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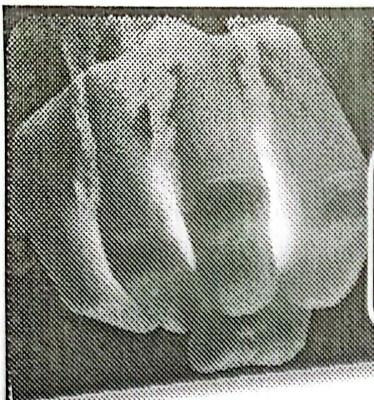
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TRIED BY FIRE

The story of the persecuted Church all over the world and how you can respond

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" 2Thes.1:7,8

CHINA: A well-known Chinese house church pastor was formally arrested on May 26 for illegally printing and distributing Bibles and other Christian literature on charges of "being involved in illegal business practices." Wang became a Christian in 1993 and is a respected church planter and preacher despite suffering the effects of a crippling disease he contracted at the age of five. He has been involved in printing Bibles and literature for free distribution to meet the needs of a rapidly growing Church in China. *Pray that Bibles and Christian literature will continue to be delivered throughout China so that lives may be changed through the Word of God (Psalm 119:33-48). CAA.*

ERITREA: Eritrean Christians are calling for a worldwide day of prayer and fasting for Christian prisoners in Eritrea. "You have over 1,200 Christians, that's pastors, evangelists, various Christian workers, in prison. They've been arresting children for singing Christian songs at their graduation parties. This government is absolutely dead-set on trying to destroy the evangelical church in Eritrea". *Pray that there would be unity among the believers; that God would give them grace during their confinements, and beatings. MNN.*

INDIA: Christians meeting for prayer in a home in Pratapgarh in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh were attacked by Hindu militants for converting Hindus to Christianity. The attackers prevented the two hundred believers from leaving the house for several hours. The militants then interviewed each person in attendance to ensure that no conversions were taking place. The Christians were warned not to return to the weekly prayer meeting. In the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, more than sixty new believers are being threatened with death if they refuse to return to Hinduism. *Pray that the criminals will see the love of Christ in His people and respond in faith. MI*

IRAN: Fourteen months ago, an Iranian army colonel, was jailed for converting to Christianity. He was acquitted of charges of apostasy, which could have resulted in a death sentence. He was sentenced, however, to three years in prison for allegedly deceiving the military about his Christian faith. *Pray that they would see Christ in him. Ask God to work in the hearts of prison officials to end the psychological torture. MNN*

LAOS: Please pray for six families who, after becoming believers in Christ a few months ago, were verbally ordered by the chief and police of the village where they have lived, to relocate to another village because they do not want any Christians living in their village of Nongthorn, Lowngam district, Saravan province, Laos. Pray for their safety, that they will continue to be courageous, and that their faith will remain strong in the Lord. In addition, pray for several missing Lao Christian leaders and their wives who are missing for no apparent reason. They have disappeared with no trace of their whereabouts-*Christian Aid Mission.*

"Christianity goes forth and many lives are changed. We've seen that in China; we've seen that in Vietnam. We do know that people are continuing to worship the Lord. Churches are continuing to minister."

Yet if *any man* suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. ¹⁷For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first *begin* at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? ¹⁹Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to *him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. 1Pet.4:14-19

THE TRUTH

mortal man. Another strange phenomenon of man (supposedly made in the image of the TRUTH) is that everyone claims to know and propagate the Truth; even those whose negativity of concept works directly against the Truth.

Again, the theme of every religious tenet is "The TRUTH". And wasn't Pilate right, there, when he asked "and what is the Truth?" Jon. 18:37, 38. In his case, he was blinded by selfishness and pride against THE TRUTH. But in most of these religious orders, it is a case of muddled beliefs against the Truth; and classic deceptions of the devil.

A society can also by collective consent work against the Truth, or at best relegate Truth to the background. They do this when in league with their leadership (willingly or unwillingly) they chose values that negate Love and progress; and prefer to do those things which tend to propagate group or individual interests as against the general well-being of all the citizenry. For example, those nations that decree idolatry for their citizenry; those who enforce human ideologies; and those who foster doctrines of demons on the intimidated populace "abideth not in the Truth".

But Truth as a fact is a collection of proven ideas and principles that historically and practically present a continuum. It is following after that which makes for the common good of the individual within the context of the larger society- a privilege that will not overthrow the joy of all. This is law of universal benevolence.

TRUTH
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SAY

IS BITTER. But the bitter thing about the truth is that ERROR has soured the taste of



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Truth then, is what is opposed to falsehood, lie, deceit or manipulation. It is also opposed to hypocrisy, dissimulation or formality for the sake of orthodoxy.

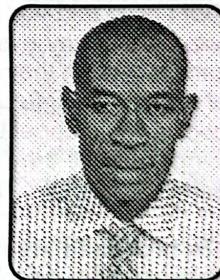
And TRUTH as a personality is a reflection of reality; no, rather reality himself. He is the direct expression of that which really is, and is to come: The revelation of the true meaning of everything. And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Heb.4:13

If indeed you have heard Him and were taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. (Eph.4:21; Jn.18:37)

Hence, those who choose to work against the TRUTH will in the end have simply shown themselves to be unworthy of the Truth; and would have proven the truthfulness of the Truth, that where Truth reigns, Error must be put to shame!

The Nigerian case is a good example, and this edition of 'THE ZEAL' will weigh the conflicting forces of society against the scale of Truth, and the verdict shall be yours, though we will most of the time conclude our opinions. "For we can do nothing against the Truth, but for the Truth" (2Cor.13:8). HAPPY READING

Inno-Praise
Editor-in-Chief



LEST I FORGET

A lot have happened between the last edition of "The Zeal" and now. Things that were very difficult to understand, and even explain on paper. But we have tried by the Spirit of Truth to capture the essence of our time in this issue. We have put in a lot to serve you better, the quality improved and more... Our only regret is that there is a cover price of N100.00. The Lord will surely provide for you. Please pray for us!

THE BROKEN CROSS

By Inno-Praise

"Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples". Luk 14:27 GNB.

"Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did". 1Jon.2:6 NIV

Then how did Jesus live? Listen to Him...

