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# CHAPTER 1

## THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOME

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**Psalm 11:3:** If the foundations be destroyed. what can the righteous do?

Marriage is an institution ordained by God for the benefit of mankind. Marriage is not the idea of man but God. It is the oldest institution on earth. To understand the mystery behind marriage then, there must be a reference to the time of creation and a focus on God's final work of creation; that is the family.

Although the church is very important, it is worth mentioning that the family is older than the church. God was the first officiating minister at the first wedding. A family consists of people with a common goal, unified aspirations and a common course.

### THE SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

A family unit begins with a male and a female that are joined together. The divine agenda on the foundation of the family, is well laid out in the scriptures.

However, many have laid other fake and shaky foundations. This is the major cause of the trouble of mankind. All through the ages, the family has been severally assaulted by Satan and the battle is still going on.

Behind every operation and manifestation is a foundation, which is either hidden or visible.

A foundation, is the base on which a particular thing rests. It is the root and the origin. It is the base on which a structure rests.

## THE UNIQUENESS OF MARRIAGE

Marriage therefore is a church, within a church. It is a republic within another republic. It is a world within a larger world. If things go right here, then things will go right everywhere. If things go wrong in the home, things will go wrong every where.

Marriage is the foundation of the church and the state. Because of the sensitivity of this foundation, you must let Christ be the first and the last in your home.

## THE FIRST INSTITUTION

The institution of marriage was created by God and He was the first pastor to join two people together in holy matrimony. It is the first institution ordained by God.

**Genesis 2:18:** And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

God's verdict before Genesis 2:18 was that everything was good. But here, God said; "it is not good" that the man should be alone."

In this verse, we consider the first reason for marriage. That is, companionship or getting rid of loneliness.

**Genesis 2:21:** And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

God was the first surgeon. He opened up Adam and took a rib from Adam and replaced it with flesh.

**Genesis 2:22:** And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from men, made he a women, and brought her unto the man.

## THE ORIGINAL RIB

So, every man has a rib taken from his side to create an help meet for him. The world is in trouble and many things have gone wrong. This can be traced to the fact that, a lot of women are "taken" to men other than the men God made for them. It is by the grace of God and the blood of Jesus that things could be brought back to good shape for many people. There is no way you can find things easy when your partner is not your original rib. There is no way things can move on positively when a wife is not from the rib of her husband.

**Genesis 2:22:** And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

It was God who brought the woman to the man. It was not the woman who brought herself to the man. Neither did the man bring himself to the woman. The whole idea was from God.

**Genesis 2:23-25:** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

There is no other story about the root or origin of the family, that could surpass God's account concerning the family.

## STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

The rate at which marriages are collapsing is alarming. One out of every three marriages is breaking down. This is a cause for concern to any serious minister or man of God. In many places, what is called marriage is just a companionship of convenience. A lot of people are regretting ever getting married and many of them are planning to jump out of the relationship.

The next terrible thing after hell fire is a bad marriage. Once entered into, it is very difficult to come out of it because, it is a lifelong contract as far as the Bible is concerned. The Lord intended that marriage should be a lifetime affair.



We all know that the pomp and pageantry of a marriage ceremony is never the indication of the fact that such a marriage would last long. The reason the blood of people would not be required from pastors on the last day, as far as marriage is concerned, is because of the confessions of the couples on their wedding day.

## THE MARRIAGE VOW

The statements of oath taken at the wedding ceremony can be likened to a death sentence. When you cruise over the wordings of the oath taken by husbands and wives on the day of their wedding, then, you would recognize that these are very heavy and implicating words. It bothers on issues of life and death.

Men and women sit down as witnesses and observers of marriage ceremonies. The couple stands with their priest or the pastor reading out marriage vows or oaths. Here are the words of the marriage vow.

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here before God and before this congregation to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony."

Thus the husband and the wife have called God as witness and have called the congregation as witness (meaning that if the couple decides in the future to break up the matrimony, then, all the congregation that was present at the marriage must be summoned again for the dissolution of the marriage. If all of the congregation cannot be called upon again then the marriage must remain in place.

### ***Marriage is honourable***

Marriage is an honourable estate established by God before the fall of man.

Marriage signifies the mystical union between Christ and the Church. (This is another purpose of marriage) It is an institution which Christ both honoured and glorified by His presence, at the wedding at Cana of Galilee,

where he performed his first miracle. If Jesus could do this, He can perform a miracle in your home.

Declare this loud and clear: My Father, perform Your miracle in my family, as You did at Cana of Galilee, in the name of Jesus.

### ***A fresh understanding***

We need a fresh understanding of the institution of marriage. We also need to understand the power of the marriage vow. The marriage vow is necessary to be read again for people who read it before, but are now speaking rubbish concerning the institution of marriage.

People who intend to marry, should also listen carefully to the implications of the marriage vow that are read which are binding on marriage partners.

It is also commanded by Apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that, marriage should be of great honour among men. Therefore, nobody should rush into marriage. It should not be treated lightly to satisfy our carnal lust and appetite. (The purpose of marriage is not just for sexual pleasure as some people think. This view lead many in this generation to go astray. It is a wrong view of marriage). "Marriage is not what anyone should rush into as an animal who lacks understanding. Marriage should be handled discreetly, assuredly and soberly with the fear of God.

### ***God's purpose***

Now let us examine the divine purpose for marriage.

#### **☞ It is a remedy against sin**

To avoid fornication, it is advised that those who are not married and are eligible, should get married. Those without the gift of continency might marry and keep themselves as undefiled members of the body of Christ.

#### **☞ It is established for procreation**

God wants us to bear children that would be trained in the fear of God and praise His holy name. It is established for mutual understanding, help and comfort

God wants partners to benefit from one another, both in prosperity and adversity for which the people are joined together.

### ***No turning, back***

Remember that during the wedding ceremony the pastor will say. "I charge you both ... as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment ..."

When you open your mouth on the day of your wedding to say "I will" without being coerced or manipulated, you have attested to it that you will give an account of your marriage on the great day of judgment. To come back later and say that you are no longer interested in that marriage is an impossible task.

There was a brother who was so much soaked with the interest and desire to get married that he worried his pastor saying; "I want to get married on time." The man of God cautioned him; "Pray!" The brother said he prayed and came up with a sister to get married to.

The man of God looked at them and told the brother "Go and pray again." Anytime a man of God tells you, "Go and pray again", it means that something is wrong somewhere.

But, the man of God may not tell you the details. The brother prayed and came back to say "I have prayed enough sir; I want to go ahead." According to the confession from his mouth, they were joined together. The two of them said, "it is God's will for us to get married." If eventually, these two people should make mistake in their marriage, then, their blood is on their heads.

For those who married before they became born again, the Lord would give you balm or iodine to cover your sore. But, for those who are no longer

ignorant of God's will and yet make mistakes, their blood is upon their own heads.

The couple in question got home after the reception. The brother said, "We thank God for today. Let us pray to God." The brother said; "Father in the name of Jesus," he was expecting a loud and supportive Amen from the wife, but an Amen did not come from her. The brother repeated "Father in the name of Jesus" – still no Amen came forth. The brother then said; "Sister please say, Amen." But suddenly the eyes of the sister became wild and she said; "I don't want to hear the name of Jesus again."

The brother said: "What? I should not mention Jesus?"

