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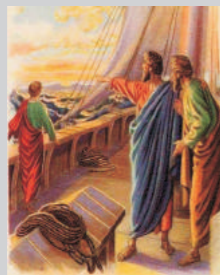


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Dealing With the Issue of SIN

Hope Ovwah



Victory over sin certainly begins with hearing the word: *"To whom coming, as unto a living stone..."* (1 Peter 2:4).

So you hear the word and you come to Him in the manner He has spoken to you. Deliverances from sin are in phases:

From the guilt of sin.

From the power of sin.

From the presence of sin.

If anyone has been delivered completely from the presence of sin, he will manifest it. So the issue of holiness of life and character, and the full development of that excellent moral we see in Jesus Christ is the nature of the race we are running with Christ. The sin question finally sorted out in a man's life, not as to the guilt only, not as to the practice or the power of sin

but also to the presence, so that he cannot be tempted; when you come to that sphere, then Christ has worked a work in you, and you break through into incorruptibility and life.

So when I am discussing it I am not speaking as one who has been freed from the presence of sin; but I'm discussing as one who has been assisted by God in a measure that I would be able to speak to you. I am only calling attention to the tertiary dimension so that we can



understand that the sin question is an on-going thing that we are having to face in the negative, while the cultivation of the attributes of God given to us in Galatians 5:22 and 23, the nine fruit of the Spirit and the things that derive from them, are positively worked into us. Now, let me come to a revelation that will form the basis of this discussion.

While we were in the morning session of this conference, a revelation came. Because the Lord knows what He would do, He had begun to create the atmosphere yesterday. Someone saw that after a message, there were a lot of prayers. The character of the prayers was one of repentance. Of course, repentance is a gift. It comes with the measure of the spoken word (Acts 2:31). So the word has been spoken, and the gift was available to everyone. Whoever had heard the word of the Lord and wanted to repent would find the grace to do so for it was an instructional experience. The word came. Things were identified. Even when the things were given only in symbolic nature they translated to something definite in your experience that the Spirit pointed to. For example, they are nations. But at some point they say anger, pride and some other things were mentioned like immorality, idolatry. So whatever was

A LAND BEYOND THE DWELLINGS OF THE SONS OF ANAK: CANAAN

ITINA IBANGA, SULEJA HOUSE FELLOWSHIP

God called Abraham from his kindred and from his father's house to the land of Canaan, the land that God promised him and his seed (Gen 17:8; Ps 105:9-11). But the land which God promised them was not an empty land. There were seven abominable nations already dwelling there: the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perrizites, the Hivites and

the Jebusites (Duet 7:1). These nations were mightier and greater than they. Before their possession, the Lord commanded Moses that the children of Israel should go and spy out (search out) the land (Numb 13:1; 17-25). The twelve of them went on the spy mission and they all saw the same thing (Numb 13:26, 27). Of the twelve spies, ten reported what they saw with their physical eyes, and the

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spoken in a symbolic way had a witness to you along the area in which you are morally weak. And so the word created the appetite, giving the strength to repent.

Now, after prayers were made, follow closely, people were repenting. They were prayed for. And then, white garments were given to all who prayed the prayer of repentance with faith in the Saviour. And of course that is beautiful. But that shows that the work is completed as to the first stage, leading us to the second stage.

Now, the second stage is still in a brother who said his own was in such a condition that something beyond general ministration was needed. He was therefore taken into a private room to be prayed for. At the middle of the prayers he said,

"Well, you know what? Stop praying. I still think I want to enjoy this mood for a while. But don't give up on me. Keep praying; at some point it will be okay."

They are the two divisions of anyone that came out in repentance. He is not necessarily a disobedient person. And when I say everyone that came out it means all of us; because those who are more bruised, who thought they did not pray through, came out. But there is a sense in which the word of the Lord came to us all. And if the Lord thought it will not be of any benefit to you He would not speak to you. He always speaks relevantly. Now that is important. But let us come to the matter. Now, two divisions of the same person are shown in that. So that brings us to something. What else may I do after that which I have done? Well, the answer would begin with; what have you received, and what will you yet receive? For if you are not conscious of what you have received and do not hold to what you have received you will not have power to do what you need to do. This is important. Know this that it was received and it has now happened. If you clean your eyes and look at your selves, you are wearing a white dress. It has been given to you. It is the work of One who knows more about you than what you know, and will deal with the effect of sin completely. But there is access because guilt is no longer in your mind. There is no weight over you. You came in the prescribed manner in the robe of justification, having access to the

Father, to asking God, 'take this thing away from me!'

What do I do? Now, to answer that question, we need to note that Jesus Christ is not a Roman Catholic priest that hears confessions over and over again. So if you come to Him He will take away. But He will only take away what you want to give up, which is the character of the second aspect. He said, 'please I think I should still stay with this thing for a while; but don't give up. Pray.'

Jesus Christ will only watch a fool say he is repenting when he is not ready to give up. A willingness to give up that thing is something we should canvass with the Lord deliberately and consciously. Remember, you have not come to the Lord with a sense of good; and you are more terrible than you knew. So when He cleansed what you confessed, He forgave that and cleansed you from all other unrighteousness. From the standpoint of God you are clean. And so when you say, Lord, I am holy. He says yes, you are holy. But when you say, but Lord what about this thing? He says I will deal with it. However, you will have to agree with the Lord that that thing is evil and must be repented from.

Whatever pleasures maybe derived from certain things are so because you have been in the fallen condition for too long. However, your mental powers will be cleansed. Your mind will be broken up (like the fallow ground) so that it can no longer hold on to perversity. Paul says, I fear lest as Satan beguiled the woman, so you be corrupted in your mind. The word corruption means defilement or become deprave; a bruising of the mind so you cannot come to a correct assessment of what is okay and what is not okay; what you could put in the middle way and say, 'okay this maybe controversial but I can still stay with it for a while. It is not really as terrible as it is.'

When a mind is cleansed and strong you are able to spot sin from a distance, not the leaves and foliage but the stem; and even deeper than that, the root! So at the first scent of sin you can pick it from a distance and avoid it rather than stand against it.

There are three things therefore in relation to sin and righteousness. It is a journey from one extreme to the other extreme which must be noted. The first thing in relation to sin is deliverance from the love for sin. This is followed by

deliverance from the practice of sin. And the tertiary is to take a stand to war against sin, not just in your members but anywhere. Love for sin is the thing that sustains the practise of sin. So when it is severed or broken it makes easy the second stage. It says 'Thou loveth righteousness and hateth wickedness.' We need deliverance from the love of sin which is called wickedness here; or referred to in another place as 'enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season' (Hebrews 11:25); that says sin is pleasurable to a bruised mind, a mind that has been hit by a serpentine bite. Such a mind is weak. Someone could say,

"What is it? It depends on the way you are looking at it!"

No, it does not depend on the way you are looking at it. It depends on the way the Lord is looking at it. Or like someone who says,

"There is no commandment against masturbation." But there is a revelation of God's word that you obey His commandment and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. That is not controvertible. It is pleasing in His sight that you should keep your body in sanctification. We are only just telling us that when you go before the Lord you canvass a washed mind. Say,

"Lord, remove this thing from my mind."

Remember, you are with your robe of justification. The kind of robe you will be given after now is not that white robe, when character has been worked into you. It is knit into you. It is embroidered. It will not be just white garment from the neck to the feet like that worn by Aladura people. That one is to bring you to the presence of God and to stay there. But the righteousness of the saints which is worked into you as an eternal proof of total deliverance from sin, it will take a process. In Number 19 it says if you receive the water of sprinkling upon your selves while the word was coming, you will be clean on the seventh day. But the guilt is to be taken away on the third day. So it is a seven days affair. You receive the word. You use it. On the third day, you are clean. It is not third physical day; while you are receiving the word in ministry as running water, and you are interacting with it and you came out here, the first three days have happened and you are clean. But you can only be received on the seventh day.

So you must canvass hatred for those

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Editorial

We have been distributing the magazine through fellowship representatives that attend leadership meetings. Since such meeting have become increasingly irregular it has become necessary to wean ourselves from the leadership meetings if we are going to be regular with our publications. We are presently considering options, and we trust God that we shall soon perfect a distribution plan that is both cost effective and comprehensive in its reach. Until such a time however, we shall seize every publication opportunity to come out with a bumper edition to make up for lost time.

Two broad themes run through the feature articles in this edition. Brother Hope's entry which is a transcript of his ministration at a leadership conference is dealing with the complex issue of sin; this is along the same line towed by Brother Alade Agbabiaka who writes on living in the world but not being of the world. How do you maintain your peculiarity in a world rife with compromise and sin? Quoting AW Tozer, Bother Ikechukwu Agu of Ikeja exhorts us to take on the mark of a people belonging to the Lord. It is refreshing to note that even the youths in our midst are now taking a firm stand against the menace of worldliness creeping into the church. The youths from Suleja house fellowship are picking their steps gingerly through the murky waters of praise/worship that has become almost one with the popular musical genres in the world – reggae, hip hop, rock and the likes. Meanwhile the Lord makes it very clear in Deuteronomy 12:30-32 that we are not to worship or praise Him the way it is done in the world.

The second thematic thrust is the issue of our inheritance in the Lord. There is a land beyond the dwelling of the sons of Anak. Brothers Itina and Yinka tell us about the kind of faith that is the only acceptable currency on the rugged way to that Land.

Our young sister Kosi Eduzor reported on the youth conference held in Ajaokuta. We decided to carry much of her report for the benefit of our young ones who also need to know these foundational principles of our faith as recorded in Heb 6:1-2, and well expatiated at the conference.

Of course we have our signature reports from the mission fields detailing the Lord's exploits through His servants who are becoming ever more effective by the day. New fellowships are being planted regularly at home in Nigeria and abroad; like the Asaba, Delta State, and Agborwa fellowships. It was reported that more than two hundred people were in attendance on the first Sunday service held in Agborwa recently! Then, we can see from the East African report that denominational walls are also beginning to crumble in Kenya as they had begun to do in Liberia. Great indeed is the Lord's faithfulness.

