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Stop Them Before They Stop You

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CHAPTER ONE STOP THEM BEFORE THEY STOP YOU

We have said so much about stopping the agents of darkness before they stop you. The task of stopping satanic agents is life's greatest assignment for those who want to experience victory on the field of battle. Stopping the enemy may require tough measures.

Sentence of death must be passed upon those who have vowed saying, "Over my dead body, you won't make it?" You must handle your stubborn pursuers. The Bible makes provisions for issuing death sentence on agents of darkness? Do you know that you must get to a point when you will be willing to follow the biblical pattern of allowing whatever and whoever has to die to die for you to experience victory? Now that you know that if you do not stop them they will stop you, you also need to know that if you do not kill them they will kill, you.

Why must you declare that whatever has to die must die? it is simply because that is the declaration of the Scripture.

Recently, I was invited to minister in a particular church. The topic given to me was "Born to win." However, when I meditated on the topic, I discovered that what they actually needed was "Born to fight."

Life is a battle. If you do not fight you cannot win. Victory is meant for those who are ready to fight the battles of life. If there were no warriors there would be no victory. The devil is extremely wicked, whether you like it or not you are on the battlefield.

The nature of life's battles may not be clear to you. As far as it is concerned there is no vacation. The enemy of your soul does not go on holidays. The devil with whom we contend in battle is a restless fighter. Jesus was a fighter. The early believers fought until they became victorious. The hosts of hell have vowed to stop you from getting to the place of your destiny. Unless you stop them they will succeed in stopping you. Strange enough, the only way you can stop something from going on is by terminating or killing it. This is what the Bible teaches.

WHAT YOU MUST DO

To stop a particular satanic agenda from succeeding you must kill it. That may sound strange. But you must stop the devil or he will stop you. I didn't write this in the Bible. It is there. Now let me give you a hypothetical example.

The September 11 attack in New York has changed the whole world. However, if 24 hours, before those who flew the plane to the twin towers had died, nobody would have been killed. The incident would not have taken place.

When you are in warfare, you know that your own life is at stake and you have to use the most potent weapons.

LEVELS OF ENEMIES

There are different kinds of enemies. The enemy who steals your bed is a wicked enemy. The enemy who steals your sleep is a more wicked enemy. The enemy who steals your book is a wicked enemy but the one that steals your brain is a more serious enemy. The enemy who steals your seat in the church is a bad enemy but the one who steals your salvation is a worse enemy. The enemy who steals your house is a very wicked enemy but the one who steals your home is worse. The enemy who steals your food is a very bad enemy but the one who steals your certificate is a very bad enemy but the one who steals your destiny is worse. The worst enemy is any power or force that does not want you to fulfill your divine destiny.

1 John 3:8: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of

God was manifested. that he might destroy the works of the devil.

DESTROYING THE ENEMY

Jesus is a destroyer who destroys the works of the devil. If our Master is a destroyer of the works of the devil we are meant to be more violent destroyers. There are plenty of the works of the devil going on. We are to destroy them. If you don't they may destroy you.

There are many things about the spiritual realm that are not clear to us. But the Lord will make them clear to you, in the name of Jesus.

Isaiah 6: 1 says: In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sifting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

It is possible for personalities to block one's heavens. This is exactly what happened in the above verse. Until that king died, Isaiah never moved forward. I decree that any king Uzziah that is in your life and is stub bornly boasting against you, he shall die, in the name of Jesus.

1 Kings 18:14: And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.

From the above passage we discover that until the prophets of Baal were eliminated there was no rain.

Matthew 2:19: But when Herod was dead, behold an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.

DEATH SENTENCE

Before Jesus could be brought back to Jerusalem Herod had to die. The death of Herod was a necessary event needed before Jesus could be brought back to Jerusalem.

One thing you need to understand is that for some powers to stop their wicked deeds, the only solution is for them to be killed. It is not physical killing. It is spiritual. The Church is like the army where there are different kinds of soldiers. There are soldiers whose job is to play musical instruments. There are soldiers who drive the vehicles. There are soldiers who treat the sick. We have soldiers who guard important places. There are also those who defend what has already been captured. However, when there is fighting, It not all soldiers that are taken. Those that are taken to the frontline are combatant soldiers. That is exactly how the church is.

There are some churches that play instruments. They are Christians. There are churches that specializes in praise worship; they are Christians. Some churches talk about prosperity and wealth;

they are churches too. While there are churches in which all they do is fight battles. Such churches are combatant soldiers. There are some churches you can go to if you have no issues to address in your life. There are churches you can go to if all you have to do is to dance.

COSTLY IGNORANCE

Sometime ago, during the Nigerian civil war a woman picked up a bomb somewhere and thought it was a toy. She decided to take it home to give it to her child to play. She put the grenade in the basket on her head and was going home. All of a sudden the bomb triggered off and her head was completely removed from the other parts of her body. She had been ignorant. She was not a soldier.

This is why you need to understand our pattern at the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries. When we say that spirits should die, what we are simply saying is that all their functions should cease and they should remain powerless.

THE MEANING

Death has several meanings. Death can mean to cut off. It can mean to expire. It can mean to fade away. It can mean to disappear. It can mean to deprive somebody of his energy. It can mean to check

the flow of a current through something. When God told Adam that if he eats of the forbidden fruit he would surely die, God was referring to a spiritual death, not a physical one. When you say that a power should die, it doesn't mean it should stop living; it means that its functions should cease.

When a human being dies, it is only the physical body that dies. The spirit man still lives. When you say a spirit man should die, you are not saying that the spirit man should cease to exist, you are saying that it should become functionless. When somebody decrees that cancer should die, what he is saying is that the power of cancer should dry up and function no more. I decree that all the problems that have been confronting you shall die, in the name of Jesus.

THE BATTLE

It may take a battle to receive what God has already said is yours. The children of Israel did not get to the Promised Land easily. They had to fight until they dealt with the wall of Jericho.

It may take a greater battle to maintain what is already yours, because there are powers trying to take it away from you. You don't just need a battle to enter into your promise land. You need a battle to defend it.

Another fact you need to know is that because God has promised you a thing does not mean that you will get it automatically. The enemy will not give up simply because God Has promised you. You have to fight.