"You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right because that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you must also wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, so that you may do as I have done to you. Truly, truly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. If you understand these things, how blessed you are if you put them into practice!" *Jon13:13-17ISV.*

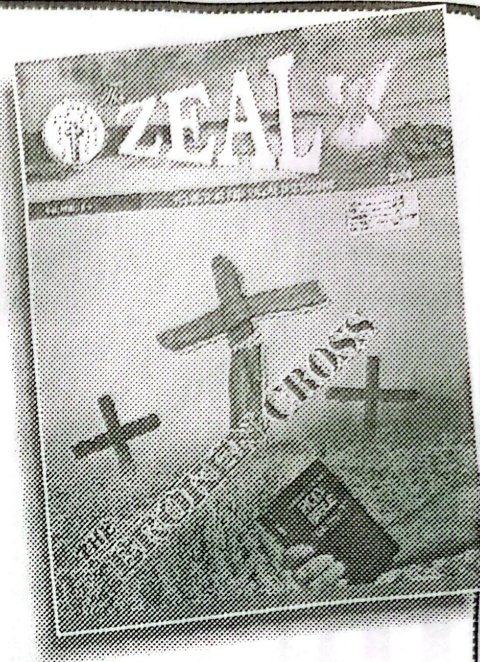
The broken cross!

"For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. Their future is eternal destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and all they think about is this life here on earth". *Phil. 3:18-19 NLT*

The broken Cross is a broken trust!

Like a backsliding heifer, the Church in Nigeria grapples with the consequences and inducements of a sin-saturated society. A society laden not only with moral depravity, but with material poverty; where like in Hosea's Israel in Bible times, "the poor is bought with a piece of bread, and harlots roam the streets in search of burdened souls and drunken men". Here the poor is poor because of the oppressions of the rich, and those who stole the conscience of the nation treat society with levity.

The Church ought to be matured by now, and still growing in Grace considering the great advantages



and enormous resources bestowed upon her by God. Yet the Nigerian Church acts like a malnourished toddler, whose mother must never take her eyes off her for a moment or else she will fall into another mess.

Sadly enough, her handlers, that is to say, those who tend her, are greatly responsible for this unfortunate situation. Her leaders are like greedy hirelings whose major concerns are their gains from their quarters!

There are exceptions though, but our concern here is not to appraise any man's performance but to call for the revival and Survival of Christ Church in our generation. Every man will receive from God the price of his labors on that day, so we shall wait for it. But now we must live.

The rot in the Church is so obvious even to carnal minds! The attitudes, penchants and mannerisms of popular preachers are constant fun to humor merchants, and irritations to reasonable men.

Nigerians are not irreverent people, but they have a way of expressing their disgusts. It is sad to watch the vagaries of their corrupt and heartless leaders but too painful to find that even in the place of solace, the Church, the error is rampant.

The Church is the body of Christ and a true Church must have His Word and Will central to her life.

The Church of Christ is not a religion, neither is it a denomination whose origin started in the 19th century. It was not the theologians that gave hope to the Church; Christ is the life of His people. The errors of men, the ambitions of their leaders and the confusions of their priesthood, all the machinations

of the devil; cannot frustrate the purpose of God for human-kind.

The Church is the assembly of those who believe in the atoning death of Jesus on the Calvary cross and His subsequent Resurrection and exaltation on the right hand of the Father Almighty God.

The Church is the redeemed whose hope is not only in this life but in that which is to come; and who for this eternal hope live their lives here and now with that constant expectation of their Lord and Master whom they not only adore but obey in all things.

These, therefore live so as to please Christ, conscious that friendship with the world is enmity against God and that those who chose the fleeting pleasures of this life as against the eternal rewards from heaven will mourn in few days to come! They know that their sins are washed in the blood of the Lamb, and though they walk this life full of temptations, they must live so as to point their fellow travelers to the saving Cross from where the living waters flow. They must not fail to keep the Cross before their gaze and to carry it for every advance in their life journeys.

This is the Church, the Body of Christ whose head is **Jesus Christ** the redeemer and savior of the body. The body of Christ is not the screaming crowd or the fun-seeking, idle youths or the teeming Church adherents who have no understanding of what it means to 'Fear God and keep His commandments' but who throng the halls and camps and warehouses and stadiums looking, not for God and His Word, but for tricks and formulae to make easy wealth, cheap success and casual marriages of convenience which could be broken when the fun dies down.

The Church is the body of disciples who daily carry their Cross and follow Jesus. The church place is the house of God. The body of the saint is the Temple of the Holy Ghost; which temple must be kept holy. The body is not for fornication but for God.

God is good and God must be worshipped. The Church is not the right place to make money. Christ rebuked the ungodliness of money-changers in the temple at Jerusalem.

He made a whip and chased them out! "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea and for ever." Heb 13:8

The errors and covetousness of the prosperity preachers have become manifest. It is very obvious to all and sundry that none but the preachers and their clouts are the ones who have prospered and benefited from the message. The miracles have ceased but the merchandise is on. Build for the

Lord, build for the Lord; but as soon as the building is completed, it becomes the great achievements of the General Overseer or any other accolade they wear.

The Gospel has not prospered under these contortions; instead the course of Christ has suffered greatly under the weight of the falsehood deftly presented and manipulated. Truth has not been able to make further in-roads into the minds of the people so subtly corrupted and derailed from Calvary road to heaven. It is strife and contentions all the way.

Too many people now regard the voice of their pastor as the voice of God and even when his grammar is incorrect, that also might be how God intends to express himself to them. The theology of their pastor is unquestionable, and the Bible must either conform to his views or be discarded as not fit for the present or assumed to be speaking to a peculiar audience.

Today, every ambition of the presiding Pastor is the program of God for the Church but no sooner is it realized than the Pastor will begin the gradual exclusion and annihilation of those who played major parts in the enterprise, all in a bid to remove every voice of descent when he will finally move to acquire the booty.

When they build a secular school it is for the children of the congregation: to help alleviate their educational plight and ease the burden of poverty. But as soon as the project is completed, it becomes a special school meant only for those who can afford it! They set a competition and rename it. They reset their priorities. The target becomes 'as one of the best in the world'. They invite the world lings who made no contributions, to manage it. The goal becomes finance and recognition.

Thus, the congregation that built it are asked either to pay up or leave in protest if they so desire. And then to forestall any unexpected reactions from the aggrieved members they build police posts; train their own body guards and apply for special sirens to announce their presence and clear their pathways. **AND JESUS WEPT.**

Every denomination now has a university; but the university is not open to its members. Yet the university is built with the sweat of the members. The members of the governing council are the friends of the pastor and the smart financier who chipped in a few cash when he saw the viability of the noble venture. No provision is made for the poor who were deceived at the inception. They were told to bring their widows mite; to slay their Isaacs; and

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to give their all for Jesus. And now they are fools so to say. Their children are not fit and if they can't afford it, they must leave it. Yet we are brethren. God is watching.

In these Christian universities there are no seats for Christ. His people are kept out. The poor mourn. His interests are forbidden, for none of them so far has been able to endow a chair even for Evangelism. There are no special faculties for training His servants for better services. Even those whose zeal advanced the course have been forced out of the system and made a reproach. The preaching of God's Word is not centre stage. The Bible is read as a mark of respect and to assuage the conscience of the motivational schemer.

