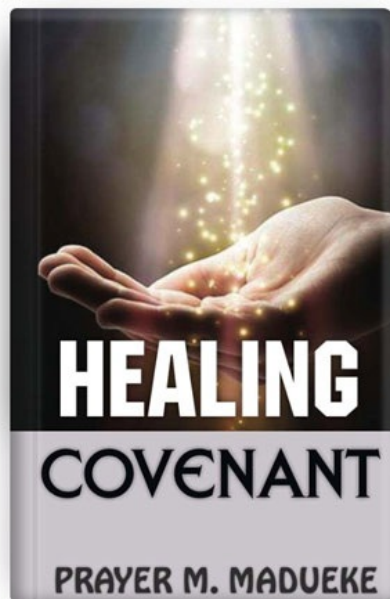
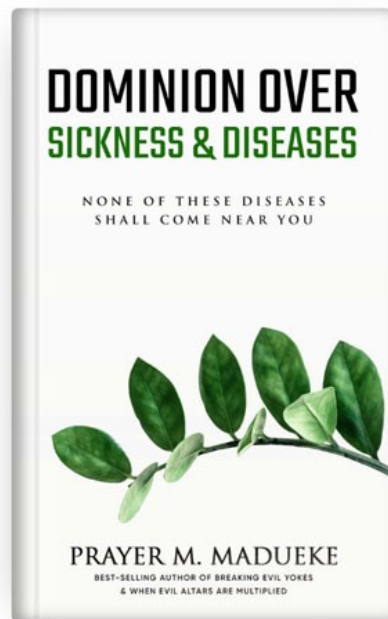
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CHAPTER ONE

LIFE AFTER DELIVERANCE

Nigeria, America and many Christian Nations all over the world have been blessed by God with gifted deliverance pastors. At the initial stage, many Christian leaders ignorantly fought against the teachings and the ministry of deliverance. That led to many deliverance pastors writing many books on deliverance ministry. With so many books on the reality of deliverance ministry and scriptural backings, many have come to believe that deliverance ministry is greatly needed especially in our generation. Millions of Christians all over the world have seen the need for deliverance. Many are being delivered on daily basis. The point has been proved and our Christian generation has passed to the next level. God in His infinite mercy has anointed many people with gifts.

“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues”

(1 Corinthians 12:4-10).

There is no doubt that demons are being cast out and people are being delivered. Having proved the devil wrong, he has shifted and transformed himself to another level. He now obeys the command of deliverance ministers to come out of deliverance candidates. However, it does not take him time to come back. If you can tell yourself the truth, many who have confessed and testified of being delivered have seen those demons come back the same way they went out. The demons have decided to be transforming themselves into different ways.

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14).

The question is this: “Why is it that people who submit themselves for deliverance, pray for many days with fasting, testify of their deliverance; but come the next week, their problem will return?” “Why is it that people will go for deliverance almost every month for one single problem?” “Why is it that someone will be in a deliverance ministry, pray deliverance prayers, sing deliverance songs for many years, and yet remain in the same problem?”

In many deliverance seasons I have heard demons say, “I will go but I will come back again.” Why is it so in our days for demons to agree to go but promise to come back? No demons ever challenged Jesus in his ministry by saying, “I will go but I will come back.” Why is the demon of our days too bold to say that in our generation? All through Jesus deliverance ministries, he cast out demons, delivered the captives, opened the eyes of the blind, healed sick people, delivered the oppressed and the possessed, and none of those demons came back or assured him that they were going to return.

He calmed the storms, destroyed plaques, told the demons to hold their peace, suffered them not to talk, cleansed the lepers, destroyed unclean spirits, laid hands on the sick and they got healed. But today, they will go and come back as they had promised. Seven demons were cast out from Mary Magdalene and they never promised to return or did return. In the ministry of deliverance of Jesus' days, mad people were delivered, fever was destroyed, paralysis was killed, and witchcraft spirits were disgraced. But today, they will go and come back. The truth is this: Something is wrong with the deliverance ministries of our days. The early disciples of Jesus took after Jesus and conducted deliverance like Jesus.

“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 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” (Luke 10:17-19).

Most of the members of the early church were saved, separated from the world for Christ alone but today most church members are not saved. In the early church most members had fellowship with God and with one another, but today, many members are enemies of God and with one another.

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all

things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:41-47).

In the early church, people that were added to the church and regarded as church members were people who gladly received the word of God before they got baptized in water. But today, people add their wives, children, friends and tribes men who are not born again. Once you can shout and please the leader by pulling other people down, you are added. Once you can cast out demons, steal church money to please your godfathers, you will be added; not just as a member, but as a senior pastor and overseer of people, who are born again and observe the doctrines.

Those days at the early church, true believers sold their possession and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need. But today, the reverse is the case. The needy are neglected and forced or bewitched to sell their goods and possessions and use it to sow seeds; and covetous deliverance pastors share it to enrich themselves. In the early church, when they prayed, the Lord filled them with the Holy Ghost. But today, demons will threaten them and say, “I will go but I will come back.”

“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one

soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all” (Acts 4:31-33).

In the early church, fellowship, membership, and working for God was only open for those who were saved. But today, once you can please your godfather, you can be selected to be the pastor of pastors. Once you can learn how to fast, how to motivate people, raise money and convince Naaman, your promotion into the body is assured.

“So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed” (2 Kings 5:20-24).

The ministers in the early church were humble; serving God with all humility of mind, with many tears and temptations. They were not covetous but they lived good lives. But today, deliverance pastors are arrogant, proud, luxurious, and bad

examples to the members.

“Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews...I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:19, 33-35).

The lives of the leaders (deliverance ministers) were examples of good conduct, worthy of emulation. But today, deliverance pastors shows bad examples. Ministers fight before the members; telling lies, and even asking deliverance candidates out for sexual sins. They defraud members to buy big cars, and build choice houses in choice cities. They divert building funds and steal tithes and offerings for personal use (Philippians 4:9). They preach well on the pulpits but their lives tell the members, “do as I preach but not as I live.” They preach holiness and live unholy. Their lives are full of blemish as they behave unseemly among members.

“Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory” (1 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

They associate with fraudsters, and dishonest people in the society; praying for their evil business to prosper; bringing them into the church and ordaining them as leaders. They are godfathers to armed robbers, who carry their bags and follow them to intimidate the righteous. They behave disorderly among believers and reward the unrighteous.

“Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us” (2 Thessalonians 3:6-9).

They say another thing, mean another and do another thing. Their consciences are seared with hot iron. They abandon the way of life to lead many astray.

“Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron” (1 Timothy 4:2).

The Old Testament saints and early believers were shining examples of good leadership. They were examples of the flock. They were committed, living Christ-like lives for the members to emulate and pattern their lives after. The believers of our day think that what matters is the anointing to cast out demons, and to possess great talents and gifts. God blesses a Christ-like life not gifts and

great talents.

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:21-23).

You can preach sound doctrines; speak in tongues of men and angels; give accurate prophecies; understand all mysteries; have all the faith that can solve all problems, and do all manner of good work. But if you don't have a Christ like-life, your deliverance ministry is worse than useless. We need God's power, and the gifts of the Spirit. But what our generation needs most now are deliverance pastors, who are empowered with Christ-like lives, conducting deliverance to the captives.

Our generation needs deliverance pastors who are purged, sanctified, anointed and empowered. We need consecrated men and women as deliverance pastors, who will bind their sacrifice unto the altar, with a single eye to God's service. The truth is that deliverance pastors constitute more problems in deliverance ministries than the deliverance candidates. If deliverance pastors will genuinely repent, live a consistence Christian life, others will follow their examples. The corruption and the decay is from the top.

THE DELIVERANCE PASTORS I KNOW

There is a particular city in Nigeria with a very fine, tall and beautiful hotel. Almost every worker in that hotel are Christians. Some of the workers are my close friends. In most of my ministerial trips to that city, I always lodge at the hotel. On a particular month, I was privileged to attend the highest deliverance program, where deliverance pastors gather together to be taught. The pastors that attended the program at that time came from almost all the continents of the world. Every pastor's name and country were written down. All the ministers, missionaries and seasoned deliverance ministers were classed to study together. It was a happy day for me to meet such big deliverance people.

Some of them had conducted deliverances in Nigeria for many years before they were sent out for missions. The deliverance course, which was the highest in that ministry started and ended. All the deliverance lecturers who lectured were really informed. They knew what deliverance is all about and how to deal with demons. I highly respect them because I personally applied all that they thought us and they worked for me and are still working for me. Their information was bible-based, and I thank God for their lives. After the deliverance expository teaching, I went to that Nigeria big city, with a beautiful hotel. As usual, I came to that hotel to lodge. As I was telling my friend who was one of the staff of that hotel my experience in the deliverance program, he was not paying attention. He told me that what matters this day is the do not to talk.

To prove me wrong, he said that one of the big names that I mentioned, who attended the program is by the next room with a woman committing immorality. He said further that the man in question has come to lodge in that hotel for many times with a particular popular rich woman, who knows the 'who is who,' in the

government at that time. According to the story, the woman will come and pay for the hotel room and her sinner friend; a deliverance pastor, will fly from another continent to sleep with a strange woman for a long time and fly back to conduct deliverance in his church. Unknown to him, the person that works in that hotel may have passed through his deliverance programs when he was in Nigeria. Some of them like myself have heard his name, fame, and deliverance exploits before I met him face to face. He still has name and popularity written in the book of his church but his name is not in the book of life (Revelation 20:11-15).

Those ladies, young men, and the staff of the hotel, who served him food, dressed his bed every morning, and answered his intercom phones, were members of his church in that city, who need deliverance. They will still meet him the next Sunday morning as an invited guest from mission. He preaches and people still receive miracles, and deliverances but his life is a discouragement to those who know his secrets. This set of deliverance pastors discourage the members from living a holy life. If the pastor can fornicate, come out of a hotel room and mount the pulpit and still miracles take place, there is no need to struggle to live a holy life. Let no one get confused; the scriptures has an answer to every question (Matthew 7:21-23).

Not all pastors who cast out demons are working for God. God can allow them or even use them to cast out demons and do wonderful works but their names are not in the book of life. God can even use a horse, stone or allow them to be used by the devil to do some good works (Matthew 7:21-23; Numbers 22:23-32). It is possible for a so called deliverance pastor to put his or her hand inside the private parts of the opposite sex and use the same hands few hours later to lay on the head of a sick person, who has faith in God and a miracle will take place.

Many people in deliverance field has really prayed and asked God for power and that was what God gave to them (Matthew 7:7-8). Many has asked God for gifts, disturbed Him for anointing and that was what God gave to them. It is possible

to have faith without having the fruit of the spirit. It is also possible to have power without purity and healing without holiness (Matthew 7:15-20).

