



DEDICATION

To the glory and honour of the Almighty God, I would like to dedicate this book to my Sugar, my best friend and God fearing husband, John-websters Apeakhena Braimah, the only human being I have ever loved with my whole being. Your love for me is of great value.



PROLOGUE

The word ABSTINENCE means to refrain from indulging an appetite or desire for sexual relationship. It can also be defined as forbearance from cravings, or forbearance from certain foods or certain lifestyles, or certain intoxicating beverages. This book deals with the very essence of abstinence which is premarital sexual abstinence and mutual fidelity in marriage. Simply put, this is a book that celebrates the need for everyone to refrain from sex before marriage and to keep sex within the confines of a legal marital union. To abstain from food and drinks during a fast is what some Christians are conversant with. However, as one grows daily in the spirit, one is able to embrace abstinence in all its ramifications by completely restraining oneself from an indulging lifestyle. Thus, that beefy desire to show off, be acknowledged, be noticed, be counted among the big guns, to receive all manner of awards, to hide with the hay and hunt with the hounds, and to eat or drink whatever the soul desires gradually dies a natural death. Your soul begins to loathe them. That's what it means to be a follower of Christ—a Christian.

Back in 2003 when I was still recovering from that spiritual attack of 2002, I collected a book from my mum. A book she was planning to read but never found the time to. I had so much time on my hands then. When you are ill, in bed, you discover that you can really have so much time to read your Bible, pray, meditate, read and read. At that time the ability to wake up, get out of bed and walk around unaided was a major prayer point. That's how weak I was. But all that have come to pass. Thanks to Jehovah my healer. To tell you the truth, I have forgotten the name of that



book now but I can never forget the lessons I learnt from it.

An unmarried young man came home one day tired and hungry. He had no food in the house. So he sat on his bed wondering whether he should rest a while or cook some edibles. He suddenly fell backwards on the bed and slept off. What followed was a detailed strange dream that left him dazed.

To make this long story short, he said he saw people in a huge ball of fire wailing in pains and agony. He was transfixed as the blazing fire rolled out a familiar face, a member of his Christian union fellowship on campus, who had died a few months earlier. Sensing that this brother was surprised to see her in hell fire, she began to explain to him that she had fallen into sin with another Christian brother during the long vacation. This brother had actually proposed marriage to her so it was only a matter of time before they would become husband and wife.

Unfortunately, they did what they should not have done and, you guessed it, they did it only once. According to her she had planned to confess this sin and ask God for forgiveness when she gets back to the campus fellowship, but she died in a car crash on her way back to School. As the man tried to respond to her she was rolled back into the huge blaze and another person was rolled out.

This time it was a very popular, highly respected, and “spirit-filled” deaconess who had passed on. Her death was celebrated by the church as one of those few saints who had gone to rest in the bosom of the Lord. The man was speechless as the woman blamed her woes on the church



choir master. She said she had been very angry with the church choir master because “he was fornicating with all those girls in the choir”. So she decided to keep malice with him. In other words they were not in speaking terms before she passed on. Just before she was rolled back into the flame she confessed that she has now forgiven him. But it’s too late! The third person he saw, face to face, in the hell fire was a well-known Bishop who had died some time ago. According to the Bishop he was so sorry that he had used part of the money from the Church Building Fund to fund his daughter's wedding ceremony. He said that's what got him into the fire. So he was now willing to send this man to the earth to retrieve some money from his personal account and refund to the Church. Oh yes, did I hear you say too late?

As you read this book, you will see constant reminders of where you have slipped, and the need to make amends before it's too late. You will also see the need to pray without ceasing and to renew your mind daily with the word of God in readiness for your final curtain call or the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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In 1741 a man of God named Jonathan Edward gave a sermon that sent fear down the spine of his hearers and up until this moment that message has not stopped melting hardened hearts. I downloaded it from the internet lately and, my world, I can say I never heard anything like it in all my life. I am so humbled by how relevant a message that was delivered in 1741 could be to our current existential realities.

I guess that's what happens when servants of God stay faithful to their calling and to the word of God instead of equating the amount of money they have with the quality of their anointing. That's what happens when men of God stop chasing after filthy lucre or rich church members, mega church buildings, or fame and publicity.

The church these days is overwhelmed by the sudden craze to build mega churches like the days of the tower of Babel, despite the fact that God has made it clear to us that our body is His temple, and that He no longer dwells in temples made with man's hands but in the hearts of men. Should we not stop dissipating so much money, time and energy on building buildings and put them to better use? Should we not turn our attention to building up men and women, helping them to live holy lives, enabling them provide meals for their household, clothing them and giving them free medicals rather than compete with one another over church buildings? No matter the amount of preaching we dish out

anything short of building up men and women is hypocrisy. All the New Testament preachers that we seem to be emulating, from John the Baptist to John the disciple of Jesus, were all people-focused not building-focused. John the Baptist said in Luke 3:11-14 “The man with two coats should share with him who has none and the one with food should do the same, tax collectors should not collect more than they should, soldiers should stop extorting money and don't accuse people falsely, be content with your pay”. It's high time ministers got men focused on heaven and eternity rather than on earthly treasures. Pastors are distracting us with all these prosperity messages. We need help on how to make it to heaven and not how to make it on earth. Or are we no longer going to heaven?

Let me come back to my observations about the sermon Jonathan Edwards preached on July 8, 1741. He entitled it “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” and it has been described as “The most famous sermon ever preached on American soil”. “Today it is in almost all Anthology of American literature and is the only sermon included. Even those who absorb graphic imagery and language on a regular basis to the point of numbness are stricken with terror when they hear Edward's stunning metaphor on the wrath of God”, according to Pastor Max M, clean.

Edward's sermon originates from the book of Deuteronomy 32:35 which says “To me belongs vengeance and recompense, their foot shall slip in due time, for the day of their calamity is at hand and the things that shall come upon them make haste...”. Another translation says their foot shall



slide. Their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them. This sermon insists that people who wallow in sin are always exposed to destruction just as someone who walks in slippery places. The only reason they have not yet fallen is because God's appointed time has not come. That God will no longer hold them up on slippery places for too long. That the sword of divine justice dangles over their head but only God's mercy holds it up from descending on them.

Jonathan Edwards explains how the greater part of humanity has no intention of being in hell fire. But they only trust a shadow. Death always outsmarts even the smartest of us all. Everyone is always taken by surprise and unless we are born again we cannot see heaven. God is under no obligation to keep us out of destruction. Our good health and all that we do to preserve our life cannot deliver us from hell fire.

Consider the numerous ways people exit this earth- road accidents, plane crashes, hypertension, malaria, HIV/AIDS, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery to name a few. There is no gain saying that people who are already in the flames of hell never expected and never planned to be there. They all had their plans on how to escape hell just as some of us who are alive today. We all feel that we are in no danger of dying anytime soon, Edward says.

I shudder to think of the fact that we are all defenseless when death comes. Now is the appointed time for us to do away with our hellish desires, to be awakened to the reality of sin and not to take the sweetness of the death of Jesus on the cross for granted?

Please allow me to interject a bit. Since 2002 when I embraced full time ministry, it has become very difficult for me to flow with mainstream Pentecostalism which I belong to. Prior to my current work with the LORD, I was involved in a church as a committed church worker even



though I had a full time job as Chief Executive of a magazine publishing and television production outfit. I was able to juggle my service to God with my busy schedule as television host, producer, publisher and motivational speaker. I had a fulfilling and highly rewarding career with some hardworking staff under my employment. This lasted for almost a decade until I fell very ill and doctors were as confused as I was about what was happening to a hitherto healthy and vivacious Jessica.

The good news is God eventually healed me miraculously after about five months of sickness that seemed like five months of hell fire. During this period, God gave me a startling revelation that was my call into full time ministry. Although I am unable to put the details of that dream here, I am, however, always able to deliver it effectively when I minister in person.

What I can tell you here is that the spirit of God opened my eyes to the anomalies in the church as well as so many other atrocities which the church seems to condone. Top on the list was the absence of evangelism or rather lack of soul winning, followed by sexual immorality, and all manner of demonic pollutions in the house of God. It was quite scary to me.

From the pulpit to the congregation, adultery, fornication and, the mammon- worship that fuels it, hold sway. The main reason there is so much sexual bondage and sexual pollution in the church is because of the mind-bending emphasis on money rather than souls. Once pastors jettisoned basic Bible doctrines of repentance, sanctification, humility, sobriety and holiness in order to hammer home prosperity teachings, the god of mammon took over. The rich and famous became ordained deacons, branch pastors, cell leaders and worship ministers. Sacred



positions meant for humble elders were ceded over to money bags and zealous glamour ladies. Only the well-dressed could occupy the front rows especially in Nigerian churches.

Anointing is now sacrificed on the altar of talent. Worldly music replaced the usual worship songs in churches while **fuji** gospel, and gospel reggae took over. The demons associated with the root of these songs began to rule over the lives of worshippers. Thus, sexual immorality is enthroned as Pastors and Choir girls began to rumble in the jungle. The Holy Spirit exited the church and the spirit of whoredom mounted the throne room. Vulgarity became a Pentecostal as the spirit of worldliness took over.

Naturally, everyone has come under this evil anointing of idiotic behavior. No one can see anything wrong with it or so it seems. The euphoria is so real that both married and single ladies dress half naked to church and Pastors gladly welcome them. Oh it's a "come as you are" church, "God would clean you up". For how long will you keep coming half dressed? When are you going to allow God to clothe you in righteousness? Even the Pastor's wife is so busy competing with church ladies. The house of God now looks like a night club. Every one is flaunting cleavages and tight trousers with low waist lines that reveal the anus once they sit on church pews. The sight is something else. No one seems perturbed at all.

"Please Sister Jess don't be judgmental and uptight, this is the reigning fashion now". Alright! But could that be why there are no more genuine visions? No real prophesies, no moderation and no spiritual power to overcome calamities? Oh yes everyone is speaking in tongues. Demonic tongues!!



I began a full time youth ministry in 2002 with the primary objective of mainstreaming premarital sexual abstinence and mutual fidelity in marriage. I was doing a bit of this on the side for eight years, but when I knew God had called me into his vineyard I embraced youth ministry with all my life. I had to go under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit. Now I can say that my God-given journalistic skills in television and print media production have become an asset. These communication skills have been so useful to me in this exciting job of youth mentorship. The youths we minister to on our Teenage Life project are so confused about what is going on in the churches. Here, we are trying to mainstream premarital sexual abstinence among youths in schools and churches yet church folks are busy fornicating, committing adultery big time, and trying to play down the consequences. Some girls confess that they were indeed deflowered by a Pastor; others say they are having sex with their boyfriends and girlfriends who are "born-again" Christians because everyone in their church is doing the same. Their Pastors are busy preaching prosperity day in day out while church girls are committing abortion regularly. Demons are busy ravaging our youths with tattoos, reality shows of nudity on television, beauty contests of prostitution, cultism, illicit sex, homo-sexualism, and internet pornography. There is no moral voice any more to listen to as far as God's purpose for sex is concerned. If only we can spend the same amount of time we spend preaching about success, money and how to prosper in life on how to overcome sexual lust and passion for the opposite sex the church would not be so sexually-polluted. The sex scandals would be reduced to the barest minimum. The





power of God would be made manifest!

Many Christians are reluctant to take a firm stand on moral issues especially in the area of pre-marital sex and adultery. People who market illicit sex and violence are so brazen about it while the righteous are afraid. Sex so dominates advertising, home videos, and the internet so much so that it has become common place. What is going on? People of God, we are losing it real fast. Our foot has slipped. It's pathetic that we measure success and excellence by the bottom line—the size of our pockets or bank accounts. This love of money is driving Christians into so much compromise. The book of First Timothy 6 verse 9 warns us clearly that people who want to be rich fall into temptation and a trap and into so many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. Chapter 6 verse 6 of the same book says “godliness with contentment is great gain”. Who would teach our children to value godliness above money? How would they learn that placing a high value on money would be their undoing since it's easier for them to learn by imitating us? How would they understand the fact that it is the love of money that makes politicians in third world countries like Nigeria steal billions yet they are never satisfied? How can they understand why there are no good functioning hospitals, or affordable good drinkable water, or even good roads in the face of stupendous oil boom? How would our tomorrow look? These questions are begging for answers! You may be wondering why I wrote this book. Is it to sound holier than thou and make people feel low? NO. I have written this book mainly to promote abstinence and mutual fidelity in marriage because that is God's perfect plan for humanity. However, there are just so many other related issues begging to be dealt with. I just couldn't help but deal with them.



HOW TO FLEE SEXUAL SIN

Permit me today to address what people are most concerned about as they write in, or come to me, for counseling. “Sister Jess,” they would ask “how can one really stop sleeping around?” “How is it possible for one to stay sexually pure? How can one be faithful to one's spouse? How can one live a life of no sex before marriage?” “How?”

It starts with a decision. It takes just a personal decision on your part. Nobody can take this decision for you. Do it in the presence of God. Make a vow to him and tie this vow to a request. “Lord I will live a life of sexual purity from today and I ask you to please give me my heart's desire concerning a marriage partner”.... or any other issue that means so much to you. When I made my own vow I tied it to this issue and I remained celibate for well over 10 years and God shocked me by giving me exceedingly abundantly above my desires in a life partner. He did it for me and I know he can also do it for you! Decide to have a relationship with the Lord and fear him wholeheartedly as from today. It's well worth it.