But the problem did not start today. It started when the Pastors gained centre stage in our lives and every action must be defined by them, contrary to the Holy Bible. Their ideas super ceded the scriptures and every attempt to correct them was seen as affronts to their anointing. Their thugs harassed and ridiculed the godly and so everybody conformed.

Then they went to America to copy doctrines and mannerisms. But they did not copy Billy Graham's evangelistic zeal, or the spirituality of D L Moody and Jonathan Edwards. The revivals of Chas Finney meant nothing to them; neither was there place for the missionary fervor of George Brainerd nor the healing gifts of F.F Bosworth.

But they got something. They copied the gimmicks of money makers and merchants of flesh. They brought the idea of make-believe anointing and miracles. They changed their ascents and dress culture; and labored to wrestle the Scriptures out of our consciences so they could assert their inconsistencies/conveniences. Our children were assaulted with cultures, alien to decency and sound family values.

They became sweet talkers and rabid motivators; elevating the love of money and the desire for fun and fanfare beyond the appeal of Scriptures. They brought hero worship; and elevated to prominence preachers who have both moral and spiritual problems. And the Church lost her vision!

The Word of God is trampled under foot and shrieks and constant shouts of alleluia took the place of sound and reverent expositions of the Inerrant Word of God! And the Church was led astray.

Now we are dry and confused and poor but they are rich and prospering. They have built their mansions and their estates and have told us that their children are no longer our brethren for we are not on the

same level, so they must go abroad to study less we limit their future. They tell us stories of their exploits and mock our failures. All at our expense!

We pay our tithes and fulfill our pledges yet we have no faith to make it in life, so we must depend on the pastor and crawl to him for every life's basic decisions if we must survive. The Bible is no longer enough, for we cannot understand it on our own, so we need proper understanding and a regular check with our spiritual pastors less we rung out of tune with God! Brethren this is falsehood.

Their TV heroes are crashing out one after the other both with their errors and with their ungodliness. But our pastors are smart. They are now deserting their mentors and turning to money making and politics! They have oil wells and gold mines yet the Gospel is not sounding forth from us to the rest of Africa. They invest in banking, insurance and breweries and still affirm that their hope is in heaven. Men and women are driven from their knees to the streets to engage in money making ventures rather than break the stony hearts of men and evil concourse on the altar of intercessions.

THE MISSION FIELD IS EMPTY.

The Church in Nigeria has no doctrine and no clear message from God to society. They record teeming crowds in their meetings but the life of an average church goer is empty, dry and confused. Someone has said that Nigerian Christianity is 'one mile long and one inch deep'.

What, with the 100 days fasts and the regular bouts of prayers that leave the worshipper more frustrated in the end. There is neither change in attitudes nor in demeanor. The fornicator still fornicates; the cheat is at his best and godliness is at its lowest ebbs.

Everybody is pursuing the world but none has been able to catch up with it.

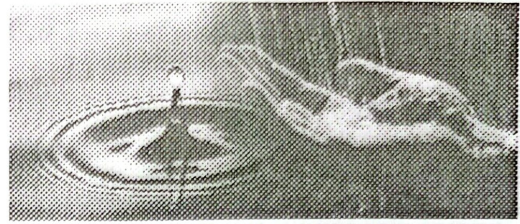
Our spirituality is evidence only in architectural designs and material possessions. The world is not after our message or after our character. They are one of us. But they know they need Jesus and so they reproach us for being like them and thus keeping Christ out of their reach.

It has been observed that Nigerians are prayer warriors; but what do they pray for?

They are never free from crisis; their leaders are most corrupt; their society is unsafe; life is cheap; the citizenry have no say in their affairs though they make the most noise; nothing works in the land except corruption, abuses and cheating. And those who do it most are experts in asking you to show a good image of Nigeria.

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Well Without WATER



NOW THE PRIEST OF MIDIAN had seven daughters: and they CAME and DREW water and FILLED the troughs to WATER their father's flock". Ex.2:16 Wells are familiar subjects to many of us. The purpose of a well is basically to supply water to the person that draws from it.

When Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, he dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. What was he doing by the well? You may ask. He was there to wait for those who had something to draw with, to give him water to drink.

The same thing happened in the case of our Lord Jesus Christ when he had to go through Samaria. "So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey sat down by the well, and it was about the sixth hour.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" Jn.4:5-7 (NIV)

For a well to be useful, it must of necessity have water. It is not surprising then that our Lord Jesus Christ told us that the water that he gives us shall be in us a well of water springing up to eternal life. Figuratively, the well is then a place where one can get recourse from thirst.

Like the well of Samaria, many wells are springing up today in all the nooks and corners of our land but they are not meeting the thirsty needs of the people. On getting to the well many of the comers find the wells to be shallow in contrast to the deep wells of our forefathers.

And if I may ask you, Dear Reader, what type of well are you? Can water be drawn from your well? I mean the water of life.

Why dig a well without water?

It is a sheer waste of time, energy and resources. And when people get to your well you have to pretend there is water when in fact there is none. You are what the Bible calls "Well without water"

Wells are supposed to be strategically located and not just placed anyhow. Moreover the wells that were dug by our fathers were wells with springing water. What then has happened to us our own time?

"Those Christian leaders who shook the world were one and all, men of sorrows whose witness to mankind WELLED out of heavy hearts" writes Tozer in 'God tells the Man Who cares'.

If you really want to shake the world you must have well with water. Springing water not bitter water! Where is the well of compassion in you? Do you have deep feelings for the unsaved? Are you among those who speak about hell with an aura of lightness?

Is it a light thing to be condemned to a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth? "Where their worms dieth not, and the fire is not quenched"? Should you not have deeper feelings for this issue? Oh God where are those preaching where the sinner comes weeping before the altar?

It is either our wells are not deep enough or they are wrongly located. Perhaps your well has been stop by the Philistines through man-made doctrines and deceitful teachings (earth) which have gain more grounds in various fellowships than the true bread of life.

Let this be made clear to you! , and you must act on it with utmost diligence. A shallow experience cannot bring forth a springing up of a well of living water.

Ah, Ah! Wells without water!! They look like the real thing but they are only a mirage fake pond of water on a highway: You cannot water your soul from them.

They sound like they have something to offer, but they are empty, just like a thunderstorm that passes without giving the expected rain. They even promise the light of fulfillment and joy but their end is only blackness and gloom.

Their watchword is freedom. They promise liberty. Oh yes! Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty to worship God. But their own liberty means license to sin as much as they like; and for those who follow their pernicious ways, they become like their teachers, being slaves to their own lusts. God have mercy!