We need to pray for our missionaries regularly because they face a lot of hazards in the fields, seen and unseen; and they need the prayer back-up the way Joshua needed it from Moses to achieve success against the Amalekites. Along with our prayers, they also need our financial back-up (see back cover). Since we cannot all be on the field physically, this is how we can be with them in the efforts to extend the frontiers of the kingdom. This is also how we all share in the rewards.

Shalom.

David Omoghene.

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Follow-up Visit To The Liberian Mission Field

Sam Popoola and Chibunna Iroakazi Ezinwa

INTRODUCTION

This is the **ninth** missionary visit to Liberia. The last trip was in May 2012 when we needed to make a quick response to identify with Brother Andrew Gombay who the Lord has begun to deal with in a very unique way. This was a quick follow up to our earlier trip in February 2012. On arrival Brothers Judge, Koon and Allen were on hand to receive us at the Roberts Field Airport. At the hotel, we had an initial meeting with a few of the brethren who were around and who have participated actively in preparing for the two weeks' meetings. These included Brothers Koon, Dapiel, Allen and Judge. We were able to review how things have been and what the pattern of ministry would be.

MEETING WITH BROTHER ANDREW GOMBAY

We also had a meeting with Brother Andrew who came to the hotel later. We had the opportunity of listening to the account of his visit to the United States to return his "bishop's" ordination robes, the chains, etc to the man ("Apostle") who ordained him bishop. We reviewed how things have been with him, the situation with the members of his congregation and his pastors in the light of his new direction and also his side of how the ministry we came for was to go for the next two

weeks. His experience in the States was a great encouragement to him. At a major conference organized by his host, the man who ordained him bishop, was another minister who while he (the minister) was preaching, stopped in the middle of his message, walked up to Brother Andrew and said, "there was a way you have been operating; recently, God told you to change the way you have been operating. In trying to go the way God has instructed you, you have been facing some persecutions. God is telling me that the present way you decided to follow is of the Lord; you should continue in it." He told us he has never met this man. This was a great confirmation that the way he has recently embraced is of the Lord. This has further strengthened his resolve and conviction to pursue the new direction the Lord is leading him. This testimony was a great encouragement to *our* hearts.

THE PATTERN / DIRECTION OF MEETINGS AND MINISTRY

Brother Andrew along with the other brethren who have remained focused and consistent and who have continued to facilitate the meetings have prayerfully worked out the pattern of ministry in consultation with us for our two weeks of visit. The ministry was to cut across eight assemblies. Some of the pastors who

head those assemblies have attended our previous meetings while some were new comers.

THE MEETINGS OUTLOOK

Theme: "Understanding the Time"

Venue: The meetings were held in eight churches located in different parts of Monrovia.

DAY 1 TO DAY 11 (SATURDAY 11TH TO TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2012)

Ministry was served across eight different congregations in the different parts of the city. The venues included Prayer of Faith Ministry, Worthy Lamb, Faith Assembly, Christ Inspiring Ministry, Victorious Faith Ministry, God's Power Ministry, Free Church International and Greater Faith Ministry. Ministry spanned between Saturday 11th to Tuesday 21st August 2012. We had two marriage seminars, one for the married and one for the unmarried and the youth. The seminars were held on Sunday evenings. The last day of meeting which was Tuesday 21st August was dedicated for prayer and fasting and exclusively for heads of ministries and church workers. The meetings were very fruitful. **A definite emphasis of the Spirit at the end of the prayer and fasting meeting of Tuesday 21st August, urged those among the participants who must have seen very**

clearly the direction of the Spirit, to dedicate themselves the more to what the Lord is doing and prayerfully encourage frequent fellowship among themselves where they can wait more on the Lord in the place of prayers as emerging leaders.

THE RESCUE LIBERIA PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Rescue Liberia Pastoral Council, as it were, was a child of necessity as the brethren saw it then, though we kept discouraging its formation. It has served as the platform or a network for the brethren whom we have been working with to facilitate participation of other pastors, give our meetings some legal backing, prepare for our various trips and arrange the meetings. However, in the unfolding scenario, the organization is perceived to have become a barrier and created some integrity problem as the work gained strength and greater acceptance. In view of this it was agreed among the emerging leaders of the Work and we also saw it approved of the Lord to facilitate the disbanding of the council while we allow the Holy Spirit Himself facilitate the gradual emergence of the coordination of the emerging work.

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECT OF THE LIBERIAN MISSION FIELD

In the last three years of labor in the Liberian mission field, a number of brethren who were heads of congregations before they met us and who have continued to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in the emerging Kingdom work have had to disengage themselves from sustaining themselves through the ministry. Some of their former pastors have also lost their means of sustenance since they have to abandon their old pattern of ministry. This has continued to pose an increasing challenge of increasing financial burden to the emerging work in Liberia. The emerging leaders and coordinators of the work have to be assisted and financially empowered towards a measure of financial independence. We have been grappling with this and there is a great need for a more deliberate action in this regard. If the emerging leaders are empowered, they will have a measure of strength to assist others who are equally submitting to the ministry of the hour. Each trip we make we have tried the best to distribute some paltry sum of money but because the Liberian currency is tied to the American Dollar against a very weak economy, our best during each trip has not been sufficient to get the brethren off the ground. We trust that the Lord will help the Nigerian Church and burden individual brethren to assist these brethren in financial terms towards empowerment.

CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

The Liberian mission field is very promising as we can see and perceive. The walls are gradually coming down and the strongholds are beginning to give way in spite of the different challenges. We however need to sustain our prayers and strong financial support for this mission field. Mara-natha.



One of the marriage seminar sessions at the Faith Assembly Church Auditorium

Brother Andrew starting up the meeting

Worship session at Victorious Faith Church



The shepherd of the Greater Faith Ministry, Johnson Street introducing the ministry for the evening



Bro Chibunna ministering in Brother Koon's Church



A Cross-session of the Heads of ministries and church workers at the prayer and fasting session in Victorious Faith Ministry, Brother Andrew's Church Auditorium



A section of the brethren during ministry in Brother Koon's Church

A HOPE OF RETURNING TO THE PROMISED LAND

Yinka Okeya, Aba Fellowship

Praise God! The Lord is bringing the church to her land (destined place of authority) as He has declared in Ezekiel 37:21-22

21 And say unto them; thus saith the lord, God behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen whither they be gone and will gather them in every side and bring them into their own LAND.

22 And I will make them one Nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel and one King shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all."

Behold, the Lord is specifically reassuring his saints once again that his desire is to bring the church to her rightful place of dominion, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing (Revelations 5:12). This realm can only be realized through genuine oneness and unity of the faithful ones—the body. This unity can only be achieved by the supernatural working of the Holy spirit in the hearts of His own (Ephesians 4:2-6). This true spiritual unity in the body is to birth power and glory in these last days, to bring a change and cause the purpose of God for the Church to be realized.

This unity and oneness is not Ecumenical Movement (Association of all Christian Churches); nor is it the type of unity organized by the first

antichrist, Nimrod against the purpose of God (Genesis 10: 8-10, 11:1-9). This unity is based on love, acceptability irrespective of color, doctrine, gender, tribe, and bond or free

Taking cognizance of general happenings in the world, within the church system and families of the earth, one would hastily conclude that, the true spiritual unity is not realizable based on human sentiment. But the Lord has promised that,

"For Zion sake will I not hold my peace and for Jerusalem's sake I will hold not rest, until the righteousness thereof goes forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness and all the kings thy glory and thou shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

Thou shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God (Isaiah 62:1-3).

As the Lord brings His church to glory and her rest (Hebrews 4:11) let us draw near and enter with true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies (garments, characters and attitudes) washed with pure water and enter into our land (Hebrew 10:22).

Let us hold fast the profession of our

faith (overcoming all obstacles and challenges) without wavering, for He is faithful that promised (Hebrew 10:23). Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come (Hebrew 13:13-14).

The Lord is encouraging us brethren to take heed, lest there be in any of us an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today, lest any of us be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end (Hebrew 3:12-14.)

Beloved, the Bible is very much interconnected. Hosea 6:1-3 speaks about this glorious land like other prophets.

1 Come let us return unto the Lord, for he hath torn and he will heal us, he hath smitten and he will bind us up.

2 After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up and we shall live in his sight.

3 Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord, his going forth is prepared as the morning and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Glory, Halleluyah, Amen

Advancing in the Face of Adversities in Cameroun

Amos Gagar

The 2012 Cameroun national conference took place in Bueu, one of the English speaking regional capital between Dec 14 – 17, 2012 with the theme "Advancing in the Face of Adversities". In attendance were more than 100 brethren from Yaoundé, Limbe, Mafe, Fundend, Bamenda and Bueu, the host fellowship. The meeting had a good complement of ministers from Nigeria comprising Bro Francis Bisong, Bro Shola Ajayi, Bro Alade Agbabiaka and Wife, Anita, Bro Ita Ayang, Bro Obinna Odoeme and Bro Amos Gagar. The conference was filled with high praises and worship. Key emphases from the various ministrations are summarised below:

- God is not unaware of the challenges facing his people but his intention is to empower them to overcome the various adversities that they are passing through. His faithfulness and provisions were so sure that nothing can separate them from the love of God (Rom 8:35)
- Many suffer in life because they do not know the divine purposes for their lives, leading to bondages and pain. God has given us all that we require for overcoming and can take us beyond our limits. The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is the same Spirit that we have received and that same Spirit has lifted us far above all principalities and powers. The Holy Spirit is the instrument of divine rulership and we need to learn the



Bro Ita Ayang Ministering to youth in Bueu, Cameroun

- fellowship of the Holy Spirit to enjoy this dimension of Christian experience. The Spirit will teach us all things and covers all dimensions of life, social, business, marriage, academics etc
- The brethren were admonished to understand the Spirit of sound mind, power and love that God has given unto them. We are Gods inheritance, Jehovah is our inheritance. God has chosen Zion for his habitation and the strength of His rod will proceed out of Zion. We are His people.
- The Lord challenged His people to arise from the profound spirit of small mindset, complexes, fear, witchcraft and poverty. It was time to arise and shine for their light is
- come according to Isa 60:1-3.
- God called His people unto a season of being fruitful even in the midst of adversities, noting that fruitfulness depends solely on abiding in Christ. The spirit stressed that it was time to apply the word of God to our lives, speak the word and act on the Word of God.
- Giving was emphasised by the spirit stressing that the way to financial breakthrough was through the principle of graceful giving. The leadership was encouraged to provide opportunities for the brethren to exercise this grace in order to benefit from the promises attached to graceful giving.



power in deliverances, healing and salvation. There was also baptism of the Holy Spirit for those who had come with their mouths wide open for infilling in accordance with Psa 81:10.