The enemy sent to kill you will not settle for a coma, because he knows you will come out of the coma and start fighting.

DIVINE JUDGEMENT

Some breakthroughs will not come until the Judgement of God has caught up with the hindering powers. You breakthroughs may depend on your enemies encountering the sword of the God of Elijah. While death may not be the appropriate judgement for every wicked power, there are some powers that If they do not die there would be no rain of blessings upon your life.

The agenda of the enemy and some forms of wickedness will not cease unless you kill them. You can't beg the enemy; the only language he understands is violence. The only thing he respects Is power. For your David to manifest, your Goliath must die. It was the death of Goliath that brought David to prominence.

GOD'S KILLING MACHINE

When a power is on a satanic oath to kill you, the only option you are left with is the sword of the God of Elijah. If you are a careful reader of the Bible, you will find many situations in the Bible when God Himself became a killer. To be quite honest with you, the greatest killing machine is the Almighty.

1 Samuel 2:6 says: "The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up."

What do you do when you have a sickness that has vowed to kill you? What do you do when you have an association of witchcraft that has vowed to destroy you?

What do you do when dark powers have taken an oath to get rid of you?

What do you do when the spirit of Saul is pursuing your David?

What do you do when the spirit of Cain wants to kill you?

What do you do when a killing poison is already inside your blood?

THE MANDATE

You must kill all these things before they kill you.

Headaches, kidney problems, stomach aches, etc have no agenda to come and play with you. Their agenda is to kill you. Since you know this, kill them before they kill you.

There is nothing wrong if you say, "Every power of high blood pressure, die." It would die because that is what you say.

What do you do when you have been openly marked and threatened for destruction?

What do you when you have been boxed to a corner in the battle of life?

What do you do when it is as if the enemy was turning your joy to sorrow?

The fact is that if you don't stop them, they will stop you.

There are many things that are threatening to destroy you. There are many things the enemy wants to kill. It is you who should say 'no' to them. God does His destruction to bring to a close the programme of the enemy. There are things to destroy and there are things to leave in place. In His own wisdom, when God sees that you are under a threat (you may not even realise that you are under a threat) He will give you strange dreams.

If God has assigned you to do great things in life don't deceive yourself. The more colourful your destiny is the more aggressive the powers that are going to gather against you. Of all the cities in the world the city that has been attacked most is Jerusalem because it has a prophetic agenda.

THE REQUIREMENTS

What can stop you from operating the killing or the destructive power of Jesus?

1. Lack of salvation.

If you are not saved you cannot obtain the benefits of sonship and use them. You need to be born again.

- 2. If you are a habitual sinner.
- 3. If you are worshipping in the flesh.
- 4. If you are praying without holiness.
- 5. If you don't have God's love in your heart.

I know a man who speaks in tongues so much. One day his wife offended him. What he did was to speak in tongues and ask God to forgive him five minutes because he was going to beat his wife. That kind of person cannot operate this destructive machine of God.

If you want to stop satanic agents before they stop you. you must prepare spiritually for the battle. You must be holy within and without. You must join the ranks of first class warriors. Oh that God would

raise a new breed of aggressive warriors. May God touch you and convert you to a firebrand believer.

My prayer for you is that you should become the Elijah of our day. You will call fire to come forth. and all your enemies will be stopped before they stop you.

CHAPTER TWO

WHOEVER AND WHATEVER HAS TO DIE

Zechariah 11:9-10: Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with an the people.

The solution to some problems, according to the above passage, is that certain things must die. For you to be victorious in life's battles, whatever has to die must die.

Isaiah 6:1-3: In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

A DIVINE DECREE

The revival that happened in the life of Isaiah did not start until king Uzaiah died. I decree that your king Uzaiah shall die so that your revival will take place, in the name of Jesus.

1 Kings 18:40-41: And Elijah sold unto them. Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kihon, and slew them there. And Elijah sold unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

The presence of the prophets of Baal was blocking certain blessings. Their death took place before the rain began to fall. That is why I know that whoever and whatever has to die for your breakthroughs to manifest must die, in the name of Jesus.

WHEN DEATH IS ALLOWED

Elijah had to eliminate those people before he prayed for the rain to fall.

Matthew 2:19: But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.

Jesus Christ was token to Egypt. Now. the angel of God said He could go bock because those who were seeking to kill Him had died.

I pray that any power that is preventing you from going to your land of promise shall die, in the name of Jesus.

There are plenty of things about the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries. We are not Just an ordinary church. Please, note the fact that there are different categories of soldiers in the army. There are some who do nothing but Just play music. There are some who drive vehicles. There are some who handle menial tasks. There are some who are more or less domestic servants. They are also soldiers. But when there Is war it is not all soldiers that are taken to the war front, but only the combatant who understand warfare.

The church of God is exactly like that. All some churches do is to operate as baby Christians. But the MFM belongs to the combatant department which go to the war front. So, certain things that would not be clear to many churches would be very clear to us. If you have never been in the military and you are given a hand grenade you may not know what It is because you have never seen It before. It Is like something that happened during the Nigerian civil war.

A woman was going to the market and saw a grenade somewhere and thought it was a toy. She decided to take it home to give it to her child to play. So, she put it on the basket on her head containing yams. As she moved the trigger came off and both the basket and the whole of her head went in different directions. If she was a combatant soldier she would have avoided that bomb.

Sometimes when we tell people to avoid doing certain things, it is because we know the danger there that others do not know.

This is why certain things about us are not clear to many people.

Many people do not even understand why we pray that something should die. Let me make some clarifications. Death has several meanings. It means to stop living. It means to lose force or power. It means to stop working. It means to expire. If you buy expired drugs In the market, they cannot work because they are no longer effective. Death means to pass away. It means to fade away. It means to eradicate. It means to terminate functions. It means to dissolve a particular thing. Therefore, it means to come to an end.

If someone says that anger has died It means that It is no longer there. If one says that poverty has died, It means that someone is no longer poor. When somebody says that cancer is dead, It means it has lost its power to afflict.