And she responded, "Yes, do not call that name henceforth. You do not know whom you have married." The brother then quickly ran back to the pastor and said; "Sir, it is not too late. This marriage is just a few hours old now. So, I want it dissolved now." The man of God said, "I am sorry. It is too late! You can no longer dissolve it."

The reverse is also true for sisters who have gotten into wrong marital relationships. Coming out of such a relationship can be very difficult. Once a marriage is contracted, God wants them to stick together for life.

Malachi 2:16: For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Marriage is for life and God hates "putting away" (divorce).

**1 Cor. 7:27:** Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

Also in Matthew 19:9-10 we are clearly instructed.

**Matthew 19:9-10:** And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

The only time divorce is permitted is when a woman and a man are yet to be joined in wedlock. But once joined, there is no more remedy. While they are in courtship they could dissolve or cancel their intention of getting married.

After marriage, there is no room for divorce again. If you wake up one morning and you discover that your husband is drinking blood as water, such a reason is not enough to dissolve that marital relationship. If you wake up one day and you truly discover that your wife is a witch, there is nothing you can do than to stick to her. This is the Bible standard on such issues.

The devil is attacking Christian marriages vehemently. In order to add salt to injury, most of the children that are born these days are born by unwedded mothers. The cycle of trouble therefore continues. This is a very sad situation. Only God can deliver us.

# CHAPTER 2

## **GOD'S FOUNDATION FOR FAMILIES**

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Foundations are very vital in every area of life. The strength and height of every structure is predetermined by the foundation. Every pursuit has foundation. The foundation determines how long a structure will last.

### **Facts about foundation**

God has laid a solid foundation for the family. The plan of God for the family has been made clear from the beginning of the world.

Let us examine the following points:

#### **☞ The Biblical blueprint for marriage is monogamy**

One man with one wife is God's standard. God is against polygamy. If we examine the evil that polygamy has done in the lives of Africans, tears would roll down our cheeks. If a man needs more than one woman, God would have removed more ribs from Adam to form many women for him.

#### **☞ The husband is the head of the home**

It is God's ordained order as Christ is the head of the Church.

Ephes. 5:17: Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

#### **☞ The wife is a help meet for the man**

The wife is not just an ordinary woman. She is not an harlot and she is never a mere sexual object. She is not a concubine and she is never a slave girl. She is not an housemaid. But, she is a help meet for the man

physically, morally and spiritually. This is the real foundation for marriage that God institutionalized.

### ***Reasons for marital turbulence***

Today, God's standard has been eroded. Hence we now have several chaotic situations. It is very unfortunate that many are still following evil patterns these days. Once evil patterns are followed, chaos begins. The adherence to evil patterns have led to several instances of marital turbulence.

If issues concerning the home are carefully sorted out, every other thing will fall in line. The wrong things, which are prevalent in the society are off-shoots of the wrong shape of things in the home.

## **ORIGINAL DIVINE BLUE PRINT FOR MARRIAGE**

What then is the deeper and original divine blue print for marriage?

### **☞ The origin or foundation of marriage**

Let us examine the beginning of marriage in the Bible.

Genesis 2:24: Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

The first thing which comes to the fore when one cleaves to one's partner, examining God's blue prints for marriage is leaving.

God demands that after a wedding ceremony when the contract of marriage is in force; the man must be separated from his parents and cleave unto his wife. The idea of men tying themselves to the apron strings of their mothers is completely unscriptural. This has destroyed so many homes. Several times, pastors have had causes to sit down and settle quarrels because, the mother-in-law and the woman were at loggerheads.

I know a woman who virtually became a slave to every member of her husband's family. She did everything humanly possible to satisfy them, as if each of them were her husband. For example, she spent majority of her time cooking for them.

A week after she was delivered of a baby, the family of the husband came from the village again and said they wanted to eat pounded-yam. They instructed this woman, who had just delivered a baby to pound the yam for them! She could not say no to them to avoid any possible trouble that might ensue from their end. Tragedy struck when she was pounding the yam. She slumped and died.

"Therefore, shall a man leave his father and mother." Are you there and you have not left your father and mother? Are you planning for marriage? Go and secure your own accommodation. separate from where your father and mother lives.

It is not proper that your newly wedded wife starts to compete for the kitchen, the toilet, bathroom and the seats in the house of your parents with others. It is completely unscriptural. This unpleasant development has destroyed so many homes. As a result of this, many will not be delivered from the evil powers of their fathers' house until they take a step of leaving their parents to cleave to their spouse.

The next point to note is encapsulated in these words: "And shall cleave unto his wife." Yes, there ought to be 'cleaving'; that is 'a joining', The husband and his wife must stay under the same roof and inside one room. All these American style marriages or British marriages where husbands and wives are widely separated from each other for several years are devilish.

"Where is your husband" a woman was asked. She answered; "We got married in 1995, I am still here in Nigeria and the man is in America. Since he left for America, I have never set my eyes on him again." That is rubbish and it is not scriptural. You are married today and the next day there is disorganization – this is not God's plan for marriage.



In marriage there is always a call for sacrifice. There was a case like the one just narrated. The woman was abroad while the husband lived in Nigeria. The wife beckoned on her husband to come over. The husband said he has a good job here so he could not go. The issue became a serious problem. When I intervened, we started praying and the woman decided to come back home (Nigeria). so as to live under the same roof. It took divine intervention before this could happen.

A couple should have no privacy between each other. They should have nothing to hide from each other. There is nothing they should be ashamed of. This blue print is well-laid out in the scripture.

But today, many marriages are in trouble. Wherever a marriage is in trouble. the first place to check is the foundation. If there is a trouble and confusion in your marriage, then check the foundation of your marriage. If the foundation is wrong, the whole essence of marriage is wrong. You might say, "I don't know why my husband is behaving like this?" Do not blame your spouse.

The first question is how did you get into marital turbulence in the first instance. "I don't know why my wife is behaving like this?" The first question is this; "Where and how did you find her? And what was the foundation of the relationship?"

When I was doing the second year of my doctorate degree in a university in England, a student came to see me. He said, "Daniel, I want you to follow me to the airport to welcome my wife from Nigeria." I said, "Will you pay for my transport?" He said "Yes." So, I followed him. We waited at the airport until the plane from Nigeria arrived. My friend put his hand into his pocket and brought out a photograph. As the travellers passed by, my friend started cross-checking each woman with the photograph in his hand.

I looked at my friend and said, "Do you mean that you don't know her?" He said "I don't know her but they posted her to me." I was so puzzled that I asked, "You have never met her before?" He said, "Not at all." I was afraid.

We waited for a long period until practically everyone came out of the plane. Suddenly, we saw one light-skinned lady coming. My friend looked

at the picture, surveyed the face of the girl, ran towards her, called her name and they embraced each other. That was the foundation of their own marriage.

A few months later the woman ran away with a German. My friend wanted to commit suicide. I told him "Do not kill yourself." The foundation of your marriage is the airport. Why do you want to kill yourself? Don't you remember how you met her." If my friend had thought of laying a good foundation for his home, he would not have made such a costly mistake.

"If the foundation be destroyed what can the righteous do?" When marriages are contracted while you were an enemy of God, the foundation is wrong. Marriages that originated from accidental pregnancies and not because of sincere or genuine love towards each other is surely built on bad foundations.

If you have started sleeping with your would-be-wife before the proper marriage, you have laid your marital foundation on a sinking sand which would trouble you later on in life.

