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INTRODUCTION

Obadiah 1:17 is a very popular scripture in the Old Testament. It says, "But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance and there shall be holiness: and the house of Jacob shall possess their possession." So, there is a place known as Mount Zion, and you have to get there to obtain deliverance. It is when you get there that there shall be deliverance. After deliverance has taken place, then you can live a holy life and shall possess your possession. That is the way; the Bible arranges it. That is the Bible order.

In the book of Mark you find a portion that says, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new. tongues" (Mark 16:17). That is the order; deliverance comes first before baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible passages above are loaded with meanings:

1. The first says that if you do not get to Mount Zion there shall not be deliverance:
2. It says that before deliverance comes upon you on Mount Zion there must be holiness.
3. It is saying that there is a formula that works all the time: Deliverance plus holiness equal to possessing your possessions.

In Luke 4:18, the Lord Jesus was reading from the book of Isaiah which has this to say: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Verse 19: "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

CHAPTER ONE

THE THERAPY OF DELIVERANCE



No matter how you look at it, deliverance is a form of therapy.

Deliverance means many things which are not clear to many people. Jesus came to save, to heal and to deliver. That is the threefold mission of Jesus. Many people understand the issue of salvation and healing easily, but the area of deliverance is not too clear to them. Unfortunately, dark powers are at the root of most of the problems we face today.

The greatest, terrible force that deals with men is ignorance. The enemy does not want man to be literate. A person who is illiterate cannot read or write. Therefore, he would be unable to read the Bible. The men who wrote the Bible could at least write and read. The apostles too could read and write. That is why you find their books there. A man that cannot read or write is at the mercy of the enemy and the enemy wants to keep people at that level. As long as people are illiterate, they cannot understand many things and the enemy will use their ignorance against them.

Ignorance is a misfortune. It is the mother of destruction and the father of experimentation. When you are ignorant, you will begin to experiment and grope in the dark. The enemy wants to keep man ignorant. The fellow who translated the Bible from Latin to English was dealt with because he made the Bible accessible to people. Before then, it was only priests who read the Bible in Latin. Common men could not, so the devil was able to deal with them. The English translation brought about a revolution. The priests were challenged from the pews. So, they grabbed John Wycliffe, the man who translated the Bible into English, and strangulated him to death. After his burial, his body was later dug up and burnt to ashes, and the ashes were thrown into the river. That was how he died because he opened the eyes of men. Ignorance is a disaster, and the enemy wants to keep people in ignorance. The enemy will give you a hard fight if you

are a teacher or if you seek knowledge.

Many people are in need of one form of deliverance or the other. So, if you find that life is tough for you, you should know that you need one form of deliverance or the other. Many things that we think are ordinary are not. Many things that we think are okay are not because the enemy has his plans and is pursuing them. When there is a battle going on in any area of your life, you need to fight to deliver yourself.

CHAPTER TWO

WHAT IS DELIVERANCE?

Deliverance is the expulsion of a bad spirit from a place, person or thing. A lot of people are unknowingly carrying about the heavy luggage of bad spirits. That is why it is often said that the worst level of ignorance is for one to be ignorant of his own ignorance. Many people find that their dream lives are completely different from their real lives. Such people should know that there is something inside them that is causing havoc in their lives. This is why a lot of people have terrible dreams regularly.

Many years ago, as I was praying for a certain lady, a voice from her said, "Excuse me sir, what is your problem?" I said, "I don't have any problem." "What is your problem? Is this lady your daughter? Is she your wife? Is she your aunt?" the voice asked further. I said no. "Then, leave her alone let me finish her," it continued. I said, "But you cannot finish her because she has given her life to Jesus." It said, "I will finish her because she is a sinner. I said, "But she is born-again and has surrendered her life to Jesus." The voice said, "This fornicator? Okay, if you say I should go out, I will go, but she will commit fornication again and I shall be back." It was the voice of a man speaking from her. When she opened her eyes, and I asked her what happened, she said that she did not know, and truly she did not know. But those things were already inside her. A lot of people are going about with the spirit of death in their lives but they do not know. When God opens your eyes and you see somebody carrying a coffin, you will know that the spirit of death is pursuing the person, although the person does not know. So, you need to pray very well.

Deliverance is to break the chain of wickedness. When a wicked chain holds somebody tightly and you command that chain to break and the person is loosened from that bondage, that is deliverance. A lot of people have been held down and hindered from occupying their rightful positions by the chains of darkness. But the demonic ones are using terrible powers to move ahead. They

rub all kinds of things on their body and swallow things before they come to work in order to hold their colleagues in bondage. When you break that kind of stronghold, that is deliverance.