There were also seminars on Setting Up successful Business Ventures, Overcoming Peer Pressure and Women in Ministry. Meeting was held with the local Leadership to review the state of the

Cameroun. The brethren raised questions about the place of women in ministry, especially the role of elders' wives in the local assembly, the Covering of Hair, Rapture, Relationships with other brethren with different perspectives in this way. A leadership meeting is being contemplated for mid 2013 to explore amongst others the issues raised by the brethren.

The conference was a time of a great refreshing and empowerment for the brethren. We continue to pray that the Lord will cause his people to prosper and be empowered in the midst of the challenges in the land and soar with the wings of the eagle. Amen.

At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the brethren were anointed for greatness and prophetic impartations accompanied with diverse manifestation of the Lord's

Business Ventures, Overcoming Peer Pressure and Women in Ministry. Meeting was held with the local Leadership to review the state of the

TESTIMONY

A PALMWINE TREE FELL ON ME!

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At the Hospital, the doctor recommended iron to be formed and put in me as artificial legs. I rejected the recommendation by the doctor. I was discharged and taken to Mr. Basse Akpan Essien from Abiakpo, Ikot Ekpen LGA, Akwa Ibom State where God blessed the man's hands and healed me after a period of five months.

I experienced severe grief, pains and sicknesses of different kinds but in all God helped me out safely. Today I can walk with my legs. On 2nd December 2012 I declared a big thanksgiving Service to my God where all the fellowships in Akwa Ibom State thank God with me at Ikot Ekpen House fellowship, No. 30 Ekanem Udom Street, Ikot Ekpen, Akwa Ibom State. Let God's name be praised – Amen.



After the incident

The incident took place on the 3rd January 2012 at about 2.00pm at my father's compound late Sunday Umoikot, located at Mbiabet Ikpe, Ikpe Annang, Essien Udim LGA, Akwa Ibom State.

DETAILS:

I went home to carry out a little farm work. On arrival I discovered that everybody in the compound gathered at where my younger Brother dug a foundation to build a house; and at the same time trees were being pulled down to clear the ground.

I went to witness what was going on; unexpectedly I stood near where a palm wine tree was dug up. The man who was engaged in bringing down the tree did not give any indication that the tree would soon fall down. Surprisingly, the palm wine tree, from the root, fell down towards my direction and hit me on my back because of a mild wind that was blowing at the same time.

While I was trying to run away to save my life, I fell down into a pit and my two legs were broken instantly. However, the Almighty God held the tree as a leaf on my back and my spinal cord and ribs were not broken! God just proved that He is always with me. I was rushed to University Teaching Hospital, Uyo, where some medical examinations were carried out and confirmed that my spinal cord and ribs were not broken. May God's name be praised forever – Amen.

Prophecy Given on Sunday 13th January, 2013

Who is he that is like unto me? Who is he that can stand before me says God. Who is he? Let him show forth says God. For I am God and besides me there is none other. I made the heavens and the earth and all that you find in them. I parted waters from waters, I separated them, I made the darkness and the light. It is I the Lord who made them all, who is he that can stand before me?

Who is he? Who is he? For I alone, I am God and I do all things. Who is he that I take counsel from saith God. Who is he that would lead me? Who is he that can dictate for me saith God. For the whole creation is but a drop in a bucket before me. I reign over all things and therefore they that perverted my word and my counsel will I judge, for indeed I am he that judgeth and my judgements are righteous says God. For indeed now is the time of judgement for my cup of fury is about to be poured out upon the earth and every wickedness shall be judged. Therefore who is standing on my side? Who is he that keepeth my word and my counsel, let him stand aside and rejoice for my judgement descended says God upon every work of unrighteousness and iniquity. For now is iniquity judged and now shall my counsel be established upon the earth. I have arisen says God. With fury I have arisen, I have arisen, I have arisen says God to bring judgement and pain unto he and everyone that which is due unto him according to how his work has been says God. For now is the time of reckoning. The time of reckoning that they who have served me and they who profess my name shall be revealed says God.

I shall cause all to be weighed on my balance and as many as are found wanting shall my judgement come upon. For all workers of iniquity shall be brought to judgement. For my wrath is released upon the wicked but let the righteous rejoice. Let him rejoice, let him rejoice for the day, the day, the day of reckoning and the day of recompense is here and I shall vindicate my servants, my righteous servants. I shall cause them to stand and they shall become like flame and a cup of trembling unto the unrighteous says God. Therefore let him that pervert my word and my counsel repent, for my judgement hangs, for my judgement hangs upon the neck of them that work iniquity. For the time that my righteousness and my glory may be revealed is now that the world may know the God of righteousness. For I am righteous and my judgement is righteous says God.

I have arisen this day and I tell my loved ones; who is he that can touch you? Who is he? Who is he that can take you away. For I am your strong tower. Fret not, fear not and be not shaken for I shall cause thee to be planted and rooted and none shall be able to shake thee says God. For I have delighted in thee because thou art

delighted in Me. Therefore I shall show thee that the world might know in whom I delight and whom I have loved with an everlasting love. Thou shall stand and thou shall live and thou shall make known my glory says God. For I am the Lord there is none besides me. Who is he that can stand before me? Says God. Who is he that can question my authority? Who is he? Who is he that can change that which I have established? Who is he that can pervert the things that I have laid out? Let him come, let him arise that I might show him that I am the Lord God almighty and besides me there is none other and I shall be vindicated and I shall be recognised and I shall be exalted in the midst of the heathen says God.

Rejoice therefore for the day of judgement is here and the day of salvation is here for I shall be made known unto all in their different capacity says God. And everyone shall know the Lord, everyone shall see the Lord. Some shall see him and come to condemnation. Some shall see Him and come to lift up and take salvation says God. I am the Lord, I change not and there is none like myself says God almighty.

Fret not says the Spirit of the living God. Fret not, fret not an evil doer, fret not, be not afraid, do not fear even as he speaks venom from his mouth. Fret not for his end has been established already. Fret not because of the evil doer, do not be afraid of his threatenings, do not be afraid of his lofty words, do not be moved by his movements but stand firm because the Lord thy God is thy shield and thy stay says God. But the evil doer has been judged and his end has been decided only look as you wait and see the end of the evil doer says God. Therefore thou shall not envy him neither be jealous of him for his end has been decided and for thee thou shall flourish and thou shall rejoice when the Lord thy God must have finished that which he has purposed for thee says God.

And concerning thy land, I have arisen to do a thing that all may know that the Lord thy God liveth and reigneth over this land. For the knowledge that comes from the desert has been judged and in the days to come thou shall see the outcome of the working of the Lord thy God even in thy land says God. For he that break out violently shall be violently taken away says God. Fear not because I shall show forth myself even upon thy land and they that have spoken in despise and they that say: is there any God upon this land? They that say the Lord God almighty is asleep. I the Lord, I shall show forth that they might know that I the Lord, I live forever. I cannot slumber nor sleep, for I shall make myself known upon the people, for the violent one shall be violently taken away says God.

I have arisen and I shall do a thing in thy land and thou shall know it and thou shall tell others it is the Lord God almighty who does these things and when I begin, I shall not be stopped until I have accomplished my purpose says God. Therefore guard your heart and stand firm with me that I might do these things that my name be glorified alone. I the Lord, I change not, my words are eternal, my promises are yea and amen. I shall walk in the path that I have raised and shall cause thee to know that I the Lord, I changeth not and I have spoken and I shall bring it to pass says God.

Prophecy from Aba House Fellowship

Thus says, the LORD There shall be a shaking in the beginning of the 7th day. That 7th day on which I rested, a remarkable thing shall happen. Tell the brethren in the Church to stop dwelling in sin. By the end of the 6th day, the day of the creation of man, they should be ridded of every sin, ready to be ushered into the 7th day. The day of shaking.

A mighty wind shall blow all through the 7th day. There shall be a famine during the shakin. People will not be able to go out. Therefore gather your household in order on the 6th day so that they will not suffer in the 7th day, when I AM that I Am will be going round the earth, putting My seal on the doorposts of the houses of righteous men. Then He that cannot be shaken shall

appear to reign. Reign with those who have the marks of the Blood of the Lamb.

At the dawn of the 7th day, things will be normal. There shall be calm and people will start doing their businesses again.

This calls for WISDOM and PATIENCE. He who has ear let him hear.

Thus says, the LORD of HOST.



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

SULEJA HOUSE-FELLOWSHIP YOUTH

Music may be as old as creation. It has been part of virtually everything man does- weddings, funerals, praises to gods, feasts and even war!

It is an integral part of the worship of our God. Music in Christianity can be employed in four dimensions of worship, often abbreviated to ACTS:

- A - Adoration
- C - Confession
- T - Thanks-giving
- S - Supplication

Over the last century, gospel music has taken a turn off the Kingdom route and subtly veered into first, a cunning blend of Christian and secular, then the complete elimination of the Name of Jesus or God, and now to outright Satan worship. There is now Christian rap, hip hop, reggae and, most shockingly, rock, renowned for its satanic origins.

As a result of the fall, secular music is more appealing to man. And the devil is not ignorant of this! So, there has been a carefully plotted out effort to bring these genres of music into the church. This is achieved by seducing Christians into believing that any kind of music that is tagged 'gospel' is OK.

In our Christian upbringing for example, we were taught that Rock is a form of music directly propagated from hell.

The counter attack?

There is now Christian Rock, shortened C-Rock or Gospel Rock; G-Rock. The aim is to make us believe that because this form of music is prefixed with 'Gospel', we are singing praises to our God.

The primary target is easily the youth. Our minds are virgin and fertile, and we crave the approval of our parents and guardians. So if they say Rock is bad, we have G-Rock. If rap isn't godly, we have C-Rap.

The devil's deceit!