Marriage after demonic consultation is also established on a wrong foundation. If you have taken the name of your spouse to prayer houses or to fake prophets or fetish priests, then you have built your marriage on a wrong foundation.

When a marriage is based on beauty or handsomeness, then it would not last. When beauty begins to fade, problems will ensue. Marriages that were contracted based on being charmed would collapse. Marriages that were formalized without divine approval are built on wrong foundations. If you have entered into a covenant with a man by cutting yourself and drinking one another's blood; it is a wrong foundation.

Marriages established on the basis of wealth are built on shaky foundations.

Marriages solemnized by satanic rituals are built on wrong foundations.

Marriages based on trial and error, such as sampling techniques as means of choice of a marriage partner are built on wrong foundations.

Marriages borne out of attractions or based on occult manifestation means are fake marriages.

The marriages that are contracted based on material interests are built on faulty foundations.

If love is based on money then the person would be treated as a commodity.

If the foundation of any marriage is based on a satanic prophecy. "Thus saith the Lord", whereas God did not say anything, such marriages would be ephemeral.

Marriage established by donation of a girl at a very tender age of ten years to an old man as a wife is a wrong practice.

If you and your spouse were unbelievers before you got married you might be passing through some kinds of problems now, except you know how to pray for the deliverance of your family

All these should be well considered. Marriage is not a light matter. It should not be handled with levity.

When a woman gets married to a man whose sole reason for marriage is procreation or a man who is looking for male children, that woman might become useless immediately such goals are not achieved. If no children are born, the wife might be shown the way out. Some Christians with strange doctrines would open their eyes and walk into the mouth of lions by going to marry unbelievers. Many of them have gone away from the faith through unequal yokes. The unbelieving man would then ban them from praying and ban them from serving God.

When the foundation is bad, it is only God's power that can repair such a home. Even, Christian homes that are properly established are attacked by

the devil in order to undermine the divine blueprint, not to talk of ungodly homes.

There are powers that destroy the foundation of marriage. First, let it be clear that if someone is looking for a perfect man or woman, then he must extend his search to mortuaries. There are men and women of perfect behaviour there!

## CHAPTER 3

# TERMITES IN THE FAMILY

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Termites are very destructive. They devour whatever they can find. An army of termites can reduce a piece of furniture to rubbles.

There are spiritual termites that are sponsored by the devil to destroy the essence and the fabric of the family. As long as there are termites in the family, the possibility of achieving wholesomeness will become impossible. You must therefore, locate every destructive termite in your family and destroy them in order to save your home.

So far, we have established the fact that God has established a good marital foundation. In this chapter we shall identify the type of termite which the enemy has released in this end time in order to destroy the family.

## DESTRUCTION OF GOOD MARITAL FOUNDATION

Let us now examine factors responsible for the destruction of a good marital foundation.

They are:

### ☞ **Immaturity before marriage**

Many are pushing themselves into trouble when they get married at a young age. For a girl of seventeen, who is in secondary school and still under the care of her parents, to decide to get married at that tender age is an act of immaturity.

### ☞ **Selfishness and divergent interest on both sides of husband and wife**

### ☞ **Lack of companionship and mutual affection**

- ☞ **Vanity or display of pride**
- ☞ **Disappointment of expectations in the area of sex**
- ☞ **Lack of responsibility on the part of the husband or wife**
- ☞ **Exposing family problems to a third party without the consent of one another**

It is only the immature spouse that needs a third party to settle their cases. Mature couples would always keep their arguments and disagreements at private levels.

There was a man of God who used to ask from any man and woman who come to him to inform him of their marital intentions whether they have had a quarrel. If they said; "Man of God, we love each other, we have never quarrelled." He would then ask them to go away and have a quarrel. The idea is that if they should fight and settle the squabble, then, when they eventually get married they would know how to settle quarrels and manage crisis.

The day of a tragedy for a marriage is any day parents come to settle disagreements between husband and wife. Family disagreements and differences are supposed to be settled through prayer and dialogue.

I agree that there may be few cases in which a man of God would be invited for counselling and prayers. But if you discover that in the family you always have disagreements that only third parties resolve, then there is trouble.

You must know what you are doing. Throw the third party away and settle your differences with prayer, dialogue and maturity. The key is, it is better that the third party does not know the secrets between the husband and his wife.

- ☞ **Over sensitivity to matters**
- ☞ **Inferiority and superiority complexes**
- ☞ **Lack of trust on either side**

### ☞ **Unfair scathing, sarcastic and incriminatory remarks**

A woman came to me to report being physically abused by her husband. I followed the wife home so that he might stop beating her. As we moved closer towards the direction of their home. The wife said; "Pastor, look at him coming – crawling like a snake." Immediately she said that, I stood still. The wife said, "Are you not following me again?" I told her; "If you would say that your husband crawls like a snake in my presence, then only God knows what you said before he started to beat you up."

It is a matter of fact that, the woman who never talks will never get beaten up. Before the man started beating his wife up thoroughly, it means the woman had made some provocative statements or comments.

### ☞ **Unfaithfulness on the part of the husband or the wife**

As a wife, pray for your husband always because some husbands do not like to misbehave. But there are many women on the streets, who are shooting satanic arrows against innocent men.

I know of a situation where a woman entered into another woman's house and said; "Madam, I want you to lend me your husband for two weeks."

The madam in the house was so shocked that she did not know what to say or do next. She said something told her to take a bottle and break it on the head of the strange woman but, another spirit said, you better be careful and be quiet because if someone could be so bold to the extent of coming to another woman's matrimonial home with such a request, then fighting such a woman with physical weapons would aggravate or escalate the trouble.

To the amazement of the wife, her husband went in packed his clothes, carried his briefcase and followed the woman. Such a situation was a product of satanic manipulation.

### ☞ **Lack of self-control and consideration for the other partner's feeling over sexual urge Women liberation carried into the home, is another problem.**

- ☞ **Paying little attention to appearances is a devilish tool for undermining marital foundations**
- ☞ **Saving and withdrawal of family funds without the consent of the other**
- ☞ **Abdication of family duties to the parents of the wife or that of the husband**
- ☞ **Deceit on the part of either the husband or the wife**
- ☞ **Prayerlessness and ungodliness**
- ☞ **Suspicion and depreciating love**
- ☞ **Lack of leadership qualities on the part of the husband**
- ☞ **Selfishness**

If the wife only cooks when she is hungry, she is selfish. If the husband only buys things for himself, he is selfish. If one party is sick and the other one is less bothered, it is selfishness. Some parties pick up their dresses for washing and leave those that belong to their spouses. All these are characteristic features of selfishness.

- ☞ **Lack of faith and trust in the finished work of Christ**
- ☞ **Useless, unnecessary over-spending and impulsive buying**
- ☞ **Hot or quick temper – anger has destroyed so many families**
- ☞ **Lack of submission from the wife**
- ☞ **Family disloyalty**

## **Creation of camps at home**

If the father has his own camp and the wife has her own camp, the home will be divided.

- ☞ **Keeping a diary of offenses**
- ☞ **Violence**
- ☞ **"Had I known" syndrome**



Men and women often say, "I have many people I would have married, I do not know why I married you." This is a termite which destroys the foundation of a good home.