Sometime ago, a certain athlete wanted to win the race and went to an herbalist who asked him to bring a life snake. He told the herbalist that he was afraid of snakes and as such would not be able to bring one. He paid the herbalist some money to get the snake. He paid for his bondage. The herbalist did the job and anytime he was in a race, he would see a snake running after him and in the attempt to run away from the snake, he would win the race. After some time, he retired from athletics and forgot about the snake. One day, as he was in his sitting room, he felt something climb his backbone and settled on his head. Then he remembered the snake. That was how the thing kept moving about in his body. He was taken to the hospital but the X-ray machine could not detect it. The situation got so bad that he was being treated for madness and terrible things were happening to him. Eventually, he was brought for prayers, and after some serious prayers, the snake actually came out of his mouth and dropped on the floor. That is deliverance. X-ray machines could not get the snake but when prayer started, it came out physically. So, you must not take anything for granted. Do not say that you are not a witch or wizard, therefore, you do not need deliverance. The witches and wizards know what they are doing. But when you no longer understand what is happening to you, then you need to break the chain.

At this juncture, I would Like you to take this prayer point: "Every chain of wickedness affecting my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus."

Deliverance is destruction of satanic yokes. A yoke is something that ties two animals together and the movement of one depends on the co-operation of the other. If one animal decides to be slow and sluggish, it means that the other one cannot move ahead. So, a yoke is a terrible thing. It retards a person's progress. I used to think that twin children would normally be friends until one day I prayed with a lady who told me that she had put the life of her twin sister on the shelf and that, that her twin sister would not get married until she has had six children. I asked her how many children she had then and she said three. When such a yoke is broken, that is deliverance.

Deliverance is removal of curses, jinxes and spells. Sometime go, there was a certain woman who was eating but the food was not entering into her stomach. No matter the quantity of food she took, she would still complain of hunger. It

was later discovered through prayers that somebody issued a curse on her, and the curse began to work against her life.

Deliverance is spiritual cleansing of an environment or territory. It means that a school, house, shop, etc can need deliverance. Clothes can need deliverance. They can be spiritually cleansed.

Deliverance is removing witchcraft load from the heads of people. Witches put loads on people's heads and they do not know. But if God opens your eyes, you will see all these things.

Many years ago, at a crusade, a prayer point which said, "Every owner of evil load carry your load, in the name of Jesus" was raised, and a certain thirty-seven old sister, who had never menstruated before, prayed until her clothes were soaked with sweat. While the prayer was going on, there was an old woman standing before her with a dirty luggage. Also, standing there was an angel of the living God, who was mad with anger, looking at the old woman. The angel said to the old woman: "Carry your load." The woman said, "No." The angel said it the second time and the woman said, "But I am dead." The angel said, "I did not ask whether you are dead or alive, and I do not intend to repeat my command after the third time." When the woman saw that the angel was mad with anger, she carried the thing sluggishly, and began to walk away. And instantly, blood began to drip from the sister's legs. So, what happened was that an evil load was placed on her menstruation. An evil load could be placed on someone's marriage, health, etc. When it is taken off, then miracles begin to happen.

That was what happened to that sister. Later, when she was looking at the family album, she found that the old woman was her late granny. She did the evil work before she died, while the sister was still in the womb. And the problem continued until she was thirty-seven.

Deliverance is uprooting evil seeds planted by the enemy. The enemy is an expert at planting evil seeds in people's lives.

Deliverance is the removal of satanic embargo. When there is an embargo stopping a person from moving forward, deliverance is needed.

Deliverance is release from evil attachment. Many people are being controlled from afar. They are attached to evil things. Deliverance is getting loosed from these kinds of things.

CHAPTER THREE

WHO NEEDS DELIVERANCE?



Deliverance is not about witches and wizards alone. Everybody needs one form of deliverance or the other. If you notice that all your input fails to get you success, you need deliverance. If you find that instead of going forward, you are going backwards, you need deliverance. If you experience unexplainable loss of memory, you need deliverance. When a person who is supposed to be a winner begins to experience failure, he or she needs deliverance. When you notice that your dream life is a battle, you need deliverance, because your dream life is your spiritual monitor.

SEVEN DANGEROUS DREAMS

There are seven dangerous dreams that a child of God should not have. Anyone that has such dreams needs serious deliverance.

- 1. Eating in the dream:** If you eat in the dream, it means that the enemy is planting poison into your body and you will be sick spiritually and physically.
- 2. Swimming:** If you find yourself swimming in the dream, it means that you are involved with marine spirits. You need to get out.
- 3. Going back to old familiar places:** If you find yourself going back to your old house, old school, old school mates, etc in the dream, you need deliverance.
- 4. Sex in the dream:** If you find yourself having sex in the dream, it shows that you have a spirit spouse. You need deliverance.
- 5. Seeing dead people:** If you see dead people, especially dead relatives in your dream, then you need to pray.

6. Under pursuit: If you are pursued, or somebody is running after you in the dream, you need deliverance.

7. Running errands or wearing tattered clothes: If you see yourself running errands in the dream, it connotes slavery. You need deliverance. And if you see yourself wearing tattered clothes in the dream, you need deliverance from the spirit of poverty.

A child of God should not be having these kinds of dreams. The Bible says, "I have pursued my enemies, I have overtaken them neither did I turn away until they were consumed." It also says that the enemies that come against you shall flee from before your face; when they come against you in one way, they shall flee in seven ways. It does not say that you should be running away from them.

If you find that you are being governed by powers contrary to your will, then you need deliverance.

