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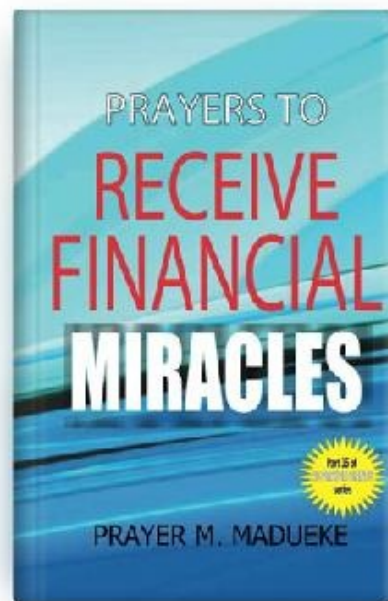
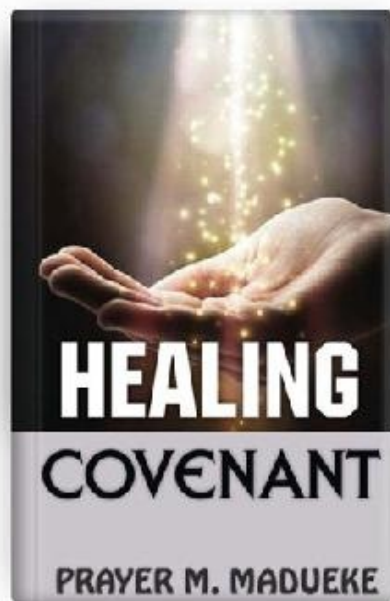
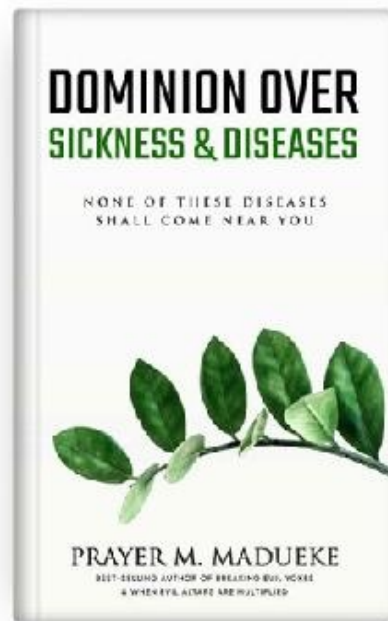
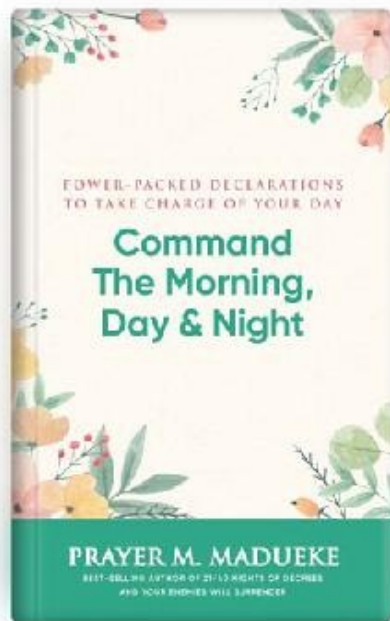
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CHAPTER ONE

SIXTH LETTER

DELIVERANCE FROM CORRUPTION

Revelation 3:7-13

Philadelphia church is the only church among the seven churches in Asia that received one of the seven letters written by Christ who was praised by Christ. Christ blessed them for being loyal and faithful. In Christ's letter, He introduced Himself as one that is holy, true and He that has the key of David.

'And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name' (Revelation 3:7-8).

Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love was founded by the king of Pergamos by 140 BC and named after the king. It was situated about 28 miles southeast of Sardis. It was rich in agriculture, though beset by constant earthquakes. The city still exists today under a different name that means city of God. This city of Asia Minor had a faithful, true church that followed Jesus Christ whole-heartedly.

There was no corruption in their doctrine, worship or practice. Consequently, Christ had no correction or condemnation for them. This church was unique and different from all others in Asia Minor. It was a Christ-honoring church.

‘For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him’ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

‘For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin’ (Hebrews 4:15).

When Christ introduced Himself to them, He presented His righteous nature, the truth, the one that has the final authority, He that opens and no man shuts and shuts, no man opens. Christ has sovereign and ultimate power, He is true and faithful which the key symbolizes. He has all authority to rule, reign do and undo at will.

‘And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth’ (Revelation 3:7).

He is the righteousness of God and the detail of divine purity. He humbled Himself, born in the flesh, experienced human weakness and all infirmities and become our High Priest. He faced every trial, tests and human limitation for our

sake and in all point passed through whatever anyone had passed through, is passing through and will ever pass through. He knows what you are going through and is ready to help you come out of it victorious. No one has any excuse left for him to sin and deny faith because Christ is ready to deliver us. In His introduction to the holy and true church in Philadelphia, He manifested as the Holy, True and Authoritative one, the source of their strength, holiness and faithfulness. He has the key of every good thing, key to salvation, truth, holiness, deliverance, power to serve Him and the key to opportunities. No believer can do without Him and all unbelievers are counted as failure because any success without Christ is useless and as good as nothing.

‘Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me’ (John 14:6).

‘I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing’ (John 15:5).

‘I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture’ (John 10:9).

His introduction is pointing to His direction as overall and the best of the bests. To ignore Him is to reject life and accept death. If you leave Christ, you will miss your way in life and your end will be disastrous. To claim to be righteous, prove to be holy without relationship with Christ is a deceit. Every holiness, righteous living and purity is from Christ. If you want to do anything right, get anything right, you must have relationship with Christ.

There are believers, ministers and people who are so impatient in life, so they go

ahead of Christ to get good things and come back to serve Christ without true repentance and restitution. That is a deceit because, no matter how much you serve Him with those good things, they are not accepted. Many ministers ran faster than Christ and pursued power for service. They despised the laid down rules for true power for service. They break God's laws, move ahead of time set for them for power and receive fake power from evil authority.

They have zeal to work for God, help the needy, the poor, prophesy, cast out devil and do many wonderful things for Christ in their heart, they are sincere to serve God but they went ahead of their time for service and empowerment. Their ways are perverse, defiled and filled with demons. They got what they wanted from the wrong side. They came back, start ministry, prophesy in the name of Christ, preach in the name of Christ and everything they do, they do in the name of Christ.

In their mind, they believe that they are working for God, they think they are pleasing God. But the truth is that, they are deceived and they operate under the influence of demons. They believe that they are casting out demons. The truth is that such people are not casting out demons. They are in covenant with evil spirit to transfer demons, postpone satanic activities and suspend demonic actions for a while.

'Not everyone 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).

There are small boys and girls, very young in ministry, without any guiding spiritual father or training filled everywhere with cloud following them. They are under the yoke of the devil; they are deceived to deceive others. They have no training, no guide and no character or respect, yet they rushed into ministry. It is very dangerous and destructive to rush into ministry without character, the fruit of the Spirit.

‘Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith’ (Galatians 5:21-22).

When I look into many young ministers’ ministries, I pity the multitudes following them, why? They are in business with the devil to deceive their followers, merchandise them and make them enemies of Christ. They are filled with the spirit of subtlety, mischief and perversion. They are enemies of righteous living, children of the devil without the fruits of the Spirit. They are empowered by the devil to transfer problems from head to leg, liver to kidney, brain to intestine, etc. If you sow more seed, pay them more tithes direct for personal use, they can transfer your problems to your wife, husband, children, other places or business.

To the devil and his ministers, you must never be free. By the time they finish with you and you do not have anything to give, you will be abandoned to die. Most people like that get offended at God, blame God, find fault and die in their

sins to spend eternity in hell fire. That is why you pray many prayers, go for many deliverance but will never be delivered. Other deceived ministers can postpone your problem or suspend them. They are in covenant with the devil and they are empowered to do so. They can never cast out demons because demons cannot cast out demons.

Every program they organize is to make more money, deceive people and increase demonic activities. It is very difficult to discover some of them because they practice fake holiness and try to do good, help widows to deceive many. If you come too close to them and discover their secret, you become an object of their attacks.

Some of them can pray very well, fast and preach soundly but everything they do is defiled. They try to imitate every good thing that Christ do but looking very close, they are counterfeit of Satan. They have confused the mind of many who desire to serve God. They are false apostles, deceitful workers transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

‘For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works’ (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

Our generation is witnessing unprecedented explosion of false ministers in cults. The two problems they have created now are: 1. Some people are already deceived to believe that every supernatural thing is from God and such can

easily be deceived by this cult ministers. 2. Others who have been deceived by so-called miracle workers are already so disappointed that right now, they group everything supernatural as counterfeit. They think, believe and teach that real miracles cannot happen anymore in answer to prayer and deliverance programs. They two are deceived. I want to assure you that there are genuine, life-saving, pure miracles from God through the operation of the gifts of the Holy Ghost. You must be careful and prayerful to distinguish and identify the lying wonders of Satan, which he performs through his messengers to deceive the hearts of men and women.

‘And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed’ (Revelation 13:13-15).

If you want to know the truth, fake ministers, you must be born again and bear the fruits of the Spirit. Any demonstration of power, show of anointing and prosperity without the grace to live holy is fake. If you have power without purity, discernment, faith, healing anointing and prophetic voice without discipline, holiness and control over your tongue, you are far from God. Many ministers have great gifts and talents that men revere, yet those ministers are

under the condemnation of God.

When Christ sent the letter to Philadelphia, He introduced Himself as He that is holy, true with final say. The best thing that will happen to anyone on earth is to identify with Christ. If you do that now, today, He will empower you with the Spirit of holiness, truth and give you access to other things. You cannot ignore Christ, leave Him behind, ignore His righteousness and truth, pursue power, come back, and say you are serving Him.

You may be in a hurry to open ministry, seek and get power by all means but you cannot force Christ to approve your ministry. There are ministers who only know parts of the scriptures that favor their part of ministry and ignore others. Others know the scripture very well but they are faulty in explaining them. Others, because of their intellectual attainment, the conscious of their social class in the society, their wealth often restrain them from knowing the truth. The truth is that no man's wealth, education or position in life is complete if he does not know the scriptures.

Those who fight God's word, misuse God's word, misinterpret God's word, and do evil at the peril of their own soul. In all service, you render to God, preaching and teaching of God's word, the practical aspect, obeying His words is the climax. If you want anything good that will last to eternity and give you everlasting joy, peace and happiness, Christ is the key. His message to the church in Philadelphia is, I am the truth, the way to true power and authority over demons.

His holiness makes you holy, keeps you holy, and leads you to the truth and gives you key into every good thing. If you ignore His words, righteous living and pursue power, deliverance or any other thing, you cannot come back to get His holiness or work in truth unless you abandon the latter. He is a jealous God and cannot accept second-class position. What Christ is demanding from many

deceived ministers, believers is to drop whatever they got wrongly.

Drop your position, your power, remove every evil relationship, break evil covenant and seek for real power. He has the key to every good thing but you have to drop everything you got in wrong ways and enter into his way, truth and life. Some ministers need to close up their ministry, become an ordinary member somewhere else before their deliverance will start. Others need to allow the devil to take away their wealth, position for their deliverance to come.