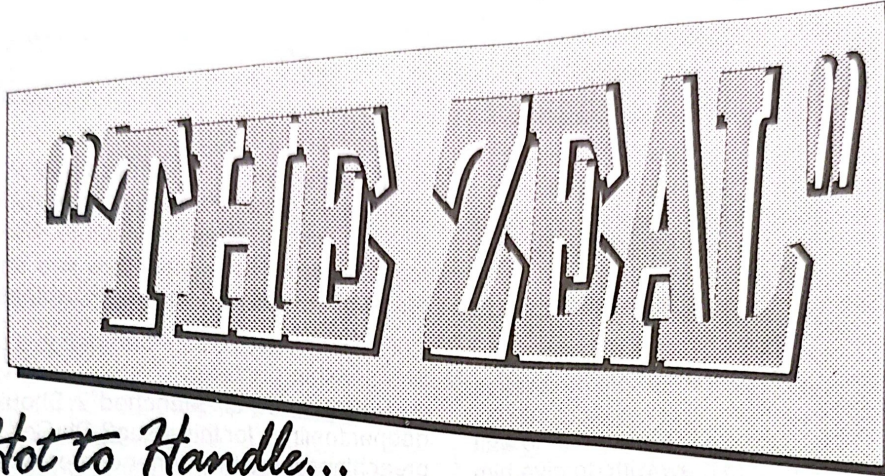
These are trees that are diseased and fruitless whose fruit withereth (Mt.7:15). Many fellowships/churches are filled with them.

Ranging waves of the sea carried away with their own passions and licentiousness. "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! Jer.9:1. God save us from "wells that have no water" (Amen).

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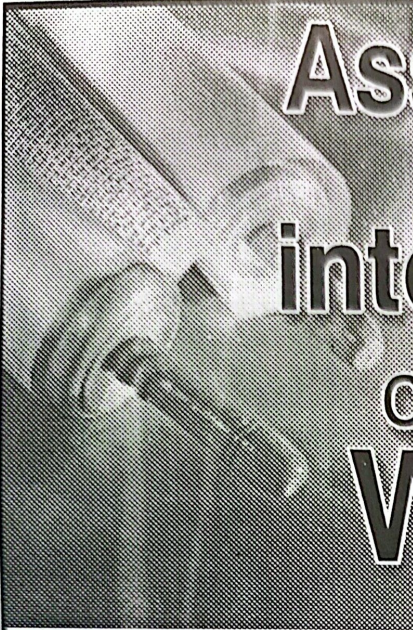
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Assaults on the integrity of God's Word

- Johannes Facius

THE TWO ISSUES THAT have surfaced in my own life and spirit over the last two years is that I believe we are in a tremendous battle-first of all for the authority of the Word and secondly-over the Cross of Jesus Christ.

I believe the Word of God and the Cross of Christ are on trial today-not just in the world, but even in the Church. A tremendous battle for the authenticity and the authority of the Word of God is raging on. There is a tremendous battle over the finished work of the Lord Jesus as the only sufficient work for the believer, the Church and God's purposes for the nations.

I want to preach the Word of God as the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I recognize my human weakness and the potential I have for being mistaken.

I am coming to minister to you in both these qualities. I believe that the Lord is also challenging His people today on the issue of the written Word of the Lord-is it still our supreme guide and authority for our lives, behavior and all else in our Church and in our personal lives? It has been the strategy of the enemy from the beginning-to try to destroy the credibility and authority of the Word of God.

I want to invite you to go through some Scriptures with me, beginning in Genesis 3:1-7,

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made and he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said you shall not eat of every tree in the garden?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden but of the tree which is in the midst of the garden God has said, you shall not eat it nor shall you touch it lest you die.' The serpent said to the woman,

'You will not surely die for God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

'So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they knew that they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.'

Has God really said? This is where it all started. This is by no means a new problem. This is the origin of every falling away... that we are being tempted to doubt the authority of the Word of God and of course, the great temptation is linked to the fact that we might not understand some of the reasons why God is telling us some things and we would like to understand.

We are not satisfied with the fact that God has spoken and that's it. And that we must then obey without discussion and without challenging God. And it is a very subtle thing that happened in the garden, because what the serpent really did was say, "Do you really think God meant it that way, that you are not to eat of this tree? Would God who is a God of love, prevent you from entering into an extra ordinary dimension?" because that's what the serpent is saying. If you eat of this tree, you will enter into an extraordinary new dimension and you will receive a part of God's understanding and wisdom. Do you really think God would deny you that?

So the woman looked at the tree and she saw that the fruit was good. And here is the first problem. Here you find in the first pages of the Bible the spirit of humanism and you might know who is behind humanism right from the beginning. Why shouldn't you eat it, because it's good? It will taste good and you will become wise and it is desirable. Just because things might look good, taste good or appear to be good can never qualify that this necessarily is from God.

So the woman was deceived because she saw that everything that is good must be from God. But that's not the case, not good in the spiritual sense, good in the human sense, of course. And so she was deceived and that's her own confession: "The serpent deceived me." Now what is deception? It is falling away from the authority of God's Word-that's deception. Whenever we neglect, ignore or doubt or challenge the supreme authority of the written Word of God we are entering into deception. Deception is not a mental or emotional state; it is disobedience to the Word of God. That's what we call apostasy.

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Every voice of truth is considered an opposition that must not be allowed either in the society or in the Church. Secular leadership bribes the priesthood either directly or indirectly to keep their members in check. There is a collective coup against the purpose of God in Nigeria.

So what do Nigerians pray for?

I will tell you. They pray for their leaders to loot successfully so they can give ten percent (10%) to the Church; buy Jeep for the General Overseer, and donate generously to the Church building projects. They pray for American visas as if it is a ticket to heaven; they pray that their fornications do not end up in pregnancies and that their spouses do not discover their adulteries.

They pray that they be not caught when they cheat in exams; they pray that serious and godly men be taken away from their path when they do their thing. They pray that a pregnant teenager who abandons her child for adoption does not return for it again. They pray for their favorite football teams and even a living Church will make provision for a match show and hurry up a Church service on a popular day.

Then they become very serious and engage in intense intercession for themselves. They intercede for their feeding; for their work and for their welfare. Then they go for miracles to be promoted above a man with better qualifications. They pray that their tribesman be made the leader by all means. They pray that goods be scarce so they could make better profit. They pray that the authorities will accept a cheaper bribe.

They pray that an evil man remain in power because he is from their tribe. He becomes God's choice because of advantage.

So they become more spiritual and go into long period of fasting. They fast so their prayers could be heard. Assured of success, they now lay bare their requests: their enemies must die! Both spiritual and human enemies must be consumed by fire now, now! All perceived opposition to their progress must die by fire (as if demons can be burnt by fuel fire).