Death means to cease functions or to end In failure. A lot of people who do not understand the various meanings of death think we are praying for spirits to die. We all know that spirits cannot die, but once their function cease they are as good as dead. Evil powers don't like that kind of prayer at all When some demon powers noticed that, that was what Jesus wanted to do, they begged him because they knew that once they landed there that would be the end of their functions. It would mean that they were dead.

God pronounced Adam dead, but the same Adam that He declared dead lived for 930 years. Adam had died in the spirit but not physically. The Bible says "He that giveth himself for pleasure is dead while he liveth."

Death does not necessarily mean that life had passed away. It means inability to perform functions. Spirits do not die but it is possible to stop them from carrying out their evil functions. That is why we usually issue prayer command: "Diel". Human beings may find this strange to understand, but the powers understand the prayer.

2 Chronicles 29:25-26: And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Sad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

This was what the Levites were supposed to be doing: to carry their harp and their psalteries and sing and prophesy before the Lord. But then a season may come when what is in 2 Chronicles 23: 7 begins to come to pass.

2 Chronicles 23:7: And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death:

but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

There was a wicked queen who wanted to take over the throne. The Levites dropped their instruments of music and picked up their weapons. Should not the Levites who had been separated to the Lord be keepers of the law that said "Thou shall not kill?" Why did Samuel kill king Agag and Prophet Elijah kill all the prophets of Baal? Why did the angel of God strike Herod dead? A situation comes, beloved, when that has to take place.

WHEN DEATH IS APPROVED

- 1. It may take a battle to procure what God has already said was yours.
- 2. It may take a greater battle to maintain the promised land already procured through other battles.
- 3. The enemy will not give up what he has kept for ages in his warehouse simply because God said it was yours. He could give you a hard fight.
- 4. It may take a hot battle to conceive a prophecy. It will take hotter battles to give birth to that prophecy or to nurture it.
- 5. The enemy sent to kill you will not settle for a comma.

6. Some breakthroughs will not come until the judgment of God has caught up with the hindering powers. Whosoever and whatsoever has to die for you to make it in life shall die by the power in the blood of Jesus.

Gen 38:17: And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?

Gen 38:10: And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

Leviticus 10:1-2: And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Numbers 14:35: I the LORD have sold. I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wildness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

In Acts of the Apostle Chapter 12 you will read about Herod who was killed for elevating himself above mortal men.

In Acts 5 we read about Ananias and Saphirah who were struck down for lying to the Holy Ghost. In the Old Testament you will read about God killing and destroying the Israelites for disobedience and rebellion. God completely eliminated Sodom and Gomorrah for what they did. He dealt with the firstborns of Egypt because of what the Egyptians did to the Israelites. He drowned their army in the Red Sea for attempting to destroy Israel. He sent one angel to finish all the troops of Senacherub.

You can sec that some breakthroughs will not come and some miracles will not take place until the Judgment of God has cut off the powers hindering them. Uzaiah had to die for the heavens of Isaiah to open. The prophets of Baal had to die before rain could fall upon Israel Herod had to die before they could bring baby Jesus back from Egypt to Israel.

A human being can be the insulation of the heavens over your life. This Is strange but true. Your breakthroughs may depend on the enemies' encounter with the God of judgment.

Some lands would never see the promised rain until some wicked establishments there are dead. The prophetic sword of Elijah may need to strike certain witchdoctors for your breakthroughs to manifest. A land may be unsafe for the manifestation of your star until the Herod dies. When you are fighting "over-my-dead-body" enemies, you may invite divine executioners to operate.

Some forms of wickedness will continue to go on unless it is terminated by death. For your David to manifest, your Goliath has to die. These are things you need to understand and take seriously. When a power has taken an oath or a covenant to kill a person the option left for the person most times is the prophetic sword of Elijah.

DIVINE PUNISHMENT

A man of God preaching all over the place didn't know that he had enemies around planning his death. They were supposed to conjure his face to appear on something looking like the face of a drum. They called his name three times but his face did not appear. Rather, the drum burst.

You may think that because of that his enemies would have given up and gone home. No. They went somewhere and brought another drum and began to conjure up his face again. They called his name three times again and at the third call his face appeared. They struck it with a knife and blood gushed out. All the three of them fell down there and two died instantly. They killed themselves.

It was after the incident that things began to happen in that environment. I pray that any power calling your face in a mirror to strike you shall strike itself. in the name of Jesus. The death sentence on witchcraft signifies that it is the only way of stopping it. There are plenty of things that need to die for your breakthroughs to manifest.

CHAPTER THREE LICENSED TO KILL

The Bible says:

1 John 3:8: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested. that he might destroy the works of the devil.

THE DESTROYER

In one sense Jesus is a destroyer, but He is to destroy only the works of the devil. Something very sad happened sometime ago. A colourful wedding took place. The clothes worn by the bride was imported. As the couple stepped outside the cathedral after the church service and people began to take pictures and pour flowers on them, to the amazement of the whole crowd, the bride tore her wedding clothes and ran mad. It would have been more beneficial to kill whatever power that was going to do that to her that day than for her to have that bizarre experience. At this point I want you to raise

your hands up to the heavenlies and decree this prayer point loud and dear:

Every power assigned to embarrass me on my day of glory, die now, in the name of Jesus.

What do you do when you have an enemy that has vowed to drink your blood? What do you do when you yourself know without anybody telling you that you are already swallowed halfway? What do you do when the greatest gathering of witches and wizards has been assigned to kill you? What do you do when dark powers have taken an oath to destroy you like they did to Saul? What do you do when the spirit of Saul is pursuing your David all over the place?

DEADLY ENEMIES

What do you do when the spirit of Cain wants to eliminate your destiny? What do you do when your name has been circulated among spiritual assassins? What do you do when killing poison is already circulating in your blood? What do you do when you face an enemy that has vowed not to die unless he gets you? What do you do when you are faced with an enemy who has sold his life to satan? What do you do when the arrows of death has already entered your liver?

TOUGH SITUATIONS

What do you do when you have been openly threatened for destruction? What do you do when each time you cry for help the enemy scares your helper away? What do you do when you have been boxed to a corner in the battle of life? What do you do when you are tormented by very clever enemies who torment you and run? What do you do when the enemy is bent on turning your joy to sorrow? What do you do when the enemy has blocked all escape routes? How do you pray in this kind of situation?