This is one of the deliverance pastors I know. Another deliverance pastor I know is greatly anointed. Those days as he goes to the pulpit to minister deliverance, deliverance candidates will be falling under anointing as he passed by their sides. I used to envy his anointing and covet his spiritual gifts those days. For a very long time, I wished to conduct deliverance like him until his secret affairs with a lady in the church was revealed.

“But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way” (1 Corinthians 12:31).

Another weakness in his life was in the area of money. I was told that he tampered with church money with the church accountant. When he was transferred from that branch, all his secrets were exposed. The unfaithful people he worked with said that he used to give them some percentage from the total offering and wondered why the new pastor was not cooperating with them (1Timothy 6:9-10).

Some deliverance pastors are so politically minded that they can do anything and tell any lie to get whatever they want. They are not afraid of God any longer. Others are very worldly; they want the best of the world. That is why they do anything possible to raise money, even if it means telling members a lie. Many a time, money meant for church buildings projects has been diverted for personal use. They say another thing and do another thing. Some of them are so tribal that they feel very uncomfortable with people from other tribes. Many have entered into occultism to get fake power, perform fake miracles, deceive church members, and put them in fear and bondage. Notwithstanding, we still have genuine deliverance pastors who still have the fear of God. They are not carnal

but deeply consecrated to God and his works.

“And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away...Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him” (1 Kings 19:9-10, 18).

No matter how corrupt the church is today, the Lord still has correct pastors who are still standing. These men of God are truly and wholly consecrated to do God’s work. They are men after God’s heart; recognized and identified by God as holy people in the midst of the corrupt ones. They know their God, they have excellent spirit, and they are chosen people; clean vessels; men and women of secret prayers. Their purpose is saintly, with unshakeable conviction; well persuaded and spiritually principled. They are not ready to negotiate with the devil or to compromise with fallen political pastors in the battle field. They are sound in purity, preaching, and power-ready to die pleasing their God.

“And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept

back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:17-24).

THE DELIVERANCE CANDIDATE I KNOW

Our Christian generation is full of fake. In the olden days, deliverance candidates who needed deliverance were determined. Many of them had to wait for many years, expecting the coming of the deliverer. But today, people want deliverance without the deliverer. They want God's power without God Himself who gives the power. I know a deliverance candidate who comes for deliverance all the time but never got delivered. They want to take but they reject the Giver. Most deliverance candidates are not ready to hear the word, God. They hate the word 'born again,' yet they want the power of God from born again pastors to deliver them. Some of them are married to all manner of sin. They are not ready to forsake sin, yet they pray that problems should forsake them. They want to remain in an evil relationship, bad business, and all manner of sin, and yet receive deliverance from God.

“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:1-3).

It is not possible to come out from your boyfriend's house - someone who promised to marry you but have not married you- to the deliverance ground and get delivered. You cannot come out from immorality and jump into prayer of deliverance and get a lasting deliverance. No one can mock God and go free. In

short, God cannot be mocked because whatever you sow, you will reap.

“Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD” (Jeremiah 7:8-11).

You can receive deliverance as a sinner but you may not be able to keep it for a long time if you refuse to repent and forsake your sins. Don't allow anyone to deceive you; no one can serve two masters. It is very dangerous to receive, ask or accept deliverance from anyone if you are not ready to repent and forsake all sins. The reason why many have not received deliverance is because of God's love for them. God will prefer to keep some people undelivered because giving them deliverance without living a good life after will worsen their situation. That is why God has preferred to allow people to remain with their problem.

Life after deliverance is far more important than deliverance itself. It is easy to pray and fast but it is more difficult to live the life required by God after deliverance. Many people jump into deliverance without realizing the full consequence. Some are forced into deliverance by loved ones. We need to know and understand fully the consequence of deliverance without righteousness. If you do not want to repent and forsake your sins after and before deliverance, do not pray deliverance prayers at all. It is more profitable to remain with your pains and problems than to be delivered out of it without living a sinless life. Jesus Christ warned the deliverance candidates of his days seriously, against it. If

you are delivered or are to be delivered, there is a life to live after your deliverance.

“When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more” (John 8:10-11).

Without deliverance ministry, many will be condemned. It is better to remain in condemnation and suffer all manner of sickness and diseases than to be delivered without living for Christ after your deliverance. It is better to die in leprosy, blindness, withered body, hunger, lameness, dumbness, and plagues, than to be delivered without living a holy life. Many deliverance ministries from research has more possessed people, jobless people, poor people, and dead living people than in other places of fellowship. One may ask why? The answer is simple - inability to live holy life after deliverance.

A deliverance ministry is where people come to seek for deliverance and there after go and live a holy life. But these days, people get delivered but refuse to live holy. They insist on their old ways of life - politics, worldliness, immorality etc. If you receive deliverance and insist on your old ways of life, your bondage will double. So if you are not ready to stop fornicating after your deliverance, do not seek for deliverance. Deliverance is for people who are ready to be born again and live a holy life.

Every problem has a sin that brings them into human life, or rather, most problems. The spirit of jealousy, incest, impurity, filthy lucre, homosexuality, idolatry, hypocrisy, impatience, hatred, heresies, greed, divorce, envy, wickedness, abortion, backbiting, bitterness; unforgiving spirit, conspiracy,

deceit, adultery, immorality, covetousness, laziness, love of money, pleasures, oral sex, oppression, lust, malice, pride, witchcrafts, etc., have problems attached to each one. Most people when they come for deliverance focus squarely on the problem while ignoring the cause. The cause of most problems is sin and God expects you to live above sin after your deliverance.

The consequences of not forsaking sin after deliverance is so much. It can bring worse sickness, and demons into someone's life. You must give quality time to pray against the sins or the cause more than the problems. Immediately deliverance takes place, demons follow the delivered person to know if he or she will go back to his old life. Once the person goes back, they will enter to make the person's life worse. Deliverance ministries that can keep people out of problems for a while and will not teach, monitor or discipline them about sin, no matter who is involved, will not last before God. To discipline some and pardon some because of their godfathers, tribal sentiments, or whatever reasons, is contrary to the Scriptures.

“But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews (Galatians 2:11-14).

Some people forbear sin during deliverance and continue after the deliverance program. Let nobody be confused because of the multitudes following so many deliverance ministers and their ministries. God has left so many deliverance ministries and their ministries. It is a pity to say that many deliverance gatherings today are the gatherings of witchcrafts groups. Some are like Samson who are backslidden, yet know not that the Lord has departed from them. When a particular sin is allowed to enter one's life unchallenged until it becomes enthroned, all that will be left would be unprofitable to the swindlers.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing” (1 Corinthians 13.1-3).

WHAT JESUS CHRIST SAID TO THE DELIVERED

Jesus Christ, our perfect example always talks to those who are delivered. The deliverance ministers are expected to follow the steps of Jesus in everything. In some cases, He will say, “I will, be thou clean, go thy way and as thou hast believed so be it done unto thee.” At other times, He would touch the victims hand and the problem will vanish. At other times, He would cast the spirits out with his words and healing will take place. Sometimes, He would say “go,” and they went inside the swine. To some, He would say, “according to your faith, be it unto you,” or “Be it unto thee even as thou wilt.”

He used so many words for different people. He really dealt with demons. To some of them, He said, “Hold your peace and come out;” and they obeyed. He suffered many of them not to speak. To the water spirits, He said, peace be still. To others, He said, “come out of him thou unclean spirit,” “Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole of thy plaques, go in peace and be whole,” and “Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him and enter no more into him” (Mark 9:17-29).

There were few of Jesus’ words to the demons. But our focus is on what He (Jesus) said to the delivered. The delivered who wants to enjoy full and a lasting deliverance must obey the commands and the teachings of the Deliverer who never, and will never need deliverance.

“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee” (John 5:14).

After deliverance, Jesus says you must sin no more, having nothing to do with sin, lest a worse thing come unto you. Human body is a fertile ground for demons. That is where they can move freely from place to place and exercise themselves. When they are cast out of a person, they become restless. They walk in dry places seeking for rest, which they never find in any other place except in human bodies. From time to time, day after day, they come back to check whether sin has opened the door for them in such person's body. The delivered person, who goes into sin, gives invitation to the problem to come back in a more wicked way than before.

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation” (Matthew 12: 43-45).

That is the reason why many so called workers in the church, who are not born again are wicked than the people who work in the worldly establishments. That is why some deceived pastors are doubling wickedness against their fellow pastors. That is why it is difficult for some pastors to visit one another, eat with one another, and trust one another. That is why there is fighting in the churches. That is why many deliverance pastors are dying young, and losing their children to the devil.

“Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy

them; for they shall go into captivity...So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave” (Deuteronomy 28:41, 54).

Those who are in the world, who do not come for deliverance, live a better life than many so called believers who receive deliverance but refuse to receive holy living. That is why you see believers who may not even submit themselves to deliverance living a better Christian life than those of the same level, who received deliverance and went back to sin.

To worsen the matter, some deliverance candidates of our time are sinners. They receive deliverance without salvation and after a short while, their situation is doubled. As a pastor who conducts deliverance for others but commit fornication, steal, and tell lies; your days of crying is coming if you fail to repent. You may not suffer anything now. The devil may allow you to enjoy but that does not mean that you are free. No, you are going to cry if you fail to repent (Luke 16:19, 22-24). The devil can postpone your day of crying, and suffering. But bye and bye, you must cry if you refuse to repent.

I have seen people in the church, among ordinary members, among pastors and leaders who are not born again. Some of them are wicked than Judas. I have seen people with positions in the church who act more wickedly than Dathan, Korah and Abiram. Some of them move about more than journalists. They love the work of the flesh; they hate Christ in their actions; wondering from house to house; busy bodies, speaking things they should not speak. Some of them are worse than Alex who withstood Paul's word, of whom Paul handed over to God.

“But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to

wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan” (1Timothy 5:11-15).

“Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (2 Timothy 4:14-18).

Many Christian groups and deliverance bodies are becoming more political, demonized, and worse than Sodom and Gomorrah. What I am saying is not that one is above mistake. No! What I mean is that even though we are still human, we must be careful. But if in your careless or unchecked moment you sin, you are supposed to repent and forsake the sin immediately. It happened to Paul once, not many times. Paul once abused the high priest but he repented immediately and never in his life repeated it the second time.

“And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and

brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people” (Acts 23:1-5).

You cannot be living with a man or lady - a man who is not your wife or husband - and you are saying it is a mistake. You cannot be stealing church money every fellowship to make your family live comfortably and say that you are praying for your first son who has become the number one armed robber in the city. You cannot be driving the car you got from fraud or by stealing; living in the house you built with church money, which you stole; and be complaining of the attacks of witches and wizards. You must return all that you have stolen; return all that you took away wrongly – restitution.

