2006 NEW YEAR CAMP MEETING SERMON

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Dear Saints Of The Highest,

Divine Change Of Man's Worst Destiny

First and foremost, I would like to address you dear ones with reference to the above-mentioned topic. The good news I have for you all, at this time of our annual Camp Meeting, is that the ill-fate, which Satan imposed upon us all through Adam's Fall, has been totally cancelled on the Cross. Halleluyah!

As a matter of fact, we were created in the likeness of our Father in eternal glory and shared with Him His excellent destiny. The Biblical report, made to this effect, could be found in Isai. 43:7, where we are informed that each and everyone of us were created for His glory. In Gen. 1:31, another key text tells us that the creation of our human nature passed the test, and so it was very good, among others. Because Elohim our Creator is love, His eternal glory shone on Adam and Eve. As a result, they were made world rulers, having been crowned with glory and honour – Ps. 8:5-6. Therefore, until Adam's transgression in the Afro-Edenic Paradise, he and his bride ranked first in all things, with all their yet unborn descendants: This good news indicates that we were created with God's good destiny! – Gen. 1:26. Halleluyah!

We were blessed with conquering power over other creatures at creation. There is no dispute about the fact that man, who was made in the likeness of the living God in glory, was well created. Besides this, all other creatures on earth were made subject to him, including all his yet unborn generations. Adam and Eve shone forth in the glory of God like the sun in the Afro-Edenic universal kingdom of our Father which shall soon be restored to us on His second coming – Matt. 13:43.

Satan's Change Of Man's Divine Destiny

But the devil, out of jealousy, altered our God-given best destiny to zero, even to death by deception as reported in Hebr. 2:8, when he made him break the law of diet, and by so doing murdered him and his seed – Jn. 8:44. It's sad to say that it was curses pronounced upon our first parents that their generations began. In other words, Satan had succeeded in changing man's good fate to the state of vanity and uselessness, coupled with sufferings and death before he had issues with his wife.

Therefore, prior to child-birth, mankind had been subjected to ill-fate already by the devil. Consequently, Cain, Abel and Noah, in the ante-deluvian world, to name a few, were born under the Adamic curse. In view of this, it has been disclosed to us in

Rom. 5:12 that the curse with death, among others, spread throughout the world community from the time of the fallen Adam.

Furthermore, the details of the satanic change and taboo in this life have been reported in Rom. 7:14-24, adding that life in the sinful flesh always leads to ill-fate, regardless of status, rank, sex, or colour! There is no place of security and defence against sufferings and death, imposed on the human race, except in Christ – Acts 4:12. As people's lives are influenced by the adversary, the wicked, they perform their duties against their own will.

In Rom. 7:15, it's reported that carnal men and women are always directed to do what they dislike! Yes, they do that which destroys them! For instance, they smoke toxic or poisonous tobacco, and drink alcoholic wine, being the root cause of cancer, a killer disease against their will. This awful situation has become their habit. Following the devil's control over life in the flesh, the carnal people are always in trouble – Isai. 48:22. Precisely, they are occupied in wrong-doings, made mention of in Gal. 5:19-21. These carnal men have no peace of mind, as they have fallen victims to demons.

In fact, it's the devil that imparted the ill-fate to mankind through Adam, so that he might use humanity as his instrument of wickedness. Whether a person likes it or not, whoever is carnal has identified himself or herself with Satan and his fallen angels in rebellion. The carnal mind in Rom. 8:7, we are told, is hostile to God the Most High. In view of this, "the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God. The conclusion is that those who live in the sinful flesh, but not in the Lord's Spirit, can't please Him – Rom. 8:8.

The cry of the carnal man's soul, doomed to destruction, for a saviour is divinely reported below:

"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" – Rom. 7:24.

Christ, The Answer

In response to this passionate appeal for a deliverer, Christ Jesus came to this world by birth with His salvation ministry, based on spirituality. His divine mission on earth is to effect the change of His people's Satan-made destiny with His power. With His gospel message on rebirth, He has changed the fate of many to positive. In fact, our dear Lord answered the appeal for deliverance, with His call to repentance plus the baptism of His own Spirit that conquered the devil, who led us all to ill-fate.

That which is capable of causing damage to the devilish destiny, once and for all, is the spiritual rebirth. Once a believer is born again as a new creature, the devil's bad destiny in him or her disappears. Under this unique condition, the fruit of Christ's good Spirit in Gal. 5:22-23 plus Eph. 5:9 becomes the new life of the born again, by way of substitution. To be exact, the evil deeds of the flesh in Gal. 5:19-21, among others, are the ill-fate of sin that dwells in carnal men and women – Rom. 7:17. Here,

"sin" which controls the life of everyone who has not been regenerated by Christ's Spirit is rendered in the Biblical usage as a metaphorical expression for Satan. Precisely, the devil is the indwelling sin that prevents the carnal peoples of this dark world from putting on good performances successfully, except evil deeds. I quote"

"... Wherein in time past ye walked (acted) according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience" – Eph. 2:1-2.