- ☞ **Blame shifting and counter accusation**
- ☞ **Giving preferential treatment to some children and neglecting the others**
- ☞ **Communication breakdown in the home**
- ☞ **The act of transferring the love meant for each other to the children**
- ☞ **Inability to speak with a single voice over family issues**
- ☞ **When couples are no longer burden-bearers for one another**
- ☞ **Taking counsel from wrong people**
- ☞ **Nagging**
- ☞ **Family interference and unhealthy control**

All these are evil termites that eat up the foundation of families. It is important to note that we need the power of God to maintain our homes today. We must take note of the fact that, the family is under serious attack in these last days. Christian homes in particular are under fire.

You need to subject the foundation of your home to thorough deliverance.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Every arrow fired against my home, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every power of marriage destruction, my life is not your candidate, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Everything the enemy has stolen from my marriage, I recover them by fire, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every marital failure of my father's house, every marital failure of my mother's house, my life is not your candidate therefore, scatter, in the

name of Jesus.

5. Glory of God, arise, incubate my home, in the name of Jesus.
6. The signs and wonders that have never happened to me before, manifest in my life, in the name of Jesus.
7. Thou power of strange children walking against my destiny, scatter, in Jesus name.
8. Thou power of great waters working against my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.

# CHAPTER 4

## FAMILY DELIVERANCE

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Just as individuals can experience personal deliverance, an entire family can also experience deliverance.

Bondage or demonic possession can be seen at two levels.

☞ **Personal bondage**

☞ **Family bondage**

Beyond the issue of family bondage, there are occasions when a whole lineage or ancestry is subjected to deep bondage. In that situation, succeeding generations will continue to harvest the fruits of bondage. Whether members of the family find themselves at home or abroad, they will continue to go about with chains of demonic bondage or oppression.

With the foregoing, we discover that individuals have to deal with two types of bondage; personal and communal. Since no man exist without a family, individuals must deal with bondage which emanates from his or her family. This includes ancestral bondage.

### DELIVERANCE OF THE FIRST-BORN

Our focus in this chapter shall be centred on the fact that the first-born is a burden bearer. As far as the issue of bondage or oppression is concerned, the first-born is not spared when the devil attacks the family. He knows that the moment he succeeds in putting the first-born under bondage he will succeed in putting other children in the family under bondage.

Just as the devil attacks the first-born as a leeway or an entry point into families, each family can also establish a point of contact for deliverance through the first-born.

Therefore, the first-born can become an arrowhead through which deliverance flows to every member of the family.

In this chapter, we shall therefore look into family deliverance by examining the deliverance of the firstborn.

Since the first-born is the official representative of the family, we shall take a detailed look into the steps into deliverance of the first-born. This shall be done for two reasons.

*Since the first-born bears the brunt and he is often the casualty when a demonic invasion takes place, he therefore needs special deliverance.*

*Deliverance of the first born is often the doorway to family deliverance.*

Before you continue, pray these prayer points aggressively.

1. Oh God arise! and set my destiny free, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every power of my father's house that is hunting for my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. My family line, receive deliverance by fire, in the name of Jesus.

The first person in the word of God that cried out that his family should be delivered is God himself. Hence, family deliverance is part of God's agenda.

**Exodus 5:1-2:** And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.

There is a power known as 'power of family destruction.' The Bible tells us in the book of Nahum that there is a power that sells nations and

families. And so, many families are already sold to the enemy.

Many families are under bondage. The devil targets the family in all his attacks. Since satan knows that the family is the cradle of civilization, he attacks this divine institution.

The family is the foundation of the society. The family is a city within a city, a nation within a nation and a republic within a republic. The Devil knows that, if things go on well in the family, then things will go on well everywhere. If things go wrong in the family, then things will go wrong in the nation.

Therefore, specific powers have been set up by the devil to attack families and ruin the institution, which determines what happens in the larger society.

### ***The first-born dilemma***

When you examine the strategy of organised wickedness set up by the enemy, you will discover that the first set of people he wages war against are the first-born. God says, "Every man who opens the womb belongs to me." The problem would be compounded if first-born were dedicated to idols instead of being dedicated to God. Many first born in many instances are being used as rags. And many terrible things are happening to them.

As we study the Scriptures, we shall come across what the bible calls the setback of the first-born.

Cain was the first-born but he disappointed God. Ishmael was a first-born but he was not a man of promise.

Japheth was another first-born, he too failed.

Esau was another first-born who failed. Reuben failed.

Manasseh also failed.

Aaron, another first born failed.

The elder brothers of David were no-where to be found. They too failed.

This first-born were disqualified. It is really hard to locate the first-born in the scripture who pleased God. This trend only changed when Jesus came.

If redemption and deliverance were not carried out on you as first-born, you might continue to experience setbacks among your father's children. Only few firstborn escape the onslaught of the enemy's fire target at them.

Since God has declared that the first-born belongs to Him, the enemy has continued to target the firstborn of the human race and render them unfit. The first-born are children with commandments attached to them. The first-born child is always a victim of potential ignorance and inexperience.

The first-born. most of the time, endures hardship for the sake of others. The first-born, most of the time, serves as a beast of burden which bends his back to carry the rest of the children. He is used as a torch or as a pathfinder.

Highly potent prayers may not uproot foundational bondage, planted from time immemorial. Are you the first-born of your family? Then you ought to subject yourself to deliverance ministrations so that, your life will experience a swift progress.

In some families, all the first-born are under curses because all of them are living under ancestral curses. Such curses need to be broken. In some families, the first-born is the poorest and all the younger ones have to be feeding him. In some families, it is programmed that the first-born does not get married. The younger ones would get married while the first-born remains single.

It is time to say No and declare that you are a child of the kingdom, who refuses to be molested any further. Declare that you are a covenant child, a chosen generation, a peculiar person, a royal priesthood and therefore, you refuse to remain backward in life.

## STEPS TO DELIVERANCE

If you have never surrendered your life to Christ, you must do it now.

Come unto the Lord with genuine repentance. Repent of your sins and the sins of your generation so that God can forgive you of them all. There is a need to cry unto God, the great deliverer so that total deliverance may be executed.

If you are a first born, then give God sacrificial offering as a token of your redemption. This is tagged 'THE FIRST-BORN REDEMPTION OFFERING.' This would open doors of financial breakthroughs to your life. The shackles of poverty, backwardness and stagnancy will henceforth be broken and you will be liberated and ushered into a flourishing state.

## CONFESSION

1. My Father, I come to You today, if I have been dedicated to any negative power, I break the power and destroy the grip of such dedication in the blood of Jesus Christ.
2. My Father, if I have been wrongly placed on the evil seat, I overcome the evil now as a covenant child, I shall not be backward, I shall be the head and not the tail in the name of Jesus.
3. In the name of Jesus, every power that wants to convert my head to toe, be arrested, in the name of Jesus. By the power in the blood of Jesus I claim my redemption.
4. I dedicate my life unto the Lord in the name of Jesus

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Every sickness unto death of my father's house, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every curse of backwardness, working against my family, break, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every spirit that says I will not make it in life, your time is up, die, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every strongman of my father's house and of my mother's house, die, in the name of Jesus.
5. My placenta! hear the word of Lord; reject bewitchment, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every assignment of darkness on my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Let God arise and my enemies be scattered, in the name of Jesus.
8. Thou power of marriage destruction in my family, die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Thou power of non-achievement, thou tree of non-achievement, die, in the name of Jesus.
10. Angels of poverty attached to my life, I bury you today, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every witchcraft power, at the gates of my breakthroughs, die, in the name of Jesus.
12. Every Pharaoh of my father's house, drawing my life backward, die, in the name of Jesus.
13. Every power of my father's house that wants me to pick and, die, in the name of Jesus.
14. Every power that hates progress in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.