If your anger is uncontrollable, you need deliverance because anger is one ingredient that the devil needs to make someone a champion in his kingdom. Anger is very bad. In fact, if you have the spirit of anger, you have a very big problem.

If you were rich but you are now becoming poor, you need deliverance. If you find that you are continuously duped, you need deliverance.

If all of a sudden you notice that your marriage is turning upside down, you need deliverance.

If your progress or moving forward suddenly slows down or stops, you need deliverance.

If you notice some unnatural movements in your body, you need deliverance.

If you find it difficult to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you need deliverance. Whatever is preventing you from receiving the power of the Holy Spirit is your greatest enemy on earth.

When you notice that you encounter chain problems: as one problem is going, another one is coming, you need deliverance.

When you have horrible experiences in your dream, or somebody tries to choke you or press you down on the bed, you need deliverance.

If you have sexual problems, for example, you always lust after men or women, you need deliverance.

If your tongue is sick, that is, you speak 200 words per minute, you need deliverance.

If you have emotional disturbances; sometimes you are very happy, sometimes you are very sad, or sometimes you don't know whether you are happy or sad, you don't understand yourself, you need deliverance.

If you have any sickness that defies medical treatment, you need deliverance.

If you hear strange voices and experience restlessness, failure at the edge of breakthrough, or profitless hard work, you need deliverance.

If you cannot live a victorious life as a Christian, you need deliverance.

If you find that there is an evil trend in your family and your life is following that evil trend, you need deliverance. If you look at the life of your mother and father and it seems that what happened to them is now happening to you, you need deliverance.

WAY OUT

- 1. Surrender your life to Jesus:** If you need deliverance, the first thing to do is to surrender your life to Jesus. By just surrendering your life to Jesus, you create chaos in the kingdom of darkness.
- 2. Know your enemy:** The devil is very wicked and is the enemy of everybody. He is not interested in anybody's progress. The Bible says that he is a thief, and comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy.
- 3. Know your God:** Know the God you serve. You can be going to church and not know God. The fact that you are going to church does not mean that you have encountered God.
- 4. Learn prayer warfare:** Declare war against the powers of darkness that are

oppressing you.

CHAPTER FOUR

BENEFITS OF DELIVERANCE

I want you to understand that deliverance is spiritual warfare. The history of the church reveals that the facts and principles of deliverance were not clear to the early church hence many people suffered terribly. These days, there is a lot of knowledge about deliverance.

Benefits of deliverance to individuals and communities:

1. It brings about the termination of satanic oppression.
2. It makes one's spiritual life to be more vibrant.
3. It makes holiness easier for one.
4. It gives one dominion over the power of the enemy.
5. It removes the veil of ignorance.
6. It gives one rapid breakthroughs.
7. It gives one financial advancement. A lot of people would have died as paupers if not for the ministry of deliverance.
8. It gives good health. The more deliverance you get, the healthier you become.
9. It gives one overall peace.
10. It cancels untimely death.
11. It gives one what is called environmental dominion. One is able to command the morning and take charge of the day.

12. It makes one's prayer life more productive. A lot of people find it difficult to pray. But after deliverance, prayer becomes easier.
13. It gives one material prosperity.
14. It reduces crime.
15. It leads to the reduction and elimination of natural hazards, because there are diverse wicked spirits that control the weather. For example, you find people in our local settings who call themselves rain makers. People who have one thing or another to do in these places have to pay them some money otherwise they will disturb their activities with rainfall.
16. It helps to protect people against plagues and epidemics. When there is an epidemic of diseases, deliverance keeps them at bay.
17. It leads to the disgrace of the spirit of bondage.
18. It enables one to possess his or her possessions.
19. It gives one open heavens, because many people have principalities in their personal heavens which lock up the heavens over their heads. Deliverance bursts open a closed heaven.
20. It gives personal and corporate revival.
21. It gives one marital and career breakthroughs.

There are lots of benefits that can be derived from deliverance which itself is spiritual warfare. If you turn your back on the ministry of deliverance and don't want to partake in the blessing that comes with it, which is actually the children's bread, you will expose yourself to the rage of problem expanders, agents of backwardness, star hijackers, destiny spies, destiny killers, money swallows, head manipulators, progress arresters, satanic ministers, poverty activators, coffin spirits, vagabond spirits, rock demons, forest demons, demons from the sea, demons from the heavens etc. If you do not get involved in the ministry of conflict, you will expose yourself to counterfeit blessings and make yourself a prey of the spirit of death and hell. I feel sad when I remember the colossal loss of great destinies and other good things that took place in those days when we

were ignorant about deliverance. We were manipulated by those whom we were supposed to minister deliverance to. Such people would suddenly jump up from their seats, roll on the floor with their clothes scattered here and there, and after that they would begin to prophesy, and because we were ignorant, we would say, "Speak Lord for your servant heareth." We were supposed to have commanded the spirits speaking through them to keep quiet and come out of them. Then the church was full of blind and dumb ministers. We left those we should have ran through deliverance, and unfortunately the lives of most of them ended up in tragedy. We were ignorant at that time.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE DANGERS YOU FACE WHEN YOU IGNORE DELIVERANCE