You know, the church members of Ephesus were reminded of their former carnal life, influenced by Satan, though they had all spiritually passed through the process of rebirth by the Lord's Spirit of grace. In Eph. 2:1, the anointed apostle Paulus informed them of the change of their ill-fate to God's excellent destiny, having been made alive with Christ's power. Truly, it's the responsibility of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to destroy in totality the bad luck in man, so that God's dear children may be accorded the opportunity to shine forth as lights in this dark world, at the highest level of achievements.

Having had the bad luck in them destroyed by our Lord, the Philippian saints were ordered to shine like lights in glory in Philip. 2:15. Here, all the regenerated Christians, especially the 7th Day Pentecostal saints, must do their best to live the new supernatural life of wonders and signs; of which our Saviour made a promise that they would follow anointed believers in Mk. 16:17-18.

Beloved, the direction given to us in Mk. 16:15-18 who have been commissioned to cause deliverance is not related to the natural way of life, nor to the normal way of hospitalization, which Satan can resist and stop – Rom. 12:2. We have been issued with a solemn command to administer healing to the sick by faith, unknown to the unrepentant world – 1 Cor. 12:8-11. We have been commanded to live by Christ's power as new born again people of God, without compromise with the carnal life, subject to Satan. Hence the heavenly command:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" – Rom. 12:2.

Inspite of this heavenly command numerous churches have adopted the way of life in the lost world. Consequently, they don't rely on the sure promises of God to ensure the wonderful life of Christ in this dangerous life. They are no longer interested in divine healing, and in the Lord's miraculous way of life, following their faith in the dangerous doctrines of devils, which are being preached by the end-time anti-christs to quench His Spirit of redemption – 1 Timo. 4:1. These apostate Christians, following "Another Jesus" born on 25th December (2 Cor. 11:3-4), whose date of birth is out of Bible context, have all by deception been brought back to their vomit as the dog returns to its own vomit, and as the pig also to its mud – 2 Pet. 2:22. To this sad end, all apostate Christians eat unclean food like dogs and pigs. They have been deceived by Satan's agents, that have impersonated Christ's true ministers, to return to their ill-fate, which He died on the Cross and took away!

Beloved, we 7th Day Pentecostal saints, holding fast the word of God, defined as living and powerful in Hebr. 4:12, have not returned to our vomit, nor to our filthiness like dogs and swine! God forbid! Point blank, I tell you that our names have been written in the Lamb's book of life, because by His grace we keep God's commandments and also bear testimonies to His glorious resurrection from the dead, with great grace and power like the first apostles – Rev. 12:17; 14:12and Acts 4:33.

Divine Miracle-Highlights

Dearly beloved, we are not behind in the gifts of the signs of the early apostles. This is because Christ's indwelling power that worked in them is still active in me, as well as in my assistant ministers. The amazing testimonies borne in our church-kingdom in His Name to the glory of God the Father are our witnesses to His power in the church.

In this church, the ill-fates of many believers have been changed to good, by miracle, and so they now feel good and secured! In all patience, "the signs of an apostle" in 2 Cor. 12:12 have been performed by my hand, since the establishment of our church in 1967, which was later registered in 1970. The deliverance ministry of the Association of 7th Day Pentecostal Assemblies, since its divine institution in Ghana, has set many a victim of Satan free at no cost – Matt. 10:8. Even, our enemies, despite their hatred against the leadership, through whom the revelation of the Lord's glory is being made to the suffering masses, do still testify of my heavenly mission! Yes, the indelible mark of Christ's miraculous work of redemption for our dissidents is not forgotten. To date, their own conscience bears witness that our good God in the church has assisted them all.

The church has helped even her secret enemies, members, foreigners, and our motherland, Ghana, during the nation's political crisis in the election time, with prayers. The peace we have been enjoying in the country is due to intercession made for it, though the citizens of Ghana are not aware of it.

The way the members and non-members have benefited from the blessings of 7th Day Pentecostal Assemblies, in terms of deliverance, defence, and of both the spiritual and material aids, is amazing. These divine benefits enjoyed in the church should have encouraged the beneficiaries to offer their maximum support to the Lord's good church, which had come to their aid, had they made sincere reflections upon the goodness of God done to them. The majority of them have abused the privileges and blessings received, having followed the way of the ungrateful dragon, the devil, to perish.

To others, who have been grateful to Christ with your good services, I say thank you. May God bless you all. Please keep it up till the end for the preservation of your spiritual, incorruptible crown! – Rev. 3:11.

The good deeds done to many in the Lord's church on Mt. Zion testify to the gospel truth that Christ's mission on this earth is to change the ill-fate of mankind to good-fate in deed. He has changed many a woman's ill-fate of child-deaths to good. A lot of believers that came from poor families have been made materially rich.