## CHAPTER FIVE

# **DAMAGING DOMESTIC WICKEDNESS**

The subtlety as well as the wickedness of the devil is more pronounced in the terrain of the home. The fact that the perpetration of wickedness is the devil's hobby is given most pronounced expression in the home. It can be safely said that the home has become a theatre of wickedness as well as a habitation of cruelty.

Hardly is there any home that has not been hit by the satanic missile of domestic wickedness. The home is a place where people least expect wickedness to take place, but we have discovered in both the Bible and contemporary times that this is the case.

It goes without saying that almost everyone has one story or the other to tell concerning domestic wickedness.

Whether it is in the nuclear or extended family, acts of domestic wickedness are rife. It is however unfortunate, that most people who suffer domestic wickedness are grossly ignorant of the nature as well as the root of what they are going through. Although domestic wickedness is more prevalent in the present day generation, yet many people are ignorant of what domestic wickedness is all about.

"The insect that devours the vegetable lives within it." says an African adage. Problems are compounded when members of the same family are the brains behind what the victim is going through. In most cases, the victim would have suffered untold damage, before gaining consciousness of the fact that someone within the same family, nuclear or extended, is responsible for the attacks.

It is quite easy to avoid a total stranger who poses a threat, but the situation is different when it is a trusted family member or a loved one.

What we are saying is this. the toughest battle is that which takes place at the home front, in which the attacker can be described as next of kin to the one who suffers.

Therefore, we must set up a watch around the vicinity of the home rather than lower our guards.

The rule of the game is, don't ever take domestic wickedness for granted. Rather, you must decide to damage every form of domestic wickedness. In this chapter we shall take a critical look at the fact that the battles of life are also fought at domestic levels. To lose or win this battle is a choice you must make.

"Every conspiracy against my destiny in the heavenlies, scatter by fire, in the name of Jesus."

**Genesis 37:8:** And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

This report is about the members of the house of Joseph. Here is a classical example of household wickedness. The brethren of Joseph gathered against him and said "We shall see what shall become of his vision when we slay him."

**Isaiah 66:5:** Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. Note the statement in this verse "Your brethren that hated you."

## THE BATTLES OF LIFE

There is something known as the 'battle of life.' There are about 21 characteristics about the battle of life. The battle of life is an issue that is very serious because it has done a lot of havoc to so many destinies.

What are the characteristics of the battles of life?

- ☞ **The battles of life are universal**
- ☞ **The battles of life do not discriminate**
- ☞ **The battles of life show no mercy; it is completely merciless**
- ☞ **The battle of life do not have respect for anyone. Battles do not know how tall or short you are**
- ☞ **The battles of life need no invitation; it will show up, when least expected**

Some people are at the heat of the battle now. Many are struggling and smarting because of tough battles. In fact, these battles will continue to bring some people to Jesus. But God's declaration to you this day by His spirit is that, your God shall arise for your help in the battle which you find yourself.

- ☞ **The battles of life can result in untimely death. The devil can kill**
- ☞ **The battles of life are capable of engineering destiny suicide**

The heat of the battles of life could be so intense as to cause an individual to lose focus which may eventually result in killing and burial of one's destiny.

- ☞ **The battles of life have no respect for status or achievements in life**
- ☞ **The battles of life can reduce the quality of life. Many people would not have been at the region of the tail if not for battles**
- ☞ **The battles of life can start from the womb like that of Jacob and Esau**

It can span from the cradle to the grave. My heart goes out to so many people all over the world who are struggling with battles which they know nothing about.

- ☞ **The battles of life can mesmerize and confuse the wisest man on earth**
- ☞ **The battles of life have no respect for age; Young people, old people and medium aged people fight the battles of life**

There are some young men and women that strongmen have gone ahead of, to close the gates of universities that they will never get admitted. If they refuse to deal with these strongmen, there is no way for them to be admitted to any higher institution. The devil is wicked enough to distribute his agents around all the universities and mandate them to prevent his target from getting there.

☞ **The battles of life can induce insanity**

The Bible says that the afflictions of life can make a wise man mad. Someone who is supposed to be reasonable, gentle and loving could become wild as a result of the battles of life.

☞ **The battles of life have no respect for any geographical location**

If you try to run away from one location, they will gladly follow you to another location.

☞ **The battles of life do not respect your intelligence.**

Your brain has no influence over the battles of life. You need higher power than your brain can muster in confronting the battles of life.

☞ **The battles of life can be fought in the realms of the body, the soul and the spirit.**

If you fight in the realm of the body, you may be going from one hospital to another and be wondering what is going on in your body. If you are fighting in the realm of the soul, you may be wondering what is going on in your mind. And if you are fighting in your spirit you might be wondering what is going on in your spiritual life. You must learn how to fight and win.

☞ **The battles of life could be ancestral in origin.**

That is, it can be inherited. That is why we pray- "Every power that pursued my parents but now wants to fight me should be dismantled."

☞ **The battles of life can be waged from the heavenlies**

Right from the first day Daniel started to pray, God answered him but the enemy delayed the answer by standing against the answered prayer in the heavenlies. This is why we pray, "Every controversy against my destiny in the heavenlies, scatter!"

**☞ The battles of life can be fought at the level of the earth and that of the waters**

There are people who would need to work hard to deal with the plantation in the waters and in the earth that is working against them.

**☞ The battle of life can be fought at the level of your career and calling**

When I was in the university, there were some professors who had to push or jump-start their cars before the cars can start working. Whereas, there were other professors with brand-new cars. The professors who were living in abject poverty were facing battles in their careers. Battles can arise at the level of one's calling too.

This general understanding is needed because once you get into the arena of domestic wickedness, only God can deliver you from their camp. Unless God helps, you might remain trapped for life.

## CHAPTER SIX

# **THE MYSTERY OF DOMESTIC BATTLES**

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Domestic wickedness is one battle of life that is hard to fight. You can fight and win any battle with ease, but when a battle emanates from the home front, it is hard to win.

Sometimes, when somebody is in the cage of domestic wickedness, all the good advice given would be turned down. Such a person would never go to the correct place for prayer. This is part of domestic manipulation.

Now let us focus our attention on domestic battles

### **THE HABITATIONS OF CRUELTY**

The battle of life could be fought at domestic levels. Domestic here, relates to the family or household. This implies internal affairs. It refers to home-made battles. This kind of battle is terrible. It is stubborn, merciless and hazardous.

I came across a sad case not too long ago. A young man had a dream. In that dream his uncle vomited seven snakes. The snakes landed on the floor and started pursuing the brother. The brother ran but to no avail. In the dream, the snakes started biting him at different parts of the body.

When he woke up from his dream, he was still feeling the pain. By the evening of the same day he found himself in the hospital. When the doctor tested the young man it was discovered that his kidney had packed up. This is an example of domestic wickedness.

One day, I felt terribly grieved in my spirit when I came across a very bad case in the area of domestic wickedness. A woman dragged her husband to

me with his daughter. She said. "Pastor, look at this wicked man" I asked the woman, "What happened?" The man said that I should also ask his wife.