When you ignore or take lightly the ministry of deliverance, you are writing a letter of invitation to the rain and flood of affliction. You are writing an invitation letter to evil observers and those who distribute strange money. You are exposing yourself to the rage of witchcraft arrows and evil bullets. You are exposing yourself to desert spirits and the spirit of tragedy. You are ensuring that the evil marks that are already on your body continue to operate till you die. You are putting yourself at the mercy of dark angels who are around to do evil. If you ignore the ministry of conflict, which is the ministry of deliverance, you are inviting iron-like curses or want to continue living in multiple evil covenants. It means you want your business to continue in bewitchment, you want to be captured by marriage killers or children killers, or you want to continue the evil spiritual marriage. When you ignore the ministry of deliverance, you expose yourself to arrows of infirmities, late progress and all forces of oppression. If you ignore this important children's bread, the ministry of deliverance, evil plantations and evil deposits in your life will grow bigger, satanic poison will be passed to your body every night when you sleep. Placental bondage will prosper in your life.

These are the dangers you face when you ignore the ministry of deliverance.

These are tough times and challenging days, and the enemy is on rampage. Bread and butter Christianity, easy going, carefree Christianity will not stand in these last days. The Lord has not called us to a picnic. He has called us to a battle.

Sometimes, some people conduct deliverance without knowledge. They battle with what they do not know or understand. The problem could also be that the person upon whom deliverance is ministered is not really ready to repent; he just

wants some little relief so that he can continue what he has been doing. Such people are not really ready to renounce all the wrong things they have been doing. They just come to try Jesus as a more powerful fetish. Sometimes, the people ministering deliverance do not issue any command therefore, nothing happens. Usually, when bad spirits are expelled, we give them authoritative commands in the name of Jesus; we tell them where to go or what to do. Sometimes, the counsellees really do not want to be delivered because their condition attracts sympathy and extra kindness from people. Sometimes, the counsellee does not want to fast forgetting that some kinds of demons will not go except one fasts. Sometimes, the deliverance has insufficient prayer and this makes it not totally effective.

CHAPTER SIX

RECEIPE FOR COMPLETE DELIVERANCE



Thousands of people have rushed to the deliverance ground to look for solutions and many useful hours have been spent running people through deliverance, and it is a great thing when a person gets delivered. However, most of the people who go for deliverance notice that what they have gone to deal with tries to stage a comeback.

The key for complete deliverance is just one, and that is the key of death. When a person dies, he or she will be completely delivered. I do not mean that the person should die and be put in a coffin. I am talking about the death of "Self," Mr. Flesh. When Mr. Flesh dies, complete deliverance comes. A lot of people rush to the deliverance ground when all that is required of them is complete repentance. A lot of people have been going for deliverance for a long time, whereas all that they need to do is to close the door through which the enemy has been entering into their lives.

John 6:63 gives a damaging comment on the flesh. Jesus said, "The Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing."

In Matthew 26:41, Jesus, while addressing His disciples gave another damaging conclusion on the flesh: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

The most difficult thing for most people in life is to know themselves. The easiest person to deceive is oneself. The worst fraud on earth is to actively deceive yourself. If you want an increase of Christ in your life, there must be a decrease of self. Of all the four-letter words in the dictionary, self is the worst. Everyone in the world is talking about change but only a few people want to change themselves.

If you can lay self aside, complete deliverance will come and if not, the enemy

will have a field day and God will lay you aside. No wonder Paul said, "I die daily."

At every point in time in a person's life, there is a war going on between the flesh and the spirit. If you feed the flesh everyday, it would get stronger. If it is the spirit, it will get stronger. The reason a lot of people cannot withstand attacks in their dreams is that they are feeding the flesh and not the spirit. So, their flesh is strong while their spirit man is weak. They feed the flesh everyday and leave the spirit man unnourished. So, the flesh gets stronger while the spirit gets weaker.

You must allow the Bible prophecy which says, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Matthew 3:11) to come to pass in your life. If the fire enters into your life and your spirit man is strong, when the attacks come in the dream, they cannot overcome you.

The foundation for all-round victory in life is to conquer the flesh. The flesh is a waster. It is not going to heaven and it knows and does not want anybody to get there. Our human nature called the flesh which is weak and slippery is very stubborn to conquer. It is a destroyer of precious lives and the strongest household wickedness. The flesh is so bad that it stands contrary to the spirit, toe to toe and face to face. And it is always fighting for dominance. No wonder Jesus said, "The flesh profiteth nothing." The flesh makes a person to do what normally he does not want to do. The greatest creator of room for the devil is the flesh.

The flesh invites trouble into a person's life, family and career. The greatest bridge builder for the enemy into a person's life is the flesh. The flesh brings failure out of certain success. It will set a person up for the devil and his agents. The flesh is very wild and also very wise. As far as the flesh is alive in you, you are a walking civil war.