It is difficult to be certain that God will accept Reggae, for instance, which was originally in worship of Ras Tafari (Emperor Haille Selassie I of Ethiopia who is believed to be a reincarnation of Jesus Christ.) The wearing of locks is closely associated with the movement as an imitation of the Nazarites.

Today, there is Gospel Reggae

Leviticus 10: 1-3 shows the repercussion of bringing strange fire into the temple of God. That alone tells us that just any fire is not appropriate. You cannot bring unholy fire into the temple and expect God to flash you one of His warm smiles. God has chosen the kind of fire that He wants. Anything else is sin. Nadab and Abihu can relate this better.

John 4:24 is a guide to the worship of God. '...in Spirit and in truth.' And not '... in accordance with the world.' Singing Rap with the purest of hearts is still singing rap!

When God was instructing the Israelites before their entry into the Promised Land, (Deuteronomy 12:29-32), He said they should not inquire of the inhabitants of the land how they worshiped their gods. They were not to worship God in the way the Canaanites worshiped, because their modes of worship consisted of all the things that God had commanded the Israelites not to do.

It's necessary that we understand the kind of songs we sing to God. Romans 8:6 reads '...to be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.' God deserves and demands worship according to the Spirit; the Holy Spirit, not according to Makosa or reggae.

We must be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect.

Dealing With the Issue of SIN

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things that you once liked. At a stage, David could not keep his body in sanctification. A whole minister sent covenant children to go and call a woman, and those children went and brought somebody else wife! They went into a committee arrangement to kill the husband. What a terrible thing! David just could not keep himself. He could marry anyone he wanted to marry but the issue was that he was just dissatisfied. However, when he was purged of that, a woman lay upon him and nothing moved in him!

So also, that thing that was once a desire will be plucked out of your system! But it is not something somebody will pray over you. It is something you do for yourself. It is just that this time, even the power of it to resist you is no longer there. When you canvass it before God, He will deliver you from it. You agree with God that it is sinful, and God will take it away.

We have talked about the love for sin turning to hatred for sin. The next step is the practise of sin which will be destroyed, and it will turn to practise of righteousness. That is the way Galatians 5 puts it. If you walk in the Spirit you will not fulfil the desire of the flesh. If you want to battle with the desires of your flesh, what do you do? Walk in the spirit. And that is walking in the word of God. So you begin to build up yourself. Remember, it was only yesterday that you prayed for yourself and prayer was said over you. And you were released. Do not be too bold to expose yourself to things in that dimension. What do you do? You seal that place with the word of God, because the one will keep you from the other. If you walk in the spirit you will not fulfil the desires of the flesh. Don't say, 'flesh, I will not fulfil your desires', no! Forget about what the flesh can do. You just walk in the spirit. Fill yourself with the word of God.

We now come to the tertiary stage. Rather than accompanying with sinners, you can rebuke sin. When you are not strong enough to speak favourably with all gentleness with somebody who is openly doing something that is wrong, it means you are weak in your mind. But you will discover that as you go through these processes you are strong. And having been delivered from something that you hold as terrible you will be compassionate when you are dealing with somebody. You will

speak. You will not hold your mouth. You will consider yourself lest thou also be tempted.

What I am trying to let us know is that the possession of long white garment is not the end of the transaction, but the beginning of praying with assurance that the whole thing will be wiped out of your life. The guilt is taken away; you have access to the presence of God. And in the presence of God, the vestiges of that nature which is a nation will be taken away from you. The ultimate victory over sin is not what somebody does over you. It is what you do over yourself.

Now, turn to Number 19, let us show the journey to full liberty from sin. We are only going to pick a verse here to illustrate the principles. We are not going to do any elaborate explanation. Let's read verse 11.

11. He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

He shall be unclean seven days. Now what determines the period of time? He has done the deed. So even when he sets in motion to undo it, the full scope of the deliverance that will keep him from doing it again will span seven symbolic days which for an individual can be one physical day; if you mean business, at the end of the day and you cry unto God He will hear you. One of the things God says when He will judge iniquity, He says 'I will be merciful unto My people'. Mercy triumphs over judgement. It is also there in Psalm 51.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God;

That is the first phase, and it is what you do for yourself after you have been prayed for and received the justification robe. You will now go further say, "and renew a right spirit within me".

That right spirit is the mind set in which that condition will not come again. A right spirit is superior to a cleansed heart. It talks about spiritual constancy that makes you not to oscillate between falling and rising. So the phrase *right spirit* is a constant spirit, a sphere of constancy on top of the tabular of life, upon the rock to stay, and your goings established. You see the mark and you run to it; that is a constant spirit. With a cleansed heart you are still in the miry clay condition. You received the robe of justification. As you climb the hill, you are asking for a cleansed heart. When you reach the tabular, He has crated in you a right spirit.

Come quickly to verse 12 of Number 19.

12. He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

What is the symbolic third day? While you were listening to the message, two days passed on you. The first day is the day of hearing the word. While you were interacting with it and making a decision to respond to it, it was your second day. And then there was a call. Remember that forgiveness is an instructional experience, when it comes on the heel of an instruction given, like when you hear, 'Brethren, rise. We have not finished praying.' When Bro Emmanuel was praying, the power of God came down and it was specific, deliberate, and straight to the point. But there was a portion that we needed to do for ourselves. So Brother Amos came and made the call. That was an instructional thing. He said 'stand up, do this or that.' When you obey that, God is well pleased, for the platform is set for you Him to reach to you.

So the second day had ended. The time you started coming, that was your symbolic third day. You have applied it upon yourself. So you will be cleansed on the seventh day; and the seventh day could be after this meeting, or after the conference depending on how fast you travel. If you go back to your rooms this night and lock the door against all distractions, and you cry onto God, the seventh day will happen today, if you are very deliberate. The issue of sin is a transaction. You sit down, not with closed eyes but by faith. Faith is spiritual understanding. You must see the things that God says. If you look at a woman with an intention to lust after her, you have already committed fornication in your heart. So you take an intelligent position and say, 'Lord, deliver me from this!' But you shall be saved on the seventh day.

I just thought to share this so that you know the benefit of the forgiveness of sin that has taken place. The guilt is no more over you. And you know also the importance of the white robe to show that you have access to the presence of the Father because God does not hear sinners; but you have your white robes now, that when you go to the presence of the Lord, He will hear you.

The Fundamental Principles of The Doctrines of Christ at the Ajaokuta Youth Conference



Kosi Eduzor

I would say that this year's Ajaokuta Regional Youth Conference was a continuation of the Lagos Youth National Conference 2012, especially the practical aspects of the water baptism and the evangelism. Youths that had never been baptized by water were given an opportunity to be baptized; and then, there was a period for those who wanted to evangelize to do so too. Being hosted in the brethren's homes, though, was new and it taught me hospitality.

On the day of the arrival, Uncle Sunday Linus in introducing the theme of the conference talked on EVALUATING OUR FOUNDATION. He said that the evaluation of our foundation was necessary from time to time in order to access our lives with respect to our beliefs and stability, and to re-assure ourselves (2 Corinthians 3:5). He also said that there was no way we could demonstrate the power or glory of God without proper evaluation of our foundation, Heb 6:2-9.

On the second day, Mummy Edith Olamigoke talked on REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS. Repentance is 'to show that you are sorry for something wrong that you have done'. The Greek word for repentance is metanoia and it means compunction (for guilt, including reformation). She said that repentance entailed (I) Humility (II) Self-examination (III) Brokenness (IV) Breaking of fallow grounds (V) Acknowledging your sins. She went on to give what we should repent from:

- Dead works (Heb 6:1b)
- Vanity (Psa 24:3-4, Pro 6:16-19). And lastly, she talked on the benefits of repentance, namely:
- It brings about restoration to

fellowship with the Lord (Psa 32:1-6a, 51:18b)

- It brings changes to our nature, because, in the process of repentance we are purged, cleansed and delivered (Psa 51:7)
- It helps to us to enjoy God's mercy, forgiveness, protection and intervention in our lives and situations (Psa 32:1-8)

Later that day, Daddy Odigie Owase talked on FAITH TOWARDS GOD. He defined faith towards God as reliance on God, believing in God, depending on God and trusting in God (Heb 6:1). He talked about faith after the old order (Isa 53:6). In encouraging us, He said "Do not run another man's race, it can destroy you". He also talked on how we persecute the church (Gal 1:13). When you partake in sexual iniquity, you are persecuting the church. He said we should ask ourselves this pertinent question: 'To whom do I owe allegiance?' He said that due to the fall, man found himself trusting on the following: Men, Self, Other things, Other gods and Satan. He concluded that now we are born again, there must be a shift in our allegiance, and our work pattern must change i.e. our life pattern must change. The question now is, whom and what do we depend on?

- We depend on Almighty God: for protection, for provision and for salvation. We depend on God for salvation from sin, challenges and from sickness and diseases. We also depend on God for guidance and healing.
- We depend on the name of Jesus for strength, authority, power and

to overcome in all situation

- We depend on the blood of Jesus for redemption (buyback, repurchase), cleansing and renewal.
- We depend on the testimony of Jesus for prophesy
- We depend on the word of God (Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17, Psalms 29:3-9, Rom 1:16-17)
- We depend on the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-18, 26, 15:26-27, 16:7-8, Psa 51:10-11)

Later in the evening, Sister Deborah Monday talked on SUSTAINING OUR FAITH. Sustain means making something continue for a period of time without becoming less. She said that our speech should reflect the nature and character of God; we can't please God without knowing what HE likes. We need to walk with God to withstand hardships (2Thes 1:4). She said asking and receiving from God is a work of faith.

On the third day, Daddy John Adejumo talked on THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS. He defined baptism as the act of being made fully wet, wholly covered with a fluid, buried, submerged, dipped, through which we are initiated into God's kingdom (Jn 1:26-33). He said there are three types of baptism-Water Baptism, the Baptism of Christ's Spirit and the Baptism of Christ's suffering. Water baptism is for those who can decide for themselves, it is not for infants.