There are some truths which you need to know. The Bible says that Jesus has given us power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over every power of the enemy. Your enemy does not want you In the hospital. He wants you inside a coffin, and whether you like it or not there are killing agents working against us. There are large number of enemies who would not leave you unless they die. If you do not rise up with the ability God has given you to kill them you will be killed and when they kill you they get born again later.

KILLI

Headache wants to kill you. You have to kill it. Cancer is on assignment to kill. Your own duty is to waste that cancer just like Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. Ulcer is a killer, diabetes is a killer and hypertension is a killer. We are to kill them.

Divorce is a killer. All forms of marital stress and failures are killers. You have to kill them. This is why I know that any sickness, stress and torment shall be killed by the power In the blood of Jesus now, in the name of Jesus.

If anybody enters into hell fire now, it is because he did not kill sin. If in the warfare that you are fighting you do not kill, you will be killed. God Himself is the ultimate killing machine. To be quite honest with you, you are on a mission on earth and that mission is to kill, and there are things you must kill. Dark angels and angels of darkness have your name and address and they want to kill you. That is their agenda. Believers are to have the kind of voice that can kill both spiritually and physically. When he got into Egypt, Moses started a killing mission.

GOD KILLS

Wonder after wonder, miracle after miracle, sign after sign then all the firstborns were killed. It was then that Pharaoh allowed the people of Israel to go. The release of the children of Israel from Egypt did not happen until the firstborns were killed. It was as if their release was based on the death of those firstborns. Elijah went on a killing mission. He roasted soldiers of Baal. It was after he did this that rain began to fall. Those prophets were becoming brass in the

heavens. I pray that any satanic element in your life, any pain and any sickness shall die, in the name of Jesus.

If you are a man of God anything that wants to kill your calling, kill it. Anything that wants to kill your prayer life, kill it. Anything that wants to kill your prayer life, kill it. Anything that wants to kill your marriage, kill it. You must pray certain prayers. To be quite honest with you, anything can die. It depends on your definition of the word death. If death means that the function of a person or thing ceases then any person or anything can die. If the person does not function again he is as good as dead.

THE ENEMY'S TARGETS

The enemy wants to kill certain things in our lives, namely:

- 1. Opportunities
- 2. Money
- 3. Resources
- 4. Time
- 5. Blessings
- 6. Virtues
- 7. Tithes

- 8. Career
- 9. Calling
- 10. Marriage
- 11. Anointing
- 12. Virginity
- 13. Labour
- 14. Health
- 15. Knowledge
- 16. Children
- 17. Birthright
- 18. Life
- 19. Parents
- 20. Friends
- 21. Destiny

Those are the 21 things he wants to kill and if you allow him to kill them he will kill them.

SATANIC DISGRACE

A man came for an interview dressed in a three-piece suit. As he sat down and they asked him the first question, he knew the answer and he answered it correctly. The people were getting impressed, but all of a sudden, from inside his suit, a cockroach flew out. The women in the interviewing panel scattered like paper. The men in the panel killed the cockroach. This man apologised to them and continued answering the questions correctly.

All of a sudden another cockroach flew out. There was a scattering again and the women were worried. Again the men killed the cockroach and the man apologised to them again. He sat down again only for the third cockroach to fly out. At that point they didn't ask him any more question. That was how he failed the interview. Whatever power introduced the cockroaches into his life, if he had killed them they would not have come to embarrass him that day.

At this point I want you to declare this loud and clear:

Every power assigned to demote me, die, in the name of Jesus.

THE SYMPTOMS

When the killing agents of darkness are against you, you begin to dream of climbing a staircase without getting to the top. You begin to dream of falling from a high mountain into a bottomless pit, or falling down from a moving vehicle. You begin to dream of climbing a hill

but not reaching the top. You begin to dream of fighting or having disagreement with highly aggressive people. You begin to dream of a ferocious animal running after you. You fight with people in the dream and wake up to find scratches all over your body.

When the killing agents are against a person, the person dreams and sees himself naked without being able to cover himself before he wakes up. When the killing agents are against a person, unknown persons will be beating him with whips.

Spiritual rapists will be raping the person in the dream. When the killing agents are against a person he may dream of seeing his own dead body in the mortuary, or he finds himself getting outside the body and seeing the body across the road.

EVIL DREAMS

When the killing agents are against a person, he would see people shooting him in the dream and he would see the bullets entering into his body. When the killing agents are against you, you can see yourself carrying blood in a bottle. When the killing agents are against a person, sometimes such a person never wakes up alive.

Declare this prayer point loud and clear:

Any power that does not wont me to wake up from my sleep, you shall fly no more, in the name of Jesus.

SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES

God Himself is a killer. He hates wickedness and sin with perfect hatred. He slaughtered many people before because of sin. He Himself puts people to death: He has many instruments of death. In Genesis, He used flood to destroy the people. In Genesis He used burning sulphur to destroy those committing sin in Sodom and Gomorrah. In Numbers He caused the earth to open and swallow Korah, Datan and Abiran. In the same Numbers He sent fire upon people and He sent plagues upon people. In First Kings He sent lions to destroy people. In Chronicles He sent arrows to kill a person. He sent affliction of leprosy upon people. In time past, He sent curses, confusion, diseases, drought and famine to destroy people. He is a holy killer.

In the New Testament, God dealt with Annanias and Saphira. He caused Lot's wife to turn into a pillar of salt. These are very serious matters and we must know how to pray, what to pray and the way we direct our prayers on this kind of situation.

You can command the enemies to consume themselves. You can cry unto God to avenge you of your adversaries. You can command woe unto any evil vessel sent to pursue your life. You can command your enemies to be delivered into the hands of their own enemies. You can command the heavens to fight for you. You can ask God to pass through your household and purge it.

You can command everything co-operating with your enemies to be roasted by the fire of God. You can command them to prepare for their graves. You can pray that God should arise and they should be completely scattered. You can ask them to receive madness. There are plenty of such killing prayers that you can pray.