The flesh is the seat of all the revolt against the Almighty. The Bible says to be carnally-minded is death. The flesh life is always hostile to God. It is the bit of you that does not like long praying. That part of you that always takes offence when somebody says something against you is the flesh. That part of you that is proud and uncontrollable is the flesh. That part of you that likes to be displayed is the flesh. The part of you that does not feel happy when somebody does not compliment your dress is the flesh. That bit of you that encourages you to steal or do something bad is the flesh. The flesh is that bit of you that feels insulted and slighted.

The flesh makes you to pamper your weaknesses and to make excuses that others do it too. The flesh makes you to do some spiritual things for the wrong reasons. The Bible gives a damning judgment against the flesh; it says, "The flesh cannot please God." The flesh is responsible for the filthy dreams that defile a person. It is what stirs up lust in a person. It is the flesh that yields to corruption. Many young men and women who would have been high flyers with beautiful visions were cut down by the flesh.

Another terrible judgment given by the Bible against the flesh says, "The flesh shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 15:50). The Holy Book is not friendly with the flesh at all because it is clear that the easiest way people can go to hell fire is through the flesh. It is either you lay aside your flesh or God will push you into hell fire. Most of the people who are in hell fire got there because their flesh drew them there.

The flesh hinders divine aspiration. The flesh battles divine acquisition and accomplishment and hinders divine admission into the ultimate purpose of God for your life. The greatest enemy of prayer warriors is the flesh. That is why a lot of people like to pray very well in public but inside their bedrooms, they are weaklings at the altar of prayer. The flesh would always attack the spirit. It contaminates and terminates lives. The flesh is a deadly killer, and to live a life of the flesh is to live in the valley of defeat. Until we deal with this evil capacity within each human being called the flesh, making it spiritually will be very difficult. The flesh pushes people away from where they hear the truth.

The Bible carefully describes the flesh as follows:

- The sin in the flesh.
- Our old man.
- Sin which indwells.
- The evil present within.
- Sins which dwell within.
- A law different from the law of God that is dwelling within us.

The flesh tackles and forbids the practice of good in a Christian. It makes something that is bad to look good in order to make you happy. It engages in self-satisfaction. It is that which gives a legal ground to satanic activities in our lives. It is the producer of evil works that is within. That is why repentance is like destroying the works of the flesh. Anger is the work of the flesh. It keeps anger on the throne. When you say, "Thank God, I don't commit fornication I only tell lies, " it means that Mr. Flesh is still the one controlling your life. What has happened is that like a specialist doctor, the flesh has only specialized in your life on the area of lying.

Many people might think they are not affected because they do not have the opportunity yet. But the truth is that some people are not stealing or committing fornication now because the opportunity for them to fall into these things have not arisen. When the environment becomes conducive, Mr. Flesh that seems to be lying low will come up to the surface and finish them up.

Jesus says, "The flesh profiteth nothing." A sister who says she wants to find out whether her fiancé is impotent or not is already dead and buried because it is the flesh pulling her into the grave. The dragon in her is only linking up with the dragon in the man.

A person could be quiet for a whole year without being provoked to act negatively. But a day would arise when the flesh would push him and he would misbehave thoroughly. This is why a pastor can carry his wife and slam her against the refrigerator in anger. That is why it is possible to see a pastor or house fellowship leader fighting with his wife and the children would be saying, "Daddy, please don't kill mummy."

The flesh is so arrogant that the person who is misbehaving will still be quoting the Bible. The ability to quote the Bible does not really matter when the flesh is still in control because after quoting the Bible, you will land in hell fire as long as the flesh is still in control. A prayer warrior who still gets angry could find himself in hell fire because the flesh is still in charge.

Mr. Flesh is the arrogant, rebellious and disobedient nature within us. Some people display false humility while they still have arrogance inside, they are only pretending because they are afraid of the consequences. But if the opportunity comes, their arrogance will show. Mr. Flesh is so bad that it will keep the rebellion in place and God will not put the person in the right position. The flesh is so wise that it will allow you to have some scattered victory and you will think

that everything is okay until a terrible attack would be launched.

Mr. Flesh does all these things because he knows that he is not going to heaven. The flesh does not submit to the law of God; the Bible says, "It cannot submit."

The flesh likes to be noticed, it does not want to be embarrassed at all. It is the flesh that makes a man to prefer death to taking an insult. It is the flesh that makes people to say all kinds of terrible things against themselves.

The terrible nature of the flesh shows that it is not something to toy with. You have to kill it before it kills you. Every work of the flesh in your life has to die, if not, it will kill you. You must reject the demand of the flesh and refuse to obey its instructions.

Our toughest battle is the battle with the flesh. The devil comes in when we open the door through our uncrucified flesh. And the devil is always looking for open doors to come in. The powers of darkness operate the most powerful scanning and X-ray machines. They can detect the smallest sin, the smallest compromise, the tiniest iniquity or cleverly concealed evil habits.

Any Christian Who lives an uncrucified life would be tormented and harassed by the enemy. Any area of your life that is not submitted to God is enough for Mr. Flesh to climb in. He can enter through your ear, head, sex life, finger nails, lips, mouth, the kind of job you do, your eyes, ambitions, certificates, voice etc. Somebody came to Peter and offered him money to obtain the power of the Holy Ghost. He tempted Peter with money but there was nothing in Peter that would respond to the sensation and temptation of money. That part of him was dead, and so he could not react to it. He told the man, "Your money perish with you." Peter had allowed God to crucify that area of his flesh. This is one area in many lives that the flesh is so much in control. Many Christians are normal people when money is not involved. But once money comes in, something within them rises up. And that is evidence that the flesh is still very much alive in them.