My heart goes out to one of my counselees who confessed to me that he gave his life to Christ in 1974 yet he is wallowing in sexual immorality. Thank God your age in Christendom can never guarantee you a place in heaven if you keep allowing sexual sin to hold you in bondage. There is no biblical justification whatsoever, for boyfriend, girlfriend or concubine. All the Bible requires of us is for a man to leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, the two then become one flesh. A man can never become one flesh with two or more women. That is an evil covenant. And



an evil covenant can never be panel -beaten into a good one. It does only evil. It breeds jealousy, malice, demonic competition, hatred, witchcraft, contention, confusion and every evil work. . These things are not godly virtues at all. God can never change his standard for anybody. So do whatever it takes to remain faithful to God by abstaining from pre-marital sex and maintaining mutual fidelity in marriage. When you keep talking sex with someone you are not legally married to, you keep playing around your emotions for each other, you are simply giving ascent to evil. “Flee all appearance of evil”, the Bible says.

Back to the man who wants to know how to set him self free from sexual bondage. One Pastor came to minister to my youths at a heart to heart workshop we organized sometime ago. And he started by saying this to them “Do away with the guilt of sin. It is not sin that keeps men in bondage but the lack of repentance for the sin. That's what keeps them in bondage. The prodigal son repented and turned a new leaf. Even Nebuchadnezzar came to himself and chose to truly worship God”. So, the Pastor asked the youths to pray the following prayer points:

“God, I need grace for freshness, for a new beginning. God, please set me free I need a new mindset to hate sin totally. Let this grace begin to abide and work in my life effectively. Even when temptation comes, give me an escape route.” Then he admonished them thus; “repent, confess and surrender to God”. Then you must go through a detailed deliverance programme where you would use your mouth to break every foundational and sexual covenants, break the yokes of bondages and separate your spirit, soul and body from all pollutions. There are ministries that are



well-schooled in such deliverance warfare. Seek them out and allow the Spirit of the Lord to set you free.

It grieves me to hear people say things like “how do I know someone without having sex with him?” or “how can I know if we are sexually compatible?” You can never know somebody by having sex. You know someone by talking with them, watching the way they treat other people or relate to others, by the things they say or do or watch, by the things they say about God, and His word, or by the things people say about them as well as their likes or dislikes. It takes time and wisdom to know these things. Then there are things you get to know about people by revelation. God can reveal who people truly are to you if you are sincere with him and if you walk in the spirit. When you ignore these things by having sex with that person outside the marriage covenant, you are a thief, a cheat, and an enemy of God. You are defiling the temple of God, your body, and your sin partner's body. You can never truly know that person through sex.

In fact you are just a dishonest person and there is no honour in dishonesty, no integrity among thieves.

How do you know if you are sexually compatible? First things first! When you truly love someone and vice versa it's very easy to work out the compatibility in marriage. If you have mutual respect for each other, are very patient with each other's weaknesses or shortcomings, quite pliable, ready to listen and make amends, the sexual compatibility would flow, in marriage. It's that easy. Satan is the one putting all those questions in your mind thereby causing you to doubt your God-given ability to make the right choice in life. Satan is waging an all-out war to captivate the minds of the human race. He is building strongholds and fortresses in their minds. Don't allow him do this to you.

Look at the high divorce rate in Hollywood. They enjoyed sexual compatibility before they signed the dotted lines. So, why do they end up with broken marriages?

These days I hear people say over and over again that before they got married their sex life was wonderful but since they got married it's been a struggle. So, what happened? They thought they were compatible, didn't they? But marriage is now a different ball game..... Just obey God and keep sex within the confines of the marriage covenant. Just try abstinence and mutual fidelity in marriage.

Did I hear you say how can you do away with sexual immorality? Accept that it is sin. Decide to control your feelings and not the other way round. Proverbs 25 vs. 28 says "He that has no rule (no control) over his own spirit is like a city broken down and without walls". It takes an enough is enough decision. Stay away from friends who are prone to adultery or who see nothing wrong with fornication.

Remember, evil communications corrupt good manners. Avoid time alone with tempting members of the opposite sex. Avoid habits that fuel immorality – partying, discos, *owambe*, alcohol, drugs, seductive wears, and vulgar discussions about the opposite sex. Keep off bad company. Any one who sleeps with you without a legal commitment can never be trusted. That person is prone to sexual liaison with just any other person in spite of you.

Study your Bible regularly. Read more of Christian literature instead of romantic novels. Stop watching pornographic movies or anything so related. Refuse gifts with undertones. Stop taking advantage of young ladies in search of jobs or livelihood, that you may reap good harvests. Don't copy cat. Say NO to boyfriend/girlfriend romance. It's highly tempting. Be assertive, don't be a pushover and don't do things because

others are doing it. Everybody is not doing it. Just like in the days of Elijah when God told Elijah that he still had about 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal. There are quite a number of people who have remained untainted by sexual immorality over the years.

Never ever forget this, that, sexual compatibility is only perfected in marriage. How he wants it and how she wants it can only be communicated effectively where there is the kind of love and mutual respect that only a legal union could guarantee. There is no respect in pre-marital sex rather what you have is lack of trust, lack of respect, betrayal, guilt, shame, low self esteem and selfishness. All this desire to belong, wear the latest fashion and show off to your enemies, lead to sexual immorality. You can never catch up with fashion. Just as you are getting to the finish line, the bar is raised once more. You keep struggling and striving. Why not relax. All is but vanity and a vexation of the spirit. It is sheer worldliness and haven't you heard me say before that worldliness and godliness don't mix? They are arch enemies. You are either born again or you are not. Be sober, Be vigilant.

As I conclude this chapter, some scriptures are so clear on my mind and I want to draw your attention to them. In the book of first Corinthians 5 verse 9 to 12, Paul says. "I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people-not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and the swindlers, or idolaters. But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat."

"What business is it of mine to judge those outside? God will judge those outside. Expel the wicked from among you" (NIV Version).

I have just come back from a Sunday Service where I ministered to youths at an Orphanage. My message was entitled; “Battle of Legality: Who Owns Your Body?” This topic was inspired by a particular message that Pastor Musa (Our Family Friend) delivered at our Youth Mentorship Workshop, that month.

I would like you to hear the message but, please listen to some of the questions that followed my ministration of the word. Then I would let you know the contents of my message after these questions. Please bear in mind that these questions came from born-again youths who were sponsored by their church to participate in the programme. Here we go!

One: “Ma, if you are still a virgin and are seriously in need of sex what will you do?”

Two: “Since it is not right for people who are not legally married to have sex the child that comes out of it is a blessing from God, isn't it? Why then does God still go ahead to bless them with a child while they were doing the wrong thing?”

Three: “If you are already into sex covenant how do you break it?”

Four: “What are the consequences of tattoos?”

Five: “Is it right for a boy to plait hair and wear ear-rings?”

Six: “What if your parent had put tattoo on your body is it a sin?”

Seven: “Why is having girlfriend bad at school?”

Eight: “If a girl is raped does it mean she has entered into a covenant with the rapist?”

Nine: “At what age should a man have sex?”

Our main goal in the **Teenage Life** mission is to effect behaviour change among youths since most of them are already sexually active. We believe that with an increased understanding of abstinence issues based on biblical values they would easily embrace pre-marital abstinence. They should be able to negotiate their sex life from not only a position of strength but holiness. That is why we always teach them the differences between love and sex according to God's word. The two words don't mean the same thing at all. Read your bible. And check your dictionary too.

Love is an act of patience, kindness and selflessness. Agape love, which is God's kind of love, is unconditional love while Eros is romantic love and filio is brotherly or sisterly love. Sex, however, is a conjugal relationship that is only permitted by God in marriage between a man and his wife. It was never created to happen between two males or two females or even between a man and his fiancé or mistress or any other partner other than a legally-married wife. Not wives. The book of Genesis 2 verses 24 and 25 say “therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they shall become one flesh. The man and his wife were naked and unashamed.” Nakedness between a man and a woman who are not legally married breeds shame, distrust and every other thing so-related.

My message to the youths on that day was based on the biblical truth that sex is a covenant relationship. Your first sexual partner is in a blood covenant with you while subsequent sexual partners are in a soul-tie



covenant with you. “He that sleeps with a harlot becomes one with her”. The Bible says in First Corinthians 6 verse 16. That means they would share each other's demons, their sexually-transmitted diseases, and every other spiritual assets and responsibilities. Once they become one it means the oneness extends to each person's previous sex partners whom they are already one with by virtue of their past liaisons.

Covenant is an everlasting agreement between two people to protect a particular interest. Covenants don't pass away, they are forever binding on the individuals involved and once the people violate it, they become cursed. Every one of such sexual covenants outside the confines of marriage is an evil covenant because it is not based on the word of God. Any covenant that is not based on God's word is satanic. It cannot do you good, that's why when you want to do away with all evil covenants you must not only break and renounce them, you must replace them with a superior covenant which is the covenant in the Blood of Jesus. This is a deliverance issue and a whole “New World”.

When you get into deliverance warfare, which you must, you can pray such prayer- points like “mystery of covenant violation troubling my destiny scatter, die”. You must renounce and break all such covenants once you get born-again. Recognise that an evil covenant can trouble you even though you have become born- again, that's why you must break them and remain on fire, holy and separated unto God. It is only when you get born-again that you have the authority to break all past covenants especially sexual covenants. You should identify your authority in Christ using the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus which sets you free from



the law of sin and death, and then use your authority in Christ to break free. You must also break free from ancestral covenants and ancestral curses through deliverance prayers. But if there is sin in your life you remain a prey to the law of sin and death.

The Bible says who ever commits fornication is sinning against his own body- (First Corinthians 6 verse 18). It also says in the book of Proverbs that a man who is committing adultery is putting fire in his bosom. You are simply “doing” yourself as they would say in local Nigerian parlance. If you have sex with a witch, you become a witch, if you have sex with someone who has had sex with a wizard, or someone in a secret cult you are also one with them. You have become a cultist or a wizard as the case may be. Sex partners take a part of you and leave a part of them selves with you. Remember the Bible says when you have sex with a harlot you become one with the harlot. When your sexual partner is someone who patronizes a native doctor, you have also become an idol worshiper. Such oneness has some serious spiritual implications which our youths need to know. Going to a native doctor means you are now in an agreement with a deity, the demonic power behind the native doctor's activities. When you sleep with such a person or you sleep with someone who has slept with someone who patronises or has patronized a native doctor you have entered into a covenant with a demonic power. You cannot be in a covenant with someone who is already covenanted to a deity and also become one with Jehovah God because he is a jealous God. Remember the Bible says no other foundation can any man lay except that which is already laid which is Christ Jesus. Once a covenant is not founded on the word of God it is destructive.



We explained all these to the youths on that day and also drew their attention to some of their excesses which God completely detests. Such abominations include tattoos, homosexuality and lesbianism. The book of Leviticus 18 verses 22 to 25 insist, “Thou shall not lie with mankind as with womankind. It is an abomination. Neither shall you lie with any beast to defile yourself. Defile not yourself in any of these things; for in all these the nations are defiled. Therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it.” Such abominations bring curses upon individuals involved and also upon the nations.

Leviticus 19 verse 28 says “do not cut your bodies for the dead or put **tattoo mark** on yourselves; I am the Lord. Verse 29 says “do not degrade your daughter by making her a prostitute or the land will turn to prostitution and become full of wickedness.” When I read scriptures like this I wonder whether that is the reason for the kind of wickedness that is the norm, in Nigeria, as I write this now. The level of prostitution being perpetrated by bank CEOs and their directors in Nigeria has now mainstreamed wickedness in the land. It's a land where bare-faced corruption, armed robbery, ritual murder, vulgar display of wealth, and swindling have become acceptable as a way of life. My main worry is that the younger generation has no proper frames of reference at all regarding morality. It's also a country where about 80 percent of the population is poor, very poor as in Haiti. Yet the government makes billions of dollars annually from sale of the country's crude oil. The political elite and their cronies live in stupendous opulence while the majority could barely afford one nutritious meal a day.



Back to my topic; “who owns your body?” Is it the devil, or Jehovah God? It's a battle of legality. When one of the youths wanted to know our opinion on boys plaiting their hair and wearing ear-rings, we had to explain to them the genesis of the fashion and the spirit behind it. This was something that started discreetly amongst homo-sexual men. You know that homosexuality is about a man having sex with another man and usually one of them has to play the role of the she-man in such a relationship. So, in order to differentiate the male from the female the she-men discreetly started wearing ear-rings and lipsticks, and plaiting their hair while the he-men started pulling their trousers down to reveal the designer labels of their under pants. Could it be a kind of sex appeal? Maybe.

This was a closely guarded secret amongst the gays at the time because they knew that people were highly intolerant of their sodomy. But when the whole world decided to go liberal and bring out every junk out of the closet, the homosexuals decided to mainstream their abominations. And the whole world became deaf and dumb. The church turned a blind eye. The spirit of rebellion took over and even “born-again” boys joined in the hair-plaiting, ear-ring wearing gay culture. Then the gospel singers gave it “class.”

That's why today I am no longer surprised to hear Christian boys ask me if oral sex is bad. It is all part of the rebellion in vogue now. I want them to know that oral sex came from an opium culture; that same rebellious culture that turns the truth of God's word into a lie. It is the same sexual perversion that the book of Romans chapter one talks about; “Changing



the natural use of their body into that which is against nature”. The mouth God gave us to eat with and use to praise him can never be turned into a sexual organ. What comes out of a man's body during sexual relations is not supposed to pass through the mouth into the stomach where food is digested. It is supposed to go into a woman's womb. The different organs in the body are designated for specific chores by God who created them. There is a reason why God created the eyes for sight and the ears for hearing. When you do not understand God's purpose, you get into abuse of God's creation. Yet your ignorance does not make it right at all. It is an aberration, to put it mildly. There is nothing like oral sex. It is sexual perversion. It is unhygienic and very dangerous. It is a sin, an abomination. Your body is the temple of the living God. You are not your own. You have been bought with a price That price is the blood of Jesus. Therefore, glorify God in your body.