The Baptism of Christ's Spirit is also known as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is when one is filled with the

Spirit of God with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 19:6). It is essential for every born-again child of God (Jn 1:11-13, 3:1-8, 4:13-14, 7:37-39, Rom 8:5-9). When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit it is easier for a believer to live a consecrated life (Rom 8:1-14, 16). It empowers for the purpose of ministry and enhances the prayers of the believers (Acts 1:8). It enables believers to be spiritually lifted above satanic oppression. Holy Spirit baptism comes either by divine outpouring (Acts 2, 4, 10) or by the laying on of hands by one who is already baptized by the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism of Christ's Suffering is referred to as the baptism into Christ's death or fellowship of HIS suffering (Rom 6:1-3, Phil 4:10). It is the total surrender of our lives and will (Rom 12:1-3, Mat 16:24-27). It is the taking up of our cross (self-denial) and actually partaking of the death and cross (Jn 19:30, Rom 6:5, Mk 8:31-38, Mk 10:28-30)

Later that day, Uncle Tony talked on THE DOCTRINE OF THE LAYING ON OF HANDS. Laying on of hands means placing hands on a person for the purpose of bringing divine benefits to the person. He talked on the benefits of laying on of hands which includes prophetic blessing, divine wisdom, Holy Spirit baptism, Healing, Resurrection of the dead, dedication, Commissioning, Anointing, Impartation of the gifts of the spirit and Divine strength.

In cautioning us, he said 'laying on of hands is the work of the Holy Spirit; it is not left in the hands of the believer alone' (1Tim 5:22). He then talked on the parties involved in laying on of hands to be. These are God, the believer, the needy and the Holy Spirit and His gifts.

On the fourth day, Uncle Edirin talked on THE RESSURECTION FROM THE DEAD. Taking his texts from (Lk 20:28-36, 1Cor 15:12-24, Jn 5:25-29, Rev 20:4-6, 11-14) he said that the resurrection of (from) the dead will take place selectively and at different times. By selection he meant only the

just who die in the physical will experience this resurrection. All the resurrections from the dead that is referred to (Rev 20:4-6) are the first resurrection. From John 5:28-29 it shows clearly that all who die physically, either just or unjust will experience the resurrection of their bodies. There will not and cannot be eternal judgment without the resurrection from the dead. It is the time of rewards for deeds done (Rev 20:11-14). The resurrection from the dead means literal rising up of the dead bodies of just men from their graves. These bodies are raised immortal and it will take place at different times.

There are two types of deaths, namely,

- Physical death: when the soul (the spirit or essence of man) leaves the body and causing it to be lifeless or inactive.
- Spiritual death: the loss of moral standing before God's presence because of sin and disobedience, and being cut off from the source of life (spiritual truth).

He also talked on the kinds of resurrection. They are;

- Spiritual resurrection: (Eph 4:20-24, Col 3:10, Jn 5:24). It is the born again experience that resurrects our spiritual man. There is no spiritual rebirth after death. Spiritual resurrection takes place only in the physical body.
- Physical resurrection: It could be temporary i.e. in Lazarus case and in the case of all who were raised from the dead and physically died again (1Kgs 17:21, 2Kgs 4:34, Matt 9:23-25, Jn 11:14,43); or permanent, that is, the raising up physically of dead bodies into immortal bodies, (1Thes 4:13-17, 1Cor 15:1-24, Rev 20:4-6, Jn 5:28-29).

He concluded by saying whatsoever a man sows that he reaps. Therefore we should strive to

- Be among they that are Christ's at His coming.
- Look for the appearing of God, which state of being will make us

to be watchful and sober (Phil 3:20-21, Titus 2:11-13, Heb 9:28).

Let us labor to let our works count in the end.

In the evening, Daddy Clement talked on ETERNAL JUDGMENT. Taking his texts from (Hebrew 6:1-2, John 5:28-29, Rev 20:11-15), he defined judgment as a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, a sentence or decree. It also means to rule or to judge (umpire), administer judgment. He also defined judgment seat to mean a common judgment place, a tribunal throne, a place where a judicial sentence is delivered. There are three types of judgment, namely,

- Corrective judgment: Corrective measures God takes to put aright that which is wrong. It is a judgment that proceeds from God's heart of love to all humanity (2Pet 3:9, Pro 3:11, Job 5:17, Psa 94:10)
- White throne judgment: It is a judgment that cannot be corrupted by any means. It is a righteous judgment because God is a righteous God. He is potentate (Psa 89:14, Rom 14:10, 2Cor 5:10, Rom 1:29-32, 2:1-3, Rev 20:11-15)
- Eternal judgment: eternal is something that lasts forever; its truths and values never change and are thought to be true in all situations. An eternal judgment is a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially by a potentate and righteous God on all humanity (Rev 19:2)

Who is to be judged? They are angels, the Church, workers of iniquity, back sliders, ungodly men (sinners), all men, all race, male and female, great and small, rich and poor, Death and Hell. Who are the judges? The judges are God, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the sons of God.

In conclusion he said this is the condemnation, "that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds

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Bro. Chibunna-Delivering a message.



Bro Tim- After Preaching made an Alter Call



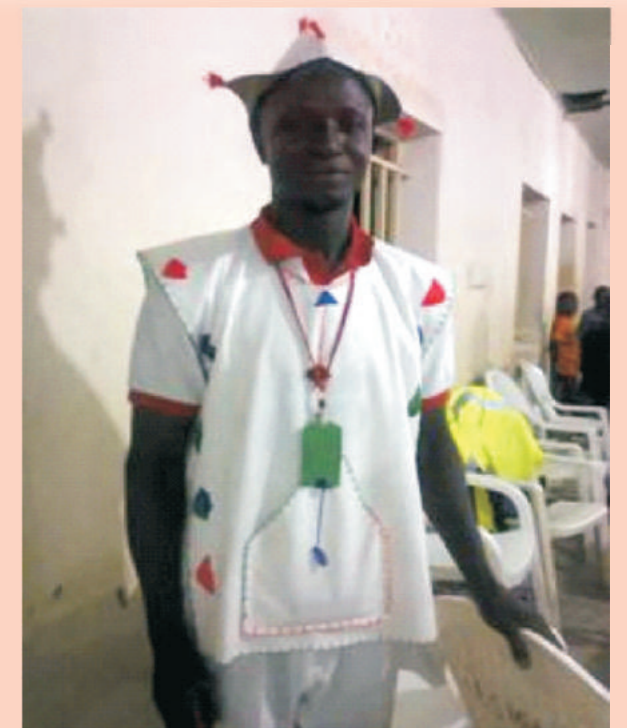
Bako Lawi-Ministering on Courtship, Wedding & Marriage



The Sick arranged for prayers



Bro. Musa B. Zambuk- People from different States & tribes were present.



The Congregation of the Youths.



Bro Adisa- Hausa Session



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were evil" – (Jn.3:19).

On the last day, Daddy Monday talked on OUR INHERITANCE AS SAINTS IN LIGHT. Taking his text from (Col. 1: 12 – 13), he defined an inheritance in God to mean God's reserved, a possession, and something He left behind for us (this is actually the hope of every Christian) (Eph 3:6, Rom.8:9; 7A, 1 Pet.1:3-4). We have possession or inheritance in Christ Jesus (Acts.26:18, Heb.9:11-15). God is our inheritance or possession according to (Num.18:20, Eze.44:15; 28, Ps.16:5). The scriptures made it clear that it has not entered into men's heart, thought or imagination what God has for him (Ps.31:19-20, Isa.64:1-4, 1Cor.2:6-11, Matt.11:25).

This inheritance is God himself- from the Old Testament to the New Testament, God made it clear that He is our inheritance, i.e. man possessing God's kind of life in all ramifications. The Holy Spirit is the down payment (pledge) or earnest of this inheritance. It is not the fullness of it, but the beginning of that life (Eph.1:9-14, Luke.24:49, Acts.1:3-4, 2:1-4).

He gave the two stages of inheritance to be:

- a) Holy Spirit of promise
- b) The purchased possession, which is the redemption of our body- (Eph 1:14, Rom.8:18-23, 2Cor. 5:1-5)

He concentrated on the Holy Spirit of promise in his talk. The Holy Spirit is given to us as the down payment to enable us to come into the fullness of this inheritance.

- a) To teach us all things: - in our human sense we cannot please God, so we need a teacher who will guide us into God's ways- (Jn. 14:26, Lk. 12:12, 1Cor. 2:13; 14, Isa.48:17, Jn. 2:20; 27).
- b) To bring to remembrance things which we have been taught- (Jn. 14:26, 12:16).
- c) For reproof (conviction) of sin, of righteousness and of judgment-(Jn. 16:7-11)
- d) To reveal things:- To make known the mind of God, to reveal a secret,

to show that which could not be previously seen through word of knowledge, wisdom, dream, discerning of spirit and trance- (1cor. 2:10-14, Matt. 16:17).

- e) For boldness; bravery and confidence: - (Acts 2:14-38, 4:29-31, 13, 2Sam. 23:8-22).
- f) For defense: - To protect us against attacks (divine security) – (Ps. 105:12-15, acts 27:21-26).
- g) For empowerment: - Power is the ability to do things or be in control- (Lk. 24:49, Acts 1:7-8, 1Kgs. 17:1, 18:17-19. Eccl. 2:19-21, Matt. 15:21-28)
- h) For anointing: - (Isa. 10:25-27, Ps. 105:12-15)

In encouraging us, he said that until we have God as our lot, we will have the spirit of covetousness. And he also said that a spiritual person is someone who sets his/her heart on spiritual things, so we should endeavor to be spiritual.

To round up, it is good we answer the following questions by Uncle Bayo.

- i) Are you sure you are born again? If yes, when was it?
- ii) Do you believe that Christianity has doctrines?
- iii) Is there a difference between your lifestyle now and the time before you became a born again?
- iv) What are those wrong things you were doing and you've stopped or are still doing?
- v) What are those bad things you've found difficult to stop doing as a Christian?
- vi) Can you find any ceremony or principles that do not conform to Godly principles?
- vii) How much do you rely on God concerning every detail of your life?
- viii) Do I easily get carried away in very comfortable situations?
- ix) Have you lost hope or faith in God concerning any particular health problem?
- x) What are God's promises to you that are yet to be fulfilled?
- xi) Are you happy with the state of your academics?