Anything you do in the house of God that is not energized by the Holy Spirit is by Mr. Flesh. It is deceitful to think that the flesh can improve. It cannot; it is rotten to the core. The only thing to do is to kill it. Most of the problems we have as individuals are caused by ourselves. It may be our rash decisions, inability to make the right decisions, plain disobedience, looseness with the opposite sex etc. All these take their root from the flesh. The flesh is dangerous and has no mercy. The flesh is a harder problem to deal with than the devil.

When you come into Christ, you have four battles to fight:

1. The battle against the world. The Bible says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).
2. The battle against the devil. The Bible says, "Behold I have given you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and upon every power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19).
3. The battle against sin. But the Bible says, "And ye shall deliver a Son and shall call his name Jesus for He shall deliver His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). There we see the promise of deliverance from sin.
4. The battle against the flesh. For this particular battle, there is no promise.

Paul said, "But I put my body under. I bring it under subjection (because the flesh is very rebellious) lest I myself should be a castaway after I have preached unto others" (1 Corinthians 9:27).

The flesh is dangerous and has no mercy. Self-righteousness, rudeness, lack of discipline, boasting, stubbornness, laziness, (a stubborn person has made his own opinion his idol) procrastination, etc are activities of the flesh. You must make up mind today and declare like the old preacher who said, "I live to die, I die to live. The more I die, the more I live."

Most people running about looking for deliverance should only try to kill the flesh. When they die, they would be delivered. Once Mr. Flesh dies, you will be 'completely delivered. You need to utter a holy and violent cry unto God. Paul cried out, "O wretched man that I am who will deliver me from this body of flesh."

A lot of people have gone to where they should not go to and entered into the bondage they should not enter because they just could not control the flesh. Some people would not have been in the trouble they are now if they had controlled their mouths. If you argue with your spouse at home and win, nobody will give you a trophy for that. It is often said that argument is an exchange of ignorance while discussion is an exchange of knowledge. Keeping quiet does not mean that you are wrong but you are only brokering peace and controlling your flesh. The Bible says that a soft answer turns away wrath (Proverbs 15:1).

The flesh would make two believers to fight each other and when they start fighting, it would withdraw and go to God and say, "See your children, look at how they are disgracing heaven." Therefore, one of the greatest prayers you can pray for yourself is: "May the Lord depend on me." That is wherever you are, God knows that you will represent Him well. God said, "I know Abraham, I know what he would do." God was ready to commit Himself to Abraham because in his life, Mr. Flesh was dead.

It is Mr. Flesh that wants to look glamorous for unbelievers to admire. If everybody was blind, a lot of people will change their dressing. It is because they know that people are seeing them so they want them to admire them and say, "Ah, this is serious." I do not mean that people should not dress well. In fact, all children of God should dress well. But anything you wear that exposes your nakedness or causes others to sin is the work of the flesh.

HOW TO DEFEAT THE FLESH

You must understand that Mr. Flesh cannot be tamed, schooled or controlled. The only answer is death. You must say no. to every request he makes. You must reject all his agenda and kill all his works. You must pray aggressively for the mortification of the members of your body and ask the Lord to break and remould you. Once this happens in your life, majority of all your problems would be over. The bottom line of complete deliverance is the death of Mr. Flesh.

Nowaday, the situation is so terrible that even some brides about to wed dress nakedly to church and we have dead priests who are still alive in the flesh joining them in wedlock. Many young men who would have been a blessing to their generations have been destroyed by the serpents of their male sex organs. They have fallen into the camp of marine powers. Likewise many highly prosperous and high flying women have allowed the serpent of their tongues and stomach to disgrace them.

Nobody will give you a prize for acting insane. When you answer a fool, you have become a fool too. You may say, "You don't know who lam." The question is, who are you? Death is a leveller which levels all. Pride of place, position, school etc is all vanity. You need to cry to the heavenlies.

If this miracle of the death of flesh can happen in our lives, 99 per cent of all spiritual attacks would be over.

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE A-Z OF TOTAL DELIVERANCE



What are the rules anybody who wants complete deliverance should follow? I will consider them alphabetically.

A. Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. That is not negotiable. Deliverance is for those who are born again. To run somebody who is not born again through deliverance is to create a sevenfold tragedy for that person. He or she may lose one demon, but seven demons will come back to replace it. So, for anybody seeking complete deliverance, the first condition is to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. You must be born again. Many who go for deliverance are really not born again. I have seen people who go to the deliverance ground, somebody annoys them and they lose their temper and begin to shout.