They trace their hindrances to their ancestral origin and their forebears become their greatest enemies (As if the vicarious death of Christ did not atone for all sins on behalf of a converted and trusting soul).

Then, they pray for their denomination that it becomes the only authentic Church in the land; and for their G.O/ G.S to be the only authentic and the most revered man on earth. They castigate all other works of the brethren as imperfect and the anointing of those who even 'converted' their leaders as obsolete.

Then they go to the world and excuse themselves for their sins and the errors of their Pastors. Their pastors' sins become human, and their worldliness is called the fruit of prosperity! THE LORD IS NOT PLEASED.

As someone rightly said, 'anybody who is somebody in the Pentecostal circle is an emperor building his own empire'.

Brethren are no longer free to mix together with one another without fear and suspicions. The church auditorium is not open to everybody. You must wear special identification to enter a church hall and worship God. Trained thugs armed with walkie-talkie, and clubs guard the halls filled with wooden benches, to prevent unauthorized personnel from entering. *No one will ever enter*

the church again at his own time and commune with His God. Hannah would have been locked up, if not shot in the Temple. How they would have sent even Angels away!

The pastors are demigods who must be approached with reverence and caution. Their thugs are brutal. Their presence is announced with red-carpet reception and standing ovations. Their entourages wear the mark of the typical Nigerian dictators with whom they are used to and whom they now copy.

When they preach, their appointed escorts stand sentry at the Altar. Outside, the police patrol teams keep regular patrol over the fenced premises; a sight typical of a state-owned church in any of the communist blocs.

The pastor's message is greeted with applause and celebration, and the congregation surges forward to cast their money at his feet in order to 'tap his anointing'. Then the story is told, the money order is issued; and the miracle charge is read, and the service is over! The Lord JESUS would have wandered whether this is the same Church for whom He bled on the Calvary cross and for which His saints have suffered martyrdoms ever since Pentecost. Paul and Peter must definitely protest.

Any wonder society is confused. People are frustrated. And men and women are daily trooping down to hell. The Devil is happy. BUT CHRIST IS ON HIS WAY.

An average Nigerian Christian does not know what he/she believes, except that Jesus saves from troubles; and whatever you want to get you can tell him if it is convenient for you. The purpose

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Building a Godly Home

The secret of building a godly home is in having a strong God-centered relationship. It lies with a man's strong communion with, and allegiance to the head of his family-his own head, The Lord Jesus Christ. Mk.12:29-30; Deut.13:6-11; Lu.14:26-27; Rom.3:21-22. It rests on a man's absolute dependence and submission to the will of his own head. If you carry God along, everybody will follow. Jb.1:1-5

'The head of every man is Christ...' cf 2Cor.11:2-3

Here it means that Christ is the ruler, director, or Lord of the Christian man. This truth was to be regarded in all their feelings and arrangements, and was never to be forgotten. Every Christian should recollect the relation in which he stands to Him, as one that is suited to produce the strictest decorum, and a steady sense of subordination.

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1Co.6:20

Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it... Eph.5:25

As he gave himself to suffer on the cross to save the church, so we are to be willing to deny ourselves, and to bear toil and trial, that we may promote the happiness of the wife. The husband, in all his conversation with the wife, should manifest the same spirit which the Lord Jesus did toward the church. He is bound so to live as not to interfere with her salvation, but so as to promote it in every way possible. He is to furnish her all the "facilities" that she may need, to enable her to attend on the worship of God; and to throw no obstacles in her way. He is to set her the example; to counsel her if she needs counsel, and to make the path of salvation as easy for her as possible.

For such a man the Scriptures clearly affirm: *'And the head of the woman is the man...'*

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The sense is, she is subordinate to him, and in all circumstances - in her demeanor, her dress, her conversation, in public and in the family circle - should recognize her subordination to him. And, why shouldn't her? Considering the sacrifice and the love which he so readily bestows on her; it will be absurd and sinful to act otherwise!

Therefore, God says,

In a similar way, you wives must submit yourselves to your husbands so that, even if some of them refuse to obey the word, they may be won over without a word through your conduct as wives when they see your pure and reverent lives... After all, this is how holy women who set their hope on God used to make themselves beautiful in the past. ***They submitted themselves to their husbands,*** just as Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters by doing good and by not letting anything terrify you. 1Pe.3:1-6 ISV.



For, the husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. It is he who is the Savior of the body. Indeed, just as the church is submissive to Christ, so wives must be submissive to their husbands in everything. Eph.5:23-24.

In Gen.3:2-3, it was Eve that showed the serpent the Tree. Obviously she learnt of it from Adam. But in Gen.3:6, Eve had a very different version of the same Tree after the devil re-introduced it again to her. Thus, under the authority of Adam, Eve had a different revelation of the Tree: obedience and submission. But when she moved under the guile of Satan, the Tree became last-an engine of destruction.

In Eph.5:21-33, we see the beauty that God expects from the homes of His people. Anything short of it is less than God's standard and cannot stand the fire of eternity. The product of such homes cannot advance the purpose of God on the earth collectively.

Let us not forget that Israel is a family, the children of one man. And the desire of God is clearly expressed in Ps.133

The inability of men to fulfill God's purpose in their lives can be traced to the failure of the family unit.

No man enjoys a disorderly home. And a home where love and care are scarce is destined to collapse. Beyond our gorgeous apparels and beautiful cars are aching hearts searching for meaning and purpose.

Men seek for titles and marry more wives because they were not satisfied in life. And many women are careless and wayward for want of love and satisfying communion.

Only Christ can offer both, let us return to Him.

A happy couple is the diadem of every society! Decide to become one today.

Characteristics of a Christian Home

Descent home: it must keep its family and environment neat, modest and descent.

A house may be big and elaborate but disorganized. It may be full of property and yet not meet the needs of the family. A descent home is a functional home where things are done with respect and modesty. There is thoughtfulness in every action and no one is allowed to be over indulgent.

Disciplined home: it must be disciplined so as to teach its members how to comport themselves:

- * To attend to their duties diligently and without reproach
- * To be examples to others
- * To attend only to their specific functions; put much into life, bring much out of life and make deposits in heaven.

Every member has a duty and discharges it with care and love. Correction is free and accepted without rancor. The family has ideals and everyone loves to uphold it. Personal ambitions are sacrificed for the unity of the home!

Loving home: it must be a loving home where everybody has a sense of belonging. Hence to remove stress from every member of the family, care for everyone and make the home a wonderful and serene place to live in.

Joy and fellowship is vital and free at all levels. The husband relates to the wife with delight and the wife cheers up her head; and even the children are attended to without manipulations. The atmosphere is conducive for growth and development.