SOPHISTICATED EMPTINESS

Behind every deed or misdeed, every action or inaction, there is a spirit. In the book of First Kings 22 verses 21 - 37 we read about the spirit of lying that entered into prophets of God and made them prophesy lies. That spirit of lying was at work in them while they were still prophesying as prophets of God. That's why the Bible dutifully warns us to “test all spirits”. Since it's now fashionable for us to hero worship mere men and label them GREAT MEN OF GOD it is only natural for us to be easily led astray by these god of men. Let me reserve this issue for another day.

About two years ago I watched a TV show for weeks SEARCH FOR AMERICA'S TOP MODEL There were 10 contestants chosen out of so many young girls who had sent video pictures of themselves for the competition. They were lodged in the pent house of a very Porsche New York hotel. Being young and highly impressionable (between 18 and 25 years) they were overwhelmed, and excessively excited. Mind you, they are still young and foolish. They were given the kind of five-star treat that could blow any youngster's mind. The packaging was deliberate and it worked wonders on them. One particular contestant could not wait to tell everyone she was a Christian and that she loves prayers. She forced it on others but another girl, who claimed to be an atheist, clearly resented this and kept complaining.



They had series of photo sessions dressed in only underpants and bra. The organizers gave them a thorough makeover that seemed like a conscious effort to strip them of their innocence and all natural inhibitions. They changed their hair colours, removed their eye brows, put on weave, and began to imbibe an insatiably flashy cum exotic look. One thing led to another. At one stage of the competition, sorry the Reality Show, some handsome muscular men were brought in, certainly for effects, as they would say in vanity land, These men were detailed to hold the young girls in various seductive pose, half naked, seductively dressed in shorts, clad in revealing blouses, and showing off their breasts etc. As the competition progressed the elimination began. Each week someone was sent parking end of a dream- and she would weep and weep. The successful candidates were ready to do just anything to remain in the competition. At one occasion they were asked to wear live snakes round their necks. From 10 contestants, only three eventually emerged and progressed to the final stage. So I asked; what have live snakes got to do with modeling? That certainly is a form of initiation. And remember; only one person would be winner at the end of it all. Covetousness, here we come. At this point, the girls were already hyped and programmed to do anything just to win.

Later on, they were taken to a steamy dinner by five attractive young men. The men took them to the swimming-pool side and asked them to undress, I mean to completely remove every item of clothing on them because they needed to pose nude. DEBASEMENT HERE WE COME. That's the next stage of the competition. To take photographs of the ladies stark naked? I was livid with rage. The Christian girl refused, but the other two girls agreed.



The judges were so angry with the Christian girl. I don't really blame them because that girl had no business associating with such a worldly contest. The organizers said to her that she was being hypocritical after all she had been enjoying the competition all along. They further pointed out to her that the other day she was showing off her breasts to one of the men. The girl denied it. That she never flaunted her breasts. So what had she been doing all along? Being hypocritical has become second nature to so-called born-again Christians and their pastors, and the world is now preaching to the church.

I don't know who was telling the truth between the organizers and the girl as far as the breast incident was concerned but what I do know is that this is one of the subtle ways the devil seduces Christians and destroys them. Everybody wants to grace the front page of magazines just to win instant fame. They mortgage their eternity with home videos, fashion shows and vulgar reality shows. Oh it's a fashion show, oh it doesn't matter. What is the spirit behind it-serpentine spirit with its characteristic marine pollution?

That's what microwave Christianity does to young people because churches and Pastors are trying to outdo HOLLYWOOD with gospel disco, gospel reggae and gospel fuji concerts, devoid of moral teachings. Even so-called gospel singers appear more morally bankrupt than their counterparts in the world who had never claimed to be Christians. Some so-called "born-again" celebrate their failed marriages, broken lives and idiocy on pages of magazines as if that is a good example to our youths. They are trying so hard to remain relevant just to assuage their pain from a life of complicated emptiness. They want our precious youths to accept





such a regrettable life style as the norm. They try so hard to hype themselves into reckoning but they sure need some serious counseling before they destroy their lives. If only they could surrender their pain to Jesus, the friend of the wounded hearts. They need deliverance.

No matter how we try to glamorize it, I insist that being introduced to pre-marital sex at an early age makes a woman very promiscuous, unable to resist sexual overtures from men because the spirit of whoredom is now in control of their life. It also does the same thing to young men. Little wonder there is so much sexual pollution in the church.

I stand by my past articles that insist on the fact that we surely need deliverance. A great preponderance of ladies are already married out in the spirit to demon spirits often referred to in deliverance halls as spirit husbands and spirit wives. Sometimes the spirit spouse could be inherited or passed on from one sexual partner to another. These demon spirits cause all manner of strange ailments because they pollute their victims with satanic deposits through sex in the dream. Yet some Pastors insist that sex in the dream is just normal. Is it ?

I can never forget this testimony of a young lady girl who said that she had sex in the dream with a man, of course that was a demon and the demon left some tissue paper inside her after the sexual act in the dream. But some days after going through deliverance prayers, she had a dream again and a snake crawled out of her body.

This habit of browsing pornography sites by internet users especially



our precious youths, leaders of tomorrow is very dangerous. You can get addicted to it and those images would torment your mind. The images increase your sexual urge and eventually manipulate you into fornication, adultery or even masturbation, lesbianism and homosexualism. The devil reduces you so low that you settle for a life of guilt, emptiness, sex in the dream, spiritual pollution and loneliness.

The book of Palms chapter 49 verse 20 says “man that is in honour and understands not is like the beasts that perish”. God has created you as a man not as a mosquito or a dog or a camel, not as a cockroach or as a lizard, not as a goat, but as a man and he has honoured you with a sense of reasoning, the wisdom to go to space, develop satellite communications, cell phones and aeroplanes, yet man has decided to wallow in sexual immorality. You can never see a male dog running after another male for sexual relationship but man, honourable man, made in the image of God, would join himself to his fellow man, in the name of homo-sexualism. I'm gay. Sexual preference! I still shudder at the thought of any man having a desire to wear ear rings and dress like a woman. It is utterly demonic. I mean it is a manifestation of a pathetic demonic activity in the life of the individual. I am begging all Pastors to please quit all compromise and deal with these serious issues.

God has given us the liberty to choose right. We are not bound by ordinary conventions but the laws of God. Don't forget this; understand this, that God is in the business of protecting us. All his laws are for our own good. It is in order to protect us from both physical and emotional wounds or hurts that he has set boundaries on sexual expression. Also because of his holiness he insists on chastity and sexual purity. Our



refusal to abide by those boundaries set by God has brought severe consequences upon mankind.

Your most important sexual organ is your brain. Use it well. I heard this saying once on television that before you decide to remove a fence, ask yourself why the fence was put there in the first place. There is a reason God created sex and insisted that it must be between a man and his wife within the confines of marriage only. Just imagine how wonderful the world would be without unwanted teenage pregnancies, polygamy, incest, lesbianism, homosexuality, ritual murder, kidnapping, adultery, and corruption in government. There would be no abortion, no HIV/AIDS, no herpes, no gonorrhea, and no deceit, no emotional pains, no divorce, amongst other heart-rending experiences.

The Bible has given us a direct commandment against incest. “The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or daughter of your mother whether she is born at home or born abroad, even their nakedness you shall not uncover”. The following verses clearly warn us against having sex with family member. “The nakedness of your son's daughter or of your daughter's daughter even their nakedness you shall not uncover for theirs is your own nakedness”. “The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter (half sister) begotten of your father, she is your sister you shall not uncover her nakedness”. “you shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister (your aunt) she is your father's near kinswoman”. These are things that defile the land and also pollute the church. Stay far away from them. Of course, you can.



HOT OR COLD, YOU CAN'T BE BOTH

Oh yes I know how scary any message on rapture can be. That's why the devil doesn't want you to hear it in church any more. That's why he is busy distracting your pastor and keeping him busy with building projects and prosperity fever. Any message on heaven and hell would naturally scare the hell out of you and put the fear of God in you. But the devil does not want that. I mean the same devil that deceived Eve. He is still alive and kicking still using the same subtlety to deceive all of us. Hence, the church, you and I, have been easily swallowed up by worldliness.

I was not surprised to receive your e-mails and text messages full of confessions. From those who are addicted to homosexuality with teenage boys to those whose excuse for masturbation lies in the inability of their spouses to satisfy them sexually. No matter your excuse the Bible says all unrighteousness is sin. Sexual sin was the primary reason God destroyed the city of Sodom and Gomorrah. And God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. As Bro. Sam Diala puts it “A sinner is not a Christian and a Christian is not a sinner. Once a Christian commits any sin he brings it under the blood through confession and total repentance. He does not keep committing the same sin with regularity. Sinfulness can never be a Christian's life style because God hates sin”.

Moreover sexual sins like masturbation, lesbianism, fornication, bisexuality, bestiality, anal sex, oral sex, pornography among others,



pollute the temple of God which is your body. And God cannot dwell in a polluted or defiled temple. Sexual sin opens you up to demonic oppression because it is an exit card to the Holy Spirit and an entry visa to unclean spirits like the spirits of contention, strife, jealousy, prostitution, rebellion, anger, seduction and all forms of immorality. Sexual sin clearly makes you an enemy of God at the mercy of the devil. So, when you hear people singing the song “let God arise and his enemies be scattered” you may do well to shut your mouth because if God answers such a prayer you may be the one to suffer.

You are either hot for God or cold for the devil. You cannot be in-between or both. You are an altar for the presence of God. There should always be fire on the altar. Use the blood of Jesus to separate yourself from all forms of iniquity. God's eye cannot behold iniquity that's why we come into his presence covered in the precious blood of his son, the lamb without blemish. That's also why we must ask God to sprinkle clean water upon us according to Ezekiel 36 verse 25 so that we can be free from all filthiness and from all our idols. We should ask God to give us a new heart and put a new spirit within us. Let him take away the stony heart and give us a heart of flesh. He would put his spirit within us and cause us to walk in his statutes. Then we shall keep his judgements and walk in them. When all these have been accomplished the word of God says you will remember your evil ways and you shall loathe (that is hate) yourself in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

I have not forgotten my promise to share with you a mail I



received on rapture. This one is from Bro. Choo Thomas and it has a familiar ring. Our pastors may have succeeded in removing the messages on heaven and hell from the pulpit but they can not remove them from the Bible and they cannot stop people from receiving revelations about them. Here is his story:

“During 2006, 2007 and 2008 God showed so many Christians the rapture as well as some unbelievers. These visions made so many people excited about the rapture and at the same time some of us were very disappointed because it had not happened yet. I believe God wanted to stir our hearts up for the rapture so we can be prepared for it at anytime.

The Lord told me a few months ago that the tribulation has already begun. He is warning and preparing people for the rapture but not many are paying attention to the signs of the rapture and they will be very surprised because He is going to only bring in those who are ready and waiting for Him. God also said He has given enough chances for everybody to be ready for His coming. Now the tribulation has begun and this means the rapture could happen at any time for those who are ready and waiting. After He raptures His chosen ones, then the antichrist will take over the world and great disasters will come to those left behind especially those Christians who refuse to receive the Mark of the Beast (#666). God said not too many Christians will be raptured and whoever does get raptured will have to stand before the judgment seat (2 Corinthians 5:10) and our work will be tested by fire (1 Corinthians 3:12)



-15). Even after we are raptured not too many Christians will enter His Kingdom because their hearts are not pure enough. When God says these words they really scare me and whoever has read the book should already know these things. When the Lord took me to Heaven the first couple of times, He showed me crystal clear water and said one's heart has to be as clear as this in order to enter His Kingdom. When the Lord told me this, I was very scared and I wondered how anyone's heart could be this pure. I always live in fear of God ever since He showed me the water. This is the reason why I still spend a lot of time with the Lord by praying and having a relationship with Him daily. I know it is hard for people who work to spend long hours with the Lord but please do your best to spend as much time as you can and let Him be the centre of your life not just sometimes but always. Without a relationship with the Lord and not living in fear of God, one cannot please Him. We have to make sure the Holy Spirit is pleased with us continually. He is the one who raised Jesus from the dead to Heaven (Romans 8:11). My heart's desire is that all my brothers and sisters in the Lord will be raptured.