The truth is that many born again are not born again, many salvations are not sanctified, and their Holy Ghost baptisms are not baptized. Jesus wrote to Philadelphia church and told them not to mind or jealous what they see and hear in other churches. He wrote to them and declares Himself as the source of holiness, the true truth that is with the real key of greatness.

The real key to true power, prosperity and access to every need of man in earth and in heaven is with Him. He told them that He has the sovereignty and ultimate power to all powers and authority. He told them, I am the source of strength, holiness and faithfulness. He is the door and by Him, you can enter into salvation, true salvation, and everlasting salvation and can find anything you need in Him.

He told them to remain in faith, to depend on the vine, abide in Him, so that they can bear fruit that will last. He told them not to worry, border, envy or go after ministers who are on the other side. The branch of Christ, His followers cannot make it without remaining in Him. He told them to fight on, keep living right, and wait until they are empowered by Him, before they start. He encouraged them not to go, run or out run Him.

He told them in the letter that He is the access door to greatness for those who will remain faithful to the end. At that time of the letter, many on Philadelphia

were righteous but He told them to keep it up. Hold fast what they have, depend on His grace, stand and rejoice in the hope of the coming of the glory of God. While others are rejoicing in their ill-gotten wealth, ministry, fake power, abundance in everything, Christ told the contending believers, that theirs are on the way.

They should not get weak in faith but that they should take their stand to the end. Some of them were in need, but they must not allow those needs to take them away from the grace. They must keep standing, praying, believing God for their deliverance. They must rejoice in hope of their coming testimony, provision, healing, empowerment and the glory of God in their lives. They must never think of going back or looking back.

‘By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God’ (Romans 5:2).

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

‘In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him’ (Ephesians 3:12).

They must wait because very soon their case file with God the father will soon receive approval and release to every of their request for deliverance, anointing and prosperity is about to come from God the father. If you ever get anointing, empowerment, healing and deliverance from God, you will never be intimidated again. You will be bold because your access to re-empowerment and increase will be everlasting. Your boldness and confidence in God will never again be questioned or disengaged. You will be permanently with God’s power and

anointing for victory in every contest as long as you abide in Christ.

Your power, boldness before the devil and every problem will be permanently permanent. The knowledge that God is with you gives boldness and keeps you fearless before any problem. To be informed that the one that is holy without any defilement is your God is enough to keep you in boldness before any Goliath. To know and be assured by Christ's letter that the one that will lead to the truth, the source of every truth without lies is your Savior is enough to keep you bold before any present problem. To read this letter from Christ assuring you that He who has the key of David, He that opens and no man shuts, and shuts and no man opens is the one standing by you with a letter is enough to give you hope. You will not die in this your problem if you are with such a person, Christ.

Someone who will not hide the truth, which will set you free, should be trusted. Someone who will tell you the truth that no doctor is aware of should be trusted. The one with the truth that will cause your pains to stop, end your hardship and deliver you from destruction should be believed in. Christ has the power, every authority to promote you, bless you and empower you for service. The brethren in Philadelphia were determined to wait for Him, pray until their deliverance comes from Him. They were deadly committed to live holy, remain loyal and faithful to the end. What is your decision for Christ?

CHAPTER TWO

REASONS FOR PRAISE

Revelation 3:10

The believers in Philadelphia were commended for using their little strength to serve God, keep God's Word and honor the name of Christ.

'Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ' (Ephesians 3:8).

'To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God' (Ephesians 3:10).

When they got born-again, they received little measure of Christ's strength and they used it for Christ without diverting it. They lived their lives for Christ, pleasing Him with their little strength at every giving opportunity. They were crucified for Christ, dead for Christ and everything in it. They considered that without Christ's sacrifice on the cross, they would have died or be dead in sin. With this in their minds, they decided that the rest of their life on earth must be to please Christ and not self or others. By the time they received Christ's letter, they were living for Christ and Christ praised them for that.

‘I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me’ (Galatians 2:20).

‘Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might’ (Ephesians 6:10).

With their little strength, they were able to serve God without corruption. With their little strength, they were able to remain holy, faithful and loyal to Christ. With their little amount of money, they used it to serve God and managed to maintain faith. With little offering money, tithes and seed of faith, they remained calm to serve Christ with their little resources. They managed to serve God with little strength in their health; they never looked for healing from the devil.

With their little power, their ministers never went to the devil to look for power. They waited until the day Christ wrote to them. With their tribe’s men and women among them, they avoided tribalism, selective judgment or racism. With their little strength, they love God, loved each other, prayed together and trusted God. With their little power, they ignored the false prophets, the prophetess and rejected their prophecies. With their little resources, they met the needs of their members.

With their little resources, they depended upon God, prayed for provision and trusted God to the end. With their little strength, they overcame every enemy; persecutors, lived above division, tribal difference and maintained peace. With their little strength, they overcame their differences, loved each other, pray for the weak and cared for the fatherless. With their little strength, they were bold;

they faced every problem together and overcame them. With their little strength, they faced and conquered big troubles, storms of life and afflictions.

With their little strength, they faced every opposition, temptations, Jezebels and kept God's standard. With their little strength, they preached sound gospel, stood against false teachings, doctrines and immorality. With their little strength, they rejected evil relationship, said no to evil associations and unequally yokes. With their little strength, they refused to be corrupted, defiled or sacrifice to idols. With their little strength, they rejected heresies, sexual sins and problems associated with wrong marriages.

With their little strength, they refused to permit wicked relatives to defile holy altars, lead others or control God's finances. With their little power, small strength, they refused to be seduced by immoral women, evil men and deceivers. With their little strength, they overcame evil influence, immoral lifestyles and misleading agents of the devil. With their little strength, they refused to faint under the pressures of sin. With their little strength, they maintained relationship with one another, with Christ and practiced self-denial. With their little strength, they refused to convert the church to social club, entertainment arena and evil competition for display of wealth. Most of them were not educated, rich, greatly anointed but whatever they had was dedicated to God without a minus.

'And he must needs go through Samaria' (John 4:4).

They were strong in the Lord with their little strength, not in witchcraft, false prophesy or fighting one another. Not in waste, stealing God's money or building personal kingdom. Their strength was small, very little, but they managed it and used it to serve God, used what they had to please only God. Their strengths,

promotions, wealth's, transfers did not come from charms, witch doctors, occult group or from demon possessed godfathers.

With little strength, they were strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. They never despised that little strength because they knew it came from God. That little strength was small but it is greater than the power in the whole world put together. Any gift you receive from God is greater in quality and quantity than every other thing in this world. If you receive a little power from God, it is greater, bigger and better than every other power on earth. You can overcome the devil, his agents and all the problems of this world with any little power from God.

You can overcome any problem, any mountain, and every opposition with a little power from God. You are richer, better, greater than the whole world with a little measure of God's strength.

'Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men' (1Corinthians 1:25).

It is an insult to God to say or believe that anything from Him is small or too little to bring your deliverance. God's foolishness without His wisdom at all, is better than the best wisdom on earth. Any wisdom that the devil can offer you is more foolish than a little foolishness from God. God's worst is far better than the wisdom of the devil put together.

A believer that chose to operate on earth with the smallest foolishness of God is better than all the wisdom of devil on earth put together. The men or women of wisdom you seek for their help in watch doctor's altars, occult altars and all dark kingdom are agents of the devil. Whatever they can give you is lighter than

nothing to compare with the foolishness you can receive from God. If you chose to operate only on God's foolishness in this earth, you are far better than any man or woman serving the devil.

Devil's wisdom gathered, heaped upon one single occult group is far less when compared to God's smallest foolishness. No wonder, God said, my people perish for lack of knowledge. If you are looking for power to make wealth, become rich, perform miracles, heal the sick and solve every problem on earth, they are with God. Supposing you fail to get God's power, you can get His weakness.

God's weakness is stronger than the strongest of men that serve the devil. Pastors, minister who go to satanic agents, occult group, and witchcraft groups are the most foolish creature on earth. It is better to look for God's weakness or foolishness than to look for the whole power of the devil. If such pastors, ministers or believers ever were born again, they are under deceit. This is because little strength Christ talked about is the power of salvation.

'I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name... Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth' (Revelation 3:8, 10).

The little strength in this passage is the initial power a sinner receives in the day he repents. It is called the power of salvation. This power cuts a sinner from sin and from the world at salvation. This was the only power the believers in Philadelphia used to overcome every problem. Their ministers exposed them to

the fruits of the Spirit and how to become ambassadors of Christ on earth. They were taught on how to be servants to each other, servant to God, a builder of God's kingdom, a chosen vessel, a steward and ministers.

They were taught on how to forsake sin, Satan and self to follow the Savior. They were led to turn away from darkness to walk in the light. They were taught about the narrow gate, encouraged to enter narrow gate, how to walk in the narrow way. To walk worthy of the vocation where with they were called, they chose to follow the narrow way. They were taught on how to walk in good relationship with one another in their church, at home in the society.

In Philadelphia, the ministers, leaders, bishops taught them about lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearance, love, unity with the church, one another, peace among themselves. They were taught to examine themselves at all times, daily, with their wives, husbands, fellow believers, parents, children, neighbors, co-workers and others in the light of the scriptures. They were taught step by step, without a rush and were given the opportunity to put them in practice. They know these things before going into the school of prayer, ministry, and deliverance.

The ministers in Philadelphia church ministered deliverance on them, proved them as saved, sanctified, holy with the little strength they have before giving them positions in the church. Other ministers ignored the teachings on little strength like

LOWLINESS

'With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love' (Ephesians 4:2).

'Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:3-5).

'Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am' (John 13:13).

'And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve' (Luke 22:24-26).

MEEKNESS

‘With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love’ (Ephesians 4:2).

‘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’ (Matthew 11:29).

‘Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye’ (Colossians 3:12-13).

‘To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men’ (Titus 3:2).

LONGSUFFERING

‘With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love’ (Ephesians 4:2).

‘Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth’ (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

‘Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in affliction, necessities, distresses, stripes, imprisonment, tumult, labor, watch, fasting; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things’ (2 Corinthians 6:3-10).

He can boldly discuss this with the Corinthians because of his devotion to them. Furthermore, he wrote,

‘O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto

my children,) be ye also enlarged. 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 6:1-16).

FORBEARANCE

‘With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love... And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you’ (Ephesians 4:2, 32).

‘Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye’ (Colossians 3:13).

LOVE

‘With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love’ (Ephesians 4:2).

‘Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savor’ (Ephesians 5:1-2).

‘We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also’ (1 John 4:19-21).

UNITY

'Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace' (Ephesians 4:3).

'Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me' (John 17:20-23).

'For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him' (1 Corinthians 12:12-18).

'That there should be no schism in the body; but that the

*members should have the same care one for another' (1
Corinthians 12:25).*

PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

‘Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace’ (Ephesians 4:3).

‘Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord’ (Hebrews 12:14).

‘And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient’ (2 Timothy 2:24).

‘Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men’ (Romans 12:17-18).

Bearing one another’s burden

‘Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ’ (Galatians 6:2).

Hospitality one to another

‘Use hospitality one to another without grudging’ (1Peter 4:9).

Greeting one another

‘Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen’ (1Peter 5:14).

‘Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you’ (Romans 16:16).

Comforting one another

*‘Wherefore comfort one another with these words’
(1Thessalonians 4:18).*

Considering one another

‘And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works’ (Hebrew 10:24).

Edifying one another

‘Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another’ (Romans 14:19).