Sometime ago, a certain lady went for deliverance and after prayers, she discovered that her handset was missing from her bag. She began to issue curses, beginning from her husband who disturbed her from coming on time, to the commercial bus driver, to the gateman and then the deliverance ministers who were calling prayer points. She alleged that their prayer points were not hot enough, that was why thieves were able to steal from her. She was simply not born again. There are plenty of such people in the house of God. There are many sisters in the church who sleep with men who are not their husbands. They are not born again. Many brothers who attend church sleep with women who are not their wives. They are not born again. When such people go for deliverance, they end up wasting their time. Unfortunately, many who come to the house of God do not even know what the new birth is all about. Some come to the church and disobey simple instructions from ushers, and even beat them up. They are not born again. There are also many people who come early to the church and reserve seats for those who are still sleeping or doing something else at home. The truth

is that they are simply not born again because what is the wisdom in coming early and reserving seats for a friend who has not even woken up from bed? The simple truth is that they are simply not born again. People who are born again do not do such things.

When you are born again, you do not beat up your wife and throw her things out. When you are truly born again, you do not need any pastor to settle quarrels in your home. A lot of people say they did deliverance and nothing happened. The question is: are they born again? Some come to the deliverance ground with the telephones they got from their boyfriends; they are not born again. If you come to the deliverance ground after an illegal abortion, believing that deliverance will bribe God, you are wasting your time. Deliverance is not a bribe to the Almighty. Sometimes, when some people commit an offence and are placed under punishment, they would say, "Sir, don't discipline me, send me for deliverance." They get it all wrong. I will be failing in my duty if I don't explain this technical point to you.

Anywhere deliverance ministration takes place, the angels of deliverance always come there even before the ministers of deliverance arrive. If God opens your eyes, you will see them dressed like soldiers, already there. Immediately the candidates begin to come in, they tick on their paper, those who are born again. There are many old people, men and women, who come to church but are not born again because they are still sniffing tobacco secretly. Those who are selfish are not born again. A lot of people who are in the universities are not born again. Many of them claim to be Christians and go to all kinds of churches but they are simply not born again. Some carry their Bibles with tracts inside them and at the same time have condoms in their pockets. They are not born again. The days are becoming more dangerous. You must not allow the enemy to gain cheap advantage and hinder your prayers. That is why the principle of God is, you are either hot or cold, there is no middle ground. If you want to be a child of the devil, be a thorough child of the devil, and if you want to be a child of God, be a thorough child of God. Do not be in the middle because the devil will fire you from the back and God will fire you from the front. If you want to be a polygamist, do it thoroughly. Do not hide wives all over the place while deceiving people that you have only one and you claim to be a deacon. You are simply not born again. Unfortunately, many pastors, bishops, general overseers, district superintendents, Sunday school teachers,

evangelists and deliverance ministers are not born gain. That is the blunt truth. The fact that a person is wearing a white collar on his neck does not mean he is going to heaven. The fact that people call you pastor does not mean you are going anywhere. Jesus says that it is not all that call upon Him shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. He says, "Many shall come to me on that day saying, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not heal the sick in your name?" He says that He will say to them, "But you were doing the work in iniquity. Therefore you are workers of iniquity." You must give your life to Jesus Christ genuinely.

- B. Break away from ungodly people and organizations. When you become born again, old things pass away and all things become new. You become a different person and anyone who is not born again will find it difficult to move with you. You do not have business with the parties organised by unbelievers. It is very sad to see some Christians who roam about attending parties, even those organized by unbelievers. If you mix with them, you will begin to look like them. You don't want them to feel you are strange, whereas the Bible says you are a strange person, a holy nation, a peculiar people. The Bible calls every born again Christian a strange person. You have to understand this very well.
- C. Cast out demon spirits and clean your house and possessions. That is, make inventory of what you have and throwaway polluted or cursed materials there.
- D. Dedicate your life to God. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 1:12, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which is committed unto him against that day." Once you dedicate your life to God, the enemies will move far away from you.
- E. Educate your spirit man so that ignorance would die.
- F. Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. That is what the Bible says in Hebrews 12:14.
- G. Gird your spiritual amour day and night. That is, wear the amour as described in Ephesians 6. Wear it day and night so that the enemies will have no way to get inside.
- H. Have perfect hatred for bondage. The Psalmist says, "I hate them that hate the Lord. I hate them with perfect hatred" (Psalm 139:21).

If you love your bondage, you will never be free. Slaves who love their chains shall remain in bondage. Those who remove their jewelry before they enter into the church and put them on immediately they come out are slaves who love their chains, they will remain in their bondage. Those who clear off their make-up when they want to enter into the church and apply it again when they leave are slaves who love their chains, they shall remain in their bondage. Slaves who love their chains dress differently when they are coming to church. They will remain in their bondage.