WHEN YOU CANNOT KILL

- 1. However, if you are not saved it is very dangerous to pray those prayers.
- 2. If you have salvation without discipline it is dangerous to pray those prayers.
- 3. If you are the kind of person that is in the church but the church is not inside you, you are just worshipping in the flesh. it is dangerous to pray these prayers.
- 4. If you are praying without holiness and humility, you may be endangering yourself. You need to stand on the platform of Calvary and decree your breakthroughs.

You need to arrest whatever power has to be arrested.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE MYSTERY OF ARGUING WITH GOD AND WINNING

The first question that may come to your mind is this: Can a man argue with the Almighty? The answer is yes.

Exodus 32:7-15: And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down: for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped It, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say.

For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides: on the one side and on the other were they written.

The children of Israel had gone worshipping idols immediately Moses went to the mountain. God told Moses to allow Him destroy them because they were ascribing the glory due to Him to idols. Moses said 'no' and marshaled the arguments you can see above before the Lord. When he marshaled these arguments one step at a time. the Lord decided to have mercy on the children of Israel. Prayer can persuade the Almighty to drop a course of action. But the modern man does not know this. That is why we keep saying that the awesomeness of the power of prayer is not clear to the modern man.

Genesis 18:20-30: And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin Is very

grievous: I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be for from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. And he spoke unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he sold, I will not do It, if I find thirty there.

In the above passage, Abraham had made his calculations that there were Lot, his wife and his daughters and that put together they were up to ten. Unfortunately, God did not arrive at that figure in His search for righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah, so the place was destroyed. We could see the way Abraham organised his argument systematically. Apart from the awesomeness of prayer, another thing we need to know is that prayer must be organised.

That the prayers of Abraham and others of old were organised was a credit to them because that time they did not have access to the kind of Bibles we have today. If many of us stop wasting our time being bitter and crying and just sit down, marshal our arguments and put them before God, we will be amazed at the results we will get. We can even take a pen and write them like a petition to the Lord. This principle is in the Bible.

Isaiah 41:21: Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

In the above passage we discover that we should show Him strong reasons why He has to do what He should do for us. It is like a lawyer bringing forth strong reasons and arguments and presenting them before a court. What do we mean by argument?

An argument is a coherent series of statements leading from a premise to a conclusion. It is not win babbling. There is a time to pray in tongues and a time not to pray in tongues. There is a time you pray in the spirit and there is a time you pray in your understanding. Unfortunately, what many of us call prayer is vain babbling. An argument begins with a premise. It starts with a thought

and a goal. From that thought and goal you form series of coherent statements leading up to a conclusion.

An argument is not always about anger and throwing of stones in a bid to hurt someone else. It does not have to be a disagreement. It has to do with swaying other people's ideas to agree with your own. That's why one white man said, "Argument is foolishness, but discussion is wisdom."

God went into great trouble to free the children of Israel. He turned water to blood, He brought frogs, lice and flies upon the Egyptians. He sent diseases to their cattle. He sent to them boil, hail and fire, locust, darkness and death of the firstborns. These severe Judgements were brought against them because they did not want to let the people of God go. They did not want to lose their slaves.

I pray that every Pharaoh that does not want to let you go shall release you today, in the name of Jesus.

From deliverance from that bondage, God brought Israel to the Red Sea. There they looked behind and saw the Egyptians pursuing them. They were afraid and they began to accuse Moses for bringing them there to die. Moses stretched forth his rod over the Red Sea, it parted and they passed over unto the other land. As the three million people lined up and crossed over the sea, Pharaoh was so mad and dead in the spirit that he and his people rushed into the water. God took away the wheels of their chariots while the wall of water came

over them. After God had done all these for Israel, these same people made a golden calf and began to worship it: and at that point God was ready to destroy them.

Moses began his argument. He had a goal for the argument. He has a burden and a passion. This is where the trouble lies, beloved. It is possible for you to argue with God and win the argument. The question is: how do you graduate to the level of prayer where you will argue with God in an organised manner and win?

Isaiah 41 :8: But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

1. You must make God your friend.

If somebody is your friend, you would not be afraid of talking to him or her. You must be born again and you must be living a life satisfactory to God. You are as close to God as you wont to be. This is a very important fact which you need to toke note of. If you wont to be closer to God then work harder and consecrate yourself more.

2. Get to that level where God can depend on you.

I pray that the Lord may be able to depend on you, in the name of Jesus. That was one of the secrets of Abraham's success.

Genesis 18:19: 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.

In the above passage God gave a testimony about Abraham. The question you need to ask yourself is: can God give this kind of testimony about me?

God trusted Abraham and depended on him. He was happy with him.

John 2:24: Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour Is not yet come.

God could go ahead and commit Himself to Abraham. Abraham was the first among men to know that Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed. You need to ask yourself if God can commit Himself to you. The way you behave at your place of work, can God boldly say, "This is my child?" Can you boldly preach in your place of work and somebody would not make jest of you because of your behaviour.?

This is what happens sometimes when God looks around a particular place and cannot find someone to commit Himself to. He would then decide to destroy that place. God could commit Himself to Abraham but He cannot commit Himself to many of us, and this is a problem. When you are stealing the tithes that is due to Him, is that when He would commit Himself to you?

3. You must know the Bible.

You must be biblically literate. You must read the Bible, understand it, memorise it, eat it and even swallow it. If you have been born again for one or two years and you don't know a minimum of 52 memory verses, then you are not studying the Bible well. One great and rewarding thing you can do to your life is to study the word of God. If you are going to be arguing with the Almighty you must know His word.

4. You must know His promises.

2 Corinthians 1:20: For all the promises of God in him are yea, and In him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Whatever your argument, you can win it with the word of God when you remind Him of His promises. When you remind God of His promises would He concede the argument to you.

5. You must have a legal ground to stand on.

If your legal ground is not solid the enemy will push you away.

6. You must have knowledge of the secrets of the Lord.

Genesis 18:17: And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?

God did not want to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah without letting Abraham know about it first. This is a biblical pattern. You can find out that when God wants to do something terrible to people He would first of all tell it to His people. The Bible says that the secrets of the Lord are with them that fear Him. It says that surely the Lord does nothing unless He reveals it to His servants, the prophets. It is comforting to know that God reveals His plan to those who seek Him.