The wife said, "I will not say it he must say it. Eventually, the man opened his mouth and said, Pastor "I am the one who gave birth to this daughter, and I am the same person who made her pregnant, is anything wrong in that? That was a first class scandal. The young girl had a domestic enemy; her father. She became a victim of domestic wickedness.

## THE EVIL FOUNDATION

I want you to understand that every household has its own foundation. Every household has its own culture. Every household has its own language. Every household has its own pattern. Every household also has its own enemies.

Your family has its enemies. The enemy of an individual family becomes part of the domestic enemy. Every family has its own legacy. Every household also has its traditional religious past, which most often, is idolatry. This situation remains so until one member in the family tree is born again.

We are unlikely to find people whose grandfather and great-grandfathers were born again. What we are likely to find are those whose grandfathers or great-grandfathers were idolatrous and wicked. Fetish priests and idol worshippers are the ancestors of most Africans.

For example, Abraham came out of the family of idol worshippers. Although Abraham came out of an idolatrous family, his descendants were still influenced by the idolatrous background of his parents. That was why the household of Jacob was still carrying idols, inspite of God's covenant with Abraham.

**Genesis 35:1-4:** And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: And let us arise,

and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

David's prayers were very acidic. His prayers were potent because David experienced domestic wickedness. This is one of the terrible things that could happen to a person. This might be one of the reasons you have been suffering all this while.

When you battle with domestic wickedness, it is as if a dog is chasing its own tail. Or it is like someone who is thirsty but was given poisoned-water to drink. Or, someone who desires to marry but the person presented to him is a serpent. It is also like sucking the breast of one's mother whereas the milk in the breast is deadly poison.

Domestic wickedness can be likened to a sun that heats by day or the moon that smites by night. When you fight an enemy that is likened to the sun, you are contending with an enemy that declares that he is your enemy before attacking you. But when you are fighting enemies that look like the moon then you are fighting unfriendly friends.

Many people today, are facing various categories of domestic wickedness.

There is ancestral domestic wickedness. There are generational domestic problems.

There is residential domestic wickedness. This is a type of wickedness which is known and recognised before someone gets to a particular place.

There are also domestic strongmen. There is parental domestic wickedness too.

There are siblings' domestic wickedness.

There is polygamous domestic witchcraft. Many polygamists go into witchcraft in order to protect their children.



Husbands can be sponsored as evil agents against their wives and wives can be sponsored as evil agents against their husbands.

There are external aggressions of domestic wickedness.

There is also domestic wickedness that has to do with strange children in the family.

There is domestic wickedness in which parental battles are transferred to the children.

There are also acts of domestic wickedness from step-parents.

There are spirits whose duty is to revenge domestic wickedness. These spirits want to retaliate.

There is domestic wickedness sponsored by polluted family houses where destinies of people are being smashed.

There is domestic wickedness emanating from soliciting evil assistance.

All these are sources for receiving attacks from the quarters of domestic wickedness.

The Scripture has clearly stated that we should never toy with these kind of attacks.

## EXAMPLES IN THE SCRIPTURE

Let us now examine scriptural references on domestic or household wickedness.

### **Eve and Adam**

**In this case, the devil used a woman, Eve, to lead a family into bondage.**

**Genesis 3:1:** Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

### ☞ **Cain and Abel**

**In this case, Cain killed his brother.**

**Genesis 4:8:** And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

### ☞ **Lot and Abraham**

**Here, Lot gave Abraham a lot of problems.**

**Genesis 13:7-9:** And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

### ☞ **Esau and Jacob**

**Genesis 27:19-23:** And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

### ☞ **Joseph**

**Genesis 37:18-20:** And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

## **Job**

Job's wife said, "curse God and die" Someone as close to Job as his wife was almost used by the devil to derail

### **Job's destiny.**

The Bible says, "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matthew 10:36).

For anyone with a colourful destiny, it is certain that household wickedness will rear up its ugly head against such a person. The deeper the satanic hook someone swallowed. the more difficult it would be to extract the hook. That is why the level of prayer needed by some set of people may be higher than others.

Every family with potentials, generally have hidden resident destroyers. Everyone has a case file in the spirit realm. Some people's files keep passing from one agent of darkness to another. Wickedness plans aimed at destroying lives and destinies are often secretly concluded by household wickedness.

# CHAPTER SEVEN

## **DISGRACING DOMESTIC WICKEDNESS**

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The destinies of many people in Africa have been destroyed or buried because of the evil propensities of wicked ancestors. It is difficult to fight an enemy who knows virtually everything about you by virtue of being part of your history. Enemies from your lineage or family are generally very hard to tackle.

It is very difficult to fight the enemy who buried your placenta. It is very difficult to fight the enemy who drank the water which was used to give you a bath the day you were born. It is very difficult to fight an enemy who knows the areas of your weakness and your strength. It is very difficult to fight an enemy who received demonic instructions to hand you over. If such an enemy refuses, a higher spiritual authority would deal with him or her.

As long as you stand your ground in the areas of holiness and obedience to the word of God, the enemies who refuse to leave you alone would die in the name of Jesus. And every power that speaks like Joseph's brethren saying, "Let us kill him and see what would become of his vision" shall be disgraced in the name of Jesus.

### THE CHECKLIST

Do you often experience constant failure where you expect success?

Are you bothered by this aspect of your life that is resistant to progress?

Have you suffered any great loss?

Are you passing through abject poverty?

Are you going through constant blockages?

Do you experience persistent nightmares?

Are unfriendly friends daily multiplying themselves against you?

Have you suffered total financial burial?

Are you going through the type of deep marital distress which you should not be going through at your age?

Have you discovered that enemies are stubbornly pursuing you?

Do you suffer persistent night oppressions?

Have you noticed a trend of general backwardness in your life?

Is your health deteriorating at a very fast rate?

Do you experience mysterious sickness?

You must get yourself prepared in spiritual warfare against the enemies. You must fight hard until you obtain your total breakthroughs.

## SEVEN STEPS TO VICTORY

There are seven things to be put in place if you must win in the battles against the forces of domestic wickedness.

- ☞ **Total surrender and yielding to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.**
- ☞ **You need the baptism of Holy anger**
- ☞ **You need holy violence**
- ☞ **You need holy stubbornness**
- ☞ **You need the weapon of holy cry**
- ☞ **You need holy madness**
- ☞ **You need to pray bull dozing prayers**

The above steps are needed for prayers to be focussed and pungent.

A brother, who was formerly a member of a church where he was not properly taught the word of God, came to MFM, hence he knew little or nothing concerning spiritual warfare.

One day, his father called all his children together and told them, "None of you must be greater than I. Any one of you that tries it will pay darely for it." All the children except the brother kept quite. He said, "Daddy, parents are praying that their children should be greater than them, but you are saying none of your own children should be greater than you: That is not my lot "I shall be greater." The man said, "We shall see."

The brother married a sister, who could be referred to as 'a gold mine' Anything she laid her hands upon prospered. Since they got married, good things, prosperity, success started to flow into the family. It was clear that the brother was heading towards breakthrough and success as a result of the anointing that rested on his wife.

By the time the brother got home from that meeting, the wife had died. He thought he was bold enough to handle his father's threats. Unknown to him, his father was the brain behind the wicked arrow which led to the death of his wife. If the wife had remained alive, he would have become greater than his father. Can you imagine why his father decided to perpetrate such a level of wickedness?