“And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received

him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham” (Luke 19:1-9).

If you are a backslider, return and Jesus will accept you. No matter your problem, Jesus Christ will deliver you and keep you delivered. It is possible for God to use the gift of a sinful pastor to deliver a righteous faithful deliverance candidate (Matthew 7:21-23). What God needs from all deliverance candidates is to believe in His words. No matter who is preaching the word, if the hearers believe it as God’s word and have faith in God, he will be delivered. Nobody should despise the Word of life no matter who handles it,

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

It is wise to reject the bad character of a backslidden preacher but it is foolishness to reject God’s word because it is coming from a backslidden pastor. I am not saying that we should submit ourselves for deliverance to a well-known backslidden minister. No! God says we should separate from unrepentant sinners.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:14-16).

I am saying that our deliverance team is a mixture of bad ones and good ones. We even have more fake than good ones. While the person that you meet first in the deliverance team, church, or among pastors may be fake, don't conclude everyone as fake. Judas was a fake among the first team of deliverance ministry that Jesus sent. He participated in the deliverance, and people were still delivered.

“After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come... And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name” (Luke 10:1, 17).

Among the deliverance pastors of our generation, some are there to defile others, commit fornication, defraud you of your money, and corrupt the doctrine. Avoid such ministers, and say 'no' to all their evil requests and demonic advances. The devil took Jesus to the high mountain but Jesus never cooperated with him.

“And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” (Luke 4:5-8).

If you unknowingly come to a place of deliverance and the person leading in a song is a well-known sinner, leave the place. But if you chose to stay and he preachers the word of God, receive the word as God’s word and not as his own word. In that case, you may be delivered but don’t say because a sinner preached and your deliverance took place, you ignore righteous living. Jesus said, go and sin no more. No pastor is your God, or standard to look up to, if his life contradicts God’s word.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Jesus is our perfect example; our role model; the author and the finisher of our faith. He is the only one among the dead and the living who is worthy of our emulation. No one had followed Him and failed in life, and no one will ever

follow Him and fail in life. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah; the root of David; the One who is worthy to open and close, and no one can question his authority. He had prevailed to open the book, loose the seven seals, and interpret better what is therein.

“And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof” (Revelation 5:5).

With Jesus, you can conduct a personal deliverance for yourself without the assistance of any deliverance pastor. The purpose of this book is to guide deliverance candidates on how to deliverer themselves without involving any one. You can systematically go through a deliverance program alone without being contaminated, exploited, bewitched, or manipulated by anyone

“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power” (Colossians 2:9-10).

You are complete in Jesus. Invite Him into your life by repenting from all your sins. Confess all your sins, forsake them and promise him that you will not go back to your sins again. Ask Him for the grace to go and sin no more.

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13).

The purpose why Jesus died on the cross is to save us completely from sin. He promised to give us the grace to live in this life again without committing sin (Luke 1:74-75; Hebrews 10:26). It is wrong to plan to commit sin. If any fall into sin by mistake, quickly confess it, forsake it without postponement, and abhor to repeat it ever again. Jesus expects his children not to commit sin wilfully, no matter what.

LIFE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The end of deliverance is not the end of prayer and temptations. Temptation comes often to the deliverance candidates and all people not during deliverance alone, not at our strongest period, but at our weakest moments. Yielding to temptation is sin, and it brings defeat, suffering, sorrow and eternal judgment. After deliverance, the devil comes to the candidates in subtle ways to make them fall from grace, so that they will lose what they got during the period. The devil uses all means - people, things and circumstances available - to tempt deliverance candidates. Trials of faith and temptation are normally high immediately after fasting and prayers of deliverance. They use the weapons of sin; corrupt human heart, evil companions, mind defilement, carelessness of others or through the eye gate.

“And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child” (2 Samuel 11:2-5).

Immediately after deliverance, you must double your commitment to please God at all times in any situation. You must see any object of temptation not as a

friend but as God's enemy, sent to rob you of your hard earned deliverance. You must be prepared because the temptation can come through your closest person, friend, husband, wife, or a respected leader.

“The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniyah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever” (Jeremiah 35:1-6).

It may come in form of lust, covetousness, and the flesh. It may also be disguised as inordinate ambition, demonic door of opportunity, or from an influential woman like the wife of Potiphar. You must resist the devil, the tempter, and the temptress.

Life after deliverance is a real life of struggle against the wiles of the devil in a more subtle way. It is a time the devil comes in clever ways to pull believers down, so as to rob them of their deliverance. It is a time to put on the whole

armours of God, and be sober and vigilant more than ever before. As you get back to your office, home or anywhere after deliverance, you need to change; taking a clear decision to start living a better consistent Christian life. It is a time to take a clear decision immediately in your office and make your stand known to your sin partners and friends, and even to your boss. Stand by it without fear but with respect; believing that God will surely deliver you.

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up” (Daniel 3:16-18).

It is a time to say ‘no’ and stand against fleshly gratification of the forbidden fruits, to keep your blessings gotten during the period of deliverance prayers. God has promised to help us as we resist any temptation to go into sin after our vows, consecrations and fire prayers during deliverance. Let us take this opportunity to close every channel of temptations and pray that God will give us a sustaining grace to be victorious.

Your vows, consecration and repentance during deliverance must produce the fruits of righteousness, new life, and abortions of the evil old ways of life. You must avoid, reject old ways of life. You must let your friends know that you are born again. Reject the use of old jokes, slangs, and all manner of evil visitation, outings, and conversations that attract petty sexy words and names. Avoid going back to old business tricks, demonic dressing and appearances that will take you back to the world. Let there be renewal, reformation and righteousness. There is

always a test waiting for all deliverance candidates after real prayers of deliverance. Temptations reveal your weakness, inner strength, and where a person's faith leans. Tests come to prove where your faith, loyalty and faithfulness is. Your faith must be put to test. The temptations and trial may not likely come from people, things or places you do not like, know or respect.

The more you respect, and love a person; want a thing or love a place; the stronger the temptations come through them. Be warned! Be careful and stand with God. You must have a fixed purpose to be true to the Word and be obedient to God at all cost. Let us be conscious of God's presence and know that no matter where we are, our actions are exposed before God.

“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee” (Matthew 16:21-23).

You must be steadfast in your actions and be ready to give way to any suffering for God to be glorified in your life. God's eyes are open, and He watches all your actions everywhere.

Finally, God demands freedom from sin, a life of holiness, faith in Him, and life of spiritual warfare after deliverance. He demands total separation from the world to Him and Him alone. He demands a life of holiness, humility, and the manifestations of the fruits of the spirit.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,

gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

A tree is known by its fruits. Likewise, the sanctified believer has fruits by which he can be easily identified. You must be dead to sin and the world after deliverance to the end of your life. Our intentions, thoughts and motives in whatever we do, must be pure and holy; seeking the glory of God in all things. You must endure reproaches and wait for God for full manifestations of his power in every area of your life.

After deliverance, you must not doubt God, have fear, or live in unbelief. You must believe God for answered prayers even before the answers come. In the midst of the problems that may even seem to have increased after deliverance, you must still believe God. Reject every negative manifestation against the written Word of God. You must not allow discouragements or any opposing circumstance to make you believe that God has not answered your prayers. As you confess your deliverance, pray more, and stand against every trials and temptations, your deliverance will fully manifest by fire!

You must follow the principles of prayers of faith. Your faith must be based on the written Word of God; not in your feelings (Romans 10:17). You must always act and believe in God’s word and maintain your confession throughout.

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy

words thou shalt be condemned” (Matthew 12:34-37).

Make sure that you are holy at all times; making no provision or having the desires to go back to sin. Don't pray against God's revealed will or regard iniquity in your heart. As you believe God, your full deliverance will come.

CHAPTER TWO

PRAY, GOD WILL NOT SAY NO!

When a true child of God who meets God's demand for prayers prays, God will not say no. It is a costly ignorance for a true child of God to think that when he prays, God will not answer. God is more ready to answer your prayers, and give you anything that can help you than you are ready to receive. He is always prepared, and more willing to bless his children, and perform great miracles for us than we are willing to ask and receive. Believers who follow the principles of prayer, and fulfil all the condition for answers, must surely be answered by God. If God says no to your prayers, then you are to be blamed and not God.

It is an express command from God to his children to seek the Lord, his strength and face. Here, believers have to focus on three major areas:

1. Seeking The Lord
2. Seeking His Strength
3. Seeking His Face

When you start your prayers, your focus must be to get God's attention. You must seek for God's attention, divine presence, and intervention. It is a commandment from God. The problem today is that many people are praying; seeking God's face while serving other gods. An unbeliever who has not given God his life cannot seek God's face and find it. Such a person is supposed to repent first before seeking for God's face.

“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:6-7).

The commandment that Jesus gave to his disciples was not directed to sinners who have not surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ. He spoke to them and commanded them to pray because that is the only step to follow. Having taken those steps, Jesus gave them the commandment to pray.

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him” (Matthew 7:7-11)

These commands were given to people who have taken some other steps. Once you meet the demand, your prayers will be answered.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Philippians 4:6).

Having received the express command from the Lord to pray, do you just rush into prayers? No. You have to know how to pray first before going into prayers. One may have the command to drive or do things but you have to understand, and know how to do it.

How Do We PRAY?

As soon as you are ready to pray, know that you are talking to God, your Father, who knows everything and all secrets. Talk to Him with reverence and address him as your own father. That is, talk to him as you can talk to your father, with respect. Make sure that you must have met all His demands from you. Make sure that there is nothing in you that will displease Him while talking to Him.

Start by making sure that no single unconfessed sin is living inside you as you stand to pray or talk before Him. Understand very well that He knows you more than you know yourself. Know that nothing can be hid from Him. He sees all secrets, no matter how small or great. Be open to Him with all sincerity.

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly” (Matthew 6:6).

When you come to God in prayers, don't rush. Don't think you can hide anything from Him. Don't try to force Him or show Him that you are in haste. Once you are serious, He will know. It is an appointment, and you have to be prepared for it. It is not a thing to be done casually. Prayers are an appointment with your Father, which is in heaven. Prepare yourself as if you are going to heaven physically. Examine yourself properly and make sure that nothing in you will turn God back or cancel the appointment. If you prepare yourself very well, he will answer your prayers and will not say no (Matthew 7:11).

If you are really His son, and He your Father, He will not say no to your prayers.

If you meet up all the divine demands and God becomes your Father, you can pray and talk to God in prayers as your Father. The prayers of true Christians who are God's sons receive divine attention (Matthew 18:19). Before you go into prayers, you must make sure that God is your Father, and you, His son in truth and in Spirit.

“And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you” (John 16:23).