Even family helps are cheerful and at peace to perform their duties without fear. Everyone knows he/she is important, for the home will suffer if she fails in her duties. And no one wants that!

Godly home: A Christian home must of necessity be a Godly home otherwise the name is abnormal. It must teach its members to observe the proper act of worship which includes early morning devotion; praying together and the privilege of intercession. Bible reading is a rule and efforts are made to share individual benefits for the edification of others. The

virtues of Christianity are evident here and great emphasis is made on manifesting the fruits of the Holy Ghost. The strength of the Church is reflected on the character of such a Christian home. The eternal purpose of heaven is taught and greatly desired here. There is no misplaced priority of assuming that temporal comfort here can suffice for the great demands of eternal life and the everlasting disgrace of missing it.

*If you have peace in your home;
You have peace in the field;
And you have peace with God...*

You will be a success and your success will attract others.

Principles for building a Godly home:

And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Gen.18:17-19

Using Abraham as our guide let us look at some principles for building a godly home.

1. He obeyed God in all things, Gen. 12:4; 15:5-7; 22:1-3, 7-12; 21:12-14.
2. He married with discretion: Gen.11:21-31; 20:11-13
3. He disciplined his wife: Gen.12:1-5, 10-20: 20:13; 18:1-9
4. He trained his children: Gen.22.
5. He handled his servants justly: Gen.15:2; 14:13-16; 24:1,10
6. He ruled his entire household by the fear of God:12:4,5; 13:1-4; 18;19; 20:13; 22:1-3; 24:1-4; 21:6-14

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. Gen.24:1; (26:1-5).

Contributions:

- i. Are you building a Godly home?
- ii. Is your home suitable for brethren to receive fellowship?
- iii. How do you handle stress in the family?
- iv. What are the sources of stress in the home?
- v. Can God come to your home for fellowship? See Jn.11:1,11

The DEBATE about YOU

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation

Satan went to visit Jesus in the Garden of Eden, and Satan came. All happy and boasting. (Luke 4:1-12, Job 1:6-12)

"Yes, Lord Now I have everybody captive, (well nearly everybody down there). I set traps. I used the bait of temptation, I know well what each one of them can't resist. I nearly caught them all"
(1 Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 6:10-17).

"What are you going to do with them ?" Jesus asked.
And he was praying to God the Father.

Satan answered, "oh, I am going to have some fun with them"

I'll make them divorce after they have married so the foundation of humanity will never be established "the family" (Mat. 19:4-6, Mal. 2:16).

I will make them hate each other and abuse each other, make them fall into alcohol and drugs without control.
(Rom. 13:12-14).

I will teach them to make weapons and bombs, so they kill each other,

"I am really going to have fun"

"And when you are tired of playing with them, what will you do? Jesus asked.
And continued praying.

"Oh I will kill them all and their souls will be mine forever". "Lord by all respect, its their Decision (1 Jn 3:8-10).

"How much do you want for all of them?"
Jesus asked.

"Oh, you can't want these people. They aren't any good. Why do you want them if they neither follow you nor love you? Many hate you! I have seen many of them spitting on you, cursing you and even denying you"

"What's more, they love me a lot" (Mt. 24:10 -13)

"You don't want these people!!"

"How much ?" Jesus asked again.

Satan look at him with a nasty face

"All your tears and your blood,

All the pain of the entire world all together"
(Is. 53:4-10; 1 Pet. 2:24).

Jesus said... "DONE"

"and He paid the price" (II Cor. 5:21).

How terrible it is that people don't seek for God, and they ask themselves why the world is going to hell!!

How terrible that we seek the newspaper everyday to read tragedies and we never seek Bible .

How Insensible to is how everybody wants to go heaven, thinking they can get there without having to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, without loving God above all things, or doing what the bible says...the laws of God.

It is terrible how some people can say
" I believe in God" but still follow Satan
(who as matter of fact does fear God).
(1 Tim. 4:3-4; II Jn. 17:11)

Don't you think it is pathetic how they send each other thousands of jokes by e-mail, so they spread like plagues.

But when it's about the Lord's messages, we think about it twice before we share them: and we leave the mailboxes of our friends without this message.

Don't you think it is outrageous that the obscene vulgar and crude is allowed freely to pass through the Internet that even many people would desire to get into the scene?

But it is forbidden to speak publicly about Jesus in the schools, place of work self-helping groups, etc... (Acts 4:19-20).

Even after knowing what He did for us. Because the Romans didn't kill him .It was our sin.
That we may be forgiven and know Him in His glory with the Father.

Doesn't it seem incredible to you how somebody can be alight on Sabbath day in the Church, worshiping and thanking the Lord for his mercy for more day to live etc.

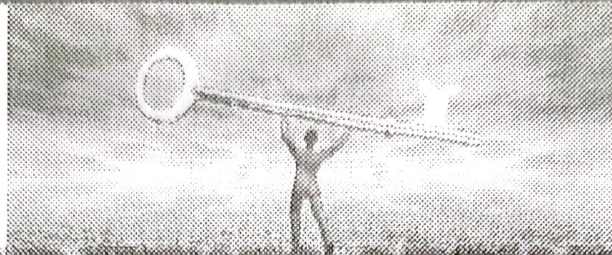
But curing the rest of the week he is an invisible Christian! (II Tim. 3:1-5; Rom. 10:9-10)

Does this seem just to you?

Stop worrying what the others may think about you.
It is time to worry about what God thinks about you"

Please brothers and sisters, pass it on? I already did it"
May God bless you always. (II Cor. 13:13)

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MASTER KEY TO OPEN HEAVEN

Evangelist Amobichukwu

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness: Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him." Matt.3:13-16).

Prior to this time, the situation in Israel and indeed all over the world; was exactly as foretold in Leviticus chapter 26 in that all have sinned; and there was none that regardeth "Nor" any that seeketh after God.

"But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror...and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass. And your strength shall be spent in vain..." (Lev.26:14-16, 19, 20).

It was under this condition that men had labored before now; and it was under it that my Master refused to be cajoled into, even by John the Baptist, His forerunner: "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" And Jesus answering said unto him, "suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness: Then he suffered him".

Thus, my Master, refused to labor under "closed heavens". He refused to ignore God's command, and to sow in vain. He knew that when men labor under closed heaven, their strength shall be spent in vain..."

He chose to walk in obedience to God: "for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness" He knew that before we could overcome and avenge our enemies, "our obedience must be complete." (2Cor. 10:5). He also knew that true obedience must lead to death: for the carnal man receiveth not the things of God; they are foolishness unto him.

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be; so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (Rom.8:7, 8).