When I read, on my website, the prophetic words of a lady called Linda, it really impressed me. I prayed about it and the Lord told me to have it posted on my website. Some people complained about who Linda is but the truth is I did not know Linda, however, the message (the part posted on my web site) is biblical. The message posted on my website from Linda is very similar to what God tells me and also what He wants His Bride to be. It hurts me to see the way some Christians live and behave and they don't know what it takes to be the Bride of Jesus. We cannot let anyone or anything come before God no matter what the situation. We have to know that He has to be above everyone



and everything in our lives. According to Luke 14: verses 26 and 27 none of our family members or loved ones can ever be compared with our Lord Jesus who died for us. PRAISE THE LORD. Anyone who wants to be holy has to live by the word of God. We have to walk a narrow path (Matthew 7:14). Whatever hardship comes into our lives we have to endure as good soldiers of the Lord (2 Timothy 2:3). Some Christians believe by doing great work for God they will enter the Kingdom (Matthew 7:22-23). The most important part of our salvation is total obedience and love (Matthew 5:19; Mark 12:30-31; John 14:23-24). We must love others enough to witness to them to also be saved. Jesus died for our soul, if we truly love the Lord and want to please Him, we have to die from the world because we cannot love both (1 John 2:15-16). God is love and He wants us to love all not just believers. If we have unforgiveness in our hearts that is a great sin. We have to forgive and not hate others no matter what they have done to us. His word says the people who are living in darkness are the ones who do not forgive (1 John 2:11). If one does not forgive then they also cannot be forgiven by God and that will prevent that person from entering the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 6:14-15). As much as the Lord suffered for our eternity, whatever we sacrifice for Him is really insignificant compared to what He went through. Some Christians think when they receive the Lord into their hearts by faith that is all they have to do in their Christian life but this actually is a deception from the Devil. According to Philippians 2:12, we must work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We must never forget that without a pure heart no one can see the Lord (Matthew 5:8, Ephesians 5:27, Hebrews 12:14). God is so holy that any defiled thing cannot enter His Kingdom. I believe this is why God showed me so many people outside





Some people tell me that being in the valley is better than Hell. Yes, of course it is better than Hell, but we still have a chance to receive the wonderful promises of God if we enter His Kingdom. All He requires from us is a small sacrifice and that is to be obedient and to love Him above all. Jesus suffered and died for our eternity so why shouldn't we receive all that He prepared for us? We should be looking forward to being the most beautiful Bride of Christ. Why shouldn't we give up all worldly habits and try to please the Lord? We are only on this earth for such a short period of time but with the Lord it will be forever and the happiest time we could ever imagine. Whatever we sacrifice while we are here on earth is all worth it. In Linda's message she commented on how Christians are watching too much television. Truly reborn Christians do not watch worldly things on television or listen to worldly music. Like God says, we cannot enjoy both the world and Him. We must understand that the tribulation has begun but none of us will know the day or hour when the rapture will actually occur. We have to patiently wait and never give up, just be ready and wait for the Lord because no one can understand God's will (Isaiah 55:8-9). I believe those who are not ready and waiting are going to be very surprised how soon the rapture could happen. The Lord is concerned about some pastors and He is very dissatisfied with them because they are not teaching about the End time, Rapture and Mark of the Beast (# 666). God says these pastors are going to be left behind with members of their congregation and most of those church bodies will receive the Mark of the Beast because they have never been taught what will happen to them if they receive this number. This is why the Lord says most Christians left behind will become Satan's. The Lord also spoke against most churches that have business on His holy day (buying and



selling things) and to spend money on the Lord's Day. According to the Lord, Christians should only use money on the Lord's Day for tithes and offerings (Nehemiah 10:31 and 13:15, 1 Corinthians 16:2). I am humble and thankful to God for allowing me to write this for my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I pray this message from our Lord will be a blessing and an eye opener to every reader so His Bride will be ready and waiting for the rapture of the Body of Christ, Amen. **I have been sounding the alarm through the mouths of my prophets. They have heard me tell of my intentions to come in months past. And, I have been ready! All in heaven is now prepared and ready and I am giving this one last shout! There shall be no other delay, past this one! I only delay now as my bowels of mercy and compassion have been moved to extend this time for a short time indeed! For, many of you, oh My Bride, stand on the brink of being ready! But, you are not ready!"**

I have just reproduced Bro Choo Thomas's message. The only aspect I am a bit confused about is whether some Christians would be raptured before the reign of the anti-Christ. I have the feeling that all of us would pass through the test of the anti-Christ. The Bible says that everyone would take the mark of the Beast except those whose names are written in the lamb's book of life. All we can do now is to ensure that our names are written in the lamb's book of life by living a holy life. Be sober and be vigilant because, I personally feel that, compromisers would willingly receive the mark of the beast, because of their inability to suffer hunger for a season. I guess that's why the Bible says that the days would be shortened for the sake of the elect.

“I THOUGHT I WAS INSANE”

One of the early rejoinders I received to my “Sinking Sands” column in the newspapers was a man who called to say that he had been noticing everything I had mentioned in my article for some years now but that since everyone appeared to be at peace with what was happening he felt that may be he was insane. He says that his job takes him to the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission regularly to register companies and over the years he has seen thousands of churches get registered only to explode few years later as money-spinning (mega- rich) organizations. What he finds more confusing is the fact that the senior pastors and their team are usually registered as TRUSTEES and not the owners of the churches. Yet they end up having an absolute control of the finances and the assets without being accountable to anybody. Naturally, absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Another respondent said to me that her pastor says a church is not a charity organization. Well, she needs to ask him whether it is a business venture because the Bible makes us understand that the money in the church is for building the house of God, paying salaries to the Levites that is the full time workers, the priests, helping the widows “who are widows indeed” and the needy. The church is not supposed to be a money -making venture at all. It is a non -profitable organization.

However, I leave everyone to their conscience and to the Holy Spirit. This is an issue over which people are ready to spill blood.

DO REJOINDERS VINDICATE?

Someone sent an angry text message accusing me of being negative because according to him, he married his wife as a virgin at age 29, and therefore, not every Pentecostal is in sexual bondage. He also challenged me to “be bold and publish all the rejoinders” that I may have received so far ,,,,,,,,,,So, here they are, Sir.

Dear Sis, Jess,

I am a regular reader of your column. I just want to thank you for being His voice in this generation. Many listen to you and are revived. Please don't stop.

Thank you for making me shed tears as I read your page on the existential realities in our Christian life in which I am a culprit. May God revive me through Christ, Amen? From: 08033299222.

I am angry the way churches and pastors preach for only prosperity. They are chasing men with riches instead of them to preach like John the Baptist.,,,,,, Please pray for me. Thanks 08055458669.

Your message is the truth. Keep it up. God bless you. 08062063719

RE: “THE CHURCH HAS COMPROMISED”

Sister Jess,

Where have you been?



Your write up was a BOMB. I was brought up in a Pentecostal church. I tell you my father will empty his pocket in the name of sowing seed, church building etc. yet he could not afford my school fees. The pastors then will send their children to nice schools, but I was struggling to pay my fees. I read that a pastor's son was given 12 cars on his wedding in one magazine. Remain blessed. Obinna 08033819918.

True talk my SIS. The church has failed in Nigeria. John D. Enugu, 08080595779

Pastor brought his car key to church and asked members to donate that anyone who donates must buy car that year. Nothing happened after many years. Joseph Sapele, 08075188598,,

I want you to tell our so called men of God, who spend billions of naira on private jets and exotic and posh houses while some of their members are dying of hunger, the home truth. Matthew, Lagos 08066220853.

Worldliness has taken over the church. But I trust God that the standard of the Bible can not be changed. Chibueze. From Kaduna. 07032466292

You have won my heart with this little piece. You will get a lot of condemnations from paid agents of these money-hunting pastors. Damian. 08055333900

Avoid them and their teachings like lepers.

As for you, keep on revealing evil in the church. God will keep you safe, bless and protect you. Bitrus Ibrahim. Maiduguri 08062937306.



Their fruits have exposed them for what they are: Agents of Satan. The church of God should be on the alert for such. 08062937306.

Your publication in the Daily Sun is very interesting and indeed truthful. God bless you and your ministry. How can I partner with you 08065597311

Well I am not going to blame the pastors but my people. Please advise them to read the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. You made my day,,,,,.Thanks.08076207557.

Do you know that the pastor behind my house tells his members that the amount of money they put is the amount of blessing they will get? God's blessing for sale? 08073655076.

I agree with all you wrote. Pastor Joy. Abuja 08036281348

The church must arise and address the issues you just raised if we are to move forward. Pastor Chuks. 08055828298.

What a vivid expose on the monumental corruption perpetuated in some of our religious high places. May God deliver us from the antics of some of the “god of men” parading themselves as “men of God” sister Jess, keep it up and may God bless your ministry. From Onwuka Orji 08033007839.

Sister Jess, thanks for that brilliant observation in that article published in *The Sun*. I hope our clergy men will take correction from it. Joe. Obudu- Cross River 08085053807





Spot on girl. I had to stop mid way into your intelligent piece to send my words of support. Most times when people take issues with the debasement of Christian virtues by fraudulent pastors they are treated as antichrist. Endee. 08083888778.,

I hope the evil pastors and their wayward followers have read it also? Ntekim, Akwa Ibom 08027960597

The church needs revival and pastors need intercession. Keep up the good work., 08053642193

The write up is a great one. The Lord strengthen you. Monica from Kaduna 08074851336.

Some time ago, I wrote an article in my Newspaper column entitled *A Nation in Spiritual Prison, I would also like you to read some of the responses that followed.*

RE: NATION IN SPIRITUAL PRISON

I have been reading your column for sometime now; you are doing a great job. Don't let those wolves in sheep skin stop you. 08053412338

Like what Jesus said to Peter in Mathew 16:17 God has revealed to you what is happening in our country. What we have are social clubs as churches. 08051950968

Where have you been before now? Thanks for being the lone voice crying. The one that annoys me most is why Pastors preach tithing and the poor members pay, only to use the money to build schools affordable only by the rich. Obviously, judgment has started from the church. John Ogbonnah, Abuja. 08081403424



I just finished reading your article of 25-09-09 in daily **Sun** newspaper, titled *A Nation In Spiritual Prison*. It is a wonderful write- up, you said the facts of what is happening to the nation, please keep it up. We are in total darkness in this country & we're all hypocrites, in short both Christians & the Muslim brothers are the same. We intentionally ignore the sound doctrine of our religion. And our so called leaders are the types of Scribes & Pharisees spoken about in the Bible by Jesus Christ i.e. our Political, Traditional & Religious leaders. They have joined together to destroy the nation due to their wickedness and greed. They are our local terrorists. 08076045665

I just finished reading your yesterday's topic and I was so moved about it. 08057714472

You really say what is happening in the society especially in the churches and its pastors. They have ruined this country. 07089593860.

You are indeed a replica of Tai Solarin in his days at Campus Square Lagos. They tag me antichrist because I don't go to church. I hate seeing hypocrisy in the house of God. Dele Ajakaye 08033321850

The big pastors are mostly interested in your tithe and offerings, but they conveniently forget what the Bible said the money should be used for. They have to open branches in America and UK but they have little time for villages like Umuoyoro. Where do you want them to park their big jets there? 08036752298

Your write up is rich. I share the same view with you. Buddy Abuja 08053883215

I just read your article: *A Nation in Spiritual Prison*. At least there is someone whose heart still bleeds like mine. Joshua, Lagos 08059297669.



That was brave. Nigeria with its population of people living in poverty needs some sensitization including the Spiritual leaders. Bro. Chike O8023743223

Bravo! But watch it my dear Sis, the truth is bitter in this 'Nation of Vipers' Even among the self called pastors & G.Os. May they 'pass over' you when they see the blood of Christ. Bro. Browne 08078798758

A Nation in Spiritual Prison is not just a wake up call to any genuine Minister of the Gospel. It is an indictment on any one operating within the five fold ministry whose motive is to fleece his flock. Thank God He is not a man and will keep His promise to commence His judgment from the Church! What a pain to be told "Depart from my sight, I know you not"! To be a cast away? God Forbid! Kalu Ude 08074030824

Sister Jess. Sister Jess, Sister Jess! How many times did I call you? So you say Christianity in Nigeria is a big scam? 07025480103

Sister Jess, People like you are born not made, you have started something that would open the eyes of people to see what is going on around them. You are a bomb and a pride to womanhood. Nadia

What you said in the *Sun* is the truth, do you know for two years now I don't go to any church because of 419 pastors. I gave my life to Christ over 14 years ago but what I now see today is just businessmen in the pulpit. Richy 08033039390

Your article was a heart touching message that pierces the heart down to the marrow, how I wish we all can take corrections and mend our ways. Nigeria will be better. 08032213650



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Bravo! But watch it my dear Sis, the truth is bitter in this 'Nation of Vipers' Even among the self called pastors & G.Os. May they 'pass over' you when they see the blood of Christ. Bro. Browne 08078798758

You have forgotten that they will add more salt to their injury. Their schools & hospitals are in "hi Heavens" Only the rich with long ladders can get there 08035007336

Your piece *A Nation in Spiritual Prison* apparently exposes the ills and filths these so called 'men of God' represent. Their life style, their arrogant display of wealth in the midst of excruciating poverty amongst their flocks 'under duress' is an irony. Most annoying thing is that these charlatans assume positions of tin gods and are revered even higher than our most high God. Please tell the world more. 08033111242

A pastor once told me that church is not a charity organization 08034232506

I would rather have sex with my spouse to be, than to marry a 'stranger' and suffer divorce thereby offending God and man after vowing 'for better for Worse'. 08037561163

You really touched my heart with your write up today; I will Re-establish my contact with God. What you said about your London Landlady runs through my mind every Sunday. Kunle 0803308686

THE BREAST OF THE MATTER

I thought I was the only “judgemental old-fashioned lady” on this planet now until I reconnected with my ex-colleague Eugenia Abu last month. She blessed me with a copy of her book “In the Blink of an Eye”. I read the book with so much relish and decided to publish this particular article from the book. You will love me this once for bringing you this awesome piece written by my friend Mrs. Eugenia Abu, the beautiful news caster, an epitome of decency.

“Call it whatever you like- thoracic protrusion,,,, mammary glands,,,,, boobs ,,,,the breast,, soft tissue carried by the female homosapien- and you will be right in all the definitions. This is part of the woman's body that nurtures children, where a child drinks deep of nature's milk to become the robust wide-eyed, toothy smiling six month old you see holding tight to his mum anywhere in the world. Although it serves other sensual purposes, this is hardly discussed publicly, and the part of the body itself is never admittedly the centre of attraction.....