- xii) Are you afraid of the future?
 - xiii) Can you identify any clear grace or gifts or ability of God upon your life?
 - xiv) Are you using such abilities to glorify God or bless lives?
 - xv) With my lifestyle or appearance, can I easily preach or talk about Jesus Christ to people around me?
 - xvi) What domestic things have you taught yourself to do?
 - xvii) Have you ever said 'I'll commit this sin and repent later'?
 - xviii) When people criticize you, do you ever consider the critic or the criticism?
 - xix) Do you think that the act of laying hands on you has brought any negative experiences?
 - xx) Do you take your dreams serious enough to obtain understanding about them and follow them up?
 - xxi) What is the difference between Heaven, Paradise and Abraham's bosom?
 - xxii) What is the greatest reward or inheritance as Christians?
 - xxiii) Have you ever had dreams about rapture before? If yes, what did you think about them and how did you handle them?
 - xxiv) Have you ever had sex outside marriage and do you ever crave for sex outside marriage? If yes, what did you do about it?
 - xxv) Did you ever enter higher institution with a fake result or did someone take exams for you?
 - xxvi) Do you define your relationship with the opposite sex? How close are you to them? Are you comfortable with your relationship with the opposite sex?
 - xxvii) What do you pray for most? i.e. yourself, the church, your family, the country, etc.
- As you answer these questions with all sincerity of heart... The Lord bless you all richly. Amen.

A HECTIC TRIP TO SIERRA-LEONE - DECEMBER 2012

Willy Ucheya



TEAM: Bros. Hope, Willy, Johnson & Monday.

The trip was very hectic from beginning to end. The flight was very tiring, being an indirect flight through Ghana and Togo. We eventually got to Freetown about 11:30pm Sierra Leone time, i.e. 12:30am Nig. Time.

Our trip to BO was the day after. It was also very rough. There was road construction that took us passing through a long stretch of dusty road with a car that did not have functional A/c. Somewhere along the road the car developed problems. We stopped for about 45 minutes to fix it. We got to BO at about 7:30pm to meet the brethren who had been waiting since 5pm. We went in straight to minister to them that evening and the next while using the day for counseling. It was very successful even though the meetings did not go in the way it was originally planned. This, God worked out because most of those ministered to were fresh, some got born again there and then and a church without affiliation to the denominations was birthed. We then moved over to Njala, the University town. The journey was also rough because the road from Njala junction was so bad that a seven mile stretch took almost 45mins. It was rough, rocky and dusty. When we arrived we realized that instead of an indoor conference-like meeting, all the pastors understood the program as out crusade. Again this was God ordained. It was a two day power packed crusade with direct confrontation with witches and wizards. Many were delivered from demonic possession. God had revealed three different powers laying

claim over the place and at the crusade ground they all manifested. Many lives were saved and many delivered, while others were revived. The third day was counseling and a time with the DVC of the university who attended all the programs from beginning to end. She even hosted us to a lunch.

We then moved over to Tiama, about 11 miles from Njala through the same bad road. Tiama is the heart of sorcery and witchcraft and demonism in that area. They are noted for killing missionaries and throwing them into the river called Black River which earned the town its name; "Town of the black river". The churches have been engaged in a longtime battle by the worshipper of the town great deity. They had held the whole town in bondage and intimidated the churches to the extent that they can issue instruction that nobody must sing or dance on certain days unless the masquerades had danced. So the churches could not hold meetings in those days. But the Lord gave us a word of deliverance for the land on that day which encouraged the people. On that day the Lord rearranged the program such that we had to minister to the pastors first. Many of them were delivered from demonic hold. It turned out to be an outreach to the pastors in that town.

The next day, the new converts and others who are products of the crusades were counseled and ministered to and proper follow up program put in place. We also ministered to the pastors in a way strictly arranged by the Spirit in a

spontaneous manner, opening them up more to the vision of God for the church in this end-time. We also ministered to two principal staff of the university and prayed for the institution at the request of the VC (a Muslim) through the DVC. It was a great time of God's move. After the ministry we took off for Freetown, to start the remaining two-day indoor meetings. The journey was smooth until the car developed problems again after over two hours' drive towards Freetown. After about 40 minutes or so and the solution was not near, we took a cab to continue. It was the carnival day in Freetown and that delayed us passing through to Murray Town. We got back very late and the brethren were already waiting for us. We virtually went straight to the meeting. The next day was same. We had gone to minister to a sister's family who moved house, the Spencers. God created an opportunity to minister to the family and relations. Above all Dr. (Mr.) Spencer who was a member of a secret society was led to Christ and their shaky marriage revived. The evening was the last meeting. It was also a time of great help by the Lord through an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the congregation. The meeting ended very late. The next morning of the 28th we had to cross over to Lungi since our flight was for 7:30am the next day. We would miss the flight if we waited to ferry across that morning. Bro. Quentin Small and wife gave us a jeep to cross over with to enable us travel to Bailor, a fishing community about two hours away from Lungi. Vehicle ply there three time in the week. We went to minister

to a brother in that place who had been attacked by demonic forces since he identified with the vision through the radio broadcast we had during our August visit. By the time we returned to Lungi it was already night and the brethren who accompanied us managed to catch the 9pm ferry which was the last, to return to Freetown with the car. We passed the night and got to the airport 5am to

check in for the 7:30am flight back. The return flight was even more stressful as they routed it via Monrovia - Accra - Lome - Lagos. The flight was delayed for about 45mins after boarding because the weather in Monrovia was bad. Eventually we took off. When we got to Lome we changed flight, a very congested and hot plane to Lagos. All through the Lord was very faithful. We arrived

Lagos about 4:15pm. We really bless God for His mercies and for the church and brethren who stood with us in prayer. We really felt the backing from the home front. Bros. Hope and Johnson returned to Benin and Okene respectively the next morning. This is the Trip in a nutshell. God bless you real good! Regards!

The Four Heads of the River of Eden In East Africa

Ikeazor Akaraiwe

The team that went to Kenya was made up of Francis Ebuta Bisong, Sam Agboola and Ikeazor Akaraiwe. Sam Agboola and Ikeazor Akaraiwe left Nigeria on November 22 2012 on Kenyan Airways to join Brother Bisong who was already in Kenya having gone there directly from a meeting he attended in Ethiopia.

NAIROBI- NOVEMBER 22nd 2012

Bishops, Pastors and Christian brethren numbering more than a hundred had gathered from the morning of Thursday, November 22nd in eager anticipation. Because of flight delays, Brother Bisong arrived in the afternoon of the 22nd and went straight to the meetings where he encouraged and exhorted the brethren about the mind of the Lord for the age we are in. Later that night, Sam Agboola and Ikeazor Akaraiwe arrived Nairobi and were received at the Airport by Brother Noah who took them to the Methodist Guest House to join Brother Bisong.

NAIROBI- NOVEMBER 23rd 2012

Early morning on Friday, the 23rd the meetings started at the premises of Christ for all Nations Church with Bro. Bisong ministering and exhorting the brethren in the direction of the higher calling in Christ Jesus. Bro Ike ministered in the afternoon session using Ephesians 4:11-16 to build upon Bro Bisong's morning ministry. He emphasized on the 5-fold ministry as the divine pattern for bringing the church into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Bro Sam Agboola ministered in the night session on the subject of intercession and the need to birth the Church in Kenya and keep the nation in divine will through deliberate and consistent intercession.

NAIROBI- NOVEMBER 24th 2012:

Saturday morning November 24th Bro

Bisong continued with ministry to the congregation of Bishops, Pastors and brethren, while Brothers Sam Agboola and Ikeazor Akaraiwe left for Webuye, about 30 kilometres from the border with Uganda in Western Kenya. Remarkably, Bro Chris Shitambasi who presides over the congregation categorically renounced his title as Bishop and declared his preference to be thereafter referred to as Brother Chris.

WEBUYE- NOVEMBER 25th-28th 2012
Brothers Sam and Ike arrived Webuye on the morning of Sunday, November 25, having spent the night in Kisumu with Bros Alex Masika, Noah and George who received them. They met an enthusiastic crowd of brethren

message on Ephesians 1:7 "In (Christ) we have redemption through His blood even the forgiveness of sins through the riches of his grace." This was to be the theme explored by Bro Sam in the three sessions of ministry he handled. This ministry brought great relief and rejoicing to the brethren as they had their understanding enlightened as to the great provisions of the Lord for their salvation.

Bro Ike ministered on God's divine provision for dominion and deliverance as visible from the four heads of the River of Eden - Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates (Genesis 2:10-14) and identified them as "the river the streams whereof that make glad the city of God" - Psalm

46:4. From throwing light on the meanings of the names of the streams - **Pison** (fatness, growth) encompassing the land of **Havilah** (to writhe in pain; delay and pervert) where there is gold, bdellium and onyx; **Gihon** (To draw up, To come out) encompassing **Ethiopia** (Ham's descendant - a cursed people); **Hiddekel** (Seeking

understanding) (chastisement) going towards the **East of Assyria** (the self nature) and **Euphrates** (judgement over the rebellious), he further explained these waters to be the three things that bear witness on earth (the water, the spirit and the blood - 1 John 5:) provided for man by a gracious and merciful father even before the fall of man!

CONCLUSION

The heavens were manifestly open



Bro Sam Agboola and Bro Ike Akaraiwe in Kenya

numbering no less than three hundred persons comprising Bishops, Pastors and brethren from Tanzania, Uganda and towns and cities in Kenya like Mombasa, Bungoma, Nairobi and Kisumu. Meetings started right away as soon as the brethren arrived. The ministry in Webuye lasted 3 days up till Wednesday, the 28th of November 2012.

Ministry started with Sam Agboola ministering from the book of Ruth on the redemption and anchoring his

"The Old Cross & The New"

Ikechukwu Agu- Ikeja Fellowship

The old cross would have no truck with the world. For Adam's proud flesh it meant the end of the journey. It carried into effect the sentence imposed by the law of Sinai. The new cross is not opposed to the human race; rather, it is a friendly pal and, if understood aright, it is the source of oceans of good clean fun and innocent enjoyment. It lets Adam live without interference. His life motivation is unchanged; he still lives for his own pleasure, only now he takes delight in singing choruses and watching religious movies instead of singing bawdy songs and drinking hard liquor. The accent is still on enjoyment, though the fun is now on a higher plane morally if not intellectually.