Sometime ago somebody said that there were three kinds of people in the world: Those who made things happen, those who saw things happening and those who just asked to know what happened. When you see and know what is going to take place, then you will know how to marshal your arguments. It is a disaster when somebody receives a secret about a danger from the Lord and he still stubbornly walks into it.

7. You must learn the principles of intercession.

Genesis 18:22: And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

God is looking for people who will stand before Him like Abraham. When you begin to intercede for others and you also learn that principle, it also works for you in your life.

8. Pray persuasive prayer.

You must understand God's character. If you want God not to do a particular things you need to know His character. Abraham knew God's character. He knew that He would not destroy the righteous with the wicked. Moses, too, knew the character of God. Both Abraham and Moses knew that God is a righteous judge and a righteous God.

9. You must understand God's abundant grace.

It was that grace that made Abraham to negotiate for mercy. God gave him a very big discount for the number of righteous people, almost 99 per cent discount. Abraham knew that God was a merciful and gracious God and He asked for His mercy.

10. You must know the limit of God's patience.

When God went His way after speaking to Abraham the people of Sodom had arrived at their limit. There comes a time when a man should not go further in his evil way. When you hear the voice of God say, "Don't move, don't move," and you go ahead, you exhaust the limit of His patience and recovery becomes impossible.

11. You must be a man or woman of faith.

Herein lies a great problem in the house of God. The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is a state of the heart. It is a deposit in your spirit which sees with the eyes of God. It is seeing what you have not yet got physically but you are seeing it with the eyes of the spirit. Faith is a changing force. A thing might not

have moved before, but when a man of faith moves it, it begins to move. It is a determination.

It is whole-hearted certainty. It is an expectation, an unshakable confidence. It is radical readiness to obey God. It is to know that you know. It is holy stubbornness. When we say holy stubbornness we mean that faith makes you to endure the most horrible suffering without yielding to the desire of your enemy.

Faith never surrenders to the enemy. It is very stubborn. It is a very strong character. If you have the kind of faith you should have, the enemy cannot fight you to surrender. Faith may die but cannot surrender, that is why it is a substance of greatness. It holds firm to the vision of heaven. It is never disobedient to the heavenly vision. It runs and is never weary. It walks and never faints. It prevails where human strength fails. It takes a woman or a man of faith to argue with the Almighty and win.

Hebrews 11:36-40: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about In sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the

promise: God have provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

If we have faith as of old we will see mountains move as they have never moved before. But our attitude is that of quiet unbelief and clever doubt.

12. Persistence.

Those who must argue with the Lord have to be in the school of persistent praying. Persistence is a delight to the Almighty. He enjoys it. Persistent praying shows that we believe God has the answers. Persistent praying demonstrates our sincerity. God sometimes tells us to see how sincere we are in our request. Persistence in prayer develops our faith. A man becomes physically strong by exercising his muscles. It is only through persistent prayer that our faith is strengthened and exercised.

You should continue your prayer until one of these things happens.

- a) God assures you that He has answered your prayer and the answer is on the way.
 - b) You receive what you ask for there and then.
- c) God reveals to you in a definite way that what you are asking for is not His will for you at that time.

You must pray systematically, the Bible says line upon line, precept upon precept. You must be an organised prayer warrior because we are fighting an organised enemy. To be quite honest with you, the kingdom of darkness is more organised than most churches. When you face an organised warfare with a disorganised prayer system you will be defeated.

Learn today how to argue with God and win.

CHAPTER FIVE WHO TOLD YOU?

The age we live in is characterised by deception and satanic delusions. It will therefore take somebody who is spiritually alert to be able to understand and stop the end time manipulations of the devil and his agents. Many people have been made to believe lies. A lot of people are going about with wrong nations that could be detrimental to their progress. There is very much to be said about how destinies are diverted or destroyed. My prayer is that the Lord will unveil the satanic strategies used in causing untold hardship and difficulties to people. Spend time to pray the following prayer points before you continue to read this last chapter:

- 1. Oh thou that troubleth my Israel, my God shall trouble you today, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Every power shooting arrows at my spiritual life, die, in the name of Jesus.

I implore you to read the passage below meditatively so that the Lord will speak to you.

Genesis 3:9-11: And the LORD God called unto Adam. and said unto him, Where art thou? And he sold. I heard thy voice in the garden. and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

The searching question that God asked Adam reveals His true state. It also shows that Adam had left the seed of his destiny. At that time, Adam was still physically in the Garden of Eden but as for as God was concerned, he had been displaced spiritually.

Adam's response to the searching question, "Where are thou," reveals a very important fact to us. There will always be fear anytime a person disobeys his Maker. In the beginning, man did not need to put on clothes because the glory of God was upon him.

God directed the question to Adam: "Who told you...?" This question has remained unanswered by many people and it is the cause of the troubles and problems of countless people. It should be noted that most problems cannot be solved by science.

The programme and plan of God for your life is without an iota of doubt or confusion. I am always surprised anytime I hear that some brothers and sisters in MFM are looking for a life partner in the assembly of disco-dancing churches which rarely have the doctrine of truth. The Bible says:

Amos 3:3: Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

You will have yourself to blame when you marry a witch or a wizard who will torment you and squeeze life out of you. All that you need is in Christ. There is no need for you to panic or fear over whom to marry. Just trust in the Lord and you will never have yourself to blame.

The questions that God asked Adam should also be applied to us. Why are you doing what you are doing? To be candid. you need to answer these questions sincerely.

- 1. What is God's purpose for your life?
- 2. What is your appointed or ordained future?

Before you can lay claim to a fulfilled and victorious life, it will be pertinent for you to answer the questions above. Let it be clear to you that time waits for no man. The longer it takes you to discover God's plan and purpose for your life, the more it will take you to be living the life of a loser.

WHO TOLD YOU TO MARRY ANOTHER WIFE

A professor walked up to me one day and posed two questions to me: "How many concubines did Solomon have during his life time?" I told him that Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

The professor then said, "Man of God, I don't want to compete with Solomon, but I just want to marry one more wife." I asked him why he wanted to marry a second wife and the untenable reason he gave me was that the wife at home was old-fashioned. This was after over 30 years of marriage. As I disagreed with him, he called me a fanatic, rained abuses on me and left.