‘Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do’ (1Thessalonians 5:11).

Exhorting one another

‘And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another’ (Romans 15:14).

‘Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord’ (Colossians 3:16).

Ministering one to another

‘As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God’ (1Peter 4:10).

Preferring one another

‘Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another’ (Romans 12:10).

Praying one for another

‘Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much’ (James 5:16).

Submitting one to another

‘Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble’ (1Peter 5:5).

‘Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God’ (Ephesians 5:21).

Teaching one another

‘Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord’ (Colossians 3:16).

Forbearing one another

‘Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye’ (Colossians 3:13).

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Forgiving one another

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The church in Philadelphia was taught about supplication before service

‘First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you’ (Romans 1:8-10).

‘For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner

man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God' (Ephesians 3:14-19).

'For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God' (Philippians 1:8-11).

'We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit' (Colossians 1:3-8).

He prays again for their growth in grace

'For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual

understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light' (Colossians 1:3-8).

'We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God' (1Thessalonians 1:2-4).

Service beyond self

'For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you' (Romans 1:9-10).

'That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed' (Romans 1:15-32).

'I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart' (Psalms 40:8).

'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' (Psalms 143:8).

'Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such

a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that' (James 4:13-15).

The ministers in Philadelphia were well informed about God's kingdom life. They let every member know that they are expected to serve God, the church and the people in the worlds, sinners. They were told that they are ambassadors for Christ on earth, representatives of God and proclaimers of good news to the lost. They were told that they are light, salts and that they should shine before men in darkness so that they will see their good works and glorify God.

The churches of our time has neglected the teaching ministry of Christ, their call to make disciples and focused on power, prosperity, faith, praise ministry and empowerment for service without Christ-like life. They have ordained retired unrepentant rich armed robbers, murderers, evil senior citizens, criminals and demonized failed civil servants. This has brought confusion, problems and all manner of deaths in the body of Christ.

Many possessed sinners who came to the church to be delivered are receiving prophecies instead of deliverance from sin and the consequences of sin. Some are told that they are having problems because God called them. With their demons, without salvation, they are now recruited into the ministry to deliver others. They are told to go to school of ministry, prayers and deliverance where they learn the principles of deliverance. The ministers in Philadelphia were well informed.

1. They were taught on edifying ministry, positives preaching, Christ-like lifestyle that promote love and unity

‘And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ’ (Ephesians 4:11-13).

‘Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another’ (Romans 14:19).

‘Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment’ (1 Corinthians 1:10).

‘I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase’ (1 Corinthians 3:6).

‘The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds’ (Philippians 1:16).

2. They were taught to do all things without pride, give credit to God and to others for progress and success instead of claiming it for themselves

‘Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves’

(Philippians 2:3).

3. They were instructed against partiality, tribalism, but to give privileges and positions to those who meet scriptural qualifications

‘My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons’ (James 2:1).

‘I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality’ (1Timothy 5:21).

‘For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus’ (1Timothy 3:13).

4. The leaders were taught to live in harmony among them

‘Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion’ (Isaiah 52:8).

‘But Moses’ hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun’ (Exodus 17:12).

5. They were taught to identify and support the mission work, village evangelism and to be committed to the same goal

‘So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man’ (Judge 20:11).

‘So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work’ (Nehemiah 4:6).

‘And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, everyone with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon’ (Nehemiah 4:16-17).

6. The pastors, ministers are to be examples to members, sinners and must manifest love, forgiveness, compassion and purity of life

‘Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that

they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me' (John 17:17-23).

7. They are to preach to sinners and get them saved, saved members to be sanctified and to be filled with the Spirit

'And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God' (Ephesians 5:18-21).

8. They are to continue in faith and encourage other saints to continue in the saint's fellowship

'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 steadfastly 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).

9. To love, forgive and to recognize that none essential differences must not be allowed to hinder relationship or love for each other

'New commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another' (John 13:34-35).

10. They must be humble and to recognize the place of others in the ministry

'Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves' (Philippians 2:3).

'But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another' (1Corinthians 12:18-25).

11. They must respect, obey leadership, speak, act and minister in co-operation, not in evil competition, hate speech, conspiring against any

'That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises' (Hebrews 6:12).

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'Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor' (Romans 13:7).

'Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation' (Hebrews 13:7).

‘For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another’ (Romans 12:3-10).

Though the church in Philadelphia had not entered into the realm of the Spirit, baptism of the Holy Ghost and the gifts of the Holy Ghost, Christ praised them. He praised them for keeping, obeying, standing for and defending His words as well as not denying His name. They stood by all that the name of Christ stands for in the face of all opposition.

Christ commended them for being loyal, faithful and their commitment to Christ. They did not commercialize their little strength, divert it, bury it or ignore it to look for occult power. They used it very well, valued it so much, fought every enemy, and got victory with their little strength.

The devil knows that what you have as a born again, God’s minister is bigger than all his power put together. That is why he is attacking you so that you can come to him for an exchange. He knows that the initial power, strength you

received at your salvation is a priceless treasure, more valuable, powerful than all his power on earth. That is why he is oppressing you, denying you of certain things, health, peace and other things to force you, influence you to come to him for an exchange.

God is watching, examining you to see whether you will bow to the devil or to Him. You must hold fast, fight a good fight, keep what you have, your faith, finish well and receive commendation from Christ, an open door that no man can close. You need to guide your faith jealously because very soon, you will be rewarded. The battle you are going through now will soon be over and Christ will give you an open door that no man will shut.

The bridegroom will soon come and only those who still have oil in their lamps shall be empowered. Nothing must be allowed to exchange your faith, if you must please Christ who laid His life down to redeem your soul. We are living in perilous times and many have turned away from the truth unto lies, fake power and evil prosperity. They no longer preach sound word of God. They now go from place to place, city to city with fake power to seduce and put more people into bondage with evil prophecies and defiled solutions. They take the grace of God for granted and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness.

With polluted anointing and empowerment from the devil, they pretend to give charity to the poor, the widows, but they are evil. Every good thing they try to do is fake, deceitful and will put people more into bondage.

They are thieves, soul traders, destiny killers with bag of money from deceived members. They pretend to do charity work, love Christ but they break His words and keep distance from God's character.

'Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death' (John 8:51).

‘And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments’ (1 John 2:3).

‘Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven’ (Matthew 10:32).

They are under the judgment of death together with their ministry and their ill-gotten wealth. They are defiled in character and polluted with everything about them. You must recognize them on time, avoid them, and break every link with them. No matter what you have invested in them, their family and ministry, walk out from them while you are still spiritual alive. Break out from their altars and turn back to God for true and holy relationship. Turn your back against them, reject their calls, text messages and seek for true power and the riches of Christ and His grace.

CHAPTER THREE

OPEN DOOR FROM CHRIST

When Christ saw that the foundational pillar of the church in Philadelphia was based on the salvation gospel, He gave them open door. When He saw that they were deadly determined to obey Him at all cost without negotiation, He gave them open door. They received open door to overcome every enemy and be freed from slavery, physical pains, sufferings, infirmities and deliverance from death.

‘I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name’ (Revelation 3:8).

‘But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries’ (1 Corinthians 16:8-9).

Open door from Christ does not respect any limit, full stop, confinement or adversaries. The lives and ministry of the brethren in Philadelphia is evidence that all things are possible and nothing is impossible. It is an evidence that a church, a person, a group, a family, a city and nation can be delivered. Open door that comes from Christ does not respect or accept partial deliverance or evil left over. There may be an adversary, adversities but they cannot close doors

opened by Christ forever.

The enemy may fight, but will not win, stop you or destroy you. Christ's open door can endure forever, resist internal and external forces. Move unmovable mountains and cure incurable sickness. An open door from Christ does not negotiate with any evil force, every knee must bow. If you receive open door from Christ, your enemy may start but they will not finish. You may have problems but they will not overcome you.

The problem of the majority of Christian community is that they do not know what they have. With little strength, the church in Philadelphia overcame all the Asian demons, including Diana of Ephesus. With little strength, their initial power of salvation, they overcame the prince that once ruled the whole world (see Acts 19:27). But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

You can prosper, remain prosperous, receive God's power, remain empowered and increase in power until you become powerfully powerful without weakness.

'The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger' (Job 17:9).

'And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him' (Isaiah 8:17).

The brethren in the church at Philadelphia entered into God's righteousness at salvation, refused to come out of that power, exchange that power, misuse that power, despise that power, toil with that power or corrupt that power. They hold

on the way of that power, refused to be diverted by all forces and maintained relationship with the owner of that power to the day of their reward. They refuse to allow any defilement, hand pollutions to defile their hands.

When God saw how they used their little strength, He empowered them to be strong and stronger. They waited for God's time, God's time of visitation, God's plan and valued God's way of deliverance more than the deliverance that come from the devil.

'Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord' (2 Corinthians 2:12).

'Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak' (Colossians 4:3-4).

Satan attacked them with arrows of delays, pains and used all manner of evil devices to take away the little strength they had but they resisted all his devices. When Christ opens a door for you, that single door will lead you to all manner of blessings, good things and overthrow your enemies. You will receive the door of utterance, power to say the right thing at the right time and nobody will say a better one. If you receive door of utterance, you will speak and every demon will not only hear, but they will obey.

In times of deliverance, whatever you utter will stand. Kings, governors, heathen rulers and world leaders will hear and obey. Door of utterance can penetrate into dark rooms of satanic kingdom and expose their secrets, destroy their plans and

set captives free. Door of utterance from Christ is so powerful and more powerful than the most powerful enemy on earth.

Door of utterance from Christ can pierce into the ocean, sun, moon, stars and into bottomless pit and paralyze every evil power. It can set every captive free and disengage committed monitoring evil force in a moment of time. Instead of looking for fake power, occult power and satanic help, why don't you ask for open door for utterance? It can enter into the heart, soul, spirit, joints, marrow faster than medical surgical knives, drugs and the air.

No creature can stop the move of divine utterance. Evil magnet cannot magnet divine utterance. No hook from anywhere, cord or thorns from evil forces can prevent divine utterance from divine intentions. No appeal, supplications or covenant can persuade divine utterance from action. Soft words, violent speeches, evil utterances and curses from any evil force cannot stop divine utterance from movement.

It is easier, possible to stop a moving train, flight or ship in the sea on high speed but it is not near possible to stop divine utterance. No power among the creature, in heaven and earth can bring divine utterance into slavery or persuade Him to suspend action.

Nobody or power in the whole universe can play with divine utterance or bind Him for a moment. You cannot delay divine utterance, make a banquet for Him or block Him with iron bars. No weapon of destruction, spears can stand in the battlefield at the appearance of divine utterance. Every champion among champions of all the forces of darkness withdraws and forgets battle at the appearance of divine utterance.

The hope of experts, the best of the bests in the kingdom of darkness becomes vanity and drop down their weapons at the manifestation of divine utterance.

They are cast down in submission at His sight. No power retains their power or remain fierce or dare stir Him up or stand to put up a challenge before divine utterance.

Nobody, wise or foolish among the creature has discovered how to win divine utterance in battle. Divine utterance is God Himself and is full of divine mercy. Old ministers, young ministers should go for divine utterance because He has all the mysteries yet to be exposed.

‘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 12:5-11](#)).