Another important aspect to talk about in prayers is that you are supposed to pray to the Father but through Jesus Christ. It is God's will that every believer should go to God through Jesus. Jesus Christ is the mediator between us and God, and prayers are to be directed to God through His name.

“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full” (John 16:24).

God is only glorified in our lives through His Son, Jesus Christ. Both God the Father, and Jesus Christ, His Son, are happy and walking to answer your prayers when you meet the demand by following his laid down rules.

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it” (John 14:13-14).

The name of Christ is a very powerful weapon in the hand of believers who want to get answers to their prayers. When two true born again Christians come together, Jesus comes to identify with them. At that point, if they pray to the Father, in the name of Jesus, their prayers must receive an answer.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

Jesus Christ himself before the grave of Lazarus confirmed that God hears Him always. True believers who know how to use the name of Christ cannot be turned down by God when they pray.

“And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 11:42).

Jesus Christ came to this world because of your welfare. He lived and fellowshiped with believers to reconcile you to God. He chooses people and ordains them to bring forth fruits, and that their fruits should remain. He gave all believers the right, authority, and equal opportunity to pray to His Father, in His name. His name is an open cheque to receive whatsoever you need from his Father. Once you present your request to God using the name of Jesus, you will receive whatsoever you request from God.

“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my

name, he may give it you” (John 15:16).

The name of Jesus when used in prayers to God cannot be stopped by any power. That name goes direct to God and gets anything from God, and hands over to the believer who prays. The spirit of God accompanies every prayer offered in the name of Jesus and gives the believer’s prayer direct access to God’s presence to receive an answer.

“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father” (Ephesians 2:18).

It pleases God when believers do anything to Him using the name of Jesus. Those who thank God in the name of Jesus cannot be ignored by God. Believers who do things in life honouring the name of Christ, are honoured by heaven. No one on earth can please God without giving honour to the name of Jesus Christ.

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5).

The name of Jesus Christ is a very powerful instrument for every believer who wants to succeed on earth and in the life to come. Those who know how to use the name of Christ in prayers must also pray continually until the answers come.

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” (Romans 12:12).

Believers who will receive answers to their prayers must not complain if the answers are delayed. Once they pray, they must believe that God has heard them. With that knowledge, they should be rejoicing; knowing that no matter the tribulation they are going through, once the answers come, it will expire. So before the manifestation of the answer to prayers, they should keep praying for the period.

“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

No amount of prayers is enough once the answers has not manifested. It is important therefore to pray in faith; believing God, and trusting the power in the name of Jesus to secure an answer for every prayer.

“When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me” (Psalms 56:9).

The knowledge of God’s love, care, and ability to do all things should make every believer to have faith when and before they even pray. Because of your knowledge about God’s ability to do all things, you should not be afraid of troubles and the problems of life. Once you maintain a good relationship with God, He is bound by His Word to deliver you in times of trouble.

“In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me” (Psalms 86:7).

When you know God's ability, and His willingness to better your life, then you can pray in faith. Doubting God or manifesting unbelief is the evidence of not knowing who He is. It means also that your relationship with Him in terms of son and fatherhood, is also doubtful.

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive” (Matthew 21:21-22).

Believers who know God and understand Him better, believe God for an answer to their prayers ever before they pray. Such believers have no doubt that they have received an answer from God before they go into prayers.

“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” (Mark 11:24).

Praying according to God's laid down rules brings full assurance that our request to God must be granted. The confidence of a true believer is that if he asks anything according to God's will, He hears him.

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us” (1 John 5:14).

Another important aspect is that every believer must pray with a forgiving spirit. Before you start praying at all, you must make sure that every body that offended you has been forgiven.

“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses” (Mark 11:25-26).

When a holy, determined Christian begin to pray to God with all his heart, God will not say no, no matter how difficult his situation may be. The problem with many believers is that they don't prepare for prayers before getting into it. You must count the cost and be ready to deal with the evil forces that oppose answers to prayers.

“And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom” (2 Chronicles 22:9).

“I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word” (Psalms 119:58).

Believers must go to God in prayers with their whole heart, not with divided attention. You must have a focus and refuse to be interrupted. If you need to cry while praying, do it with your whole heart.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race” (Psalm 19:1-5).

“Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:12-13).

When Jacob came to his crossroad in life, he went to God in prayers. He set aside every other thing and avoided all manner of distractions. When God saw his importunity and perseverance, he answered his prayers and changed his name. The widow, who refused to bow to circumstances, troubled a wicked king until he came and met her needs.

“I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth” (Luke 11:8).

The Lord also demands that you pray and seek his face in righteousness. A serious righteous person cannot go into prayers before God and come out empty. The Lord in his word promises to answer your prayers.

“The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry...The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit” (Psalm 34:15, 17-18).

As a believer, before you pray, you must determine the powers behind your problems. In some cases of prayers, what believers need is just a simple desire, and the answers will manifest immediately.

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?” (Psalm 42:1-2).

When a believer's desires gets into his heart, he may not voice out any word of prayer, but inside him is a deep desire, a longing, and a heart cry. Under such situation, God normally intervenes. When a soul begins to thirst after God with deep longings for a particular thing, he must get divine attention. The feeling of the soul of a believer attracts divine attention in some cases. At times, a believer may just stretch forth his hands with tears flowing from his eyes with his soul longing for something from God. He may not talk but his actions; everything inside him goes after God and at that point, answers must surely come from God. As a true believer, your hand, soul, spirit and everything inside you can arise and talk to God in prayers without you talking out.

“I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee,

as a thirsty land. Selah. Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me” (Psalm 143:6-9).

A believer in prayer can run to God, and enter into heaven while praying on earth. Your whole being can enter into heaven; sit with Christ in the heavenly places while praying on earth. When your prayers get to that level, divine attention is a must. The soul is crying, your spirit is longing, and everything within you in prayers flees up to God without distraction. At that point, God will hear you with speed, show you his loving kindness, and deliver you from all your enemies. Our world is full of distractions but you can ignore all distractions and flee unto God into heaven during some level of prayers.

“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee” (Psalm 63:1-3).

Prayers can take any form but each believer must know the kind of prayer that God expects at a given situation. When you are supposed to cry, but you are shouting and distracting yourself, God may not hear your prayers

“If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry” (Exodus 22:23).

“And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god” (Isaiah 44:17).

In some cases, prayers must have an utterance. Prayers can also take the form of an appeal from the child to the father. In appealing to God in prayer, you have to explain yourself very well to convince God. Introduce yourself; addressing your words directly to God specifically.

“And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth” (Luke 11:2).

“Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy” (Hosea 14:3).

At other time, you may need to seek his face first, lift up your heart to Him, pour out all your heart in prayer, or you may just beseech the Lord (Exodus 32:11). Understanding of the right manner of approach to God in prayers matters a lot.

WHEN GOD SAYS NO

When God says no to your prayers, then something must be wrong somewhere and the wrong must not be from God. Whenever a man becomes stubborn, and self-willed before God, God may not even respond to his prayers. He may decide to keep such a prayer warrior quiet. The devil may even allow the person to pray many prayers hence he will know that God does not answer the prayers of such people.

Saul the king of Israel committed a sin against God. He took another man's office and committed sin against God, and God rejected him. He ignored God's word and the judgment against him. He was a very a stubborn and self-willed person.

“And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him” (1 Samuel 13:8-10).

The Lord stopped his kingdom and expected him to make amends to his life. Instead, he kept occupying the throne without remorse, prayer of repentance, or fasting, to be restored back to God. His relationship was broken with God and God was not happy with him.

“And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee. And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men” (1 Samuel 13:11-15).

Saul was more interested in his job, position and life than his relationship with his God. He was so stubborn and self-willed that he refused to repent and seek for God’s pardon. Instead, he kept to his daily office routine and normal way of prayers. But God ignored all his prayers, and said no to them all.

“And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. And Saul

asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day” (1 Samuel 14:36-37).

Saul had so many enemies and yet he was not at peace with the God who could save him. He still went into the battle field of life like many Christians today. He wanted to force God to talk to him, and give him victory in war without true repentance.

“Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill. And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill. And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah. And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you” (Deuteronomy 1:41-45).

Many enter into business, marriage, travels, and settle down on a job without God. Yet, when they begin to have problems, they start praying without genuine repentance. They confess their sins without forsaking them and obeying the commandment of God. A lady told me many years ago, “can you imagine that my boyfriend was calling me while I am going through deliverance?” To her,

repentance and forsaking of sin is during the deliverance prayer program only. The life of sexual immorality can continue after the week of deliverance. Many are praying while regarding iniquity in their hearts.

“And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets” (1 Samuel 28:5-6).

The fear of the enemy made Saul to remember God. There are people who only remember God in times of problems. They can go through any stress, pray hard, and fast for a very long time; but once their problem are solved, they forsake God. Saul had an alternative. He already decided that if God failed to answer his prayers, he would look for help elsewhere.

“Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee” (1 Samuel 28:7-8).

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination” (Proverbs 28:9).

Whenever God keep silent or says no to people’s prayers, the faults are not from

God. There are people who do not have time for God's Word. They refuse to take instructions from God. They are only interested in prayers; going from one place to another, seeking for who will pray for them. Such people don't like bible study or observe any divine standing rules. They go into prayers to force God to do what they want. They know how to pray, fast and go for deliverance, but they hate God's knowledge.

“Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them” (Proverbs 1:28-32).

There are many people in this life who are really suffering because of their sins and mistakes. They are crying, complaining, and blaming God for their suffering instead of repenting. They set aside their past sins; crying and asking God, “why me?” They think that repentance is living their old church or group to another. They were invited into a place where miracles take place. Their focus is how to get miracles and not how to amend their lives and have peace with God. They are crying and forcing God to perform a miracle in their lives instead of repenting and forsaking their sins. They count the number of years they have spent in the church without marriage, breakthroughs and miracles, without considering the number of years they lived in sin. They are not ready to settle down and study the word of God. But they are praying, and forcing God to settle them down in marriage quickly. They just want a quick and immediate solution to their problems.

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28 -30).

They want God to put the new wine into the old bottle. The malefactor instead of repenting, railed Jesus; blaming Him for delaying their deliverance from suffering. He wanted Jesus to deliver him from suffering first, instead of deliverance from sin.

“For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck” (Luke 23:39).

Many people who pray today everywhere are asking for deliverance from suffering, and almost no one is praying to be delivered from sin. Many preachers also have reduced their preaching on holiness, and the writers of our generation are no more emphasizing the need for deliverance from sin as they are supposed to.