"The new cross encourages a new and entirely different Evangelistic approach. The evangelist does not demand abnegation of the old life before a new life can be received. He preaches not contrasts but similarities. He seeks to key into public interest by showing that Christianity makes no unpleasant demands; rather, it offers the same thing the world does, only on a higher level. Whatever the sin-mad world happens to be clamouring after at the moment is cleverly shown to be the very thing the gospel offers, only the religious product is better.

"The new cross does not slay the sinner, it redirects him. It gears Him

into a cleaner and jollier way of living and saves his self-respect. To the self-assertive it says, Come and assert yourself for Christ. To the egotist it says, Come and do your boasting in the Lord. To the thrill-seeker it says, Come and enjoy the thrill of Christian fellowship. The Christian message is slanted in the direction of the current vogue in order to make it acceptable to the public.

"The philosophy at the back of this kind of thing may be sincere, but sincerity does not save it from being false. It is false because it is blind. It misses completely the whole meaning of the cross.

"The old cross is a symbol of death. It stands for the abrupt, violent end of a human being. The man in Roman times who took up his cross and started down the road had already said goodbye to his friends. He was not coming back. He was not going out to have his life redirected; he was going out to have it ended. The cross made no compromises, modified nothing, spared nothing; it slew all of the man, completely and for good. It did not try to keep on good terms with its victim. It struck cruel and hard, and when it had finished its work, the man was no more."

By A. W. Tozer

*Brethren, may we reflect on these things and consider which way is right

and walk therein. Most brethren have seen nothing wrong with having alcoholic beverages bar at home because we want to please our social or business associates; there is nothing wrong in beating our wives or husbands if he/she annoyed us; nothing wrong in short-changing anyone in business provided we will benefit and give big 'tithes and offerings unto the Lord'; there is nothing wrong in 'holy kisses'; there is nothing wrong in quarrelling anywhere, even in the church; you can finish preaching and do exactly what you preached against because it was a message to the soul and not the spirit; lying has become a way of life and even this one of 'GSM' when you tell someone you are close-by when actually you haven't even left your house; church politics of struggling for leadership position is the game now because of gain; x-ray your lifestyle and see the areas that need amending for the purpose of the Kingdom of God we are preaching.*

*'Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.' (1 Timothy 2:19)

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Throughout the ages, even in the midst of the wickedness, disobedience and rebellion to God's word, and great unrighteousness that may have characterized the times, God has always kept for and unto Himself, a people who are distinct, special or different from the others and who will do that which will please Him.

The word "peculiar" means "distinctive in nature or character from others". In normal parlance, it may refer to that which is unique, unusual or different from the others. With reference to people, it may therefore refer to people who don't necessarily follow the crowd or who are very similar to the others. People who don't necessarily strive after the norm, but who are not ashamed to be different and/or distinct from the generality of others and who are not apologetic about it, particularly as it relates to their belief, conduct, custom or doctrine.

In Genesis 6:1-7, for instance, we read about the situation of the generality of mankind, at the time, as follows:

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and Daughters were born unto them.

That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they

Took them wives of all which they chose.

And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is Flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons Of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the

Same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every

Imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him

At his heart.

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the

Earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air, for

It repenteth me that I have made them."

Notwithstanding this great rebellion and wickedness that pervaded the times, we still read, from verses 8 and 9 of the same Genesis 6, as follows:

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations,

And Noah walked with God."

As we read further on, from verses 11 to 13 of the same chapter, we see that the earth was corrupt and indeed filled with violence and God resolved to make an end of all flesh. Thus in verse 13, we read that:

"And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me: for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

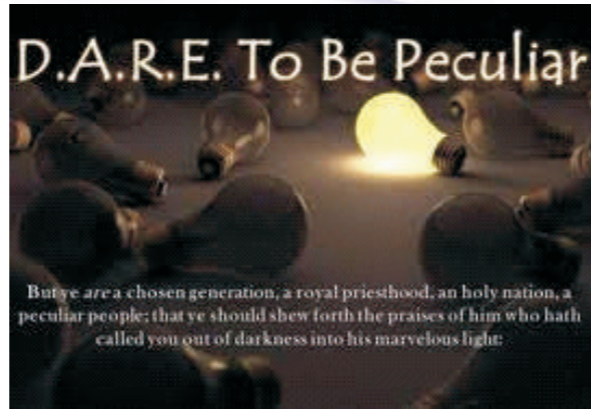
Notwithstanding this general apathy for the things of God, wickedness, corruption and violence upon the earth and God's resolve to make an end of all flesh upon the earth, God still found in Noah some hope and consolation, and therefore in verses 17 and 18 we read about God's expressed commitment to Noah as follows:

" And behold, I even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh

Wherein is the breath of life from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.

But with thee will I establish my covenant: and thou shall come into the ark, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy son's wives with thee."

In the book of Jeremiah 35:1-19, we find another instance of a peculiar people whose ideology, belief and commitment



pleased God. There we read about the Rechabites. From verse 2 we see that the Lord sought to test the Rechabites by sending Prophet Jeremiah to them with a word thus:

" Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink."

The Prophet Jeremiah then went ahead to carry out this plan of God, as we read from verses 3 to 5, by taking the leaders and the whole house of the Rechabites into the house of the Lord and into the inner chambers and setting before them puts full of wine, and cups and saying to them "drink ye wine"

We see the peculiarity of these people by their unshaken resolve and commitment to keep and obey the instructions of their leader Jonadab, the son of Rechab; in other words, by their insistence on holding fast to the original vision handed over to them by their forefathers, as we read from verses 6 to 10 as follows:

"But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever:

Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but

All your days ye shall dwell in tents: that ye may live many days in the land where

Ye be strangers.

Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that He hath charged us, to drink no

wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters.

Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed;

But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us."

The common trend is for people, and not least Christians, to forget their core principles and to follow the crowd, or for the children of God to want to be like "other nations", meaning to want to do the things that are common to the world, so that they can be acceptable or can be seen to be "flowing" with others. Thus we find that even the church is fast becoming extremely "worldly", while the world is equally and rapidly becoming very "churchy", all in the bid to want to be identified with the "reigning" philosophy, but without having the substance of godliness or righteousness. Many of God's children have either become apologetic for what they have believed in over the years and in some cases are beginning to compromise their hard core beliefs and values, all in the spirit of not wanting to be different or distinct from others, the very thing that we have been called to be, that is, a peculiar people. Have we cared to wonder why the ultimate desire of God in raising up and giving expression and operational strength to the five-fold ministries in the body, as expressed in the book of Ephesians Chapter 4 verse 14, is as follows?

"That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with

Every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive"

The Lord's reaction to, and commendation for the steadfastness of the Rechabites to their original vision and for their refusal to let go of or abandon their foundational beliefs and instructions, the very characteristics that made them a peculiar people, is very instructive, as can be found in verses 12 to 19 Jeremiah 35, as follows:

" Then came the word of the LORD onto Jeremiah, saying.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Go and tell the men of Judah

and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my word?

Saith the LORD.

The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment; notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking, but ye hearkened not unto me.

I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them, but this people not hearkened unto me.

Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard, and I have called unto them but they have not answered.

And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever."

A worthy reward for a faithful and peculiar people, you would say. Hebrews 11:6 confirms God's rewarding capacity for diligence, when it states that:

"But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

As we continue to examine other

examples in the bible, of peculiar people that God had set apart for himself, we see, from the book of Ezekiel 44:9-28, an account of the Lord rewarding two groups of priesthood in two different ways and based on their different degrees or levels of peculiarity or otherwise. These are, the Levites, who went away from God when Israel went astray and away from God after their idols (In 2 Kings 23 verse 8) on the one hand, and the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok that kept the charge of God's sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from God, on the other hand.

In Ezekiel 44:10-14, the Lord commanded as follows;

"And the Levites that are gone away from me when Israel went astray, which went astray from me after their idols, they shall even bear their iniquity.

Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people and they shall stand before them to minister to them.

Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of

Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all that shall be done there."

The situation in today's church is not very different from these two classifications of leaders or ministers in God's house, the first category of which are content with pleasing their congregation and not standing for righteousness but preaching the "popular" gospel that the people like to hear, even when they are living in disobedience, rebellion and unrighteousness to God's word. They encourage God's people to live compromised lives and avoid preaching on strict adherence to the doctrines and

principles set out in God's word, in order not to lose some or their entire congregation. Therefore the truth is no more spoken in God's house, while every man does that which seems good in his or her own eyes. This category of Church leaders would not have dared to do what the Lord Jesus did when he went into the temple and upturned the tables of money changers and those who were selling doves, that is, commercializing the gospel. For to this category of Leaders or Priests, the Lord would have been too "radical", too "peculiar" and "scaring away the congregation". Therefore such leaders have widened the goal post in the church so that whatever you are and no matter the type of life you are living, you can stay comfortably in the church without changing or gradually aspiring to being conformed to the image and likeness of Jesus Christ, the pattern Son. God's judgment to this set of Leaders in His house is that they will continue to minister but only to the house. In other words, they will be doing their own thing but will not be ministering to the Lord.

On the other hand, for those leaders that have been faithful to the heavenly vision and who have stuck steadfastly to the fundamental doctrines of Christ and have spoken the truth (God's word) in love and have not settled for compromise or "knowing men after the flesh", these can be likened to the sons of Zadok, and God's reward to them is that they shall come before Him to minister unto him, and as stated in Ezekiel 44:15-18 as follows:

"But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of the sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto Me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God. They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto Me, and they shall keep my charge.

And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments, and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

They shall have linen bonnets upon their head, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not girt themselves with anything that causeth sweat."

The Lord goes further, in verses 23 to 28 of Ezekiel 44, to reward this faithful priesthood as follows:

" And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies;

And they shall hallow my sabbaths.

And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for Mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath no husband, they may defile themselves.

And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord.

And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession."

As we approach the end of time, God's standards have not fallen and His expectations for the Church are still as high as they were in the beginning. God is not expecting any less righteousness, commitment or separation from the world from us than He has always demanded from His children, as we read above. Thus in Matthew 24:3, we read about the important questions that his disciples confronted him with as follows: *"And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"*

It is instructive to note the response of our Lord Jesus Christ to these questions, as we read from verses 4 to 12 of as follows:

" And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name,

saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places.