Through divine utterance, mysteries of life are exposed. It helps you to walk in wisdom, speak in wisdom, start in wisdom and end in wisdom. It was through the divine utterance of prayers that Peter was released from prison. Sometimes, believers that speak with divine utterance, pray with divine utterance may not understand what they say; it is a mystery of Christ. If you ask God to pray for you with divine utterance, all your locked up blessings can be released without protocol.

As a minister, a believer empowered with divine utterance, you can release millions of imprisoned blessings, marriages, wombs, health, business, finances and any good thing from satanic altars. No matter where you are, where your blessings are locked up, they can be released by divine utterance. Your spirit husband, wife, children and all ancestral powers may bound you with unbreakable chains and hand you over to the grave demons, if they hear divine utterance, they will release you.

‘Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it...And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth...And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go’ (John 11:38, 43-44).

No matter who is behind your problems, the chains of bondage all over you, if they hear divine utterance, those chains will fall off. The occult people against you, all the kingdom of darkness may take you far into satanic prison, behind

iron gates, if they hear divine utterance, they will not keep you any longer. If you are where you are not supposed to be, where helpers cannot locate you to help you, if they hear divine utterance, they will let you go without battle.

‘But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren’ (Acts 14:2).

No matter the lies against you, the gang ups and the entire witchcraft crusade, once they hear divine utterance, they will bow. This is the time for ministers, students of bible collages, church of Christ to pray and cry for door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ to open for them. This is the time for individual Christians, every child of God to set time apart to pray for the opening of the door of utterance to break old time bondages.

The believers in Philadelphia maintained relationship with Christ and He opened this door for them. When this door was opened for them, no power on earth or in hell was able to shut it.

Listen to this:

It is unfortunate to tell you that even though this door was opened, many believers in Philadelphia could not pass through. Ignorance, prayerlessness and evil satisfaction prevented them. Some were still satisfied with what they had when God was beckoning on them for more.

Some pastors among them were still managing little anointing, few members and small salaries. It is disappointing for many ministers today to be satisfied with

few members, few helpers, few sponsors and few millionaires in their congregation and few blessings when God is saying, you need more.

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

‘If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him’ (James 1:5).

When the door was opened for the believers in Philadelphia, some of them were over holy, over righteous to ask for more strength, more power, more anointing, more grace and more expansion. The door for promotion, greatness and all manner of gift was opened for them but they never saw the needs to ask for more, seek and knock. They had opportunity to ask for many things but some of them asked for only one, two or even less, while some never see the need to ask.

‘Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain’ (Proverbs 30:7-9).

Some people think that humility is by living in poverty, managing little things and remaining in sickness. No, the door that Christ opened for you now, is for total freedom and deliverance. The man in our text asked for neither poverty nor

riches but for daily provision alone. You can ask for more and total eradication of poverty and release of abundance. You can be full with good things and yet serve God. Christ promised his followers, including you abundance life.

‘For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly’ (Psalm 84:11).

You can have food to feed yourself, your family and a whole nation. Joseph did it and he never took the name of God in vain. You will serve God better with riches,

‘After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence. Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment? Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of

Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai' (Esther 3:1-6).

You can serve God better with your increase, wealth and divine provisions that come from Him. It is better to live in a better house than to live in a bad house. It is better to be a house owner than to be a tenant. You can serve God more by lending to people instead of borrowing. You can serve God as a managing director more than being a servant, a cleaner or as nobody. There is nothing bad for praying for all your members, your family to become rich in Christ, millionaires in Christ Jesus or occupying the highest office in the land. It is not a mean thing, a joke to have an open door. Though there may be oppositions but they have no power to close the door, it is a permanent open door. There is an open door to God and His riches and to every capacity for the faithful and true children of God. Every opposition must be humbled and is humbled before you.

'Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee' (Revelation 3:9).

Ministers and believers who left God's presence to seek help from the devil will be disgraced. It is a matter of time and all their affluence, pride; boasting and arrogance will be exposed and judged. All false prophet, prophetess, general overseers who are playing religion, claiming to be of God will be humbled.

All agents of the devil who pretend to be of God, who takes believers right,

mock true children of God, will not go free. Anyone whose ministry, promotion, wealth and advancement came through falsehood, evil sacrifice will be humbled before true believers. Every honor, respect and their glory are temporary; they will be disgraced with time. Their entire plot against God's true servants will back fire.

‘Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. Nevertheless, Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow am I invited unto her also with the king. Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made’ (Esther 5:9-14).

Their joy, evil wishes, arrows, denial against true believers will receive due judgment. Their riches, testimonies of promotions, banquets on daily bases will

cease without announcement. Traps, nets, holes, letters of demotion they prepared against God's children will be used against them. They will confess with their mouth all the evil they have done, planned and intents to do against God's children. Their wealth will be turned to the righteous and their glory will be transferred to God's children.

If you know the end of the wicked ministers that work for the devil, you will never envy them. They may have everything now, move with convoy, chains of cars, with security, live in the best house, build the biggest church in the city and have air conditioned cathedral, their end is disastrous, fake ministers will be humbled with time. They are like chaff without root or fruits and they will be unable to stand in the Day of Judgment.

Fake ministers will be troubled, restless and burdened without help. They shall be cut off and their own sword shall enter into their own heart. Their arms shall be broken and God shall laugh at them. The axe of justice shall fall upon them and their riches will melt. Their power will decay; sorrow will end their happiness and replace their joy with everlasting suffering. God is angry with ministers who enter into covenant with the devil to deceive His children. Their house will be emptied, their chair of office will be vacant and their estate will be without owner. They shall be blotted out and brought to the bed of penury.

They shall be gone like a passing cloud and forgotten as a dream. They will not see how close their destruction is. They may be having feasting days, banquets but there is no safe day for them. They are cursed and placed under God's wrath and anger every day. The only one choice they have is to repent or perish here and spend their eternity in hell fire.

But overcomers, the righteous, the faithful, holy and true shall be kept from the hours of temptation which shall come upon the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

‘Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth’ (Revelation 3:10).

‘For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ’ (1 Thessalonians 5:9).

Ministers who remain holy, faithful and loyal to Christ will prosper and be happy. No matter how long, it shall be well with righteous ministers, believers who wait upon the Lord. God will pay back everything his ministers lost with interest. They will be preserved forever and God will not leave them in the hand of the wicked. They will have and enjoy everlasting satisfaction. Christ’s letter to true believers, godly ministers and all members in faith in Philadelphia church is that true happiness does not come through occultism. True happiness is found in doing the things that gives God pleasure. Moreover, the eyes of the Lord, His face, ears, presence and power are engaged actively to help, to heal, sustain, support, protect and preserve all that trust God. Each part you take leads to a destination. But listen, strength, happiness, answers to prayers and long life belong to the upright. But, disappointments, sorrows, destructions and premature deaths await the ungodly. God has not appointed true believers to wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus. Are you ready for His coming or do you still wish to continue in your wickedness?

‘Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown’ (Revelation 3:11).

‘Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour

when ye think not' (Luke 12:40).

CHAPTER FOUR

READINESS FOR HIS COMING

Some of the few words in the letter to the contending believers in Philadelphia are for them to continue in faith. To hold what they have fast with all seriousness and fight to the end. Starting Christian life is important but finishing well is more important. Christ told them that what they have is only theirs if they guard it with jealousy.

‘Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame’ (Revelation 16:15).

‘Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh’ (James 5:8).

Multitudes of Israelites were saved, redeemed and delivered from sin, idolatry and bondage. God brought them out by His mighty hand. But thousands of them died on their way to the Promised Land. What Christ was telling them is that:

1. They must not go back to fornication

‘But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints’ (Ephesians 5:3).

'For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well' (Acts 15:28-29).

'Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry' (Colossians 3:5).

2. They must not go back to uncleanness

'For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words' (Ephesians 5:3).

'And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves' (Romans 1:23-24).

'What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death' (Romans 6:21).

'For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness' (1Thessalonians 4:7).

3. They must not go back to covetousness

'But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints' (Ephesians 5:3).

‘Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry’ (Colossians 3:5).

‘Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s’ (Exodus 20:17).

‘And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness’ (Ezekiel 33:31).

‘And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth’ (Luke 12:15).

4. They must not go back to filthiness

‘Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks’ (Ephesians 5:4).

‘Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls’ (James 1:21).

‘But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities’ (2 Peter 2:10).

‘The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are

they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? Who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God' (Psalm 53:1-4).

5. They must not go back to foolish talking

'Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks' (Ephesians 5:4).

'If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world' (James 1:26-27).

'In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise' (Proverbs 10:19).

'For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile' (1Peter 3:10).

6. They must not go back to jesting

'Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks' (Ephesians 5:4).

'As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, So is

the man that deceiveth his neighbor, and saith, Am not I in sport?’ (Proverbs 26:18).

Though many people, many churches in many cities has deteriorated, backslidden, went into cultism, false doctrines, the church in Philadelphia were warned not to copy their lifestyle. They were told to hold what they have fast. They needed to know that all workers of iniquity are excluded from Christ’s kingdom

‘For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God’ (Ephesians 5:5).

‘For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven’ (Matthew 5:20).

‘Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?’ (1Corinthians 6:9).

‘And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life’ (Revelation 21:27).

They needed to know that God’s wrath is on all the children of disobedient

‘Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these

things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience' (Ephesians 5:6).

'For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness' (Romans 1:18).

'But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath' (Romans 1:18).

Christ in His letter was telling them to keep what they have, to walk in light

'Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light' (Ephesians 5:7-14).

Christ told them in His letter to continue in holiness, to remain conquerors, more than conquerors over the world, the flesh and the devil. To watch and examine their relationship with God, to prove that their names are still in the book of life and they are still overcomers.

They must have:

a) Inner victory and freedom

‘There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God’ (Hebrew 4:9).

‘That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish’ (Ephesians 5:26-27).

‘If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed’ (John 8:36).

b. They must be in unity with other believers

‘For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren’ (Hebrews 2:11).

‘Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me’ (John 17:20-23).

‘Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may

hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel' (Philippians 1:27).

'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore' (Psalms 133:1-3).

c. They must have perfect love

'And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live' (Deuteronomy 30:6).

'Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind' (Matthew 22:37).

'This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:12-13).

d. They must have inner and outward holiness

'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled... Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God' (Matthew 5:6, 8).

'That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the

hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life' (Luke 1:74-75).

'That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children' (Titus 2:14).

'For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes' (Luke 6:43-44).

e. They must keep their motives pure and right

'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5).

'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain' (Philippians 1:21).

'For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ' (Galatians 1:10).

'I receive not honor from men' (John 5:41).

Jesus' word, His letter was pointing to them the way to follow to get to the end and to partake in His kingdom's final reward. Their lives must be characterized by submission to God, to His word, self-abasement, self-denial, separation, and love and longsuffering. They must be free from partial obedience. Their obedience to God, His word, the ministry and leadership must be complete. The letter was pointing to the end, continually in faith, steadfast in service and obedience.

To achieve the above:

- They must serve in simplicity and sincerity

‘He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward’ (Matthew 10:39-42).

‘When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison,

and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal' (Matthew 25:31-46).

'He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself' (John 13:4).

'Then cometh He to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?' (John 13:6).

'Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good' (Roman 12:8-9).

- **They must serve selfless and with self-abasement**

'He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them

with the towel wherewith he was girded' (John 13:4-5).

'Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross' (Philippians 2:3-8).

'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' (Acts 20:19).

'For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith' (Romans 12:3).

'Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits' (Romans 12:16).

'He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?' (Micah 6:8).

'But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve' (Luke 22:26).

'Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you

up' (James 4:10).

- **They must serve with seriousness and sensitivity**

'He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded' (John 13:4-5).

'And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.⁹ Use hospitality one to another without grudging.¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God' (1 Peter 4:8-10).

'Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much' (James 5:16).

'Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently' (1 Peter 1:22).

- **They must serve with sacrifice and satisfaction**

'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13).

'And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour' (Ephesians 5:2).

‘Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren’ (1John 3:16).

- **They must serve with succor and supply**

‘And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men’ (2 Samuel 8:5).

‘And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, whom the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give them. But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD’S oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite: And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest. And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. And it was told David what Rizpah

the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabeshgilead, which had stolen them from the street of Bethshan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa' (2 Samuel 21:5-12).

'But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality' (2 Corinthians 8:14).

To be rewarded at the end, to be crowned at the end, to benefit from any service you render as a minister, believers or worker, your service must be rendered in conformity with scriptural principles and precepts. There cannot be permanent victory until the believer accepts the totality of God's word as His will to be conformed to. For obedience to God's call to have its full reward, it must be prompt. Men of pure faith are men of absolute surrender to God's will, willing to obey and completely yielded to God's will. Your faith must be the right kind of faith and the scriptural kind of faith. Ministers, believers must not remain baby Christians with faith to get and not having faith to give. God is looking for mature Christians who do not only have the faith to come and receive but who also have faith to consecrate and give all

'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 20:35).

‘So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us’ (1Thessalonians 2:8).

‘Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?’ (1John 3:16-17).

‘Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father’ (John 10:17-18).

‘I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me’ (Galatians 2:20).

‘For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps’ (1Peter 2:21).

‘He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked’ (1John 2:6).

To have faith in Christ is to put complete trust in Him in everything. To be secured in Christ, you must continue in following Him and obey His word. There is no security for the rebellious or the sinning believer. The foundation of security is the grace of God and the evidence of grace is continual victory over

sin, over the flesh and the world

‘This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare’ (2 Corinthians 13:1).

‘And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book’ (Exodus 32:33).

‘Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels’ (Revelation 3:3-5).

By completely relying on God and closely following the word of God, the weakest believer can be victorious over all temptation. The purpose of heart to be true to the word and to be obedient to God at all cost will go a long way to prepare you for victory. The consciousness of God’s presence will help you to watch your actions wherever you are to be steadfast. We are to do everything with the mind that Christ can come or death can take place without announcement.

To avoid being taken unawares or unprepared for His coming, you are commanded to watch and be ready. In Christ's letter to the church in Philadelphia, He told them to be patient, to establish their hearts because His coming will not be long. He counseled them to hold fast what they have, to use their little strength, their talents, gifts, and occupy until He come. He advised them to live holy, keep His commandments without spot and to remain spotless to the day of His appearing. He told them to abide in Him so that they will have confidence that when He comes, they will not be put to shame. Apart from His second coming and the rapture, death can come before the above. We must get ready, be holy on daily basis in case death comes anytime, we will be able to make it to heaven

'Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door' (James 5:8).

'And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come' (Luke 19:13).

'That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Timothy 6:14).

'And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming' (1 John 2:28).

'In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live' (2 Kings 20:1).

‘Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh’ (Matthew 25:1-13).

‘Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God’ (Revelation 19:7-9).

‘And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come’ (Luke 19:13).

To occupy till He comes means being involved in evangelistic efforts to save souls, be involved in evangelistic efforts in city liberations, crusades and other Christian's programs must be done to win souls. After every program, there must be period of preservation of soul won for Christ.

The continued labor consists of:

VISITATION

‘And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me’ (Matthew 25:35-40).

‘Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world’ (James 1:27).

‘For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established’ (Romans 1:11).

INVITATION

'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD' (Psalm 122:1).

'We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company' (Psalm 55:14).

'Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah' (Psalm 55:7).

'And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely' (Revelation 22:17).

INFORMATION

‘Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour’ (John 1:38-39).

‘Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him’ (Matthew 2:1-2).

‘And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel’ (Matthew 2:5-6).

‘Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching’ (Hebrews 10:23-25).

PERSUASION

‘Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see’ (John 1:45-46).

‘But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear’ (1Peter 3:15).

‘And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem’ (Acts 9:26-28).

PRESERVATION

'I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled' (John 17:6-12).

'In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not

ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you' (Matthew 28:1-7).

'And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all

that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you' (Luke 24:13-36).

'After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered

him, No' (John 21:1-5).

1. After deliverance

'And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute

judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever' (Exodus 12:1-14).

'And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual' (Exodus 12:37-39).

'And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten' (Exodus 13:3).

2. Deliverance candidates must be followed up.

They must be taught to depart from Egyptian lifestyles.

‘And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation’ (Exodus 32:1-10).

‘And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that

he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawedit upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him' (Exodus 19-23).

3. The redeemed Israelites need constant encouragement, instruction, intercessions, protection from demonic visits.

'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).

If Moses had counted his work finished on the day Israel came out of Egypt and handed over the people to Aaron, what would be their end? If deliverance

ministers only know how to cast out demons without the training on how to help the delivered candidates, they will be possessed by wicked demon. This is why many deliverance ministers and ministries are failing in ministry. After deliverance, salvation, there is always a desire for Egyptian lifestyle

‘And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt’ (Exodus 13:17).

‘But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way’ (Deuteronomy 17:16).

‘And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace’ (Exodus 14:10-14).

‘And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger’ (Exodus 16:1-3).

‘And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes’ (Numbers 11:4-6).

‘And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt: therefore, the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?’ (Numbers 11:18-20).

‘And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the

people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Were it not better for us to return into Egypt? And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel' (Numbers 14:1-5).

'And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died' (Numbers 21:4-6).

'Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion' (Isaiah 30:1-3).

'Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! Yet he also is wise, and

will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together' (Isaiah 31:1-3).

Though Israel came out of Egypt, Egypt did not come out of Israel. Many have come out of the world but the thoughts and systems of the world need to come out of them. There is need for follow up work after deliverance and salvation. Deliverance candidates need special attention, constant watch, protection, frequent encouragements, regular study, teaching and continuous training. It is better to leave the possessed with their demons than to cast out the demons and put them into more trouble. Preachers must emphasis on the need for holy life after deliverance to avoid more trouble. A deliverance minister who commits sin, immorality with a deliverance candidate is like a man who sins with a woman in the presence of the husband or father, likewise any believer. Ministers must not turn God's house into prostitute's brothel. Christ assured the church in Philadelphia of a reward if they endure to the end.

'Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the

churches' (Revelation 3:11-13).

There is reward for all who faithfully labor for the Lord. Whatever is done for the Lord will be rewarded. All sacrifice, energy, time and money spent in laboring for the Lord cannot be expended in vain because God rewards those that worship Him in truth and Spirit.

'Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord' (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Any believer who remained steadfast, unmovable, abounding in God's service will be rewarded. Believers, who obey God, keep faith, hold fast to the end, will be crowned and mightily rewarded by Christ. The overcomers who remained overcomers to the end will receive full joy. They will have access to the tree of life and will live eternally in God's presence. They will not be hurt by second death and will be empowered for leadership to rule and reign over his enemies. Overcomers will walk with white in God's presence and their names will ever be in the book of life. Overcomers have nothing to lose because even what seems to be lost will be recovered. Overcomers are marked with God's mark and they cannot be touched by evil power. Because their names are in the book of life, the devil has no power over them, how much less his agents. The case file of every overcomer is not available to the devil. They are with God and the holy angels are instructed to protect overcomers. They have access to God's throne and can approach God anytime. Overcomers are not of this world, they are just ambassadors here on earth. Their real home, mansions and inheritance are in

heaven. They shall inherit all things in heaven and on earth. Overcomers are God's heir and they have right to every good thing on earth.

'He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son' (Revelation 21:7).

'And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together' (Romans 8:17).

'He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?' (Romans 8:32).

God did not make mistake when He call you His heir, He meant every letter in those words. Many children of God, overcomers are suffering today because of ignorance. It is not God's intention for any problem to prevail over the church. God wrote to us through this letter we are reading now and He called us His heir. You must not under estimate yourself again. There is much, so much waiting for the faithful overcomers. There are crowns to wear, names to bear and joys to share once we enter into God's eternal city, we are eternally secured and shall never be forgotten. As the bride bears the name of the bridegroom throughout life, the overcomers shall bear Christ's new name forever, since we belong to Him forever.

CHAPTER FIVE

SEVENTH LETTER

THE ETERNAL LIVING CHRIST

Revelation 3:14-22

This is the last of the seven churches in Asia addressed by Christ, the head and shepherd of the church. These churches actually existed at that time and they had typical and prophetic significance. The churches typify different types of churches today and they prophetically represent churches at all times, in all lands and of all church ages. The Laodicea church had no point of praise or commendation. It was, no doubt the last and the worst of all the churches.

Religion becomes a substitute for reality and Luke warmness characterized the whole church. There was not even the trace of a faithful few as in Sardis. Yet, the Lord is pictured as standing at the door of every heart, knocking and asking for entrance. What a wonderful love from the Lord who died for all, willing to save, ready to cleanse.

Christ the author, the origin of the book of Revelation is also the great counselor to all the churches. In the letter to the seven churches, He manifested the whole characteristics in its entirety. Our living eternal Christ, the great and living Savior, the first and the last, who is before the changing circumstances of life, with the final authority writes again to the seventh church in Asia.

‘And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God’ (Revelation 3:14).

‘Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me’ (John 14:6).

Each letter began with great attributes, characteristics and titles of Jesus Christ. “Amen” means verily, certainly or so be it, a guarantee or affirmation of the truth of a statement. He is the faithful and true witness and His words are final without question. He is the beginning and the end, the guarantor of every promise of God. Christ as the faithful witness seals every promise that God made in the scriptures. He is the beginning of the creation of God, which means, the origin, the author, the first cause of creation. He is the way, the truth and the life, the last person before God the father.

‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men’ (John 1:1-4).

In the beginning, the word appeared and the word was with God, and the word was God. Christ is the word, is always with God, and cannot be separated from the word because He was the word and the word was God. No one can have God without the word and to reject Christ is to reject God, who is the word.

‘And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God’ (Ephesians 3:9).

‘For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence’ (Colossians 1:16-18).

God appeared through Christ when He created the world through Him and came to the world through Him to have fellowship with us. It was by Him that all things were created, both things in heaven, things on earth, visible and invisible. Every throne, dominion, principalities and powers, all came through Him and are under Him and for Him. Therefore, He is before all things and by Him, all things consist and come to be. He is the leader, in charge and the head of every head and nothing that had begun was begun without Him, His approval or knowledge. Christ was the first-born, the beginning and the prominence of all things. No one can ignore Him and succeed and no success is a success without Him.

‘But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us’ (2 Corinthians 1:18-20).

Truth starts with Christ and any church or individual that has no Christ, has no truth and any preaching that does not embrace the truth of Christ is not complete. Without Him, there will be no fulfillment of any promise because He is the Amen or so be it, a seal to every Amen.