Sin drives away God in a person's life, place and family. To return God to perform miracles in your life, the first deliverance you need is the deliverance from sin. But today, what people pray most for is physical deliverance, material provisions, and power. The major cause that brings lack, problems and all manner of sickness in people's life is sin. To pray the right prayer, you must first humble yourself before God and seek for His presence. At His presence, you

must confess all your sins with a true determination to forsake them before you pray for other things.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

When sins are dealt with, healing and every other problem will easily be dealt with. Those who refuse to hear God’s word will not be heard by God when they cry to God in prayers. No one can mock God and go free. If you want to pray and receive an answer from God, you must be ready to obey God first before going into prayers (2 Chronicles 7:12-14).

In few occasions, God can say no to prayers when you pray against his plans for your life. If you have God’s message inside you, and you are praying for death because of the troubles of life, God is likely to say no to your prayers.

“And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers” (1 Kings 19:1-4).

Elijah had a message of God but because of so much suffering as a result of witchcraft attacks, he prayed for death but God said no. A man with God's message may pass through a lot of things, and face so many battles. But at the end, God will deliver him.

“And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God” (1 Kings 19:5-8).

God deposited great message inside a prophet called Jonah, with enough grace to save a whole nation. But instead of discharging the message, he was crying, asking, and wishing himself death. The great wind of the sea with a mighty tempest attacked Jonah's ship but his life was spared. Why? Because he was carrying God's great message and grace. Many believers are facing serious great battles almost at the point of death but because of God's message inside them, no amount of evil prayer of death from the marine forces can kill them. Their problems and enemies may increase but they will survive every trial. Their enemies and evil forces may plan for their death but they will not succeed.

“But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to

Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken” (Jonah 1:3-4).

Jonah was cast into the midst of marine forces. The presence of Jonah calmed the rage of the marine kingdom because he was carrying the message of God. Fish from the marine kingdom swallowed Jonah; but instead of death, Jonah became a big problem for the fish and all the forces of the waters for three good days (Jonah 1:12, 15-17).

When you have the message of God like Elijah and Jonah, no matter how you or your enemies pray and fight against you, God will say no. Not even death will prevail over you, no matter who prays. Believers who have God’s message may pray and wish themselves death because of multiple hardship, but God will say no. The right prayers a true believer should pray is the ones according to God’s Word (Jonah 2:1-6). You may not be a preacher but if you have a product to deliver to your generation, your prayers or that of your enemies may not kill you easily.

When you as a believer begin to pray the right prayers, God will answer you. Jonah cried out from the belly of hell and God heard his voice. His problem swallowed him completely and took him out from among the living into the midst of the marine powers but he remembered God and prayed the right prayers (Jonah 2:7-10).

You may be deceived as a believer by the devil. You may be tired of life; thinking that God has forsaken you. You may have lost every hope, wishing yourself evil. But once you can change your prayers and begin to pray aright, God will not say no. It happened to Jeremiah when he came to the crossroad of

his life. He gave up hope and requested for death. He was waiting for death and as a result, he saw no need to pray any longer but the Lord proved him wrong. He was in a serious problem; in a prison yard that no one in the history has entered before and came out alive. He forgot that he was a carrier of God's message with grace to write many chapters of great and mighty things. God is waiting for your prayers. I challenge you to pray, for the Lord will not say no. No matter your situation, if you meet God's demand, He will deliver you and will not say no to your prayers.

“Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying, Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jeremiah 33:1-3).

When God says no to your prayers, then check; for there must be a reason. Ask yourself, “is God saying no to my prayers?” If yes, why and how long will that be?”

GOD WILL NOT SAY NO FOREVER

When a believer meets God's demands for prayers, and say no to fears, doubts, unbelief, and discouragement, God cannot say no. If a believer prays and refuses to withdraw his prayers through unrighteousness, fear, doubts, unbelief and discouragement, God will not say no. Moses prayed and God was wrath with him and refused to hear him at that time. God warned him not to talk about the Promised Land again. God said no to Moses and closed the matter but Moses never repeated the prayers for the second time, yet that word lived for about one thousand five hundred years. Moses died after his prayers but his prayers never died.

“I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see” (Deuteronomy 3:25-28).

The scripture says that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16). When a righteous man prays in faith, it may take years but surely, the answers must come. The prayers of Moses kept talking to God on

daily basis even after Moses had died and went to heaven until God released the answers and asked Moses to step his feet into the Promise Land.

“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him” (Matthew 17:1-3).

When Abraham discovered that his wife was barren, he talked to God in prayers. Abraham said to God, “what will thou give me, seeing I go childless?” In answer to his prayer, God gave him only a promise. And Abraham believed God and God counted it to him for righteousness.

“And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness” (Genesis 15:2-6).

Because Abraham believed God's promises after his prayers, God made sure that the promise was fulfilled.

“And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him” (Genesis 21:1-2).

When you pray, God is bound to answer your prayers. If you are childless; you are not the first person to be childless. Pray and believe God and He will answer all your prayers.

“And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents” (Genesis 25:21-27).

God is the God of the poor and the needy. No one has an excuse to remain in any ugly situation forever. You may not have a human helper but if you are a child of God, you can pray and your prayers can be answered. The poor and the needy are not helpless if they know their rights and are ready to pray unto their God. Are you under any oppression, call upon God in prayers and He will come to your rescue (Deuteronomy 24:14-15).

Jehoshaphat faced one of the worst organized conspiracies in the bible. His enemies were multiplied overnight and he got overwhelmingly confused in life. He knew that by all standards, he was not a match to his enemies. Normally as a human being, Jehoshaphat was greatly afraid and intimidated. In the midst of such fear and confusion, he remembered God and set himself to seek God for help. He gathered all Judah together and they started praying and asking for God's intervention and help (2 Chronicles 20:3-4).

His prayers were a prayer of appeal and petition against his enemies. He recognized God as God in heaven that rules over kingdoms of the heathen. He knew God as God who has all power in his hands and at his disposal. He knew that God has all might and that none can withstand Him (2 Chronicles 2:5-11). He sent a full detailed appeal and petition to God and asked God to arise and judge his enemies. He told God that humanly, he had no might against this great company of enemies. He made God to understand that without His help, they will finish them. He told God that he was confused and did not know what to do (2 Chronicles 20:12-13).

In the prayers, everyone in the nation was involved, including the little ones, their wives and children. They were desperate and they told God that they had no alternative for help. In the midst of their prayers, the Lord answered and spoke through a prophet. He neither told them not to be afraid nor dismayed by the reason of the number of their enemies. He made them understand that their

prayers has shifted the battle from their hands to His (God). He gave them simple instructions to let them know that He is already in the battle field to fight for them. Their duty was just to stand still and watch (2 Chronicles 20:14-17).

Jehoshaphat believed the prophecy and in prayer, he bowed his head with his face to the ground and all the others fell before the Lord and worshipped God. The next day was the day of physical battle after the spiritual one had been fought and won (2 Chronicles 20:20-23).

There was a king in Judah called Hezekiah who was very close to God. One day, he became sick unto death and he was diagnosed both medically and spiritual, and the report was negative. Everybody around him, including prophet Isaiah, certified that his case was hopeless. In fact, Isaiah went to him and told him to write his will and go inside his room and die. Isaiah must have planned how he was going to be buried. Isaiah told him that the decision for his death came from God and it was a final decision (Isaiah 38:1).

When all the report opposed the life of Hezekiah, he decided to pray and ask God to change his verdict. He turned his face toward the wall and started praying unto his God. By that time, death had already swallowed him. Everything about him and around him was smelling of death. Everyone in his family saw him as a dead man already. The spirit of death took over his room and his environment. At that point, everyone was not interested in spending money to save his life. They felt it was better to keep the money for his burial ceremony than on drugs. The prayer warriors, including Isaiah, refused to assist him in prayers. At that point, he ignored all the activities of death within and around him and started a prayer of petition.

He prayed, cried and gave God reasons why he should change his mind and extend his life. As he was praying, God changed his mind and cancelled all the medical reports against him. He spoke to death and asked him to vomit him. God spoke to Hezekiah and told him that he has heard his prayers and seen his tears.

He promised not only to save his life but will add more fifteen years without sorrow unto him (Isaiah 38:2-6).

The Lord asked Isaiah to go back to Hezekiah and change the death verdict, which he passed before because Hezekiah prayed. If you can start praying to God, your situation will change. No matter the negative prophecies or scientific medical reports written against you, God will not say no forever if you can pray. There was a man called Saul in the New Testament. He killed many Christians and was proved to be a great murderer. He was breathing out, and threatening to slaughter more Christians. He even went to the high priest and got letters to visit Damascus to bind Christians at Damascus. When the believers in Damascus heard it, they started praying. Their prayers moved and mounted a road block spiritually at the boarder of Damascus and Jerusalem. As he was marching with his groups, the heavenly soldiers stationed at the border of Damascus and the prayers of the believers struck him down. He fell down to the earth (Acts 9:1-4).

All of a sudden, he became blind and entered into Damascus as a blind man. For three good days, he was blind under a compulsory fasting and praying, seriously. When a true child of God starts praying, heaven will release soldiers to fight for him. The prayers of the Damascus Christians knocked Paul down, struck him blind and took him into Damascus without his sight (Acts 9:6-9).

When Saul started praying, God told Ananias to go and open his eyes in answer to Saul's prayers. God answered the prayers of a murderer; the enemy of God and the Christians (Acts 9:10-12).

Ananias started arguing with God. He gave God reasons why Saul should be allowed to remain blind. Your enemies may resist your prayers but if you remain righteous and keep praying, your answers must surely come. As Saul kept praying, God prevailed over Ananias and he went and prayed for Saul to receive his sight (Acts 9:13-18).

If you keep praying in righteousness; believing God without doubting, He will

not say no forever. There was a king in Israel called Ahab. He was very wicked together with his wife, Jezebel. He conspired with others, killed Naboth, and took over his vine yard.

“And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it” (1 Kings 21:15-16).

As he entered into the vineyard from one end, he saw another man coming from the other end. That man entered with invisible soldiers from heaven. Ahab was with powers of wizardry. The man with God’s power challenged him and they entered into war of words.

“And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD. Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will

cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin. And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat” (1 Kings 21:17-24).

It was a great challenge between two great men, representing two kingdoms. At the end, Ahab admitted his fault and humbled himself. He rent his clothes and put on sackcloth upon his flesh. He started praying and fasting and his prayers touched God. This was a man who sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of God. This was a man who did abominable things, followed idols, and disobeyed God with impunity.

“But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel” (1 Kings 21:25-26).

But immediately he started praying and fasting, God changed his former judgment against him. He humbled himself, called upon God in his prayers and God changed his no to yes, just because of prayers.

“And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house” (1 Kings 21:27-29).

If you can pray, God will not say no forever. If you can humble yourself, pray and forsake all your sins, God will not say no forever. He will remove war from your life. You will experience peace and rest for the rest of your life.

“And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel” (1 Kings 22:1).

In the New Testament, James told us that these people that prayed and God answered them are not better than us. In fact, you are better than them and can do better than them.