The new fashion for some Nigerian girls, and sadly some women, is breast flashing. Décolletage as an art form is now a source of embarrassment in churches, public places and public events. Older women obscenely assault you with all sorts of sagging breasts pressed up by expensive brassieres to keep things afloat, showing flesh in a disgustingly disgraceful manner. These cleavages, were they restricted to young girls will be described as youthful adventurism.

What about our mothers and some grandmothers? Their need to enhance matters sometimes leads to a laughable jack-in-the-box syndrome – you get an uncomfortable feeling that everything is about to pop out. Some men look embarrassingly away, some gawk, some look hard, stare and are permanently distracted. I have watched a young woman cause an accident just by her sheer nudity. A gawking

male driver was none the wiser; an electric pole became his destination as his now unmanned car, no thanks to the girl, plunged headlong unto a pole. And this plunging neckline has now become the past time of some young nubile females whose only interest today is attracting the opposite sex. (Let me add “attracting the opposite sex just for sex and nothing more) Richard Mofe Damijo, many years ago, said he found it a bit distractive to see a woman letting it all hang out. He says men would rather be curious about a well-covered woman.

Clothes are made to show off more these days. My tailor tells me that the girls complain when it does not show enough. Some girls tell me there are deliberate efforts to ensure it attracts or distracts the opposite sex. I hear this is part of the reason some schools are asking for dress codes to keep their female students in check. Some human rights activists are up in arms, complaining that the code is impinging on their rights. What about us the rest of us who don't want to be assaulted, have we no rights?

When finishing school, we were encouraged to wear a firm bra, to, look smart and walk smart. Today's young ladies obviously tutor themselves in the opposite direction: a slack bra is the order of the day. No bra is standard in some instances: the more you let hang out, the more fashionable you are. Some of these breasts, forgive my impudence, are not even good enough for show: flat wrinkled or simply flat like an inflated balloon.

There are some men who believe some of these women treat their breasts as live accessories, that is, display them all in the open. I mean it is now like an ear-ring or a scarf. And if you don't have the courage, you are “boring”, not “bold” and not “happening”. But let me even look at the reasons for the showing.



Is it for your self-esteem? Really? Tell me about it! Is it for the opposite sex? If this is so where is your pride in your body? Where are his own body parts? Let him show it in the papers for us women to see. Is it to attract attention? Nobody forgets a bulging, tattooed obscene cleavage - we remember it for all the wrong reasons. Is it for fashion? How much of a slave can you be? Is it to follow trends and be modern? With these pictures starring you in the face five years down the road, where will you be looking and where would your children and your spouse be looking, if you have any?.....

Whatever it is that leads these women down the path of a permanent state of undress let me offer my personal opinion. Listen, for the young ones, your brain, your confidence and decent dressing will see you through this turbulent world. I am not sure a pair of nude breasts ever took anyone very far; well, except to a bed”.



LIBERALISM GONE MENTAL

When Hezekiah was king of Israel, according to second Chronicles chapter 31, he assigned the priest and Levites to offer burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He also instructed them to minister, to give thanks and to sing praises at the gates of the Lord's dwelling. The king was so keen on obeying the word of the Lord that “he ordered the people living in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priest and Levites so that they could devote themselves to the law of the Lord”.

The Bible records that “as soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the first fruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything. The men of Israel and Judah who lived in the towns of Judah also brought a tithe of their herds and flocks and a tithe of the holy things dedicated to the Lord their God and they piled them in heaps”. This shows the supremacy of the law of the Land.

Hezekiah was the ruler and thank God he was a Christian so the children of Israel that he ruled over obeyed him when he gave a guideline about how the bounty was to be shared among the priests and the Levites. **Every one of them from the young Levites to the Chief priest were entitled to the offerings as workers in the temple. They had to build a store house for the rest of the goods after giving everyone their due portion.**



(Emphasis mine). When Hezekiah asked them about the surplus, the chief priest Azariah answered “since the people began to bring their contributions to the temple of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and plenty to spare because the Lord has blessed His people and this great amount is left over”.

Hezekiah assigned different officers in charge of the various categories of offerings and there was proper distribution of stuff to everyone who was connected to the temple duties both old and young, because they “were faithful in consecrating themselves”. This scenario is totally at variance with the Husband and Wife Plc we have as the church of God these days. The situation is more like capitalism gone mental. As one Evangelist Emmanuel Oha said during the recently held regional convention of the Methodist Church in Nigeria: “the people of God need to be liberated from self professed ministers of the Gospel who are materially inclined and are busy merchants of the anointing at the expense of the demon harassed society”. I did not say this; it was a Methodist minister that said it at a public forum.

In his message at the convention entitled “Righteousness exalts a nation” Evangelist Oha insists that God is “in search of a man who will illuminate the path of the contemporary church with sexual purity and practical holiness. One who is ready to pay the price for the emancipation of the church from the shackles of worldliness”. He is campaigning for Christians “ who would earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints no matter your occupation, profession, trade, sex,



colour or title”. He is challenging us to submit to God's will by making ourselves available to be used by Him without any hidden agenda or cash-inspired motive.

Let us preach the unadulterated word of God that convicts and saves, not goody, goody messages that are socially acceptable. The Bible already warned us in the book of Timothy that a time would come when they would not endure sound doctrine.

The other day I heard one pastor speaking on a popular Christian station in Southern Nigeria, and advising couples to go ahead with oral sex, since “it's just between the two of them”. I was shocked that a pastor with his own ministry and a radio outreach could say that.

Thereafter I got a text message from one of the readers of this column asking me whether anal sex and oral sex were permissible for married couples. If I had any doubt that we were in the last days, I certainly have it no more. The Bible said in the last days iniquity shall abound. And as far as I am concerned oral sex and anal sex are iniquities. What I know for sure is that sex is simply called sex. There are age old sexual organs we all know. It is called male organ and female organ. Forget all this stuff about leg sex, hand sex or mouth sex. It's pornography. It comes from an opium culture. It's demonic. It's sheer perversion. It is rebellion against God's word.

The book of Romans chapter one talks about the people who change the truth of God's word into a lie and they exchanged the natural use of their body for that which is unnatural. Men abandoned natural relations with women and were having sex with fellow men. How? Anal Sex of course! So, why would a married man leave the natural use of his wife's



body and get into anal sex or oral sex. This was the question I put across to that Radio pastor when I eventually met him in his office. I also asked him whether he practises oral sex with his wife and he said NO. I asked him why, he said, and I quote, “because it is unnatural”. You can say that again I added. It is absolutely unnatural to have sex through your mouth or your anus. The natural use of the mouth is not sexual at all and when you leave the natural use of the body for that which is unseemly it is called sexual perversion. At the end of our discussion he said unless God convicts him personally about oral sex he would not preach against it. I pray God convicts him someday soon.

The Bible says in Proverbs 21 verse 16 “The man that wanders out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead”. That's the congregation that is dead to holiness, dead to sexual purity dead, to sanctification and dead to consecration yet alive to worldliness and sexual perversion. Their spiritual perception becomes clouded by pornographic movies from the Kingdom of darkness. The spirit behind such abomination is called the spirit of rebellion, a spirit that says NO to holiness, decency and decorum. That's the spirit that converts a person's mouth into a sex organ in the name of oral sex. And there is no telling what else it could push you into- masturbation, lesbianism, or homosexuality, and tattoos. Who knows?

I know I have dealt extensively with this issue of sexual perversion in my previous articles but let me caution once again that what comes out of a man during intercourse is meant to travel through a certain route to a woman's womb. Its destination is neither the stomach nor the colon. When you commit sexual sin, the Bible says you are sinning against your own body. In this case, you are also committing the same



abomination that made God destroy the people of Sodom and Gomorrah with hail and brimstone and remember he's not a partial God.

Let's stop all this stuff about mouth sex, leg sex, nose sex, anal sex, Internet sex, cellphone sex or sex-ting and the rest of them. If God, the only righteous judge, wiped out Sodom and Gomorrah because men were having sex with men he would certainly do the same to anyone who refuses to have sex the proper way he has ordained it to be.

Please I am not preaching hate or destruction, all I am saying is that God's laws are sacred. No amount of pornographic films or space age civilization can change them. All His laws are for our own good and there are already laid out consequences for every action we take in life. Some consequences are more fatal than others. That's just the way God has programmed them into the universe and no one can rig them.

Do you know that some Christians don't want to hear about hell fire? Let me advise that it is completely unacceptable for Christians to downplay this looming calamity upon the world. Or to simply pretend that it may never happen.



IF THE MILK IS FREE WHY PAY FOR THE COW?

Have you noticed that the world is running into hell like it's heaven? Watch how they are rejecting heaven like it's hell. It brings to my mind the revelation a Pastor friend shared with my husband and I about the reign of the anti-Christ. He said that he saw in a night vision, many high level ministers of the gospel, including Bishops, kneeling down before the Beast to receive the 666 mark. Nobody could make a living without receiving the mark, he said. So, these men of God had to play ball because they could not endure the hunger and starvation suffered by those who refused to receive the mark. That's the same spirit of compromise and desire for material comfort that has now emboldened the church to embrace mammon worship and outrageous affluence in the name of prosperity. We don't seem to care where the money is coming from because money can be intoxicating like alcohol. Once under the influence you no longer think of right and wrong. That's why most ministers contrive all manner of tactics to fleece the flock and amass stupendous wealth.

We use the microphone effectively to manipulate people into giving their last dime and just go ahead to talk monetary economics and how to make it fast in life. Young men are then pushed into drug trafficking, duping, also known as 419 or advance fee fraud, outright stealing as in pen robbery, covetousness, extortion, bribery, and cultism just to make more money, sow more seeds and make an impact in church. Blood money? Who cares?

Suddenly the salvation message has become the exclusive preserve of the elites. And you need a dictionary by your side to understand

it. Only the rich can receive “anointed handshake” from the men of God after making some donations. Every occultist Governor or politician is welcomed to big time pulpits in order to launder their battered image and score cheap political points. Of course they end up defiling the temple of God.

I actually want to share with you once again some of the cases I have come across in the course of this work that have only strengthened my resolve to stay the course. It was a few months after I went into full time ministry. I developed a television programme entitled *Teenage Life with Sister Jess* which focused only on teen issues like “how to control youthful passions“, “low self-esteem” “self-control” and other related issues.

A middle-aged lady who watched the show got in touch with me and eventually brought her teenage daughter for counselling because she caught her having sex with her lesson teacher under the dinning table while this woman was cooking in the kitchen.

For the first time in many years the woman was at home that particular evening. She has the kind of job that takes her out of the home from sunset to sunrise instead of the other way round. That's the kind of situation that leaves young people on their own and at the mercy of unscrupulous and shameless men even when they have been entrusted with a 15 year-old girl's welfare. Yes the girl was only 15 and I believe she must have been in Junior secondary (JS2) at the time.

This girl was later to confess to me during counselling that she had been doing the same thing with her class teacher on a regular basis as well as with the boys in the neighbourhood. Her mother was heartbroken. I felt like committing murder. But who do I blame? There is enough blame to go round from the teachers to the mother and then the girl's father, whom I was told after detailed investigations, sleeps with any thing in skirt! Foundational pollution here we come! The Bible says in Psalm 11 verse 3 that if the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?

Any one born of a lecherous or polygamous parent has a high tendency of being promiscuous and that's why we insist on the need for deliverance. You can never wish deliverance away no matter how rich or civilized you are.

I received another report about some school children who joined their classmate to celebrate her birthday in school only to end up being initiated into witchcraft by the girl's sophisticated rich mother. It was one of the children's fathers who happened to be a prayer warrior who discovered that his daughter came back from school behaving funny. So he took his time to investigate what happened in the school that day. He discovered that most of the other students who ate and drank at the party were also behaving funny. They happen to live in the same estate. So he went into prayers. In the night it was revealed to him that the children had been initiated into witchcraft by a marine queen who happens to be the celebrant's mother. She cooked the sumptuous meal the children savoured that day. The man had to minister deliverance to his daughter to nullify the initiation. I can't begin to imagine what became of the rest whose parents have no clue about spiritual matters or those who say there is nothing like deliverance once you are born again.

One of the easiest ways to introduce promiscuity and rebellion into a child is through such witchcraft initiations. The child shuns academics and becomes unruly. She begins to steal money, dresses half-naked, sleeps around shamelessly before and even after marriage. Her long time goal now would be to act naked roles and sex scenes in movies and television drama because she equates notoriety with fame. The people who should call her to order have lost their sense of morality. "Oh it does not matter. It's cool." But unknown to them she has lost control. She is under heavy manipulation by marine witchcraft powers. Then every man that sleeps with her becomes one with her as the Bible says and gets

initiated into witchcraft as well.

One of the symptoms of a man under witchcraft spell is the inability to keep a job, save money, and the inability to resist sexual urge or control lustful passion.

The other day I counselled a young man who was struggling to quit fornication and at the end of our chat he said to me, "....so, what do I tell all these girls now?"

Which girls? I asked. The girls who are constantly putting immense pressure on him to have sex with them, he explained. He says he is unable to say no to them. Well, it's no secret that our girls seem to be suffering from sexual addiction and are so loose that they put so much pressure on the men to keep sleeping with them. Some don't mind a "threesome" or "foursome" as they call it. This actually starts gradually through peer pressure. "All my friends have boyfriends so I must have one". And because sin is very progressive, they go from one boy friend to two then to a married lover and then end up in high wire prostitution. But is that a reason for a man to lose control of his life?