‘And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God’ (Revelation 3:14).

‘For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh’ (Colossians 2:1).

THE CITY OF LAODICEA

Laodicea was a rich city and the chief city in Phrygia, founded about 250 B.C. by Antiochus the second and named after his wife. It was 45 miles S.E. of Philadelphia and about 40 miles from Ephesus. It was not far from Colossi and Hierapolis. It had a very large Jewish population and also had a medical center. The Apostle Paul knew this church of Laodicea and had a great concern and love for the church. Epaphras, a servant of Christ had a great zeal for the brethren, which were in Laodicea, desiring and praying that they would be perfect and complete in all the will of God.

‘For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ’ (Colossians 2:1-2).

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ had previously written to them. The condition of the church moved him to pray for them, desiring that they work together in unity, divine love and to be exposed to the mystery of Christ. Epaphras fervently prayed for them and called them by name in prayer.

‘Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you,

always labouring fervently for you in prayers that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis. Salute the brethren, which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house... And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea' (Colossians 4:12-13, 16).

The church in Laodicea was so privileged to receive and read many copies of letters from other great men of God before the present one that we are reading now. But by the time Christ address them in Revelation chapter three through the Apostle John, about 35 years later, the church had completely become lukewarm and backslidden.

CHAPTER SIX

THE LUKEWARM CONGREGATION

What does it mean to be lukewarm, neither cold nor hot? Does it mean to be spiritually weak, feeble, tempted or of little strength? No. A bruised reed shall he not break and smoking flax shall he not quench.

‘A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory’ (Matthew 12:20).

‘For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin’ (Hebrews 4:15).

If these were only weak, feeble and discouraged, Christ with divine gentleness and sympathy would have encouraged and strengthen them rather than rebuking and chastising them. They were wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked spiritually. It was a congregation of sinners and backsliders professing to be Christians. They were vile and sinful, pitiable and without the robe of righteousness. They were insincere, religious hypocrites and harder to win to Christ than cold, irreligious sinners.

‘(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?’ (John 7:39-41).

There are some members of the church which are nonchalant and can never be moved, no matter the move of God in their midst. They come to church but will not contribute positively or show concern. They are just on the fence, doing nothing.

‘And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he

came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his Father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him' (Matthew 21:23-32).

Religious people are very knowledgeable and they know many things but they do not have relationship with God through Christ. They are faultfinders, always looking for an excuse to accuse the righteous. When I was growing up in my village, I discovered two groups of people, idol worshippers and church people. Christians and none Christians, unbelievers and believers. It was clearly defined to the understanding of even a fool. The church people, believers or Christians were collection of those who are called of God to be His children and they responded, purchased, cleansed from sin and their names written in heaven.

'Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

These sets of believers in my village are visible church Christians. They are the assembly of people who are saved and they usually come together regularly to

worship and fellowship

‘A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another’ (John 13:34-35).

‘Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican’ (Matthew 18:15-17).

They are saved from their sins, separated from the world; they were always in fellowship with God, and with one another. Many of them were poor but they were always happy, without worry and anxiety. They have definite relationship with Christ. They go to church and regular bible studies, fellowships, prayers and soul winning were their hallmark. In their meeting days, bible studies, they assemble to study, learn, love, learn how to lean on God. The lives of all their members glorify God, keep bible doctrines and preach to none members. They worship God together, care for others, especially their members. They were faithful at home, at work and prayerful at all time

‘And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and

fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers' (Acts 2:42).

'Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you' (Hebrews 13:17).

'And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ' (Ephesians 4:11-12).

'Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word' (Acts 8:4).

'Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort' (1Timothy 6:1).

'Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things' (Titus 2:9-10).

'I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting' (1Timothy 2:8).

'Pray without ceasing' (1Thessalonians 5:17).

THEY ARE LIKE A FAMILY

*‘Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named’
(Ephesians 3:15).*

LIKE A FLOCK

*‘Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood’
(Acts 20:28).*

LIKE A VINEYARD

‘For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building’ (1Corinthians 3:9).

AND A NATION

‘But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light’ (1Peter 2:9).

Each member’s life is determined by their spiritual experiences, love, faith, prayer life, knowledge and obedience. They do not joke with church attendance and their membership. Their members are saved from sin and they live new life

‘But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his’ (Romans 8:9).

‘Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine, which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness’ (Romans 6:17-19).

They also preach to people, none members everywhere. When they came together to fellowship, they sing and clap hands. They pray and most times, speak in tongues. Once you join their group and hear their preaching during bible study, obey and accept Christ, your parents, neighbors, school people, office, market place will know. Everywhere you go, people will quickly know that you have joined the group. Your dressing, way of life, behavior, everything about you will immediately change. Your friends, relationships with others will change.

People will call you born-again, Scripture Union (S.U), and they will begin to persecute you, call you names. Your parents, helpers will deny you of your rights, try to stop you. They called this group, Pentecostals, born again, hand clappers or people who get drunk with American drugs or charms.

The second group is churchgoers or idol worshipers. Some of them go to church and worship idol. Others go to church but they do not worship idol or physically enter into shrines. They are not outright idol worshippers, they go to church but they do not have power over sin. They are not born again, though they are baptized and given Christian names. In their church, they do not clap hands, speak in tongue or carry bible like Pentecostals those days.

While Pentecostal members, believers or born again answer Christ's call through hearing God's words, repentance, confession and forsaking of their sins, the other group answer their own call by being baptized and belonging to their church. The Pentecostal of those days get born-again; forsake sin, Satan, self to follow Christ, the Savior. They turn away from darkness to walk in the light. They enter into narrow gate to walk in the narrow way. In their bible study times, they are instructed to walk worthy of their call of salvation. Their characters change as they become members of the body of Christ

‘I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called’ (Ephesians 4:1).

‘Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life’ (John 8:12).

‘Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life’ (Romans 6:4).

‘This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ’ (Ephesians 4:17-20).

‘Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel’ (Philippians 1:27).

‘Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)’ (Philippians 3:17-19).

‘That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God’ (Colossians 1:10).

They are taught that in relationship with others in the church, at home and in the society, their new life and new walk must show:

LOWLINESS

‘With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love’ (Ephesians 4:2).

‘Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus’ (Philippians 2:3-5).

‘Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record’ (John 12:13-17).

‘And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ’ (Luke 22:24-26).

MEEKNESS

‘With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love’ (Ephesians 4:2).

‘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’ (Matthew 11:29).

‘Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye’ (Colossians 3:12-13).

‘To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men’ (Titus 3:2).

LONGSUFFERING

‘With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love’ (Ephesians 4:2).

‘Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth’ (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

‘Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things’ (2 Corinthians 6:3-10).

He can boldly discuss this with the Corinthians because of his devotion to them

‘O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is

enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged. 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 6:11-16).

FORBEARANCE

'With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love... And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you' (Ephesians 4:2, 32).

'Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye' (Colossians 3:13).

LOVE

'With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love' (Ephesians 4:2).

‘Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savor’ (Ephesians 5:1-2).

‘We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also’ (1John 4:19-21).

UNITY WITH THE CHURCH

‘Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ’ (Ephesians 4:3).

‘Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me’ (John 17:20-23).

‘For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and

have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him' (1Corinthians 12:12-18).

'That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another' (1Corinthians 12:25).

PEACE AMONG EACH OTHER

‘Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace’ (Ephesians 4:3).

‘Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord’ (Hebrews 12:14)

‘And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient’ (2 Timothy 2:24).

‘Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men’ (Romans 12:17-18).

I remember those days, as a young born again, new convert, immediately we finished bible study for the day, with zeal, I will go into my bible, repeat the bible quotations, read it over and over and examine my life with those bible references. Anyone I do not understand, I will go to my pastor, any leader and ask question. I make note of every bible study.

In fact, what I am telling you now is from my old bible study notebook, taught by my first Pastor Kumuyi at Gbagada Deeper Life Bible Church Gbagada, 1984. As we leave the church from every fellowship, we come out to practice it before our parents, schoolmates, neighbors, fellow believers and anyone around us. We use the bible to test ourselves to see if we are really born again. We watch how we react when others provoke us, tell lies against us.

We are happy when we suffer or denied our rights because of Christ. Those days,

membership was not a mixture of wheat and tares but only those who were purchased with His own blood (see Acts 20:28). Church attendance and church membership are two different things. True church members hate sins; ignore sins, treats sins in the midst of sinners as if they do not exist. But people who just attend church respond to sin, play with sin and are alive to sin. Truly born-again church members are dead to sin and do not respond to the demands of the flesh. A nation does not count the dead and foreigners when citizens are being counted. Neither does a family count the dead and the fetus as part of the family. It is proper, legitimate, necessary and helpful for any church to know their members provided the dead; the foreigners and the fetus are not counted

‘Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls’ (Acts 2:41).

‘Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand’ (Acts 4:4).

‘And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith’ (Acts 6:7).

‘And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law’ (Acts 21:20).

CHAPTER SEVEN

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Those days, our pastors challenged us with the word of God to prove or bring forth the fruits of repentance.

- Repentance is not an abstract idea or notion that one gives a mental assent to.
- It is not a religious dogma that one believes without any practical consequence on his life and behavior.
- Repentance produces fruits and works in all those who have truly repented. Many people talk about repentance and the effect on the lives of the penitent.
- All who have repented must show the evidence of that repentance by bringing forth the fruits of repentance.

‘Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire’ ([Matthew 3:8-10](#)).

- Many great evangelists, pastors, prophets and other titled ministers gather multitudes but cannot show tangible fruits of repentance of the flock.

- There are ministers, pastors who are ministering to many, pastoring many but they refused to be ministered to or pastored.
- They just learn one kingdom language, got occult power and start deceiving people. They boast of their gifts, talents, prosperity, claim to attend bible school, deliverance school, prayer school but they cannot bring forth any fruit of their acclaimed repentance.
- They exact people, tell lies with God's name, prophesy falsely to take members money. Most of them are jobless, lazy and possessed by evil spirits. Prodigal sons and daughters that refuse to repent.
- True repentance leads to a change of conduct, change of mind and must produce a change of action.
- It is not a mere change of opinion; it goes much deeper to bring real reformation of life. Repentance consists of a radical change of mind about God, sin, about self and about the world.
- Previously, sin was delighted in, but now it is hated and mourned over.
- Previously, self was esteemed, but now it is abhorred.
- Previously, you are of the world and his friendship was sought and prized, now your hearts have been diverted from the world and you regard it as your enemy.
- Repentance softens the hard soil of the soul and makes it receptive to the gospel seed.
- To repent is to confess and forsake all known sins.

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

- Repentance is turning away from sin, turning of heart against sin, change of heart concerning sin.
- Without true repentance, you cannot believe in Christ to be saved.
- Mental acknowledgement of Christ is not faith in Christ. The heart that

clings to sin cannot truly exercise faith in Christ.

‘And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry’ (Isaiah 5:6-7).

- To have faith in Christ is to put your complete trust in Him for forgiveness, peace and reconciliation with God.
- When you repent and believe in Christ, you are saved. To be secured in Christ, you must continue following Christ, obeying His words.
- There is no security for the rebellious or sinning Christian.
- The foundation of security is the grace of God and the evidence of grace is continual victory over sin, the flesh and the world.
- True repentance produces always the fruits of righteousness and new life.

‘I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes’ (Job 42:5).