- I. Invite the fire of God into your life. When the fire of deliverance comes into your life, the powers of the oppressors and their deposits will be melted away. If a person begins to pray that the Holy Ghost fire should fall on him, and there is anything in his life that is contrary to God, very soon, on his personal invitation, the bondage will catch fire.
- J. Join a church that believes in spiritual warfare. Many lives are being wasted already. Preachers who tell people that there is nothing like deliverance are confusing them and putting them in bondage. By the time many of them would realize it, that is if they ever do, it may be too late. It is great fallacy to tell a black man that there is nothing like deliverance when his great grandfather used to dive into the water and would come out with his body dry. It is spiritually fraudulent to tell somebody whose great grandfather was involved in masquerade activities that there is nothing like deliverance. Those who preach such fallacy will not go free because they are deceiving people.
- K. Keep your mind with all diligence. Once you win the battle of the mind, majority of your battles will be over. "Keep your mind with all diligence." Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."
- L. Locate the unprotected forehead of your 'goliath.' That is, the enemy too has a weak point, locate the weak point of your enemy and take advantage of it to the fullest.
- M. Make positive confessions everyday. The day the enemy convinces you to make negative confessions about your situation, you are in trouble.

- N. Never underestimate the enemy. To underestimate the enemy is a disaster. David fought a great battle at the warfront and won. Immediately the devil saw that he had lost the battle at the warfront, he quickly rushed back home and urged the women to begin to sing: "David has won his ten thousand, and Saul his one thousand." And when Saul heard the song, David was in trouble. Samson did not know when the devil changed the tactics of the warfare against him. Never underestimate the capability of the enemy.
- O. Overcome the strongman attached to any situation in your life. When there is a strongman in charge of a situation, it looks very stubborn.
- P. Pull down every stronghold assigned against you. The Bible says, "Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."
- Q. Quench all the fiery darts of the enemy by taking the shield of faith.
- R. Read your Bible and pray everyday if you want complete deliverance.
- S. Send curses back to the sender. You did not manufacture the curse, you did not make it up, send it back to the sender.
- T. Take the battle to the gates of the enemy. Don't wait for the enemy to begin the warfare at your door. You should take the battle to him. Be on the offensive.
- U. Undo heavy burdens and evil loads placed upon your life or situation. Undo the heavy bondage upon your life or situation.
- V. Violence is the only language that the enemy understands. It is required for total victory. Use it.
- W. Warfare prayers should be done daily; it is a daily affair.
- X. X-ray and examine your life daily to detect any open door. The Bible says, "Examine yourself (2 Corinthians 13:5)." Find out what kind of person you are.

Y. Yield your life completely to God. Yield every department of your life to the Almighty. Yield your ambition, career, and everything about you completely to God.

Z. Zeal and aggression is needed for complete victory.

I want you to understand that if you follow this pattern, no matter how deep the bondage may be and no matter how terrible the counterattack of the enemy may be, you will maintain victory all the time.

However, if you are not born again, you cannot obtain deliverance. Deliverance begins with new birth. Therefore, if as you are reading this book, you are not yet born again and you want to be delivered from the bondage of the enemy, you need to give your life to Christ quickly.

If you want to do so, then say the following prayer: "Father, in the name of Jesus, I come before you today. I acknowledge that I am a sinner. Forgive my sins and cleanse me with your precious blood. I surrender my life totally to you. I renounce the devil and his works. Lord Jesus, come into my life and take absolute control. Thank you Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen"

PRAYER POINTS

1. Power of limitation operating in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every power holding tight to my advancement, your time is up, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every dark power assigned against my destiny, die, in the name of Jesus.
4. Where my enemies say I will not reach, I will reach there by fire, in the name of Jesus.
5. (Lay your hands on your head which is the symbol of our destiny and say) I fire back every arrow of limitation, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every bondage in my life, catch fire and burn to ashes, in Jesus' name.
7. I fire back every arrow of the enemy, in the name of Jesus.
8. I fire back every arrow of witchcraft, in the name of Jesus.
9. I break the backbone of poverty, in the name of Jesus.
10. (Lay your right hand on your head as you take this) Every arrow fired into my life by witches, come out now, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every arrow from occult colleagues, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
12. Every enemy of my promotion, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.
13. Any power calling my name in any witchcraft meeting, die, in the name of Jesus.
14. (Lay your right hand on your stomach as you take this). Every bewitched food that I have eaten, receive the fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
15. Every evil family pattern, break, in Jesus' name.
16. I must prosper, in the name of Jesus.
17. Every strange power working against my staff of bread, I bury you today, in the name of Jesus.
18. You stranger in my life, be exposed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
19. Every spirit working against my profession, fall down and die, in the name

of Jesus.

20. Holy Ghost fire, deliver me today, in Jesus' name.
21. Blood of Jesus, deliver me today, in the name of Jesus.
22. Cross of Jesus, crucify my flesh, in the name of Jesus.
23. My Father, break and remould me, in the name of Jesus.
24. O God, arise and break the idol in my heart, in the name of Jesus.
25. The dragon of sin in my body, die, in the name of Jesus.
26. Negative dreams shall not come to pass in my life, in the name of Jesus.
27. Any dark tree representing me, die, in the name of Jesus.
28. Spiritual bullets assigned against my life, hear the word of the Lord, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
29. Any power sleeping to harm me shall not wake up, in the name of Jesus.
30. Midnight curses fired against me, die, in the name of Jesus.
31. My Father, arise and pursue my pursuers, in the name of Jesus.
32. Powers harassing me at the edge of breakthroughs, die, in the name of Jesus.
33. Anything in my life that is making my enemies to rejoice, die, in the name of Jesus.

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