However, a week to the time of the marriage, the wife he wanted to married died. The wife at home was oblivious of what was happening. On the day of the burial, the professor decided to pay his last respect to the deceased. To his chagrin, a priest was waiting for him to come and the coffin was left open. Immediately he came the priest announced that they had been waiting for him to come so that the wedding ceremony would be done before burying the deceased. The priest then joined the two of them, to the extent that their rings were even exchanged. Instead of the professor to run for his dear life, he waited for his destruction. The power that wanted to destroy his destiny made him to wait.

Right from that day, anywhere the professor went, he would see the dead woman. If he was sitting, the woman would sit beside him. Even while he was driving, the woman would sit by his side. Such was his torment. Who told him to marry another wife?

You need to know the purpose for which you were born. You also need to know what God has determined your life to be before you came here. Why do you think you were born? What has been written in the heavenly place concerning your life? Do you know the divine decree that has gone forth concerning your life? Do you have an idea about your prophetic agenda?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- 1. No one is meant to come to the world to hang around.
- 2. Everyone is born with a divine purpose.
- 3. Many are destined for greatness, but only few are great.
- 4. There is no one that is born to be at the bottom: you are born to excel.
- 5. In every child of great destiny something will be deposited in such a one to push him or her forward.

ARISE AND SHINE

The expectation of God for your life is not for you to remain in the valley. You are meant to arise and show forth the glory of God. When God says you should arise and shine, He means that you need to stand out amidst the crowd. In other words, you are to distinguish yourself. You need to become a person of great esteem. In other words, when you are removed from your place of work, your removal will affect everybody.

Also, when God tells you to arise and shine, you are meant to be an example for others to follow. That is, you have to become a role model and a pare-setter in your chosen endeavor and anywhere you find yourself.

Even if everybody in your family was under the yoke of poverty, there is need for you to break loose and break forth to limelight. The time for you to be moved from obscurity to significance has come. Poverty has to give way to the prosperity of God. The top is meant for your abode, because you are destined for distinction. Power must change hands and the glory of the Almighty shall be your lot. The Bible says:

Isaiah 60: 1-3: Arise. shine; for thy light is come. and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For. behold. the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon

thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

However, before the Lord will place you on the limelight, it will be necessary for you to answer the question: "Who told you?" This is what will place you on the right track to receive God's plans and purpose for your life. Whatever that may want to constitute a hindrance or impediment on your way must be cleared off. A new thing has to begin in your life.

THE SHINING STAR

The life of a child of God should blossom and shine. A star cannot arise and shine in the wrong location. A star that is planted in the midst of witchcraft operation may be hindered from shining.

Abel was supposed to be a shining star but household wickedness cut his life short. As a result of this we cannot count many things that Abel did during his lifetime on earth as recorded in the Bible.

Lot was expected to be a shining star but he made wrong choices that led to his ruin. The single choice of geographical relocation prepared the platform for the destruction of his family. Let it be settled in your heart that your decisions will go a long way in determining your destiny. The other things that happened to Lot were the outworkig of his stay in Sodom and Gomorrah.

Do you know that every step you take in life has a hold on your destiny? Attending the wrong higher institution or college can mar your bright future. In fact, the choice of the course you undertake in the university will go a long way in changing the course of your life for better or for worse. The person you marry will also definitely affect your life:

Raise your voice like fire and take the prayer points below:

Every demonic access to my life when I was a baby, die, in the name of Jesus.

VICTORY IS SURE!

The life of Joseph epitomizes victory over defeat and household wickedness. Joseph never allowed his glorious dreams to be subverted by attacks from home. He held on to the promises of God and on the eternal arms of God that never fail, and he was not disappointed.

There was somebody that was brought for prayer sometime ago. This man worked in the government ministry that takes care of people who want to be posted outside the country. One night he had a dream that his aunt came to him and stated that he would never be

posted out of the country. He took the word with unseriousness because he had no fire in him. He later tried to be posted to another place but all his efforts proved abortive, until he met somebody who gave him some prayer points to pray.

Even when he was posted and he was to travel, ho usehold wickedness followed him to the airport. He sat down comfortably waiting for the ca II to board t he plan e and did not know, when the plane he was to board was called. It was somebody who later walked up to him when the place he was seated was almost empty and asked him why he was there. He was shocked to hear that the plane he was to board had been called long ago and was about to depart. He ran like a mad man to the plane only to discovered that his seat had been taken by somebody else. He broke down and started weeping like a baby. The white pilot saw him weeping and decided to beckon him to seat by his side.

SPIRITUAL ATTACKS

Joseph would not have risen to the position of a prime minister if he had compromised. His meteoric rise was the result of the untarnished life of righteousness that he lived. Of course, household wickedness had planned to put an end to his life. The devil made use of his brothers to sell him to a strange person. This however, did not hinder God's plan and purpose for him. What God had promised came to fulfilment at the end of the day.

How you need to learn from this. God could have a glorious plan for your life. but you have your own part to play. The part you need to play before the covenant of blessings will actualise in your life is to live a holy life. When your life pleases God, He will make you to record repeated successes and live a victorious life.

Saul. the king of Israel. had a good and glorious start with the lord. He was full of humility before he become the king over the people of God. We can say, without mincing words, that Saul was another example of a shining star prior to his becoming king. and his kingdom would have continued if he had continued to do the will of God. But disobedience to the lord made him to lose God's divine plan and position for his life.

THE TRAP

Samson was a shining star. His life was full of uncommon anointing and power. In fact, the Scripture makes us to know that he was anointed by God from the womb. The divine blueprint for his life was that he would be a mighty instrument through which the enemies of God's people would be utterly destroyed. The hosts of hell knew this and quickly perfected strategic plans that culminated in his eventual destruction.

The anointing of looseness with the opposite sex completely buried his shining star. Delilah came on his way and the man of the spirit eventually became a man of the flesh. He fell from grace to grass.