A 19 year-old undergraduate once told me that she had a dream where a man slipped a ring into her finger and said to her that "you are still very young when you grow up I will come back for you." So, when she grows up and finds it difficult to get married in spite of her beauty and career achievements no one would understand. She would just be philosophizing, oblivious of the fact that she's already married to a demon spirit in the spirit realms.

Another lady lamented to me how her church is just full of rich professional single ladies, born-again with a sense of duty, yet no husband. She wants me to tell her what I think is responsible. Can this really be the will of God for them? I assured her that the day these ladies inquire sincerely from God he would reveal to them the reason behind their problem. There are certain things your pastor may never know about you. Only God can reveal them to you when you humble yourself and seek Him with all your heart.



You must get to that point when you shun abiblical attachment to church activities. You should do away with mammon worship, class consciousness in church, and trying so hard to belong. Stop all these acts of "...let me outshine everybody," and keep rolling out financial testimonies that leave others feeling inferior yet no prophetic revelations from God and no meaningful spiritual growth. **You must hate fornication with a passion. If you keep giving a man sexual pleasure without a legal commitment he would never be keen on marriage. If the milk is free why pay for the cow? That's probably one of the reasons the Bible says "flee fornication". Many years ago I heard a minister of God draw a parallel between the kind of privacy we attach to our bank account and our body. She said "when you get into a relationship with a person do you easily allow him or her access to your bank account the same way you allow him easy access to your body? Do you make him, or her, a signatory as fast as you grant him or her access to your body?" So which one is more valuable? Your money or your life? Our parents in the 1930's and 50's got married very early in their days because free sex was a taboo. It was very difficult to come by. And they made a sterling success of marriage more than what we are doing nowadays. They never worried about sexual compatibility before marriage. They sorted it out in marriage at the right place and at the right time. Please let us stop misplacing our priorities.**

When we, The Teenage Life Project, held our mentorship workshop in February 2011, Apostle Adewunmi from Ibadan gave me an interesting book entitled "I Loved A Girl". I have never read a better written, wisdom -loaded book all my life. I could savour every word and every sentence because they express my innermost beliefs in a way that I could never have been able to convey them. The arguments in favour of premarital sexual abstinence were so succinctly marshalled out in simple and racy prose. I want you to relish them as I, in most cases,



reproduce them verbatim without claiming ownership of the ideas. You will, however, notice that the author of the book, Walter Trobisch, sounds so much like me Jessica, John Braimah's wife. Or rather that I sound like him.

According to him "the mystery of sex unfolds better within the confines of a marital union. You can only test (and enjoy) the use of a parachute from a certain height- by jumping off a plane. When you try to jump off a tree with it the experience is never attained". I remember once I preached at a REDEEMED Church programme with Genesis Chapter 2 verse 25, where the Bible says "the man and his wife were naked and unashamed". I drew the attention of the congregation to the kind of shame that follows premarital sex. There is the shame of unwanted pregnancy, shame of betrayal, shame of fornication due to the guilt of sin and the shame of lost virtue which you can never get back. But sex in marriage brings no shame at all. In fact it is usually celebrated to high heavens with a pregnancy and the eventual birth of a baby.

Some people would say I just want to establish sexual compatibility first before I marry her. But why do people still commit adultery after testing the waters and marrying the right sexual partner. Why do they quarrel and divorce even though they were sexually compatible before marriage? The answer is, you can never outsmart God. What causes problems in marriage is selfishness, Godlessness, lack of commitment and as Mr Trobisch reasons "the lack of psychological adjustment of heart and mind". In marriage sexual pleasure is never accompanied by guilt, fear of being caught, or even fear of betrayal. There is enough time in a marriage for the two hearts to open up to each other and beat as one in accordance with the word of God which says that when you join yourself to someone you become one with that person. There is enough time to correct lovingly the





awkwardness and minor difficulties which are always there at the initial stage of your marital and sexual bliss. Premarital sexual abstinence helps a young man to always exercise self control because if you don't have self control before marriage you may never have it in marriage.

“Sex before marriage wakes up a polygamous desire that pants for variety”, says Trobisch. I would actually say that it opens you up to the demons of polygamy or spirit of whoredom which could eventually ruin your life. You acquire wrong habits that would endanger your marriage especially when your wife is out of town or in the labour room or a little bit indisposed. It is self-destructive because it wastes your youthful strength which you should actually spend with the wife of your youth raising your children. You must have a personal conviction of God and who He is. You may need to ask God for a personal revelation that can convict you of sin. When you see sexual sin for what it is, a deadly sin, you would exercise self control over it. A real man is a man who has self control, who does not just flow with his feelings. A real dude does not allow himself to be swayed by the tide but stands firm and says no to temptations or bad influence even in the face of mockery. A real man is a man who knows what he wants, makes a decision and acts on it. A real man does not allow himself to be pushed around. And everywoman wants a real man. In fact that's who God created you to be. A real man!

Once you feel you cannot hold on to your sexual desires just do the right thing-get married. That's what the Bible says. It is better to get married than to burn in lust, says the Bible in first Corinthians 7 verse 9. And if you are already married remain faithful to your spouse that's what you have vowed to do because you are now one flesh.

There is more to marriage than just sex. Listen to this, Walter Trobisch's wife Ingrid, wrote in her book- “Understanding Your Wife; Her Response in the Act of Love”- that sexual compatibility or rather sexual fulfilment is the product of a good marriage and not the other



way round. If there is contention between couples over finances, infidelity or other issues, there would be no sexual harmony at all. There would be no appetite for sex if the two are always arguing and fighting. Premarital sex only blinds you to the reality of building a genuine friendship during courtship. and as Ingrid would say “it blocks the road to sexual bliss in marriage.”



—THE CHURCH HAS COMPROMISED—

I saw an interesting interview, sometime ago on television. Let's chew on it a little bit. A Nigerian pastor was on Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) simply highlighting and praising himself. Then came the big question from his American interviewer: "When we drive on the streets of Lagos, we see so much poverty – There is a wide gap between the haves and have not, what is the Church in Nigeria doing to address this?"

This "big time" Nigerian Pastor of a "big Church" was obviously not expecting this sort of punchy question. He had no simple direct answer except some high fluting expressions about Joseph and Benjamin...and also about Ikechukwu, an Igbo name. By the time you finished listening to him, you would wonder what Benjamin, Joseph and an Igbo name called Ikechukwu had to do with the ostentatious and lavish lifestyle of Nigerian pastors in the midst of glaring, oppressive, poverty. What justification do these pastors have for living in stupendous wealth in the face of hungry- looking junior pastors, and wretched church members? There is no church- funded ministry or department for sustainable poverty alleviation, no tangible scholarship or even bursary awards for indigent students who are regular church members; no form of financial assistance for house rent, no free medical facilities like the old missionaries did in order to win souls, no free education and no effective community development projects. These are things that speak volumes for Christianity. No pastor needs to brag about it from the pulpit. When the foreign missionaries did it, even the blind saw it. There's no need for churches to boast or advertise and praise themselves.



When you get into a church with loads of issues for God to handle, you hear a pastor boasting about his wife, his house, his cars and how "this church cannot make me rich". You wonder why the pastor keeps marketing his books in the church, selling tapes, receiving salaries and monetary gifts from members. "Sow into my anointing, sow into this conference or church project" yet they keep telling others to use their faith to get what they want from God. Every conference that is highly promoted and widely attended becomes a money-spinning show, a big opportunity to raise millions and massage the ego of the ministers. Each day's program is rounded off with financial altar calls in different categories. That's why one Pastor loudly boasted to his members that anyone who has not built his own house at age forty is a failure. What a sermon to preach in a predominantly high unemployment market like Nigeria. A country where mostly the very corrupt and dupes succeed financially.

It really chills my bones to see church members come out to give testimonies and it's all about "if not for daddy (that is the pastor) and mummy (the wife) I would not be alive today. Oh... thank you mummy and daddy". They use over five minutes praising the pastor and then use about three minutes for the real testimony. Every testifier praises pastor to high heavens and the pastor would not feel any form of embarrassment at all. "Oh to God be the glory", he would eventually say. And my question is "which God?". In most churches, pastor is the god. Everyone is focused on pleasing pastor. It's like a spell, I tell you. People hardly notice the lack and poverty amongst church members. All the material gifts, money and attention belong to pastor or so everyone is meant to believe.

I remember one instance when I preached this kind of message in a church, one rich church member confessed to me after the service that he was saddened and humbled by what he heard. He told me that it was during the sermon his eyes opened and he realized that one particular



man he had been seeing in church for years, who always sits in front of him, wears the same shirt and trouser every Sunday. He had to speak to the man after service and opted to change his wardrobe.

One day a pastor brought two brand new jeeps to church and asked the church to bless them. The two jeeps were valued at over Twenty million Naira the equivalent of about eighty thousand pounds. At the back of the church was a poor church member who said all she had been praying to God for was just Sixty Thousand Naira, that's two hundred and forty pounds to pay house rent. She went home still praying for it. There is something improper about Pastors allowing their inner circle to be infiltrated by people of questionable means, thieving politicians, smugglers, and ruthless police officers, as well as society ladies - a euphemism for women of easy virtue- sycophants, and celebrities- that is people who are notorious and famous for idiotic behaviour. The poor amongst them are hardly granted accesses to pastor, but once you are a money bag, pastor is always available.

I really wonder why a man of God would apparently crave so much attention and adulation of the church members yet only a few can enjoy his private counsel. Is it inferiority complex? Is it a slave trade mentality? Greed? Ignorance? Or just meanness? Unto the Lord shall the gathering of the people be, not unto pastor.

It has become common place for servants of God to prey on undiscerning Christians who have no time to read their Bible. Consider men like Ezekiel, Zephaniah, Nahum, Elijah, or even Apostle Paul. They were never cash-driven. They were a study in moderation and sobriety. If we read our Bible very well we would never fall prey to the antics of fellow men that have elevated themselves from "MEN OF GOD" to "god of men". They have turned God's work into corporate empires. Husband and wife Plc! Their children are being trained in more developed and civilized societies at the expense of other people's sweat and blood only so that they could come back a few years later to take over the family heirloom just as it is done in private businesses.



If a Nigerian politician like late Chief Obafemi Awolowo could preach and actualize free education in the western region of the country why can't these "god of men" emulate him? Why should men of God build Schools and Universities that only upper class kids can afford? Any child who is brilliant but has poor parents is not qualified to school in Schools owned by Pentecostals! Only the children of rogue contractors, unscrupulous money bags and politicians of corrupt means are qualified to be in such schools. Why has the church decided to serve mammon when Jesus told us pointedly that we cannot serve God and mammon? A pastor who has enough time to shop for trendy suits, shoes, cars and cosmetics, while counting cost of blocks for the mega church project, dating ladies in the church, watching pornography on the net, traveling the world, and keeping up with pop culture, what time does he really have to study the word, hear God, and minister to his flock? Why has the church compromised so badly? What really happened? You may say it's part of the end time signs and I will not argue. However, there are still a few ministers of God who are not cash- inspired. They are quite few, sadly because "narrow is the way that leads to eternal life" and only few go therein and "broad is the way that leads to eternal damnation", that's where the crowd troops into.

These few dedicated men and women of God may not be on television, may not have big titles, remember Jesus never did, may not even have a big congregation and the liquidity that comes with it, may not be fashionable or glamorous, yet they are worthy ambassadors of the gospel. Of course, they are tempted daily to be like others, who doesn't like to be validated, by the world. But they know that friendship with the world is enmity with Christ. They know that Godliness and Worldliness are staunch enemies. They don't belong together at all. Forget all this hype artistry and arrogance in the body of Christ. Mark 10 vs. 44 says "whoever shall be the greatest among you shall be servant of all". Pastors are called to serve the flock by ministering to them, not to snob poor members of the church or intimidate people,





talk down on everyone, engage in self-exaltation, and exhibit all forms of tribalism, envy, enslavement of junior ministers in the name of “service to God” and then pay poor wages to staff while living in luxury.

This kind of lifestyle is a study in the manifestation of selfishness at its most sophisticated form, arrogance, competitive spirit, greed and sheer wickedness. Those are not godly virtues at all.

When pastors in Nigeria started plastering their faces on billboards at strategic points on Lagos roads I felt a bit embarrassed for them. Why? They are not God. Do they really need bill board adverts of their faces to win souls? Imagine if the Lagos State Governor had not destroyed those billboards it would have been a case of Pastors not only trying to out do one another, but also trying so hard to out do politicians. The entire Lagos roads would have been covered with billboards. What a pity! The word of God says it all in Eccl. 4 vs. 4 “and I saw that all labour and all achievement spring from man's envy of his neighbour. This too is vanity and a chasing after the wind.” I remain speechless when I watch men of God receiving honorary awards from the world when the bible warns us never ever to accept awards from men Jesus our mentor, never accepted accolades and award from men because “he knew the hearts of men.” They are the enemies of God.

Brethren, we need a change of heart, call it a spiritual transplant. Why? We are so self-seeking, so self-centred, and so manipulative? In Ezekiel 36 verse 26 God says “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you”. We must ask God to do this miracle in our life otherwise the devil would continue to have the last laugh at our expense.



— WE SURELY NEED DELIVERANCE —

Sometime ago I listened to a message by a man of God, Pastor Ige, and I was inspired to recall what I learnt. His teachings about deliverance opened my eyes to some home truths.

When we talk about deliverance, we need to be very detailed about it otherwise some very ignorant Christians would dismiss it with a wave of the hand until they find themselves in a precarious condition where nothing but deliverance prayers would set them free. We need to also talk about blood deliverance. That should come up when we are dealing with our foundations or immediately after going through some general deliverance sessions. To be set free from all manner of bondages is what deliverance is all about?