He knew that for heaven to open unto him, he must die to "the systems of this world", by submitting to John's baptism. "Then cometh Jesus...unto John to be baptized of him" (Matt.3:13). God went to man to fulfil His ordinances of baptisms, just to make sure that none of the demands of Discipleship was broken.

Thus, he established that the only way to open heaven is through the crucified life. And the key to the crucified life is Discipleship. And the bedrock of Discipleship is complete obedience and whole-hearted submission to the total counsel of God.

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him..." (Matt.3:16).

We go to God the way we are, but when we leave, we leave the way He is. Discipleship gags the excessive of the sinful human nature. It guides a man securely to the crucified life (cf Gal. 2:20); and leaves him in the hands of his Creator as a chosen instrument to fulfill His pleasure.

Discipleship leads men to die to the flesh, and the world and to live for God in the Spirit: men whose minds are set on God and His interests. Thus, it produces men that have focus and proper re-orientation in life.

Discipleship is a call for every Christian. And until we have allowed God to pummel, trim, and trample upon us to make us conform to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ, we have not responded to that call (Mt. 11:29).

The Holy Spirit can only walk with a dead man. As long as you are alive to your sensibilities and wild emotions which the Scriptures call "excess of riot" (Pet. 4:1-7), you are useless to the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of glory and of God."

Even in the Old Testament, before any Levite or Priest could minister before the Lord, he must be offered as an offering unto God a sign of crucifixion and dedication (Nu.8) there-by signifying that the only acceptable way to open heaven and to God is "dead to the flesh", the crucified life.

A dead man has no premonition of time, space and conditionality. To be crucified means to do nothing in your own strength. It excludes smartness and worldly brilliance. You must be "fool and glad to be so for Christ." Whenever believers are willing to be crucified, the testimony of Jesus the Lord in Jn.12:30-33 becomes a reality again.

A dead man is never angry. He knows no irritation or comfort. He is neither bothered by the censors nor approvals of the world, his friends, or the church. (1Cor.2:14-16). He does not strife because whatever condition he finds himself is suitable.

A dead man does not gossip or backbite. He does not seek company or party. Because he is dead, he is open to all parties. They, and not him, feel sorry for their actions and treatments of him. He is mute, and without a care. He has neither lusts nor restrictions, because in him has been condemned all the sins of the flesh. To be precise, in him all the desires of "sinful human nature" has had their full: For the wages of sin is death (Rom.3:23) **ARE YOU DEAD OR ALIVE IN THE FLESH?**

The greatest problem of the Church in Nigeria is lack of Discipleship. Carnality breeds confusion. Proper knowledge brings right living habits. And true knowledge is spiritual knowledge; by spiritual knowledge I mean the practical contact of a Soul with his Creator. This can only come about through obedience to His Son. A man who does not know God cannot obey Him; he cannot submit to his laws. At worst he will fight against God's will. (Rom.8:6-8).

You can know the spiritual level of a people ie their level of obedience to God through their desires; through those things which matter to them most: are they the things of this world; or are they the things which make one conscious of that glorious place called heaven?

If you live for the Devil and his interests in his world (this present evil world, Gal.1:4), you cannot hope to go to heaven. You won't even experience the blessings of open heavens now. You will ultimately end up in the eternal resting place of the Devil "lake of fire" or hell "where their worms dieth not; and the fire is not quenched" But if you live for Christ and His interest, you will hate this present evil world and her poisonous passions and pleasure: You will set your mind on the things above. Col.3:1-3. You will seek God. You will not be like "Demas" (1Tim.4:10) who abandoned eternal peace with God, for the fleeting pleasures of sin and the lure of uncertain riches. [Heb.11:24-27; Lu.8].

To desert holiness and Godly living, for the lustful and covetous demands of the present falsehood called "prosperity or new mysteries", is to live for the Devil and his interests. -Inno-Praise

It is to abandon Christ and depart, "having loved this present world". It is to mock God in the world that hated Truth. To choose Error instead of the Truth; and to make the costly sacrifice of Christ death on the Cross, of none effect on your behalf; thereby destroying your wonderful soul in perdition.

But can we sincerely expect you to live better than you are presently doing, since 'right living' is based on the knowledge of the Truth? And it is not everything you hear on Sundays, and on your anointing services that are part of the Truth.

Truth is scarce and the Word is rare. There are no more open visions (i.e. plain knowledge of the will of God). We have abandoned the Cross and changed the altar.

We have corrupted the Priesthood. Certain men have crept unawares unto the pulpit; and carnality has run riot. Therefore, Nigeria can not know peace. It cannot know peace because there is no peace for the wicked says my God; and those who handle the Truth are corrupt; thus equity is slain.

And the Lord has sworn, "I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as Iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain..." (Lev.26:19,20).

Therefore, only revival, personal revival, can save us. We must experience personal revival to open our individual heavens; and collectively too: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; breakup your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men." (Hos.10:12,13).

We must renounce our sinful ways. Our canal human nature and its desires must be crucified. Natural man must die. And spiritual life must gain ascendancy. There must be an open and genuine repentance from dead works which includes inept corruption and excessive materialism. We must forsake our old ways and return to God in dust and ashes; otherwise, even our very blessings might be blighted by misfortunes.

Spiritual men must return to the affairs of God and man. Both the Church and the human authority of the government must experience the touch of God; men in leadership must be humble and diligent men. They must submit to God, and teach his people, denouncing materialism and upholding the virtues of handwork and true faith in God.

**This is the master key
to open heavens!**

of Christ coming; the meaning of justification by faith; the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer; the demands of discipleship; the joy of soul-winning; the challenge of missions; the prayer for revival;

the beauty and thrills of sound biblical expositions and divine revelations are alien to the Nigerian Christianity today. Who then can talk about the second coming of Christ and the danger of the white throne judgments?

Where is the offence of the cross?

If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world. 1Co 15:19 GNB

In II Corinthians 11, the apostle Paul is referring to this event in the Garden, "Oh that you would bear with me in a little folly and indeed you do bear with me for I am jealous for you with godly jealousy for I have betrothed you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear lest somehow as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

This is interesting because, as I said, maybe the major reason Adam and Eve fell into deception and rebelled against God's Word was almost a desire or caving in their hearts for some new spiritual dimension. They were not satisfied with what Paul here calls the simplicity of Christ. They were not satisfied to simply follow the naked Word of God.

They had a desire for something more, a higher dimension, something that had to be more like God. It is that simplicity of Christ that is being challenged all the time in the Church. We want to enter into new dimensions.