Anyone who is loose with the opposite sex is planning his or her fall. The enemy has not changed his tactic. What he usually does to make a shipwreck of many spirit-filled believers is to make them loose with the opposite sex. And before long the brother or sister, who used to be fervent in the Lord, will become a piece of bread in the hand of the devil. Beware! You have been forewarned. The enemy is not happy that you are a shining star. That is why he sends different kinds of arrows to you as temptations to prepare the platform for your fall. It is only those that endure to the end that will be saved.

Solomon was a great man. God endowed him with uncommon wisdom. knowledge and understanding. He also got the blessing of extraordinary prosperity. He was a shining and sparkling star and started his reign with a revelation from the Lord. But strange women turned his heart away. They waited for him to be old before they made him to lose focus and thereby became an idol worshipper. This should make you hold on to your conviction to the end. Never allow a single moment of backsliding in your life. Follow the Lord to the end and you will triumph over all the works of the enemies.

THE EVIL PLOT

Eli was no t left out of the plot of satanic agents. The disobedience and unruly life of his children made God to be angry with him. He could not continue his priesthood because of the immoral life of his children. His life should teach you something. You should not neglect your responsibility in the family even because of your busy schedule in the work of God. Your family members should not live a life contrary God's plan because that would attract God's wrath and indignation.

Gehazi lost the touch of heaven even though he was a shining star. If he had stood in his divine position, he would have become the most powerful man of God in the Old Testament. If Elisha got the double portion of Elijah's anointing, Gehazi would have got the double portion of Elisha's.

This would have made him to be four times as powerful as Elijah. But covetousness and the love of money made him to be unable to end the journey to greatness half way. Instead of his becoming great he got the curse of leprosy.

You are going to be wasted if you leave your place of destiny. It does not matter how brilliant and gifted you may be. There are very many people who leave the place that God has destined for them to a seemingly greener pasture, but what they get at the end of the day is regret and reproach. Today, many leave Nigeria to European

countries without God's instruction. At the end they are dislocated from the place of their destiny.

A lot of people fail to know what God has for them because of the Goliath in their destiny. You must kill the Goliath that wants to hinder you from fulfilling your God-given destiny. The Goliath of Abel was household wickedness. That of Lot was his wrong choices. That of Samson was sexual looseness. There is a Goliath in many destinies and unless you deal with him the enemy will operate at will in your life.

THE SPIRIT OF GOLIATH

The spirit of Goliath is the strongman behind your problems. It represents boasting powers and confident attackers.

Let me share a striking testimony with you. Some years ago, I used to organise private teaching for students at home in order to make extra money. One girl did not pay for three months. I asked her why and she explained what went amiss. She told me that her daddy was working in the Nigeria Railway Corporation and soon after he was promoted a clerk there confronted him and told him that he would die within seven days. Her daddy took the pronouncement with levity and only went to the Catholic Church where he drank holy water. On the seventh day, he died as decreed by the Goliath in his place of work. I sympathised with the girl.

A brother in Scripture Union (SU) was promoted where the father of the girl was working. That same clerk also wanted to use occultic power to kill him. He confronted the child of God and made the same strange pronouncement to him that he would die within seven days. The brother was amazed and when he got home he started praying. The next day the brother went to the clerk's office, knocked at the door and told him that he was not dead. He repeated this everyday up to the sixth day. On that sixth day, the clerk told the brother to realize that he had only 24 hours to live.

PRAYER AND YOUR VICTORY

The brother did not sleep that day but prayed all night. As he was praying God opened his eyes and he saw himself in a garden, and the clerk outside the garden with a big, tall, black monster. The clerk instructed the monster to kill the brother but the monster was reluctant and made it clear to him that he could not touch a child of God. As the clerk insisted that the brother should be killed, the monster said that he would try but if he failed he would come back to kill the man. The clerk quickly gave up the idea of killing the brother. And on the seventh day, the brother knocked at his door and announced to him that he was still alive.

Close your eyes and call up on the name of God with holy anger by taking the following prayer point. Every Goliath in my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.

The spirit of Goliath also represents cursing, threatening and lying enemies who are fully armed to wreck havoc. It also represents enemies backed up by local idols. What the spirit of Goliath usually does is to mock your prayers and render them ineffective.

The spirit of Goliath likewise represents provocative enemies who are capable of provoking a person at the corridor of breakthroughs. When you are always bedeviled by strange powers at the edge of success, the spirit of Goliath is at work. Opposing powers work hand-in-hand with the spirit of Goliath to establish satanic plans and purposes. Thus, the spirit of Goliath represents large opposition. It is an enemy with terrible satanic credentials.

This spirit of Goliath makes a person to panic and fear without a cause. It is the enemy that usually champions the cause of evil in the spiritual realm.

HOW TO DEFEAT YOUR GOLIATH

You can defeat the Goliath troubling your destiny. But there is need for you to call upon the name of God for genuine salvation from sins before you can be really victorious. Christ Jesus can give you the needed victory to attack the attackers and fight destiny killers. The steps to overcoming spiritual Goliath are highlighted below:

1. Become a friend of God.

This is the first step you will have to take in climbing the ladder that will lead you to real victory over the activities of Goliath. The new birth experience is what will open the door for you to become a friend of God. Being born-again is not an automatic experience you will have when you are serving God in one form or the other. In fact, there are many people today in different churches who are serving God but are far from salvation, just as the heaven is higher than the earth. The new birth experience gives you the grace to be free from the shackles of sin and the works of the flesh. For you to be a friend of God there need for the new birth experience.

2. Accept the challenge to fulfil your destiny despite the threats of Goliath.

David took up the challenge of confronting Goliath without fear. You also need to confront the Goliath in your life, even arise and shine because your light has come and the glory of God is risen upon you.

- 3. Prophesy against the enemies of your star.
- 4. Spend quality time in prayer asking God to reveal yourself to you.

In other words, you must tell God to open your eyes so that you can discover your true position in Christ. If you know your true self, you will get things that people are struggling for.

It is when you know your position in Christ Jesus that the fear of death will be far from you.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh God, arise and burst forth in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Every yoke introduce into my life as a baby, break, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. Every anti-destiny bondage, break, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. Every Goliath in my destiny, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. Every placenta witchcraft in my destiny, die, in the
- 6. My dry bones, come alive by fire, in the name of Jesus.

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