“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit” (James 5:17-18).

The condition of Elijah was more critical than yours, yet he prayed and God answered him. Believers are not strangers or foreigners in the house of God and

before God. You have all the rights to use the name of Jesus in prayers and the answers will come. You are fellow citizens with the saints in heaven and those in the household of God. You have the same foundation with the apostles and the old prophets (Ephesians 2:19-20).

Pray, God will not say no. The Scriptures called the saints in the book of Psalms, ‘The generation of people that seek God’s face.’ That was why God came out to speak to their gates and everlasting doors. That was why impossibilities in their lives became possible, and what had never happened before began to happen in their lives. That was why all their prayers were answered in their generation, and the king of glory stood out to fight the heads that the enemies lifted against their ancestors. That was why the doors of blessings of all kinds that had never been opened, opened for them. That was why their God rose up in anger and entered into evil warehouses and unlocked their destinies.

“This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah” (Psalms 24:6-10).

When you begin to pray now, you will join this generation; the generation of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob; the people that will pray and all evil heads will be lifted and whatever you want will be given to you. The heads that blocked prosperity against people in your family, village and cities will be lifted. The doors of blockages at the edge of your breakthroughs will be lifted. The

doors of both spiritual and physical backwardness will be lifted and you can easily succeed.

The doors of constant failures, repeated problems, financial lack and poverty will be lifted. The doors of sudden death to your health, business and relationship will be lifted. When the evil heads are lifted, marriage will be easy, frustrations will disappear and peace will come. You will no longer struggle, suffer in vain, or labour without rewards.

When your blessings start coming after praying, they will never cease. They will keep coming; increasing and multiplying because the King of glory will come in to stay, rule, and reign. What of everlasting doors? The doors the enemy has locked up forever? They will be lifted, and they will forever remain lifted; because the Lord, mighty in battle, is fighting for His people. Pray, the Lord will not say no.

“And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was

true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews” (Acts 12:4-11).

CHAPTER THREE

O LORD, BLESS THE WORKS OF MY HAND

It is the will of God for everyone on earth to be blessed. But unfortunately, sin has separated God from man and has made it impossible for God to reach man to bless him. Every man on earth started life as a sinner. The true blessings that God has for man can only come when he accepts the only way God has made available for man to overcome sin – Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).

Jacob was the grandson of Abraham who was mightily prospered by God everywhere he went. In order to maintain God’s blessings for his life, he repented and wrestled with God and his name was changed. Before he wrestled with God, he encountered him while fleeing for his life.

“And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee” (Genesis 28:10-22).

No one can give God acceptable service, true worship; or enjoy true prosperity without repentance, salvation and faith only in Christ Jesus. To get, retain and enjoy God's blessings and impact life to others, you have to be truly born again.

“By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff” (Hebrew 11:21).

This is beyond being a member of a church only. The woman of Samaria was in a constant attendance to a place where people gather together in the name of God but she never had an encounter with Christ. Even when she met with Christ, she could not recognize Him as the Lord, at first. Her true prosperity only started when she encountered Christ.

“The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:19-24).

True prosperity is not measured by what you earn, have or do. True prosperity starts from the day you have an encounter with Christ. Accumulating money, things, doing great deeds without true encounter with Christ are deceptions of the devil. Encounter with Christ helps one to discover his personal identity, and develop your true personality to become a complete man. A person with so called prosperity without Christ is living a life without balance. Most so called rich people without Christ are failures even in the world.

A true Christian who failed to succeed materially or financially, failed not because he is a failure but by the choice he made. All Christians are destined to prosper and make it in life all around (3 John 2).

As a Christian, you can experience some setbacks but you are not meant to be counted as a failure. The failure you are facing now as a Christian is a step to your success.

True success is determined by how much of divine presence you enjoy. Gathering the whole world's goods without God in them is the worst failure one can experience (Psalm 39:4-6).

A man called Voltaire was an atheist. He spent his life time fighting against God, yet gathering God's blessings to himself. He failed to recognize God to his last stay on earth. Though he had a lot of money, material things, and everything that the world counted as success, he had no encounter with Christ (John 3:1-3).

In Voltaire's dying hour, he cried, "I am abandoned by God and man! I will give you half of what I am worth if you will give me six months' life. Then I shall go to hell; and you will go with me. O Christ! O Jesus Christ!" (The talented French writer once said of Jesus, "Curse the wretch!" He stated, "Every sensible man, every honorable man, must hold the Christian sect in horror...Christianity is the most ridiculous, the most absurd and bloody religion that has ever infected the world.") He also boasted, "In twenty years, Christianity will be no more. My single hand shall destroy the edifice it took twelve apostles to rear." Some years

later, Voltaire's house was used by the Geneva Bible Society to print Bibles (Evidence Bible, 2014).

His nurse was so terrified that she said, "For all the wealth of Europe, I would never see another infidel die" (Dake, 1949, Copyright renewed 1977). It was a scene of horror that lies beyond all exaggeration. Nobody can be blessed without an encounter with Christ because such blessings without God will at the end destroy the owner.

WORKING FOR GOD'S GLORY

When a sinner gets born again, the next thing is for him to seek for, is a way to please God all the days of his life. If what you are doing is not pleasing to God, you should leave it and look for a job that will glorify the Lord (Matthew 9:43-45).

A prostitute, who repents and give her life to Christ, should pray and immediately stop prostitution so as to glorify God. Any profession that affects your life or other people's lives negatively should be abandoned as soon as you get born again. This is to be done immediately without any compromise, negotiation or agreement (John 8:10-11).

The problem with many Christians is lack of faith. Many are doing wrong businesses that does not glorify the Lord, and yet they are praying: "Oh Lord, bless the works of my hands!" How can God bless you when you are working against Him (Acts 19:18-19)?

No matter how hard you pray, God cannot bless you if you are working against Him, by doing any job that is contrary to His will. It was by faith that Abraham moved out of his life's time investment to answer God's call. He moved out of his country, kindred, and his father's house by faith without for anything; just because of God, and God blessed the works of his hands (Genesis 12:1-4).

When you have an encounter with Christ, you must engage yourself in a correct job that will please God and God alone. Moses knew he was going to lose everything if he left Pharaoh's palace. He was in wealth, honour, power; and the throne was reserved for him. He had the opportunity to remain and enjoy great and unlimited pleasures but he choose to take sides with God even if it meant suffering. He chose to stay with God's people instead of enjoying the pleasures of sin. His suffering was not forced on him, it was by choice. He changed his

name by decision and resigned his appointment voluntarily. He rejected the identity as the son of a queen, left the palace, and decided to inherit poverty (Hebrews 11:24-27).

He left the unlimited wealth of Egypt and took a poor job to be a keeper of flocks. He despised his certificate as an educator in the court and dwelt in the desert. He despised all the luxuries of Egypt to live in the wilderness; just because of God. He endured hardship willingly to receive the prosperity and the power of the infinite God. When God saw his faith, he made him an ambassador of heaven on earth. He prospered him greatly and gave him power over all the witches and wizards of Egypt. He gave him the power to walk a whole nation across the Red Sea! He prayed, and through him a whole nation drank water in the wilderness and his prosperity feed a whole nation for about forty years without lack. His prosperity brought him face to face with God and he never lacked any good thing to the day of his death. The people who believed in his government never lacked anything, even after his death (Joshua 21:43-45).

God is waiting for many believers who will by faith leave whatever job they are doing that does not glorify God. He is ready to bless such believers until they become blessings (Genesis 12:2-3).

When Moses left Egypt, he immediately engaged himself in a job. He was not a lazy man; believing God to bless him without a job. His job was of a very low standard but it was to the glory of God. It was while he was working in his office that God appeared to him and he had one of the greatest divine experiences (Exodus 3:1-2).

From that humble and lowest office in the desert at Mount Horeb, God promoted him. From being a fugitive from Pharaoh, and a keeper of flocks, God promoted him, and made him the giver of the law, forerunner of grace, and the only mortal that God conducted his funeral. Moses was not a lazy man. He didn't allow situations to put him out of Job (Exodus 3:1-2, 4, 7-8).

The work of Moses glorified God and the works of his hands were blessed by God. Those who are supposed to pray for God to bless the works of their hands are believers, whose jobs are to the glory of God. You cannot be defrauding others, engaging in advanced fee fraud commonly referred to (419) in Nigeria, and pray for God to bless the works of your hands.

FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE

As a believer, no matter where you are working or whom you are working for, you must be faithful as unto the Lord. Jacob was an example of faithfulness and the Lord blessed the works of his hands. Even his employer testified to God's blessings in the work of Jacob (Genesis 30:25-31).

He served faithfully and earned money to pay for his needs. He served faithfully to get married to his wives. Laban confessed that by experience, he had learned that God blessed him for the sake of Jacob. As you work for yourself or for others, you must work very hard. You must be obedient to God, and to man; keeping all the rules and regulations that do not contradict God's words. You must do the work as if it is your own job; knowing that the main reward for your labour comes from God (Ephesians 6:5-9).

In any job you are doing, whether as an employee or an employer, you must be faithful. For God to bless the works of your hands, you must avoid eye service, threatening, or intimidating others. These commands are for both the people working in the church and in the circular job. You may be a leader in the church, but once you enter into an office and your boss who is lower to you in the church is your office boss, you must obey your master in the office as unto the Lord (Colossians 3:22-25).

As you leave your circular job in the office and enter into the church, your servant in your circular office may be your boss in the church. The Lord is saying; for him to bless the work of your hands, obey in all things, not with eye service, as men pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. Because of lack of understating, many believers are working without being blessed. If you want God to bless the works of your hands, obey the rules and your prayers will be answered. The person giving the command in the church may be your cleaner in

the office, obey in all things with the fear of God. The person preaching may be an illiterate, or your younger one; you must obey in all things (1 Timothy 6:1-2).

No matter who is placed over you where you are working, honour such a person. Don't despise anyone who is placed over you, both in the church and in your circular job. When you obey these commands, the Lord will bless the works of your hands. An insubordinate person praying that God should bless the works of his hand will not be blessed. When you despise a constituted authority, the Lord will not bless the work of your hands. When you steal, tell lies and fight your bosses, the Lord will not bless the works of your hands. When you exploit your workers, and refuse to pay your tithes, the Lord will not bless the works of your hands. When you are unfaithful to your boss, your workers, and the government, the Lord will not bless the works of your hands (Titus 2:9-10).

When you are not working and you are praying for blessings, the Lord will not force his blessings into you. The work you are doing is the channel through which God will bless you if you are faithful. No matter the discrimination, tribalism, and politics in your place of work, do the work faithfully and God will bless you at the appointed time (1 Peter 2:18-20).