- If you repent truly, you discontinue from your old ways of evil word, like jokes, old use of sinful slangs and conversation, evil business tricks.
- If you remain cold and lukewarm in spiritual matters, identify yourself with the impenitent unrepentant world, you are not born again.

If you are born-again, you will abhor detestable sins like the following -

1. Pride – (Proverbs 6:16-17, 16:18-19, 21:4, Mark 7:20-23, 1Timothy 3:6, James 4:6).
2. Lying – (Proverbs 6:17, 11:1, 19:9, Ephesians 4:25, Revelation 21:8).
3. Murder – (Proverbs 6:17, Romans 1:28-32, Matthew 5:21-22, 1John 3:15).
4. Evil imaginations and plans – (Proverbs 6:18, Micah 2:1-3, Job 5:12).
5. Mischief and wickedness – (Proverbs 6:12-15, 18, Isaiah 59:1-8, Acts 13:10-11).
6. Perjury – (Proverbs 6:19, 19:5, 25:18, Exodus 23:1, Deuteronomy 19:16-21).
7. Sowing discord – (Proverbs 6:12-15, 19, 16:28, 2 Thessalonians 3:11, 1Timothy 5:13).
8. Adultery and fornication – (Proverbs 6:25-35, 7:24-27, Job 31:9-12, Mark 7:20-23, Acts 15:29, 1Corinthians 6:9-10, Revelation 2:20-23).
9. Stealing – (Ephesians 4:29, Psalms 12:3, 52:2-4, Proverbs 16:27-28, 26:22, Matthew 12:34-37).
10. Bitterness and wrath – (Ephesians 4:31, Hebrews 12:15-17, James 3:14-16).
11. Anger and clamor – (Ephesians 4:31, Psalms 37:8, Proverbs 6:32, Matthew 5:22).
12. Malice – (Ephesians 4:3, Colossians 3:8, 1Peter 2:1).
13. Grieving the Holy Spirit – (Ephesians 4:30, Isaiah 63:10, Acts 5:3, 7:51).
14. Uncleanliness – (Ephesians 5:3, Romans 1:23-24, 6:21, 1Thessalonians 4:7).
15. Covetousness – (Ephesians 5:3, Colossians 3:5, Exodus 20:17, Ezekiel 33:31, Luke 12:15).
16. Filthiness – (Ephesians 5:4, James 1:21, 2Peter 2:10, Psalms 53:1-4).
17. Foolish talking – (Ephesians 5:4, James 1:26-27, Proverbs 10:19, 1Peter 3:10).

18. Jestng – (Ephesians 5:4, Proverbs 26:18-19).

BEGINNING OF CHURCH'S LUKEWARMNESS

Like I said earlier, the last group of people in my village, the idol worshippers and the churchgoers, who were not born again later joined, I mean idol worshippers and unrepentant churchgoers. The churchgoers dominated them, compelled them to join them to church. Join the zone, get baptized, and start taking Holy Communion. The youth among them literally forced their old parents, real idol worshippers to follow them to church, forced them to wed at old age and join the zone.

Once you meet up, get baptized in water, you become a member and if you die, the zonal branch will bury you, pray high-level prayers for you and assure their living members that the dead went to heaven. The priest will pray on the grave, anoint it and the deceived members will believe that he went to heaven. Heaven became very cheap and as they go to church, belonged to a particular zone, they still worshipped their idols freely. Most of their priests are in modern cult but they practice biblical idolatry. Surprisingly, the youth and women among them began to read the bible, form groups, clap hands in their groups and speak in tongues like Pentecostals. Few of them, among, the youth were ordained as priests and began to preach like Pentecostals, speak in tongues.

With time, everyone began to go to church. The church elders, senior ordained priests and bishops tried to stop them but could not. Now, everyone carry bible, preach, pray, clap hands, speak in tongues and perform miracles. There is confusion everywhere because everyone, each party, both the Pentecostals, believed that they are children of God. Everyone speak the same Christian language, praise God, God bless you, sing the same song and heal the sick.

‘And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said’ (Exodus 7:10-13).

Moses and Aaron were in one side, with a rod while Pharaoh, his wise men, the sorcerers and magicians were in one side with their enchantment. Both produced result and made Pharaoh to harden his heart. Both parties separated and continued with what they believed, challenging themselves from time to time.

‘And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said’

(Exodus 7:20-22).

‘And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt’ (Exodus 8:5-7).

‘And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. And I will put a division between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be’ (Exodus 8:20-23).

‘And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice’ (1Samuel 18:10-11).

As I searched the scriptures, I discovered that every genuine thing that God does,

Satan would try to bring along counterfeit to confuse the minds of men, deceive his followers and harden their hearts. Moses and Aaron's group, the Pentecostals, continued until God gave them victory, their opponent, confessed that power pass power.

'And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years. The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families. And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years. And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Levi according to their generations' (Exodus 8:16-19).

But instead of the Pentecostals of our time to continue, they compromised and left the source of their power, which is preaching, teaching and discipleship. They followed the servants of Pharaoh, the sorcerers, the magicians and continued in competition. They compromised, modified their preaching, their teaching, bowed to the pressure groups, influenced by Satan and self who judge things carnally by outward appearance only. They craved for popularity, praise of men and they backslide.

'Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets' (Luke 6:26).

Today, everyone is seeking for prophecy, no one is ready to preach, teach and tell people the truth. Once you can prophecy, tell people what they want to hear, even if you are a devil, they follow you anywhere you go. Before, ministers were likened to -

Ambassadors (Ephesians 3:20),

Servants (Philippians 1, Galatians 1:10),

Builders (1Corinthians 3:10),

Chosen Vessel (Acts 9:15, 2 Corinthians 4:7),

Stewards (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, Luke 16:1-2)

Ministers of the New Testament (1Corinthians 3:6, 4:1-2).

But today, reverse is the case, our modern ministers are small gods, occult grandmasters and if you question their actions, they will curse you. They forget that Christ in the body carried out a divinely appointed mission. He mixed up, humbled himself and revealed the love and grace of God to man. He gave up everything – position, right, glory, life to reconcile man to God. With that mission accomplished, He left the world and went to the father in heaven.

When He left, He left the church behind to carry out and continue the same mission to reveal God to man through Christ and reconcile man to God through Christ to the whole of humanity. Every member of the church is expected to do the will of God in carrying on the mission of Christ. Jesus went to individuals, preached in the cities, sent his disciples. They evangelized, edify, witness, worship, testified, taught and disciple. They practiced personal evangelism and their preaching produced conviction of sin but today, reverse is the case. The whole church has backslide, seeking for personal gain.

‘The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise’ (Proverbs 11:30).

Churches are no longer winning soul; they are winning people’s money. The word win is a military term. To win a city is to lay siege on it and take it. It calls for skill, patience, bravery and endurance. It is also an occupational term. Like a fisherman, the soul winner, in the face of all kinds of weather and risks, applies himself to the task of skillfully bringing the sinner to Christ. Moreover, it is a matrimonial term. To win a soul to Christ is like winning a bride for the bridegroom and it takes prayer, affection, attention, sincerity, sacrifice and honest communication.

CONSEQUENCES OF BACKSLIDING ELDERS, PENTECOSTALISM

- They became covetous (Genesis 13:10),
- They compromised (Genesis 13:12-13),
- They were influenced by the worldly society (Hosea 7:8-9, 1 Samuel 8:19-20, 2 Kings 17:15),
- Pride entered them (Proverbs 16:18),
- They lusted for the flesh (Nehemiah 13:26, Judges 16:14-20),
- They entered into self-indulgence (Genesis 9:1, 20-21);
- They loved money (1 Timothy 6:9-10, John 13:29, Joshua 7:20-21),
- They loved the world (2 Timothy 4:10),
- They cared so much for this world (Mark 4:18-19),
- They used authority inordinately (2 Chronicles 16:9-12, 26:15-20),
- They entered into unbelief (Hebrews 3:12, 78:18-22, 2 Kings 1:2-4),
- They became prayer less (Matthew 26:40-41, 58).
- They created vacancy in the office of leadership in the church (Exodus 32:1, Judges 17:6),
- They brought bad examples in the church (Isaiah 56:10-12),
- They became immoral (1 Samuel 7:12-17, 22, 8:10-21, Jeremiah 23:9-16),
- They allowed false prophecies to come into the church (Jeremiah 2:8, 10:21, 12:10, Isaiah 28:7),
- They preferred compromising preachers (Numbers 14:1-4, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Isaiah 30:9-10),
- They desired temporary blessings above spiritual blessings (John 6:10-15, 25-35, 60, 66, Psalms 106:13-16),

- They encouraged partial obedience, unfaithfulness and insecurity (1Samuel 15:7-11, 16:14, Acts 5:1-10, Revelation 22:18-19),
- They preferred prosperity and abundance without holiness and zeal (Deuteronomy 32:5, 6, 15, Jeremiah 22:21-22, Revelation 3:14-20),
- They allowed strange preachers with false doctrines (Jeremiah 5:31, Hosea 4:6).
- The worse, they fight over positions, ordained themselves with the highest ordination in the church without God's approval.
- They also ordained unconverted women, children without experience to lead the church

'As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths... What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts' (Isaiah 3:12, 15).

'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' (1Kings 21:25).

Immediately these prophetess, young boys with talents got into leadership without much knowledge about God, his word and ways, they conspired against the church, break away, began to prophesy. Multitudes from the church followed them, especially youths and the women.

'Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye

shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken' (Jeremiah 6:16-17).

The Pentecostal youths followed suit and became worse, break the congregation and took away the members.

These youths, full of strength left without permission, instruction, commission and blessings from the leaders. The leaders cursed them, prayed against them and destroyed their ministries because they took away the people that pay them tithes. The church became poor, left with few members and leaders with big tithes. God withdrew His presence from the church and they experienced unanswered prayers. They started suffering under the power of darkness causing sickness, mysterious deaths and all manner of problems.

God in His infinite mercy call those youths to stand on the truth of God's word, ask for the old paths, the good way, walk therein, find rest for their souls and break out from the curses of the elders they left but they refused. Because of their in experience, zeal without knowledge and curse from their abandoned leaders, they refused to obey God.

'But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward... Yet they hearkened not unto me,

nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee' (Jeremiah 7:23-24, 26-27).

God left them and they became an outcast, captive, leper, their names was removed from the book of life and God forsook them (Exodus 32:33), the wrath of God came upon them (Ezra 8:22, Job 34:26-27), God rejected them (1 Samuel 15:22-26, 1 Corinthians 9:27). They became spiritually dead (1 Timothy 5:14-16, Ezekiel 18:24, 26), they became exposed to demonic attacks (1 Samuel 16:14, John 13:26-27, Luke 11:24-26). They became enslaved to Satan (1 Timothy 5:15), their consciences were seared with a rod of iron (1 Timothy 4:1, 22). Like Saul, they went and sought for help from a witch doctor and occults (1 Samuel 28:6-7).

In the process of looking for solution for their problems, these youths enter into covenant with evil spirits. Some died physically while the remaining that came out alive died spiritually. They are the ones that you see around the cities pulling cloud.