In the Charismatic Church there are lots of experiments being made to search out the spirit world and this is a very dangerous field. There is a word in Revelations to one of the Churches where Jesus in His prophecies to the churches in Asia Minor says, "To you who know the depth of Satan." Here were some people who wanted to jump over the borders, get out of the framework and get into experiencing the spiritual universe, to know more about the spirit world and demonic forces. That's a

temptation to those of us who are in spiritual warfare. We do have some biblical insights, but not very much and we must abide within the biblical framework; otherwise, we will find we are being misled and deceived.

We are called to the simplicity that is in Christ, however, and to walk according to the Word of God. Any attempt to break this barrier and get out of that framework will be disastrous and will lead to deception. "The serpent deceived me" said Eve. God said, "Do not eat of this tree because if you do, you will die." But the devil said, "Well, God is a good God. If you eat of the tree in the Garden, God is a good God. He will never give you something bad, would he?" The bad things are not from God but from our own foolishness and we have to harvest whatever we sow.

Deception is the fruit of abandoning the truths of God's Word.

The last Days is a very popular subject-eschatology. We believe certain things are going to happen in the end times. The Lord has called us to pray for His purposes, but whenever the Bible speaks of the anti-Christian rebellion, we notice something interesting. In Psalm 2, where we read about the kings of the earth rising up against the Lord and His anointed One, we notice which form the anti-Christian spirit is taking in that rebellion.

"Why do the nations rage and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed, saying (and here comes the expression of the anti-Christian spirit). "Let us break their bonds in

pieces and cast away their cords from us."

What is this? This is the Law of God. This is the Word of God. This is rebellion against God's Word because God's Word is the framework for human life and it is a framework for the life of the Church and for your personal life. This is the true sign of the anti-Christian spirit. It is an apostasy, a falling away, from the written Word of God.

With the authority of the Word of God, I must say to you: if you are not in line with the Word of God in some areas of your life, you are in apostasy in those areas. It is amazing what is happening, not only in the secular world.

I live in Europe and we are now in the European Union. One nation after the other is almost forced by harmonizing process of European legislation to accept free abortion and pornography and now homosexual marriages.

The liberal part of the Church is already deep into it. We see it is a breaking down of the Word of God, the commandments of God. That's the anti-Christian spirit working in this world. All of this began one day with a little deviation. Now it is becoming a world apart from the Word of God.

It's not just the liberal part of the Church who no longer believes in the new birth. This spirit is also working right into every church and every part of the Body of Christ. A little deviation to begin with will end with a great distance in the end...

To be continued.

This message was given in Jerusalem by Johannes Facius, a renowned Bible teacher. Courtesy of CFI Jerusalem

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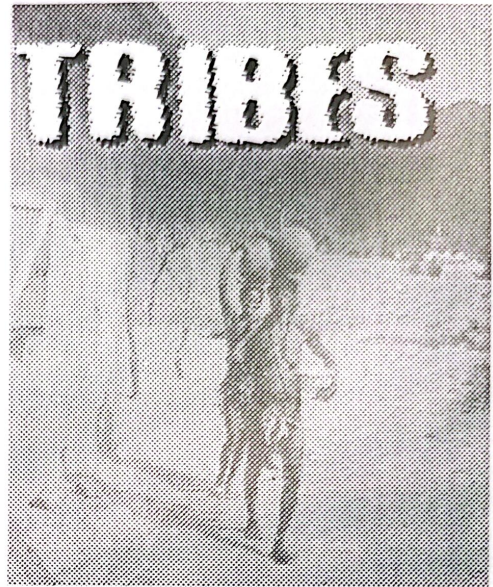
UNREACHED TRIBES

For this is the commandment that the Lord has given us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, so that all the world may be saved'. Act 13:47 GNB

And in his name shall the Gentiles hope. Mat 12:21

When will their light come? Remember, they are in darkness because you refused to shine for them to see the savior of the world.

They too are made in the image of God as you are, but are sold under sin just as you once were. Therefore, I urge you to let your anticipations and resolutions be reflected in the lives of these that are still bound in the fear and torment of satanic forces on the mountains and valleys here in our country and beyond.



Surely you remember the story told in the Bible of the rich man who became so earthly rich but spiritually bankrupt and fruitless that on the day of his death, God called him a fool!

Why don't you make an eternal investment today by lending God a hand in placing a missionary among one of these **UNREACHED TRIBES** that live in 'regions beyond' where Christ have never been known; and where men live for satan and his pleasures?

Dear friend take action today: you can pray; you can give of the abundance which the Lord has blessed you with; and you too can volunteer to go and be a witness yourself. That is the call. The reward is eternal act now! Tomorrow may be too late.

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"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Ac. 1:6

This was the anxiety of the Apostles prior to the ascension and glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ. And from the point of this age-long expectations for the restoration of Israel, as consequent to the Messianic rule; we shall seek to inform the sincere and committed believer, of the events in the holy land, especially as it reflects the fulfillment of Scriptures in the light of the Gospel.

The Lord Jesus Christ had said that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Lu. 21:24, 27

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? Rom. 11:25-28, 15.

Therefore we shall in the light of these Scriptures study the development in the Middle East with a view to inform the Christian warrior of the need to be alert and sober especially 'as we see the day approaching'. And to do this effectively, we have the privilege of a very reliable organization 'Christian Friends of Israel' working in the heart of the holy land who have expressed their desire to keep us duly informed on every development.

For a foretaste, here is an extract from Robert Franklin's commentary on the Middle East Peace process and the controversy over Jerusalem. Said he, "Jerusalem is a stumbling

block because it is the focal point of the Arab-Israeli conflict. And more than any other issue, it is the touch stone for where the whole process is heading.

King David established the city as Israel's capital, the Jews have been praying for its restoration for more than 2,000 years! And Israel has vowed never to give the city up, Period. But it is also a Moslem holy city, and the declared Arab Jihad, or holy war, against Israel, is centered to a large extent on Jerusalem.

From the Arab perspective, Jerusalem is the city from which Mohammed ascended to heaven, and which embodies the victory of Islam over every previous revelation, namely, Judaism and Christianity. This is clear from the Dome of the Rock, the golden mosque on the Temple Mount, the site of the Biblical temples.

The Dome is undoubtedly the most imposing structure on the Jerusalem landscape, but it is more than a masterpiece of Arab architecture. It is a statement.

It is a statement that Islam has superseded the temple and in the current context, Israel. And it is a statement that Islam has superseded the Cross! For big letters written on the outer wall of the mosque proclaim that "GOD HAS NO SON".

Therefore, the Arabs will never give up their claims to Jerusalem, just as the Jews won't. And that is what makes the Arab-Israeli conflict so intractable, and explosive. It is not just a dispute over land; it is a dispute over religion, over revelation, a spiritual dispute, and a dispute over divine election!"

Informative and edifying you may say. But then, that is the more reason, you should pay attention to that which 'you have heard from the beginning'. Read THE ZEAL

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