And these are the beginning of sorrows.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness

Unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Also of great importance are verses 23 to 25 of Matthew 24 as follows-

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs

And wonders ; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Behold, I have told you before."

A careful reading of the few verses above will show that the word "deceive" appears four times. We can safely say that the issue of deception is central to the Lord's warning to the church in the last days. It therefore follows that it is about the most important weapon that the enemy may want to apply to God's people to take away from them the peculiar nature that God is working out in them and from His desire to have of them to Himself, as has been shown or seen all over the ages.

The word "deceive" means "to mislead by a false appearance or statement". It therefore applies to a situation where a

people might be on the right course and they are misled by reason of an "appearance" or a "statement" that is false, and which thereby leads them away from the path which would ordinarily have led them unto God's ultimate plan and desire for them. Therefore we can safely say that what we hear and what we see in these last days will largely affect or determine our ability to either fall into deception or to resist it. No wonder then that we learn about the Lord Jesus Christ and his body, described as "a rod" that "shall come forth out of the tribe of Jesse" and "a branch" that "shall grow out of his roots" in the book of Isaiah 11:1, as having the following very important qualities, set out in verses 2 to 5 of Isaiah 11 as follows:

" And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth ; with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the

wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."

It is also very important for us not to neglect one very important medium of deception, even as we focus on the external forces, and this is our own very hearts. While it is true that most of what we hear and see come from outside us, it is also important to know that for these external influences or agents of deception to take full control of us, they must have found a breeding or acceptable ground in our hearts. Hence, the bible warns, in Jeremiah 17:9 that, *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"*

And the bible equally admonishes us in Proverbs 4:23 as follows:

"Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

And as we ponder on this great expectation of God for the church in these last days, it is important to reflect on the words of Apostle Peter, in 1 Peter 2:9-17, thus:

" 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;

Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which hath not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts,

Which war against the soul;

Having your conversation among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to

The King, as supreme.

Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

For so is the will of God that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of Foolish men.

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness but as the servants of God.

Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King."

May the Lord richly bless and keep you.

The Four Heads of the River of Eden In East Africa

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with the leading of the Lord evident at these meetings. Many brethren dedicated themselves to the Lord with some renouncing denominationalism and titles. Significantly, the three brethren from Tanzania led by their leader Pastor Amos Masunga who had been quite skeptical through the meetings invited us to Tanzania to minister; and have followed up these invitations with phone calls and text messages since our return. We also received invitations from the brethren in Mombasa, Bungoma and Kisumu all within Kenya. The cry is going forth "come over to Macedonia and help us." The harvest is clearly plenteous and more labourers are required to go to the

many ripening fields. As Brother Alex Masika put it – "the time has come for Nigerian brethren to prepare to spend a month and not just a couple of days." Interestingly, a lady, Topista Nangila, who had been discussing with Bro Ike on Face book but who had never met him, cycled from Bungoma to visit with the brethren. She turned out to be a Pastor and was handed over to Brother Alex Masika for follow-up.

Nigerian brethren need to grow in leaps and bounds and be prepared for the challenges ahead. At the end of the ministry by Brothers Sam and Ike, there was much rejoicing and testifying by the brethren in Webuye.



Bro Amos of Tanzania and Bro Ike Akaraiwe



Praise session at Webuye meeting, Kenya

FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO AKPAI (CENTRAL NIGERIA) MISSION FIELD

Rosina Ogbedada

By His grace we visited Akpai August 2012 for a follow up on the cry for a school. As earlier reported, this community consisting of some hundreds of settlers, lack basic amenities which enhance better living standards, like education, health, good roads etc. Much as we may be handicapped to provide most of these amenities, there is something the church can do. Provision of school compared to the others is not too tasking. It was with this hope in mind that we visited to see what can be done.

We had deep discussion with the elders of the land to inquire why school has not been provided by the government and steps taken so far by them to draw government's attentions to that regard. 95% of them are unlearned, so they speak only their local language, Tiv. Of course, they can neither read nor write. Brethren, this is very pathetic and worrisome in this era where knowledge has increased so much, yet there are some Nigerians who are still in complete darkness academically and spiritually.

The meeting was a success; it afforded us the privilege to attend to spiritual issues confronting the church after its birth Dec 26th 2011. They are to hold further discussions before our next visit so we can know how the Lord intends to bring a school to this community. BroS Tenacious, Timothy, Emma and some respected elders of the community mind the affairs of the church and minister the word. They have been able to erect a hut for worship, provided local sitting



Group photograph with members

arrangement. The hut according to them was temporary due to the rainy season; afterwards a more accommodating and enduring structure will be built because the mud bricks used cannot withstand the rains for long.

In John 6 from verse 25, there is the story of those seeking Jesus not because they believe in Him but for the feeding of the multitude in the verses before 25. When we presented the word, some of the villagers despised us and what the Lord did. However, as soon as we left, the 'bread and fish' seekers swarmed over the goodies we brought for those who received the word, and that nearly tore the village into two! Glory to God, the chief with the elders was able to calm the situation before our arrival. Also the issue of the church not having a name was another controversy. Some group went sowing seeds in their hearts that the fellowship is a cultic group! 'Who has ever heard that a church does not have a name?' The Lord also took care of that as and some of those mischief makers attend the fellowship today. There were many conflicts on ground as we got

there, but the Lord gave wisdom to handle all, and the church rejoices greatly.

The activities of the marauding Fulanis in the hinterlands where farming dominate were a great challenge to them because even the government has been helpless concerning this issue. Again, we directed their attentions unto the Lord for refuge and help; Psalms 91, 121, 123, 125, 124 and the story of

Elisha and the Syrian troop with many other examples from the bible did we use to admonish them to build up their confidence in the Lord only. Today, as we speak, to God be the glory, the church is standing; the Fulanis have not been able to displace them from their land nor destroy their crops. In fact, the Lord is standing for them, and strengthening them on a daily basis. We communicate on phone often to know their state. They call to report challenges or acquaint us with the latest happening; accidents, death, new birth etc. I can go on and on, the good thing is; "Jesus is building His church and the gates of hell cannot and will never prevail against it!"

In my first report about Akpai, I did mention that it was through Bro. Timothy's daughter that the Lord gave us an entrance into the community when a call for prayer was made by her cousin who attended a meeting in the fellowship at Amaku. Doris was sick for quite some time before we came in contact with her. True to His words the Lord honoured His name and healed her completely. Today as we speak she is in Abuja here working.

Jesus indeed challenged the Pharisees that "if you will not believe me that am the son of God or that I came down from heaven believe me for the work I do". Signs and wonders are to convince and encourage people that God is real, (though there are so many fake ones). The people of Akpai need no prophet to tell them of divine healing, they have seen it KOROKRO with their own eyes. Amen. Final word to the church - young, old, rich or not so rich; the Lord is saying to the entire emergent church, "in 2013, preach the word in and out of season, for that is the completeness of the gospel". Youths, the time you have in your hands, what do you use it for? How many of your friends have you led to Christ? If the people in cults, witchcraft and armed robbery can be so bold as to initiate people, or do wickedness in their time and

environment fearlessly, brethren we can do better. I personally think we have dwelt in our air conditioned and comfortable enclaves for so long it is time to spread the word. This is the Master's heart cry for the time. Arise oh thou that sleepest; put on thy arm of strength and go forth in the name of the Lord and He shall prosper your ways. May the Lord bless you, keep you and cause His face to shine on you; may He lift up His countenance on you; may He be gracious unto you and give you peace AMEN!

(THIS JOURNEY WAS MADE WITH A BROTHER OUTSIDE THE HOUSE, WILLIAM PETERS. MAY THE LORD IN HIS INFINITE MERCIES CAUSE HIS GREAT LIGHT TO SHINE IN HIS PATH FOR A TRUER REVELATION OF WHO CHRIST IS AND THE ESSENCE OF TRUE WORSHIP. AMEN).



Fellowship centre



Sis. Rosina on the only available means of transport

A LAND BEYOND THE DWELLINGS OF THE SONS OF ANAK: CANAAN

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Bible calls it an evil report. The other two, Caleb and Joshua, chose to believe the word of the Lord which said, "I have given you the land". Because of the evil report of the ten spies the Lord said, "surely, they (the spies and the congregation which rebelled) shall not see the land which I swore unto the fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it" (Numb 14:23; 32:11; Eze 20:1)

The question is, what other land was the Lord expecting them to see other than the one they saw where dwelt the seven abominable nations, the giants, the sons of Anak? (Numb 13:33). This is instructive. When God has made a promise to us, it does not matter the situations and circumstances. The present condition of our lower nature (soul) is not the end of the matter. Where God promised us is across Jordan i.e. not just overcoming the lower nature (the

present soul condition) and enjoying the benefits it offers but getting into Christ and remaining (abide, dwell) there. What Jesus promised us was that... "Where I am there you will be also" (John 14:3). Where is Jesus Christ now? He is sitteth at the right hand of the Father (Colossians 3:1, 1 Peter 3:22). This is in answer to His prayer in John 17:5 which He said, "And now Father, glorify thou me with thy own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." It is the Father that gives us this land which Anak dwells even as He gave Jesus Christ (Mathew 20:23, 22:44 Ephesians 1:20-23).

The land beyond where Anak dwells is the glory Jesus and us had in God our Father before the world was (Proverbs 8:22-31, John 1:1-2, 10:30, 14:9, 17:5).

This land beyond the dwellings of the children of Anak is also called, "The

right Hand of the Father", because Christ is sitteth at the right Hand of God, it means that He (God) has given Him equal honour with Himself, and also He recognises Him as of equal dignity.

Also this land is referred to as the third Heaven (paradise). This is the very dwelling of God, a place of unapproachable light, that is, He dwells in light which no man can approach (1 Timothy 6:16).

The lesson we learn here is that we see with our eyes of faith through the spirit of faith beyond our present situations and circumstance. We hold unto the promise(s) of God to us. This was what Joshua and Caleb did and it paid off for them because they entered and dwelt in the Promised Land (Canaan). They were able to defeat the former occupants of the land and occupy it; they experienced the flowing milk and honey.

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