So, it is erroneous for any one to tell you that you do not need deliverance just because you are born again. It is simply in levels and when you start going through it you would discover you have layers of age long bondages that you need to be delivered from and you will forever be grateful to God and to deliverance ministers. Yes I am talking from years of reflective study of the word of God. And I am also a proud beneficiary of deliverance ministrations. I am not talking about someone pushing you down in the name of casting out demons or taking you to the river to initiate you into marine covenants or taking you into a room to anoint your naked breasts and naked body. Please read on.

Deliverance prayers are prayers that are targeted at destruction of every spirit that is holding your soul in captivity. When you always see yourself having sex in the dream, swimming in rivers, eating and drinking, being attacked by monsters, always pursued by masquerades,



living in very filthy surroundings, or wearing rags, what do you think is happening to you? Or are you one of those who do not dream at all or who dream and forget? Do you think it is proper for a Christian not to dream dreams?

Deliverance prayers are prayers that break the power of the world over your souls. Such prayers also break every conscious and unconscious evil covenants between you and the devil or made by your forefathers between you and family idols. Old things do pass away when you get born again but covenants don't. They must be consciously broken and replaced with a superior covenant which is the covenant in the blood of Jesus which is a new foundation.

When a Christian embarks upon foundational deliverance it means he is ready to be totally delivered from evil family covenants. The idea of dealing with foundations includes healing the family tree. It is a strategic means of redeeming one's lineage from the curses of idol worship, evil dedications, age-long ancestral covenants and the consequences of eating foods sacrificed to idols and having sexual, relations outside the marriage covenant. At some point in our Christian race, we must use the blood of Jesus to cleanse our polluted family line and break all generational curses. Thereafter, there is need to embark upon cleansing one's blood and those of family members. The book of Joel 3 v. 21 says, "For I will cleanse their blood", this is God speaking thorough prophet Joel, "cleanse their blood which I have not cleansed". Deliverance prayers enable you to cleanse and purge yourself and your foundation with the precious blood of Jesus.

This is the most effective form of family deliverance and breaking of generational curses. God said this because the Israelites were very rebellious but he decided to deliver them by promising them in Joel Chapter 2 v. 32 that: whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered for on mount Zion and in Jerusalem, there shall be deliverance, as the LORD had said, in the remnant whom "the LORD shall call". He promised them in Joel 3 v. 20 that Judah shall dwell



forever and Jerusalem from generation to generation. Then in verse 21, He said, "I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed". Unless their blood is cleansed they would continue in rebellion in spite of the fact that they are God's chosen people. Deliverance prayers create, in you, the hunger and thirst for holiness and also opens you up to the mind of Christ.

Our flesh, what we call the old man or our old Adamic nature, is rebellious and this rebellion is simply in our blood. It is only God that can deliver us by cleansing our blood. There is only one deliverer Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, author and finisher. You need Jesus as your Lord and Saviour; you need to surrender to him, before you can be delivered. Deliverance is the children's meat. You can't have deliverance unless you are a child of God. Your salvation must take place before your deliverance can happen. Every believer needs deliverance unless you are sure the devil never attacks you or that you never had an idolatrous background, never committed sexual sin, never told a lie or never belonged to any worldly association. Once you break the hedge of Gods protection by committing a sin the enemy has a right to attack you and hold you in bondage.

You must be set free from bondages and demonic manipulations, for your spiritual eyes to be opened. You need to see visions; you need to receive revelations directly from God not through your Pastor alone. You need spiritual cleansing so that you can live a holy life.

Obadiah 1 v. 17 says on mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness, and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. This is not about the size of your church or the fame of your pastor and bishops. It is about your personal salvation.

Mt. Zion refers to a place of prayer, church of the first born, innumerable company of angels while the house of Jacob means Israel. Believers are spiritual Israel because we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and saviour. After deliverance, then there shall be holiness. There





cannot be holiness without spiritual cleansing, purging and purifying. Bible says God created man and breathed His life into man. Leviticus 17 v. 11 says, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood". This blood got polluted when Adam and Eve ate that apple, the forbidden fruit. When I was younger and ignorant about the word of God, I used to think or they told me, please don't ask me who, they told me that the forbidden fruit means sex.

Now that I am able to read and understand the word of God, I am convinced, it is actually an apple that they ate nothing to do with sex because in chapter two of Genesis, well before chapter three where the serpent convinced Eve to eat the fruit, the Bible had already said in Gen. 2 v. 24-25 that "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" – This is talking about sex. God had already created and approved of sex only within the confines of marriage; hence he said "the man shall cleave unto his wife" not unto his wives rather singular, one wife.

Therefore, it was the apple that Adam ate that is called the forbidden fruit, not sex. This fruit is called the forbidden fruit because God had forbidden them from eating it. So, every descendant of Adam, humanity as a whole, has the blood of rebellion flowing in his or her vein, because Adam rebelled against the word of God. That is why once a child starts growing up, he starts telling lies, tell a child not to touch this thing, he would do it. Nobody needs to teach him to be disobedient. It is in the blood. I can recall instances in the village when people would gossip about someone who's a thief and they would say it's in his blood he can't stop stealing. This is a direct reference to the fact that the person's father or grandfather was a thief too. We cannot ignore these realities.

Sin is natural with humanity because of the blood. Your blood is your life, your nature and no doctor can heal you of blood-inherited character defects. Only Jesus can cleanse you with His blood. I know of



a very scandalous story of a respected man of God whose teenage son is wayward and dubious. I cannot say whether he has been delivered now. Most of the time, the excuse is that children of ministers are targets of satanic attack but it could well be something that flows from the family gene. If you refuse to deal with your blood issues now they would wait until you rise to the top of your career and they could push you to commit iniquity without dignity. Most character flaws are blood related. Many so-called born-again Christians claim they don't need deliverance just like those Jews in the book of John 8 v. 31 "To the Jews who had believed him Jesus said, if you hold to my teaching, if you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed. "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". They answered him, "we are Abraham's seed and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free". That's exactly the argument of some Pentecostals. "Deliverance from what? I'm born again. Jesus has already delivered me. He has set me free...." Please note that Jesus was talking to Jews who were believers. Jews were once in bondage of Egyptians. Remember? They were once in bondage to the Babylonians. They were once slaves also in Persia during the days of Esther and Haman. Yet they said to Jesus that because they were Abraham's seed they were never in bondage to anyone. Well Jesus put it to them in the same book of John 8 v. 34 Jesus answered them, "Whosoever commits sin is a slave to sin". So my advice to Christians is as long as you commit sin you are in need of deliverance. Sin enslaves and pollutes you spiritually, blinds you and leaves you at the mercy of demons hence the need to cleanse yourself spiritually through severance prayers, on a regular basis. Remember the Bible says when the hedge is broken the serpent would bite. Sin breaks the hedge of God's protection over our life. It gives the enemy a legal ground to attack or harm us. Sin is ugly and blood related sin is more dangerous than witches and wizards. Those habits that you try so hard to stop every New Year but have been unable to are in the blood.





If you have ever received blood transfusion due to illness, you may have been transfused with so many things that would pollute your destiny. People who have been involved in blood covenants knowingly through cultism or unknowingly by being dis-virgined or by dis-virging a woman need blood deliverance. Having sex with someone you are not legally married to leads to a soul tie covenant. All such covenants are dangerous because through them you acquire demons of immorality i.e. demons of prostitution, demons of violence, anger, cheating, lying, jealousy, hatred, malice and bitterness. These demons constitute very destructive strongholds in your life.

If you have eaten anything sacrificed to idols or swallowed occultic objects, your blood has become adequately polluted. This is the same thing with people who have tattoos on their body or who have received injection in the dream.

There is no need feeling guilty or so afraid that you secretly seek help from native doctors and occultic prophets in white garments. There is power in the blood of Jesus as an effective weapon of cleansing and deliverance. It is very easy to have a gun and not know how to use it. This is the problem with so many so-called born-again Christians. We have become so lazy and highly dependent on our pastors so the pastors just manipulate us and make merchandise of us. Pastors would say to people “You don't need any deliverance, just speak the word and sow your seed”. Truth is you can't bribe God. I tell you. Forget about this entire microwave Christianity. You must fast and pray. You can not keep dismissing dry fast with a wave of the hand.

We all know that whatever we eat daily eventually gets absorbed into our blood stream. That's why when the doctors want to know if you have too much sugar, or protein, or fat in your body, they test your blood. Nutritionist would say to us “you are what you eat”. So our blood can equally get polluted or contaminated through what we eat. This is a constant revelation. Your blood can reveal the illness in you: if they want to test whether you have malaria or typhoid or diabetes, they



test your blood, your blood can reveal who your real father is and it can reveal your genotype – AA, AS, SS.

Also what passes from a man to a woman in a sexual relationship is blood, which eventually combines together with that of the woman to form a human being. The life of the flesh is in the blood, once a woman conceives, whether oneday or one week, there is life there and once you abort that pregnancy you have killed a life, you have shed innocent blood, you have stopped a beating heart and you have committed murder. You have also bonded with the spirit of abortion which leads to aborted dreams and aborted relationships. This demon spirit would afflict your destiny.

Your sweat and saliva carry blood and if you have very offensive body odour it comes from your blood. It is as a result of blood pollution. All illnesses can be traced to your blood. Such diseases like hypertension or high blood pressure can be inherited from your parents, same thing with anger, stealing, bitterness and un-forgiveness, pride, hot temper, drunkenness, malice etc.

Some people whose father and mother had violent anger see themselves manifesting violent rage also. That's why, every one of us, once we get born-again, we should embark on deliverance warfare to separate ourselves from inherited yokes and bondages. This should be progressive. It should include blood deliverance along with series of deliverance sessions where you would use the fire of the Holy Ghost to purify yourself. In fact Isaiah 4 vs. 3-4 says “and it shall come to pass that he that is left in Zion and he that remains in Jerusalem when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and shall purge the blood of Jerusalem by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning”. His fire purges and also purifies.

When your life reflects your mother's bad character or your grand father's cunning ways you need blood deliverance. Just as your physical resemblance could be traced to grandma or great grand pa your wicked ways and tight-fisted nature could also be in your blood which came



from your blood line. There is an English adage that says, “An apple does not fall too far from the tree”. What’s in the well comes up in the bucket”. Yes, remember that, Abraham lied about his wife and so did his son Isaac. Then Jacob perfected the art of lying by adding deception to it and stole Esau’s birthright from their father. We find these stories in Gen 12:13 – 19; Gen 26:6-7.

In Gen. 37 v. 32 – 34 Jacob’s children deceived him by saying that a beast had killed their brother, Jacob’s favourite son Joseph. Jacob mourned deeply. He was heartbroken; he put on sackcloth and was in utter grief for days, yet the children were never moved to tell him the truth. Joseph in the land of Egypt deceived his brothers initially when they came to buy grains in Egypt. He tormented them with fear for some time before he revealed his real identity to them. A lot of ladies became wayward and grossly immoral by no choice of theirs but because their blood had become polluted either through their bloodline (i.e. parents or grandparents) or because they had entered into blood covenants through sex. A demon just takes over their soul. It could be the spirit of whoredom as we see in the book of Hosea chapter 4 and 5 or may be spirit of greed, spirit of lying, spirit of shame, spirit of rebellion or the spirit of selfishness. No amount of sowing seeds or belonging to ministerial causes in the church can nullify this reality rather deliverance prayers along with fasting and night vigils. These are the issues the church should deal with not “protracted” building projects, seminars, conferences, grand-standing, flirting with politicians and then admonishing us to stop being judgmental.

EPILOGUE

Let me explain that the revelation I am about to share with you now is not mine at all. It was sent to my e-mail box just as several had already been sent by some strangers who do not know one another. Even though I have never met them I have no reason to doubt them. Many people send stories and rejoinders to my box but I am often reluctant to publish them. But the ones that I have decided to share with you in this book are simply food for thought.

Before I reproduce one of them here I would like to ask you if you have noticed the way most transactions, from loading your phone to renewal of cable *teevee* subscriptions and even renewal of international passports, are now tied to pin numbers, scratch cards and credit card or ATM cards. I have refused to use ATM cards for now but I don’t know how to escape the web when it comes to passport renewal and internet banking. Do you have any solution? All these are enough signs of the soon to be revealed anti-Christ who is already in our midst. That’s why I am so keen on publishing these revelations that some Christians have received about the tribulation or the reign of the anti-Christ of the 666 (six, six, six) fame. This one reads;

“I saw myself and another sister walking side by side *jesting* normally. A man was walking on the other side, suddenly, the man turned and said the rapture has just taken place 30 seconds ago and looking at the time it was 1.30am. The man proceeded by saying go in the left direction you will find other Christians there, do not go to the right direction. They are taking the mark already. Go now, I give you one minute. I asked him what about you? He turned and said “I am the anti-Christ who has lived in your midst for so long waiting for this day.” I was confused but my spirit said run, my son, run. We ran and on covering some distance I turned back, lo and behold the man we left

had turned into the anti-Christ. We kept running and saw many other people running as well.

We got to a very large auditorium, too large to be described and behold multitude of Christians. Brethren, it was a terrifying experience. People of high standing with God, prominent men and women of God, loved ones and friends, I could not comprehend this so I screamed, all of us, God, what happened? The Lord took me in the spirit to five churches:

In a predominantly church of one tribe I saw the Pastors announcing that the rapture has just taken place and that people should start receiving the mark right there in the church that this would substitute the said mark of the beast. And I saw the mark on the right arm of these Pastors. A brother who was fortunate to see who called him, to start running down to the place where all other Christians were, was shot in the leg as he was about climbing the top of the Christian's hide out.