Gathering the properties in the cities, building mansions, cathedrals without building lives. They drive the best cars, knows the people that matters, deceiving and being deceived. They claim to have power to see, hear, heal, prosper and deliver people but they are liars, their power is powerless and their deliverance is not delivered. They are swindlers, carnal, full of greed, pride, anger, jealousy, covetous, unfaithful and possessed with the spirit of mammon, always talking about seed sowing, money.

They are irresponsible, unfaithful in marriage without any discipline. They do

not cast out demons; they transfer them, suspend their actions for a while or see problems without giving you solutions. They draw cloud; render the archbishops, bishops and old prophets in Laodicea useless without members. Their churches and remaining members are lukewarm. Laodicea church was abandoned and is the only church out of the seven churches in Asia that had no point of praise or commendation.

Religion became a substitute for reality and Luke warmness characterized the whole church, not even a trace of faithful few as in Sardis was found among them. They were all lukewarm, neither cold nor hot. They were all wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked spiritually. They were all congregation of sinners, backsliders professing to be Christian leaders but they were vile, sinful, and pitiable, without the robe of righteousness. Most of their leaders were in cults, witchcraft groups and very insincere, religious, hypocritical and harder to win to Christ than cold, irreligious sinners.

'I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked' (Revelation 3:15-17).

Even with their condition, backslidden state, Christ wrote to them. The letter was addressed to all, the elders and the youth ministers. Christ was and still, is pictured as standing at the door of every heart, church knocking and asking for entrance.

‘ I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me’ (Revelation 3:18-20).

Luke warmness brings shame, reproach and disgrace. It brings spiritual pollutions, decay, and all manner of poverty, uncleanness, nakedness, spiritual blindness and chastisement. Christ’s counsel to the lukewarm church in Laodicea is to repent. He promises to come back to deliver them, anyone of them who will hear, open the door of his heart, church, sup with Him and be with Him.

The letter is to the whole church and individual who will respond to His request, no matter how bad you are, how wicked you are and how far you have gone away from God, you can still be delivered. If you can leave your evil way of life, dubious way of life and submit to God’s deliverance program, you will be delivered, set free and restored back to God. To please God means to repent, confess and forsake all your sins and you will be forgiven.

‘Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?’ (Ezekiel 18:31).

‘Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure

in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?’ (Ezekiel 33:11).

You can disown your transgressions in a moment of time; receive a new heart, a new spirit and a brand new life now if you repent. God is not happy the way things are going in your life, your suffering and hardship. He is not willing or has any pleasure in your death. What God wants from you is to turn from your wicked ways, evil pursuits to avoid death. What God demands from you are not difficult, impossible or what you cannot do. He is willing and determined to help you if you want.

‘And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’ (Matthew 3:2).

‘And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent’ (Acts 17:30).

You can enter into the kingdom of heaven while you are here on earth. Part of heaven’s provision can be made available to you while you are still here on earth. It can start now, if you repent with all your heart and decide to serve God only.

‘Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God’ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

God has decided to forget all your evil acts against Him and humankind. It is a time of your ignorance if you can repent now and forsake all your sins. He wants to empower you with true power, everlasting power, unstoppable anointing and abundant life. Not all hope is lost for a repentant sinner. Though your past conducts and profession had been so disgusting and offensive, yet if you repent, seek things above, not on things on earth and open the door of your heart to receive the waiting knocking Christ, salvation and heaven will be yours.

‘And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations’ (Revelation 2:26).

‘To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches’ (Revelation 3:21-22).

You need to understand that there is a battle going on against you and Christ is standing by to help you to overcome. There is a lasting crown for you if you overcome. You will start enjoying divine presence, divine defense and divine provisions. To hear other words, read other letters and fail in this very one is the worst failure. You need to be fast; open your ears hear and do what the Holy Spirit expects of you. If you need deliverance in any area of your life, that is the purpose of this letter. Christ is here, with all determination, in all His power to deliver any congregation that is ready for deliverance.

‘And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had

a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer' (Revelation 6:2).

'And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible' (1 Corinthians 9:25).

'Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing' (2 Timothy 4:8).

The power that the devil, the occult, his agents have given you may be to gather few cloud, two million people out of millions of tens in your city. He may not give you the power to gather up to 1% of the people in the city where you live in. You just gather few thousands and you are happy. You may be your church's deliverance minister, pastor or bishop of three million members.

Christ's letter says, if you overcome and keep His works unto the end, He will give you power, not to have rule over just America, one nation, but power over nations. Everything in that nation, the banks, the oil companies are yours. What are you benefitting in the occult, witchcraft group that you cannot get in nations? It is ignorance, foolishness to remain in bondage when your deliverer is just by your door knocking.

What are you looking for that Christ cannot give you or cannot do for you? This is your opportunity to get full help and full deliverance. Jesus, the man in white horse, with absolute holiness and power to set you free from your captors is standing by your door. His crown is everlasting and other powers that has crown, gives crowns, bows at His feet. Why would you seek for any crown from evil source when Christ is saying to you, come and take my crown, an everlasting

crown that cannot fade away?

‘Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him’ (James 1:12).

‘And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away’ (1 Peter 5:4).

Whatever you can do to reject what you receive from the devil, from the occult or satanic agents, do so now. The reason is that the letter you are reading now is from Christ. A line in that letter is promising you an incorruptible crown that can never fade away. This is a crown of righteousness from the righteous judge, the great Amen with everlasting seal.

‘Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown’ (Revelation 3:11).

‘The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying’ (Revelation 4:10)

‘And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities’ (Luke 19:17).

The devil can give you crown or crowns, promise you heaven and earth but

remember, he is a liar and there is no truth in him. Christ is the truth, the way and life, His promises are yes and Amen. He has promised you in this program crown of life, you can join the overcomers today. If you love Christ, you will be happy to please Him, make Him happy and be proud of you. To love Him, you must keep His word, obey His word and be ready to pay any price to keep His commandment.

All the glory attached to whatever the devil has given you, the position and power you now enjoy is temporary. In the kingdom of darkness, whatever they promise you is not up to the glory that is attached to crown of glory that Christ will give you and has promised you. You cannot receive Christ's glory if you still keep Satan's glory. It is not possible to serve God and the devil at the same time.

Crowns are exchangeable, it is better to exchange the devil's crown, gifts, blessings, power with what God gives than to do otherwise. It is better to receive everlasting crown from the everlasting Christ than to receive a temporary crown that will bring tears into your eyes later. It is better to receive crown from the one that sits on the throne than the one that was over thrown from heaven. It is better to receive crown from Him that is worshipped and liveth forever and ever than to receive it from a failure like the devil. It is disgracing, worst to receive any crown from any person, group that is less than the devil, his agents, occult or witch doctor. What an insult to submit to the devil, his agents or any evil group.

The leaders of the church in Laodicea were struggling for position in the city and lost the church to the spirit of Luke warmness. You do not need to struggle for anything, be it power, position or any blessing. The power you have now may be just for one place, a city church branch; Christ's promise to overcomers is authority over cities. If you become an overcomer, a saint, Christ's promise is to empower you to judge the world, not just where you are now. You will have power to talk to any part of the world and they will obey you.

Do not allow the devil or one small occult you belong to keep limiting you. You have a promise to be established globally in whatever you are doing. Your business, job, profession will take you to the world, all places and advertise you beyond your location. What you have now is too small; the smallest thing to compare with what Christ wants to do in your life, if you join the overcomers. Why do you choose to deal with small matters, blessings, contract, open door, anointing and smallest problems when you have the opportunity to go worldwide, limitless and without boundary?

I counsel you; join the overcomers, the winners on the Lord's side. If you know what God have for you, you will ignore any suffering before you now, face any opposition against your becoming an overcomer and with your last strength, fight to the end. The glory before you, waiting for you to overcome is beyond explanation, more than what any occult group can offer and the whole world put together. Are you afraid of the devil; are you under his threats, or his agents and all the evil forces put together?

Listen, whatever they can do is likened to light affliction, small problem, trouble, a moment to compare to the external, everlasting, continuous and voluminous weight of glory that Christ is standing before you to give. Ignore everything, all things and press forward to be an overcomer and you will not suffer the rest of your life, here and in eternity. The overcomers will share in Christ's honor and triumph. Do you know what that offers means? It is beyond me to explain because it is better experienced than to say. The church of our time, ministers and members need deliverance that will lead to everlasting inheritance.

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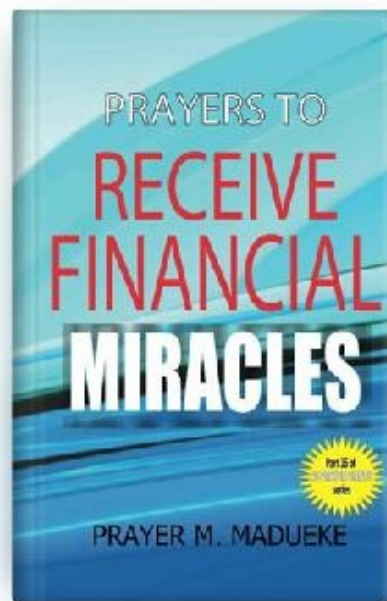
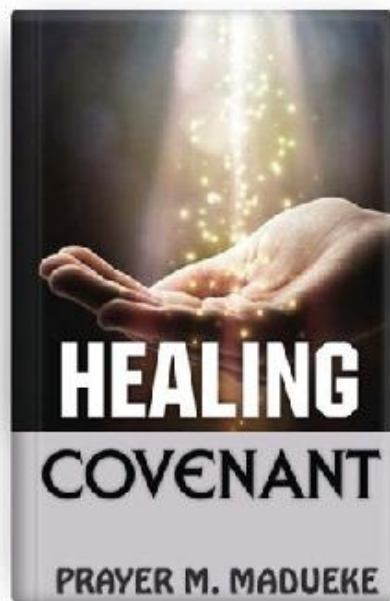
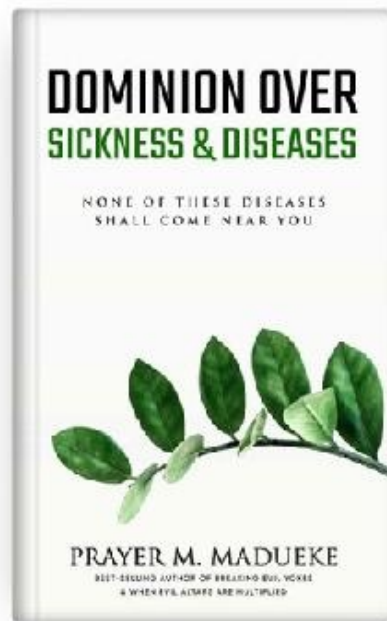
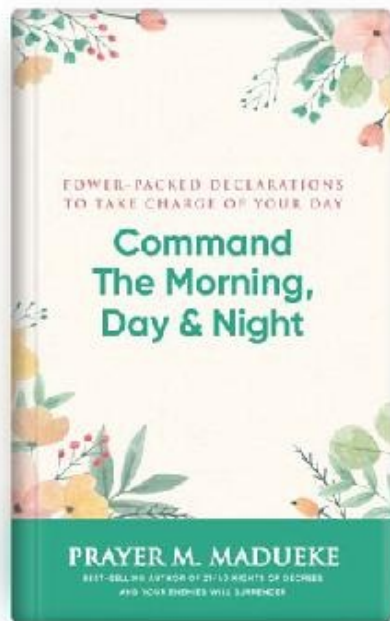
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