Christian employees must be faithful to show examples to others where they work. Jacob was cheated several times by Laban, yet he served faithfully to the end. In your work life, you must represent Christ as an ambassador (Genesis 31:7, 38-42).

Jacob was cheated, and deceived; but he remained faithful to his job. He was insulted; he suffered for twenty years; consumed by drought in the day, and frost by night, sleep departed from his eyes. But he remained faithful. He served fourteen years before he got married and his wages were changed ten times. At the end, God saw his affliction and the labours of his hands and mightily blessed him.

HARDWORKING CHRISTIAN

For God to bless the works of your hands, you must be serious with the work assigned to you. Joseph had enough battle to fight in his family even as a hard working believer. He was hated by his brethren without a cause. The household wickedness against him was visible. As a result of household witchcraft attacks against him, he was sold as a slave. His stand for righteousness made him a prisoner. Despite all these, he believed God, remained faithful to God; working hard anywhere he found himself, and seeking nothing but the glory of God. There were many adverse conditions that rose up against him but his trust in God kept him and made him victorious. He faced a lot of trials, temptations, and hardship but he remained holy, faithful and hardworking (1 Peter 2:11-12).

Because of Joseph's hard work everywhere he went, God blessed the works of his hand. People around him always noticed one thing about Joseph. They saw that the Lord was with him, always blesses the works of his hand and made all that he did prosperous (Genesis 39:3-4).

Because of his hard work, he was made an overseer over the house of his master. Joseph did not get his promotion by nepotism, falsehood, or manipulation. His promotion came from God because of his faithfulness to his duty and hard work. The Lord extended His blessings to the Egyptians because of Joseph. When a believer remains faithful to God, he will be blessed together with people around him (Genesis 39:5-6).

The reason why God blessed Joseph's handwork is also found in his remarkable moral strength. He never bowed to stress, bitterness, despair, self-pity; but he overcame problems with a courageous sense of responsibility and high moral values (Genesis 39:9-10).

He was very honest in dealing with people and he always demonstrated

confidence in God. He never misused any trust bestowed upon him. As a slave in Potiphar's house, he was a faithful hardworking steward. His change of physical environment never affected his attitude, religion, and relationship with God. His faithfulness to God and hard work made God to bless the works of his hand even in a strange land (Genesis 39:1-3).

Many believers who are faithful, sincere, and honest in their work, have been robbed by the graceless ladies and men, working with them at the time God was about to bless the works of their hands. Many immoral men and women have been used in many offices to stop God from blessing the works of the hands of many believers. Many lives have been ruined, and blessings diverted by the presence of Satan's agents in many offices (Genesis 39:7-9, 11-12).

Demon-motivated hugs, kisses, or a touch in some parts of the body of an opposite sex can wreck the soul and the time of a believer's hard work in an office. A lot of believers' promotions, rights, benefits, and entitlements had been held because of their relationship with the opposite sex in their houses and offices. It is better to allow your promotion to be deferred, or even denied by men than to get a defiled promotion.

“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent” (Proverbs 6:23-29).

Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife; judged and imprisoned without a fair trial; but he remained faithful and hardworking even in the prison. He must have prayed, and petitioned God. But he never murmured, regretted, fought back or revenged carnally.

“And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison” (Genesis 39:13-20).

When God saw Joseph's faithfulness and hard work, he removed him from where the enemies kept him and took him to where He wants him to be. He took him from man's will to God's perfect will. He removed every wicked household limitation, took away every evil punctuation marks and satanic full-stops from

his destiny, and promoted him above all his enemies (Genesis 41:37-41).

The Lord made him to find favour in the sight of Pharaoh and all his servants. He was preferred above all in times of promotion. He was made so discreet and wise by God that even his rivals and all his enemies noticed it and bowed. The simple language is that God blessed the works of Joseph's hands and set him over all the land of Egypt. He got married without stress and his limitation was removed. Pharaoh gave him his daughter to silence all his adversaries. His blessings in Egypt knew no bounds. He was made a prince, a minister, an administrator and a great builder in Egypt.

“And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number” (Genesis 41:45-49).

Joseph's hard work, faithfulness, wisdom, good planning, organization, foresight and industry, attracted God into his work and God blessed the works of his hands. When Samuel determined to keep himself holy and work hard for God, God in turn made sure that His presence never departed from his life. He never allowed any of the word of Samuel to fall to the ground. He blessed the works of

his hands, prospered his ministry, and blessed him mighty.

“And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD” (1 Samuel 3:19-21).

Those who want God to bless the works of their hands must trust God, be faithful to Him, and remain where God wants them to be. They must not play politics to take themselves out of God’s blessings. They must not go where the enemy will finish them. They should not get jobs by offering bribe, committing immorality, or doing anything wrong. Whatever evil one does to get a job will prevent God from blessing the works of their hands.

“The word of the LORD came also unto me, saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land; They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have

taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even lovingkindness and mercies. Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them” (Jeremiah 16:1-6).

As a Christian, if you take a second wife while your first legal married wife is still alive, or your first legal married husband is alive, your hand is defiled, and the Lord may not bless the works of your hands. If you marry a wrong person, the Lord may not bless the works of your hands unless you repent. There are places a Christian is supposed not to take anything from; otherwise, the works of his hands may be cursed.

“But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel... When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it” (Joshua 7:1, 21).

There are people that are cursed; employing such people in your business will bring a curse into your business. Marrying such a person may bring evil into your life. There are places you are not supposed to take your business to. Taking your business to such places will kill the business. When you put accursed money into your business, God will not bless such a business. As a Christian we

should know where God wants us to be at a time. One may be good but if where you are is bad and you don't pray hard, you may be corrupted together with what they do in that place. The type of son, mother, father, or friend you have, may prevent God from blessing the works of your hands, unless you receive direction from God and pray very hard.

Your business may die a grievous death because of where you are presently. The type of business or job you do may stop God from blessing the works of your hands. The type of money you used to pay your school fees, the way you passed your exams, and how you got your certificate, may stop God from blessing the works of your hands. You may have a very good certificate but the way you get it matters a lot. You may have a good job, fat salary, and a great business. But the works of your hands may not be blessed by God. You may be favourable to receive so many good things into your life but they may die grievously as fast as they come. You may have a lot of machines, equipment, and everything you need in your office. But they may be breaking down all the time. You may have many things; but they may not serve you because they are under the yoke of grievous deaths. You may have a wife but her womb may be useless to you. You may have children with good certificates, and good jobs; but you may be living like a childless person. Your children, husband, helpers may be around you, watching you suffer without giving you any assistance (Deuteronomy 28:41, 30).

You may have many goods in your shop but you may not sell them. You may have knowledge but people may not need your service. You may be investing much without harvesting at all. You may suffer much with little or no enjoyment (Deuteronomy 28:38-39).

You may have a very beautiful good looking house without God in it. You may struggle, kill at all cost to get money and make it in life. You can even own big cars, purchase material things, invest in big cities; but you may not have peace of mind. The love of God may be far from your reach. The Lord may withdraw his mercies from you even though physically you may have good things around you.

“For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even lovingkindness and mercies” (Jeremiah 16:5).

You may be destined to be great, and prosperous but if you live in the wrong place, your greatness may be wasted. Other people may be succeeding but you may be recording failures because of where you live. Your greatness may be buried just because of wrong settlement. You may be destined for greatness and yet die without being noticed (Jeremiah 16:6).

Most people’s efforts are wasted, cursed and the end disastrous because of the type of foundation they laid. The ends of most rich men are undesirable because they lived their lives without Christ; placing undue emphasis on money and material possession. They failed because life without Christ is incomplete (1 Corinthians 3:11-13).

You may use silver, gold, precious stones, wood, hay, or stubble to start your life but it will not stand. This is because every work, investment of everyone will be tested; and anyone that is not found in Christ will be burned.

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is” (1 Corinthians 3:11-13).

You may be in the church yet without progress. What we are talking about is beyond church matters and we have to take it seriously. If your hand is defiled, Jesus can restore it and bless the works of your hands. It is not late. If you can repent, confess your sins and forsake them, the Lord will cast out all the demons in your hands. He can bless the work of your hands even at the dying minutes.

“Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other” (Matthew 12:13).

If you can stretch forth your hand to Jesus, He will bless the works of your hands. Bring anything that represents what you do - your certificate, products, or bible - and stretch it forward to Jesus in prayer and he will use it as a point of contact and bless the works of your hand from today. The Lord will lead you from today to show you how to succeed in life. You will no longer beat about the bush because as you pray the prayers in this book, God will start a new thing in your life.

“And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake...And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men” (Luke 5:4-6, 10).

God is willing to bless the works of our hands if we obey His WORD diligently. Whenever and wherever God sees people that keep his commandment, He promotes them and sets them on high. Everything such person does is richly

blessed by God. Everything they touch with their hands prospers. Such people's heavens are never closed, but are open at all times. The Lord makes them the head everywhere and not the tail (Deuteronomy 28:1, 4-5, 8, 11-12).

WARFARE SECTION

DELIVERANCE FROM LEVIATHAN

[Isaiah. 27:1; Revelation 17:3; Psalm 104:26-27; 74:13-14; Job 41).

Leviathan is the principality in charge of the dark region in the satanic kingdom. His kingdom is below the water level. He is in charge of all fearful animals both in the water, air and land. Leviathan is the prince of death and hell; controlling the satanic army. Every serpent and crawling animals are under his kingdom (Acts 28:36. Revelation 12:3-17; 20:2-3).

CHARACTERISTICS OF LEVIATHAN

- Leviathan hates argument, challenge or question to his orders (Job 41:3).
- He desires to lead others any place he is; he hates submission to other authorities (Job 41:4-5, 22).
- Leviathan is naturally very strong, but the queen of heaven is very sleek; the best in witchcraft and administration.
- Leviathan specializes in violence and is very evil determined (Job 41:11).
- Leviathan appears in dreams to his victims using fearful animals, things and destructive objects (Job 41:12-14).
- He has a false hope and light (Job 41:18-21).
- He is very obstinate, unrepentant and wicked (Job 41:23).
- He is very strong-hearted (Job 41:24).
- Leviathan acts in evil at any given opportunity (Job 41:25).
- Human weapons without God are a mockery to leviathan (Job 41:25-30).
- Leviathan causes a lot of trouble wherever he is in full control (Job 41:31, 18-21).
- He brings intimidating fears upon the inhabitants of the earth at his move (Job 41:34).
- Leviathan believes in himself and is very boastful (Job 41:34).
- Every serpent and people under serpentine power are very vigilant and at alert.
- The evil spirits from leviathan are not easily cast out during deliverance programs.