Do not wait until domestic wickedness damage you. Damage domestic wickedness today.

Your fervent prayer on this aspect of teaching would cause a re-arrangement in the heavenlies. Never joke with the prayer points below. Pray like a wounded lion and the arrows of wickedness shall go back to the senders.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Every unrepentant domestic witchcraft, your time is up, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. Foundational wickedness of my father's house, hear the word of the Lord, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every fetish power, targeted against me, arise! crash! Die! In the name of Jesus.
4. Thou power of Cain assigned to destroy my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every evil bird, flying against my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
6. Any problem, that wants to kill me, die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Any satanic anointed mouth, that is speaking against me, scatter. in the name of Jesus.
8. Every enemy of my family line, your time is up, die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Any power, that has vowed that I would not come to the end of my journey, scatter, in the name of Jesus.
10. Every hidden witchcraft in my family line, within seven days, be exposed, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every strongman of domestic wickedness, die, in the name of Jesus.

# CHAPTER 8

## THE PROBLEMS OF STOLEN WIVES AND STOLEN HUSBANDS

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This special book on the family, cannot be complete without an analysis of an age-long problem, which has constituted serious problems in the area of marriage and the family. Most marital problems are traceable to acts of omission or commission on the part of the husband and the wife.

If you are a good student of the Bible, you would have discovered that the law of cause and effect applies to every area of life. In Bible days certain characters made grievous mistakes, which affected their families. We shall examine some of these instances in this chapter.

This message could be referred to as a dark saying. This simply means that it is deep and requires divine assistance to understand it.

There are a lot of problems the enemy has programmed against man, but then, every man's mountain is that of his ignorance. There are many things that happen to a person, which if he were to find out the origin he might have come out of the woods fast. The Bible says; "God revealeth deep and secret things. He knowth what is in darkness and also the light dwelleth with Him."

The issue under study has caused the human race deep sorrows. It is very unfortunate that there are not too many churches, ministries, preachers and pastors that have deep understanding of this issue. Again very few have addressed it. This explains why many people are passing through what is referred to as stubborn problems now.

To understand the topic under consideration, we shall examine a practical Bible passage.



**Genesis 12:10-13:** And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

Abraham went to Egypt to sojourn there. He arranged with his wife to tell a half truth. He stated that Sarah was not his wife and that she was his sister. Truly, she was his half-sister, but she had become more than that. She had become Abraham's wife. Abraham was afraid that ungodly Egyptians would kill him for the sake of his pretty wife. Based on this half truth the king of Egypt captured his wife. Though done in ignorance, it was theft all the same.

**Genesis 12:14-19:** And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels. And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

The king has broken a spiritual law innocently; but he still had to face the repercussions of the spiritual law he had broken. Please note this; since the king stole another man's wife great plagues came not only on the king but also upon his whole household. That is, a stolen wife could bring trouble upon a family and for all the generational line.

There are certain troubles which we put upon ourselves without considering the repercussions. The Bible tells us that, great plagues fell on Pharaoh and on all his household. The plagues only ceased when the object

of contention was removed. As far as Sarah remained in that household, Pharaoh and his men were in trouble.

Let us consider another eye-opener.

**Genesis 20:1-18:** And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine. Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all

other: thus she was reprov'd. So Abraham pray'd unto God: and God heal'd Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children. For the Lord had fast clos'd up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech. because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

Ignorance is not an excuse for perpetrating any spiritual offence. All kinds of gynaecological problems could come when a wife is stolen.

Note this; Abimelech was still alive but as far as God was concerned, he was already a dead man waiting only for the day of execution. From the moment Abimelech stole a wife, he became a dead man. God also bore him witness that he did it ignorantly but that did not excuse him. His position as the king did not excuse him from being guilty of committing the sin.

It is that when the king committed the offence, great problems came upon him and upon his household. Abraham had to pray for him so that, health would be restored to his household. Apart from the death sentence passed on Abimelech many other things went wrong with the household of Abimelech.

The man procured a death sentence, while the woman bagged serious gynaecological problems. Nobody in the family was getting power to conceive again, everything went upside down. It did not matter what the doctors are saying, but everybody was in trouble, all because a man had acquired a woman that belonged to somebody else.

Moreover, all the men in the household became dead men, although they did not realise this fact. This means that they were no longer going to live beyond a particular age. They were no longer going to live their lives to the full because their father stole a wife. Their hopes and destinies were cut short because somebody stole a wife.

People were mourning their obituaries when their promotions were supposed to be celebrated; all because a wife was stolen. Deliverance ministers seldom touch this aspect of teaching, but it is an aspect that utmost attention should be given.

From the two cases cited in the scriptures, it is very glaring that a stolen wife or husband will always result into serious trouble and that kind of trouble could go round the household. Such troubles could be likened to the leprosy of Naaman that came on Gehazi, which affected the whole household of Gehazi.

The problem of stolen wife raised its ugly head in the life of David too.

**2 Samuel 11 :23-27:** And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

David stole the wife of Uriah and what was the result? Serious troubles. These troubles could be found in 2 Samuel 12:9-14

**2 Samuel 12:9-14:** Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

God pronounced upon king David a sentence similar to that pronounced on kings Pharaoh and Abimelech. This kind of judgment portrays the type of death sentence meted to men who committed the wicked sin.

Here, the Lord pronounced that several kinds of complications would befall David's wives.

# CHAPTER 9

## SOWING THE SEEDS OF MARITAL TURBULENCE

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Farmers who sow seeds know that they generally harvest more than they sow. The high spate of marital turbulence that is prevalent in most homes today can be traced to evil seeds that were sown at one time or the other. You must learn how to recognize the consequences of evil acts. A lot of people are in the woods when it comes to the issue of recognizing the effects of evil seeds.

Do you know that all forms of marital turbulence are direct results of what men and women do with impunity? In this chapter we shall take a closer look at the factors that are responsible for marital turbulence. Before we go into details, let me ask you certain questions.

Have you ever noticed that all the women in your family have serious problems? Do they have problems getting married or having a stable home? Perhaps there was one Abimelech in your father's house, either present or past, who innocently or forcefully deprived another man of his wife.

Troubles might be happening now as a result of this grave sin. Perhaps in your family line, there was a woman who stole a husband that was not supposed to be hers and now men and women are suffering terrible consequences for the sin committed in the past.

There are many angles to this aspect of stolen wives or stolen husbands as regards the travails of the modern man. How does it concern us today? How can we diagnose specific acts which boarder on stealing a wife or a husband?

☞ **When a man professes to marry a woman without engagement, payment of dowry and formal marriage**

How can a man and a woman begin to live together without going through laid down procedures? Such a man in question is a thief. He had stolen a whole human being. By definition, the children born as a result of such a relationship are bastards. The man is writing letters to serious troubles, which generally happen to those who steal wives.

You might not have gotten involved in such wickedness, but if someone happened to have been involved in that kind of act in your family lineage, the person has programmed trouble for all the members of the family. That may be the cause of your present sufferings.

- ☞ **When you are sleeping with or befriending a man or woman, and this person is not your ordained wife or husband, then you are a thief.**
- ☞ **When someone is using prophetic manifestations, money or position to win a man or a woman, then such a person is a thief**
- ☞ **All those who practise "boy-friend" and "girl-friend" affairs fall under this category because marriage is for men and women and not for boys and girls.**
- ☞ **If the only form of marriage you did as a wife or husband was court marriage without pastoral blessings, you are a thief.**

Although the two of you might claim that you are born-again and even baptized in the Holy Ghost, you are guilty. Christian marriage is not complete without a priest or a pastor standing to pronounce blessings on it.