Then the Lord took me again to another church where the Pastors were just speaking about the good things of the scripture and didn't warn the people about the wages of sin. The irony of it was that all these Pastors and their members were left behind. Then I saw another church where people did really emphasize the coming but all the people did not go as a result of the hidden sins which were not known to man and they had not counted them as sin. I wept bitterly because this was a church where holiness was professed and held in high esteem.

I saw yet another church where the people concentrated mainly on attacking demons and where the true word was also preached but the people also did not go due to malice and lack of spiritual concentration. I saw yet another church where the people were actively involved in preaching the word and talking about the second coming however, these people did not go. The lot was full of hypocrites who disguise themselves in shepherd's clothes.

I was then taken to the place where the multitude were and I saw that the people of the beast came and Christians started scrambling for safety. Brethren it was a terrifying experience. Women forgot their

children, husbands their wives. We ran and got to another place of hiding but the surprising thing which should make all shiver was that the population was now so small that it was easy for everyone to identify one another as family and friends started pairing up. The Lord then said, others have received the mark. Brethren, the people I saw made me weep uncontrollably, prominent men of God all over the world, Christians and loved ones.

I now asked the LORD why all these ones and God showed me different people and men of God saying, this man was perfect with me until two hours ago. That other had a small portion of his heart released to the devil. That other brother was too occupied with the things of the world in terms of land and property acquisition that took over his life. That other one, I gave him a mandate to pay a certain portion of money to the church but he procrastinated up until now; sin of disobedience.

That other man loves his cheque book more than his life. You can even that he has his cheque book, with him. I wonder what he can buy with see the money now. I hope you know they are no more his. I wept, because so many little things which we humans don't count were counted by God, I now spoke with a confused voice, help us Lord. The Lord then said all these things which have been happening on earth have all been pointing to the end but despite all these, my people do not take heed. I am giving the last warning. Consecrate your hearts to me, my people. The trumpet would have been blown one hour ago, but I pleaded with my father. However, I can plead no further. The trumpet is already in the mouths of the angels ready to be blown. SO PREPARE YE THE WAYS, OH MY PEOPLE. Tell my people to read Mathew 16 verse 3: "And in the morning, you say it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and overcast. O ye hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky, but can you not discern the signs of the times?" And warn the ministers who have gone in the ways of Baal. THIS IS TRUE AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT THE RAPTURE IS AT HAND, HELL AND HEAVEN ARE REAL. REPENT YE MY

BRETHREN.....”

THE BITTER TRUTH

This, to me, confirms all I have been burdened with. Look at how charlatans, greedy and mean men have taken over the pulpit and the political scene. Nobody seems to be moved by the level of poverty and suffering in the land in the midst of so much oil wealth. You can no longer make it in Nigeria without being dubious. These are signs of His coming. The Bible says that “evil men and seducers shall wax stronger and stronger.” And there are always sycophants ready to sing their praises to high heavens in order to make a living. We have wandered out of the way of understanding for too long. The church has hoodwinked people into equating their self worth with their net worth. You must have a fat bank account to belong to church committees and the deaconry. How sad. And do you know the saddest part? Nobody seems to be speaking up against it. The church has relegated the Bible to the background and is only concentrating on Harvard business school curriculum.

The other day, a born again Christian lady asked me if it is a sin to be a second wife to a devout Muslim man. So what do they teach her in the Church? What does the Bible say about being unequally yoked with an unbeliever and about polygamy? In the book of Genesis, God brought out only one woman for Adam from his rib and the Bible also says two shall become one flesh so what God has joined together let not man put asunder. The book of First Corinthians 7 verse 2 says to avoid fornication let every man have his own wife (not wives) and let every woman have her own husband. (Don't poach another person's husband and call him your own and vice versa.)

When people raise the argument that David in the Bible had many wives, I try to remind them that the same David killed a man in order to marry his wife after committing adultery with her. Can't you see that this man obviously had a problem with lust? His son Solomon also

raised the bar of polygamy by marrying 700 wives only to realise very late in life that all is vanity. So is that what you want to emulate? Do you need me to tell you that polygamy is the headquarters of witchcraft, competition, envy, malice, and every evil work?

Stop giving sin a Christian label. God is no respecter of persons. When you have a problem that runs in the family, recognise the need to seek counsel and foundational deliverance. When you are operating under a witchcraft spell that pollutes your reasoning and further makes it difficult to keep money in your pocket or to say no to lustful passions, you should seek help please, because, the blood of Jesus still has the power to cleanse and purge you of all iniquities. You cannot be born again and be a polygamist, adulterer, fornicator, scammer, liar, slave-driver and all manner of unspeakable things.

A lot has gone wrong with the body of Christ and that's in line with what the Bible made very clear to us in the book of second Timothy chapter three about the end times. The revelations we have about rapture only confirm what we already know. My personal deduction is that only an anti-Christ spirit would push a minister of God to turn a blind eye to the sexual pollution in the society including his church and then keep focusing on material acquisition in the name of “prosperity” teachings. No more exhortations to the brethren on how to walk in the spirit in order to overcome the works of the flesh like fornication, all forms of sexual immorality; masturbation, pornography, lesbianism and homosexuality. No one sees any need for Christians to do away with anger, lying, greed, envy, hatred, malice and jealousy among others.

Rather than talk about matters of eternal significance we are consumed by success tips, how to make it in life, thereby laying our treasures on earth where moth and rust would feed on them. We cannot escape the fact that time is running out and that all these private jets and estates and jeeps are just mere firewood for hell fire.

I think the best place to learn how to make it in business and career is



in a properly established business school not a church which the Lord Jesus insists must be a house of prayer. We need to get back to old-time teachings based on revelation from God instead of preaching secular humanism, or new age teachings and enthroning gutter music as mainstream gospel music. Oh yes, talking about gutter music, I am amazed at how so-called Christian role models of youths are wearing bushy dirty hair in the name of dreadlocks. Even well dressed gentlemen and rich football stars appear on television with such dirty rough hair do. Please what does it mean? This is simply a bad influence on young people.

WOUNDED SOULS with DEAD CONSCIENCE

When I published “liberalism gone mental” in my Newspaper column, some time ago, it elicited very deep responses. My love and concern go to those wounded souls out there that have got more than they bargained for through illicit sex. Some say they are trying so hard to cope with a live-in lover whose bride price they cannot afford and an “unwanted baby” to feed in the midst of stifling poverty. Some have become wounded by the guilt and shame of masturbation but don't know the way out, while others are simply asking me “what is wrong with couples being naked and using their body as they like?” I will tell you right away.

Let us look at First Corinthians chapter 6 verses 19 to 20: “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you have been bought with a price. Therefore honour God with your body.” Some translations would say “therefore glorify God with your body.” Once you defile the temple of God through sexual perversion, married or single, the Holy Spirit takes a walk from you, period. Your body becomes the temple of unclean spirits, I mean, demons.



Let me add that God has entrusted this body to you for the fulfilment of his purpose on earth. The book of Romans chapter one clearly explains that once you leave the natural use of a woman's body for that which is unseemly, you are indulging in sexual perversion and you are dishonouring your body in flagrant disobedience to the word of God. Maybe your next question would be “since I enjoy it very much what happens to someone who disobeys God's word?” I'm still here with more explanations. It's my full-time job, you know. Don't laugh.

It is a sin to disobey God. Sin is very pleasurable but the consequences are fatal. The soul that sins, not only dies here on earth but, also ends up in hell fire, the fire my mother in-law calls “unquenchable fire”. Also, sexual sin not only wounds your soul but deadens your conscience. It is quite progressive. It leaves a big hole of insatiability in you that's why there is a graduation from one girlfriend to another, oral to anal, with one woman today, one man tomorrow, then a prostitute next tomorrow etc.

Each encounter keeps chipping off your virtue, your morality and your conscience. All manner of sin, sexual and non-sexual deaden the conscience. And would you like to know what happens to somebody who has no conscience? Just the same thing that happens in the lives of most state Governors in Nigeria that they could wake up from month to month living in affluence while teachers and civil servants go home with no salaries, no food for their families, no peace and no dignity. Generally speaking, political leaders in Africa: Presidents, Ministers, Governors, local government chairmen, commissioners, past and present, behave like people who have no conscience at all. A wounded soul with no conscience would wound another person. That's why they have no qualms about looting the public treasury and then enslaving the rest of the populace. And the cycle continues.

Romans chapter 1 verses 22 to the end explains that sexual perversion is a sign of a reprobate mind, that is, a mind that has degenerated. The church cannot afford to keep pretending that all is well. Unfortunately,



many people are searching for solutions from their Pastors rather than from the word of God. That is why they could be misled by the kind of pastor that encourages couples to go on with oral sex, that, it is not a sin. There are so many wounded lives on church pews who need to be in tune with Jesus – friend of the wounded heart. They must spend time reading their Bible not just running from one motivational and entertaining church programme to another: Success Secrets...“Ten ways to be successful, in life”. Tell me, please, after being successful what happens to your soul?

So many people keep asking me how they can be freed from one form of sexual sin or another and that is what I want to address here today? Let me be brutally honest with you. It is not just enough to be a staunch member of a Pentecostal church yet you are living in fornication, or adultery, or masturbation, or homosexuality, or lesbianism (the latest craze in Nigeria home movie industry: Nollywood) and polygamy.

My sincere question to you is this: why are you in bondage? What do you open your mind to? Things that wound your spirit but gratify your flesh: Films or home videos and worldly music that tease you sexually even though they are not labelled pornographic. You know they have sexual undertones in spite of the excuses you are making. I know, but what images do they send to your mind: Holy or sexually-polluted images? What images are you absorbing through your eye gate? What do you receive through your ear gate? Of what spiritual value are they? Is it possible that they are polluting your spirit, soul and body? Or are you just injuring your spirit man? Have you checked your dream monitors? Are you having sex in your dream? Do you find yourself in dirty surroundings in your dream? Or you don't even dream at all? You may need counselling and deliverance.

Those secret habits of yours may just be caging your spirit man. They cannot empower you to control your lustful feelings towards a woman or a man that you are not yet legally married to; fiancée or financier. They only gratify your lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride



of life at the expense of your spirit man. The sort of thing that King Solomon calls vanity upon vanity all is but vanity and a vexation of the spirit. You just have to confront your weaknesses, with more sincerity. Are you sure you are ready to quit this sin?

The things you read, or watch, and discuss, with friends how pure are they? What is the spirit behind them: spirit of rebellion or that of sexual immorality? Or do you think they are Holy-Spirit inspired? Whatever you take in through your eye gate or ear gate gets into your heart and would eventually manifest in your thoughts. Thereafter they find expression in you as they show up in your habits and in your character. Garbage in. Garbage out. Have we forgotten that Jesus told his disciples that the things that defile us come from the heart? “For out of the heart come evil thoughts murder, adultery, sexual immorality, false testimony, slander (Mathew 16 v 16 to 20.)”

Psalms 19 verses 7 to 11 tell us that “the law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the hearts. The commands of the LORD are radiant giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure enduring for ever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey from the honey comb. By them your servant is warned, in keeping them there is great reward.”

God created us for his own pleasure. We are to do only his will, and that gives him pleasure. He hates rebellion and stubbornness. He calls rebellion – witchcraft and stubbornness – iniquity.

The book of Ezekiel chapter 12 tells us the characteristics of a rebellious people. “They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear”. A stubborn child is a source of pain to his parents. A rebellious child brings sorrow instead of joy. When Jesus sent his twelve disciples to the lost sheep of Israel (children of God who had become rebellious) he instructed his followers to preach this



message “The Kingdom of God is near”, Matthew 10 verse 7 and 8. He asked them to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons. Why are we reluctant to preach that the kingdom of God is at hand so that people can flee sexual sin, eschew evil and live a holy life like pilgrims on this earth?

I feel that because Jesus understands human nature and our tendency to make merchandise of everything, he quickly added “freely you have received, freely give”. The other day, someone sent me a text saying “I have a burden in my heart. How about a pastor who will ask the congregation to bring all their salaries without removing a dime? And all he talks about is sowing seed. Am I in the right church?” I replied his text by advising him to please go on his knees and sincerely ask God if he was in the right church. God alone knows everything. You must ask him, because, it would be disastrous to be in a particular church only to discover on the day of judgement that you were merely wallowing in filth by association. Have you ever heard about something called collective captivity? You can ask the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Or doesn't it bother you that almost every pastor in Nigeria today has a “financial anointing” and is “called” in the area of prosperity teachings?

The other day, I ministered at a youth programme where someone said their pastor had told them that once you are about to wed your fiancée you can start having canal knowledge of her. So I wanted to know if waiting for a few more weeks for them to become legally married would render the husband impotent. I mean why the hurry since they are already on their way to the altar? Well, I simply explained to the youths that such a pastor was not yet born-again. Apostle Paul once warned the Christians about some people who would trouble them and would pervert the gospel of Christ. He said “though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you let him be accursed.”

Paul also advised Timothy in second Timothy chapter 4 to “preach the



word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For a time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.”

Exciting church sermons by way of motivational teachings are good but why are we still wallowing in sexual immorality, from church worker to bank worker, pastor to politician. The consequences still await all of us. The book of First Peter 4 verse 17 to 18 say “for it is time for judgement to begin with the family of God, and if it first begin with us what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner? Hebrews 4 verse 13 says “nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him, to whom, we must give account.”

My major prayer point is this: God, I want to make heaven, please destroy anything in my character that could stop me. Please join me in this prayer. If you have not given your life to Christ, please run to church now and publicly declare for him.





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