- Leviathan spirits resist the deliverance of victims.
- Their attacks on victims are without break.
- They have no mercy or feel sorry in their kingdom.
- At the heat of prayers, leviathan or serpentine victims pretend to be delivered. They can confuse even an experienced deliverance minister.
- They attack deliverance candidates with extreme weakness to prevent them from prayers and to possibly break their fast.
- They attack victims with difficulties or impossibilities to fast for long.
- They place spiritual limitations on their victims and prevent them from reaching at certain level spiritually.
- They can fake God's gifts and mention the name of Christ in pretence to confuse the simple-minded ones.
- Some of his victims are rendered extremely intelligent or extremely dull, unproductive and useless.
- Pains of in explainable degree come from leviathan serpentine kingdom.
- Leviathan removes rest, sleep and peace from victims.
- The queen of heaven can negotiate with victims but leviathan is very impatient and ready to take action even at odd hours.

In satanic kingdom, leviathan is very violent, impatient, riotous, deadly, devilish, barbaric in charge of all evil militant and unnatural. When it comes to action in times of war and destruction, leviathan is unreasonable, harmful, spiteful and frustrated to do evil.

All the past leaders like Hitler and Alexander the great, who pursued things at all cost to the expense of other things operated under the leviathan influence. All those who possessed leviathan or serpentine spirits behave like leviathan. Victims under leviathan/serpentine attack go through untold sufferings that

cannot be explained.

Those who are passing through leviathan attacks are supposed to be pitied and prayed for. His sickness on victim is beyond explanation but leviathan can be stopped by believers through Jesus Christ.

“In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea” (Isaiah 27:1).

God himself took it upon himself to deal with the leviathan when his victims call upon Him. All creatures are under God and can be tamed by God who created all things.

“There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season” (Psalms 104:26-27).

At the appearance of God, leviathan's actions cease.

“Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness” (Psalms 74:13-14).

You can be delivered completely from every evil action from leviathan the beast,

the old serpent. God is the answer as you get born again today.

AGGRESSIVE PRAYERS

1. Every covenant with leviathan in my life; break to pieces, in the name of Jesus.
2. Dragon of my father's house; die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Rock of ages, arise and break the head of the leviathan, in the name of Jesus.
4. Tribal serpent attacking my life; die by divine sword, in the name of Jesus.
5. Environmental serpent working against me; I cut you into pieces, in the name of Jesus.
6. My family serpent; you are finished; die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Any strong man attacking me with leviathan power; die, in the name of Jesus.
8. Father Lord, deliver me from serpentine venom, in the name of Jesus.
9. Any serpents in the dark room of my life; come out and die, in the name of Jesus.
10. Any evil structure built by serpents in my life; catch fire, in the name of Jesus.
11. Serpentine pains in my life; expire forever, in the name of Jesus.
12. Any serpent of death in my life; release me and die, in the name in the name of Jesus.
13. Any evil arrest from the leviathan kingdom in my life; expire, in the name of Jesus.
14. Every serpentine grip on my destiny; catch fire, in the name of Jesus.

15. Let all problems in my life from the kingdom of leviathan die, in the name of Jesus.
16. Any strange fire burning in my life; be quenched by the blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.
17. Any evil object in any area of my life; be destroyed, in the name of Jesus.
18. Any serpent that has swallowed me; vomit me by force, in the name of Jesus.
19. Poverty from the serpentine world attacking my life; die, in the name of Jesus.
20. Oh Lord, deliver every area of my life occupied by the serpent, in the name of Jesus.
21. Waist and womb serpent living inside me; come out by force, in the name of Jesus.
22. Any good thing that my ancestors or enemy has handed over to the serpent; I take you back, in the name of Jesus.
23. Serpent in my life; drink the blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.
24. Any serpentine bite in my life; expire, in the name of Jesus.
25. Blood of Jesus, spoil every serpent's pollution, in my life in the name of Jesus.
26. Oh Lord, restore every good thing that leviathan has destroyed in my life, in the name of Jesus.
27. Every serpentine open door into my life; close forever, in the name of Jesus.
28. Fire of God; burn to ashes every serpent in my life, in the name of Jesus.
29. Every stronghold of serpent in my life; collapse, in the name of Jesus.
30. Every leviathan war going on in my life; end in my favour, in the name of

Jesus.

DELIVERANCE FROM DREAM ATTACKS

[Matthew. 13:25; Judges 4:21; Job 33:14-18]

Any bad thing that happens in the dream is exactly what the devil intends to do physically in people's lives. If believers neglect evil dreams, their lives will be in trouble. The dream that comes from the devil at times brings terrible fears (Job 4:13-18).

Most times, devil's dreams afflict victims with sickness and darken their visions. It can also bring confusion, destruction and death. Devil's dreams take victims away from God's plan and promise. It can initiate victims unconsciously to evil group. It can confuse victims to believe evil vision and lead them to walk in the wrong part. Untreated evil dreams can cause victims to lose his job; creating unnecessary worry and anxiety. It can cause abortion of good things and plant incurable diseases in victims' lives. It can also bring sudden disaster, accident, depression, and loss of great opportunities. It can cause prayerlessness on victims and lead them to frustrations. It can deprive a victim of his rights, and dash the hope of a person. As God can use dreams to bless his people, the devil and his agents can also use it to place a curse on victims (1 Kings 19:5-8).

AGGRESSIVE PRAYERS

1. Every evil dream covenant in my life; break by fire, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every curse placed upon my life in the dream; be converted to blessings, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every stronghold of dream destroyers in my life; collapse in the name of Jesus.
4. Father Lord, take me away from dream attackers, in the name of Jesus.
5. Any initiation the devil has brought into my life in the dream; lose your hold over my life, in the name of Jesus.
6. I drop and destroy every evil load I have carried in the dream, in the name of Jesus.
7. Let the strongman that is attacking me in the dream die, in the name of Jesus.
8. Any agent of the devil using animals to attack me; harm yourself, in the name of Jesus.
9. Any evil sleep that was programmed to attack my life; sleep forever, in the name of Jesus.
10. Every good thing I have lost in the dream; I recover you double, in the name of Jesus.
11. Any evil force attacking me in the dream; scatter, in the name of Jesus.
12. Any power calling my name for evil in the dream; die, in the name of Jesus.
13. Any evil intruder into my sleep; die, in the name of Jesus.

14. Every manner of evil arrow being used against me in the dream; backfire, in the name of Jesus.
15. I reject any evil thing the devil has presented to me in the dream, in the name of Jesus.
16. Any coffin prepared for me in the dream; catch fire, in the name of Jesus.
17. Let every curse placed upon me in the dream die by fire, in the name of Jesus.
18. Every satanic road into my life in the dream; close forever, in the name of Jesus.
19. Any power assigned to repeat evil dream into my life; die, in the name of Jesus.
20. Oh Lord, deliver me from the grip of wicked dreams, in the name of Jesus.
21. Any stubborn strongman attacking me in the dream; die, in the name of Jesus.
22. Any power, sponsoring evil dreams into my life; be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
23. Any part of my life pregnant with evil dreams; I abort it by force, in the name of Jesus.
24. Power to avoid evil dreams; possess me immediately, in the name of Jesus.
25. Every sin attracting evil dream into my life; die forever, in the name of Jesus.
26. You my life; arise and reject every evil dream coming to you, in the name of Jesus.
27. You my environment, reject evil dream assigned against me, in the name of Jesus

28. Angels of the living God, protect my apartment from evil dreams invaders, in the name of Jesus.
29. Everything in any house; around me, and within me; reject evil dream, in the name of Jesus.
30. You my bedroom; receive divine coverage, in the name of Jesus.
31. Every air wherever I will sleep from today; reject evil dream, in the name of Jesus.
32. You my dream life; be improved to the glory of God, in the name of Jesus.
33. Oh Lord, show me great things in my dream from today, in the name of Jesus.
34. I bind and cast out every dream defilers assigned against me, in the name of Jesus.
35. I receive power to dream about heaven and his angels, in the name of Jesus.
36. Any dream attackers' re-enforcement against my life; scatter, in the name of Jesus.

How To MAINTAIN YOUR DELIVERANCE

- Remain faithful to God; runaway from sin.
- Check your life everyday with these reverences (Roman 1:29-31; Galatians 5:19-21).
- Make sure you have all the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Fast as you are led by God.
- Study the Word of God (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119, 11, 16).
- Evangelize and preach to others.
- Be prayerful, observe all night prayers.
- Be conscious of God's presence everywhere you go.
- Endeavour to be baptized in the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
- Separate from sin and your former sin partners (Heb. 10:26; Mathew 12:43-45).

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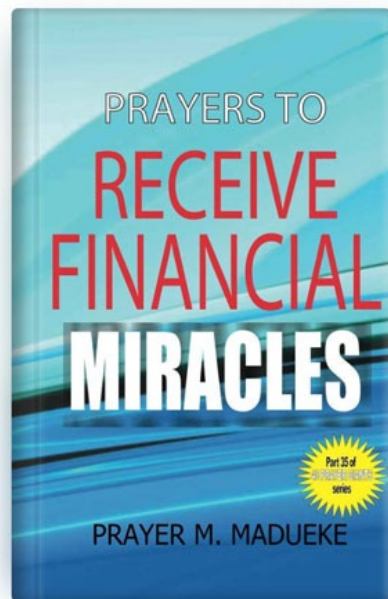
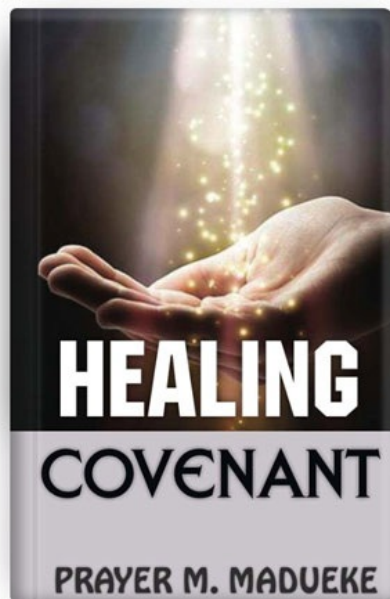
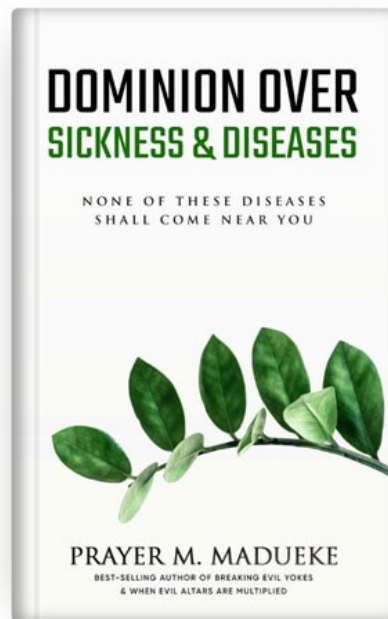
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