- ☞ **When you are an expert at committing adultery with the opposite sex, then you are a thief.**

Again, if you are a man or a woman and you are an expert at imagining sexual relationships with men or women, then you are a thief.

- ☞ **When there is someone in your lineage who stole a wife or husband, the punishment will flow to you even if you are innocent.**
- ☞ **Marital unfaithfulness in form of adultery of any kind is stealing.**

Any one who gets involved is writing letters to the kind of plagues king pharaoh, king Abimelech and king David suffered.

There are many people who attend gospel churches and yet, they are living in chronic adultery. These people are writing letters to the punishment meted to pharaoh, Abimelech and David.

☞ **Writing love letters to a married man or woman signifies that you are involved in stealing another person's husband or wife.**

In the modern sense, you may not be writing letters but you may get involved with sending text messages through mobile phones, you are a thief.

☞ **All forms of polygamy is called massive stealing.**

This is why global peace is difficult to attain. Many have married wives or husbands that were not theirs and because these people have deprived others of their right partners there is confusion all over the place.

☞ **Every act of dis-virgining a woman who is not your wife is a serious spiritual transaction and covenant.**

To be frank, this is a form of blood covenant. If eventually the person who was disvirgined was not married by the person who disvirgined her, stealing has taken place. A lot of young men and women are guilty of this offence today.

☞ **The purchase of all forms of presents to seduce a man or woman signifies that you are a thief.**

☞ **When you deprive another person of the full love or attention of his or her rightful husband or wife by your interference, then you are a thief. This means that all strange women are thieves.**

☞ **If anyone has raped a woman before either as a so-called Christian or as an armed robber, the position of the Bible is that he must marry the woman. If you raped somebody or disvirgined the**



**person but you eventually marry another person, then you are a thief. The full explanation can be found in Deuteronomy q chapter 22.**

- ☞ **The Bible's view on a person who sleeps with another lady which results in pregnancy either accidental or not is that the two people involved in this sin of fornication must marry themselves as husband and wife.**

If a man goes ahead to abandon such a lady to marry another on the ground that he is now born-again and that he did it in ignorance while he was in the secondary school then, he is a thief.

- ☞ **If a Christian marries an unbeliever according to Malachi chapter 2:11-12, all you have done is that you have succeeded in stealing a wife from the devil, and the devil will not take it lightly with you. Inadvertently, the devil becomes such a person's father-in-law.**

- ☞ **When someone gets married to a widow within a year after her husband died, he is a thief.**

There was a case that the husband died in January and by March, another man had surfaced to marry the wife. This new husband happened to be the former husband's best friend. The man was a thief. It means before the man died, they had been having an affair.

- ☞ **When you make use of unholy methods to capture the fiancée of another person, then you are a thief.**

For example, if the friend of the bride-to-be uses unholy means to snatch away the husband-to-be. then she is a robber.

- ☞ **There are people who want to become nationalized or stay abroad for a long time.**

These people then go and marry a citizen of the country of their interest in order to achieve their aims. These sets of people are thieves.

**☞ When a person looks for charms or fetish powers to attract marital interest of another person, then that person is a thief.**

There was a man who used to eat pepper soup and all kinds of things in a woman's house. In the process, he abandoned his wife. That man was a thief. Most of the time, the woman used to take it upon herself to serve the soup. But on one occasion, the woman went to the toilet and the man had to take the soup himself. He put the long spoon in to the pot and as he raised the spoon; he brought out a pant out of the soup!

So, the man has been eating soup cooked with a woman's pant. The woman who cooked that kind of soup was a thief.

If you were involved in that kind of act before you were born-again, you are a thief.

**☞ If your parents were involved with the problem of stolen wife and stolen husband, it will definitely affect your life. This is a very serious matter.**

**☞ If as a young lady, you are collecting money from a rich man because you want to finance your education.**

If you are twenty years old while the man is fifty-five, if you now finish you studies and you say "I cannot marry the old man."

But meanwhile, you have used his money to train yourself and then you went to marry someone else, the person who marries you, is a thief and you are a robber too.

A fetish priest might say; "if I cure this particular woman, I would marry her." All such prophets and fetish priests are thieves. If you have them in your lineage then you ought to pray.

**☞ Finally, if a woman runs away from her husband's house because of poverty, to go and marry someone whom she claims is richer, the man who marries the wife of the poor man is in trouble because God would fight back.**

A curse will come into play.

## SOLUTIONS

What then are the practical steps to be taken in order to solve the problems described above?

### ☞ **Restitute, where it is possible.**

But, most of the time restitution may be impossible because those who caused such problems might have died. What could be done is to remove the umbrella from your head, so that these curses might be rolled away.

### ☞ **Wage war against the powers behind it.**

The next thing to do is to wage war against the power behind the stolen wife or the stolen husband in order to recover all the things, which the spirit behind the stolen wife and stolen husband have taken away.

The people who are free from the curse of stolen wives or stolen husbands are those who are sure that their ancestors, their fathers, including themselves did a proper marriage. Such people are free and free indeed from this menace.

But, if you cannot even remember what your ancestors did and you discover that your own mother does not have any marriage certificate you must do something. Perhaps, she was selling in the night market and she was abducted and later forced to become your father's wife. If so, you have prayers to pray and you have spiritual battles to face.

Some of the problems that follow these kinds of evil actions are unexplainable stress, marital distresses, gynaecological problems, plagues, men walking about like corpses, academic stagnancy, unfulfilled expectations, etc.

These will have effect on you sooner or later.

Brother, how did you marry your wife? Sister how did you get married? If the methods used were wrong then serious aggressive prayers are needed to amend the cracking walls.

Could it be that as a wife, before you married your husband, he used to come for another woman, but you used to make advances to him with your eyes. Then you must pray. If in the cause of your prayers you feel dizzy, yes it means the spirit of stolen wife or husband has affected you. It means you are concerned.

But the bottom line of it all is that you should surrender yourself to the Lordship of Christ before any prayer could be meaningful.

Are you making a decision to be born again? Do you want to be a candidate of breakthroughs? Pray this prayer of confession and surrender.

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I come before you today, come into my life in Jesus' name, I pray" Amen.

Remember, Christian couples who before marriage, slept with one another are thieves.

Such people need to pray to receive those things which the enemy stole from them the day they slept with each other as unmarried partners.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Every problem, from my father's house, emanating from stolen wives or stolen husbands, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. Anointing of the bastard of my father's house, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. My Father, if my father is not my father, deliver me by fire, in the name of Jesus.

The above prayers are ancestral in nature.

The next prayer points are directly personal in outlook.

1. Confess your sins unto God if you are sure that you will not go back to those sins. But, if you will go back to them there is no need confessing them. If you confess them and still go back to them, then you are a trouble seeker.
2. Every secret curse, working against my destiny, die in the name of Jesus.
3. Every secret curse, working against my marital life, die, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every secret curse, working against my health, die, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every secret curse, working against my potentials, die, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every secret curse, working against my prosperity, die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every secret curse, introducing stagnancy into my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every secret curse, limiting my spiritual life, die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every plague, brought upon my family life, through stolen wife and husband, die, in the name of Jesus.

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