Christ's Wonders And Miracles In The Church

A lot of incurable killer diseases, rejected by both the native and medical doctors have been divinely healed by Christ, our great Physician, by my hand in the church. For instance, T.B. killer disease, stroke killer disease, cripples, blindness, madness, demoniacs, and even the HIV AIDS (once) have been healed in the church with Christ's indwelling power. Divine healings have been performed by me in Christ's Name, with distant prayers by telephone. I have offered up distant prayers to God for our dear ones who have travelled overseas, with good results, to the glory of God, by telephone.

At Mpatasie, near Trede, one goldsmith's dead son was raised to life by my hand. Sister Theresa Akua of Mpatasie, who also recently has had her breast-cancer healed by my anointed hand, was one of my eye-witnesses to the resurrection power of Christ. Brother Osei Kofi, taxi driver, was also an eye-witness to the Lord's resurrection power in the Association of 7th Day Pentecostal Assemblies in Ghana: This is because, his own son contracted a serious sickness and died completely at the time of prayers. But in the state of hopelessness, by faith I commanded the departed soul of the dead in the Wonderful Name of Emmanuel to return, and instantly the child came back to life with strong cry. Halleluyah! Beloved, our heavenly mission includes the act of raising up the dead to life in Matt. 10:8. Madam Mary of Old Tafo Kumasi recently died of stroke, but was brought back to life in Christ's Name by my prayer of command, to the glory of God

Gift Of Prophecy In The Church

A big transport bus, by name, AGADAS, by which Deacon John Kumi of Kumasi used to travel to Accra was some years ago involved in an accident near Nsawam without him, though he had decided to board it. But what happened? Thanks to God, he was warned and stopped by me, on Christ's orders, the day before the trip! Halleluyah! He escaped the brutal accident in which most of the passengers lost their dear lives, leaving behind accident victims with broken legs, hands, and bleeding wounds. But Deacon Kumi whose ill-fate had been subjected to change, and whose griefs and sorrows had been carried away by our dear Lord on the Cross on that Good Wednesday was not touched. Halleluyah! He was saved by His gift of prophecy in me.

On the Lord's holy Sabbath Day, I saw a heavenly vision, in which another church member, called Madam Yaa Bruwaah had had a car-accident, and was being carried on a stretcher in a hospital. I perceived in the vision that she was in transition and dead. Consequently, upon information, the congregation made intercession for her, though the accident victim's name was unknown. On the following Sunday, the prophecy was fulfilled with her narrow escape, on Offinso-Kumasi road, when the vehicle by which she made a trip to a funeral rite got involved in an accident. Almost all the passengers were wounded to death. The survivors were made cripples. Although Sister Yaa was buried alive beneath the corpses, and as a result, she was forgotten until the removal of the dead bodies, yet, she physically sustained no injuries and wounds, because Christ before the brutal accident had carried away her griefs and sorrows. Halleluyah!

I escaped unhurt, when my Isuzu Trooper collided with a timber truck, loaded with 4 big logs, on Kumasi-Ntabanu road. A passenger sitting behind my seat had his right hand broken into three parts.

These wonderful testimonies show that our Lord Jesus Christ has indeed made changes of the devil's ill-fate, which he shared with us through Adam. To good, He has turned our destiny, regardless of the devil's temptations. I quote:

"And we know that all things work together for GOOD to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" – Rom. 8:28.

All Satan's plots and temptations in our Christian way will work together for good at the right time. In this position of God's strong defence, there is no reverse-gear. Halleluyah. As it is the counsel of the Lord that will stand (Prov. 19:21), all evils will be changed to good, according to His will, to show that power belongs to Him. All those who love Him and observe His laws have been ordained to good luck in Rom. 8:28. In view of this, let's exercise patience in time of temptations as all shall be well. I quote:

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith needs patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." – James 1:2-4.

You see? Our good destiny has already been divinely determined and fixed. This is why we have been counseled to consider it all joy when we fall into many temptations. For example, the children of Israel fell into the temptation of slavery, but they were saved out of it with the conquest of their enemy. Daniel fell into the temptation of destruction by wild lions, yet he was delivered from it, with promotion – Dan. 6:28. In the same way, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were promoted by king Nebuchadnezzar, having overcome the temptation of fire – Dan. 3:30.

Truly, blessed is the person that overcomes trials, because God will reward the overcomer with the crown of life, according to His promise, made to His lovers – James 1:12. Therefore, in Christ, trials are not meant for evil, or ill-fate but for blessings and promotions, as it was in the case of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

The ill-fate manifests itself in persons who follow the lusts of their sinful flesh, crucified in Christ – Gal. 5:24. In James 1:13-15, we are informed that He tempts no one with evil, nor gives any person bad destiny, as He is "the Father of lights", in Whom there is no unrighteousness and darkness at all – 1 Jn. 1:5. As a result, every good gift and every perfect gift comes from Him, "the Father of lights" – James 1:17.

Because He is the Father of lights, in Whom there is no darkness at all, He has offered excellent destiny to all His children of light, that were created for His own glory – Isai. 43:7. Beloved, right now, all things in your Christian life are performing together for good for you all. Therefore, there is no cause for alarm! You have no cause to fear Satan who is under Christ's control, throughout the world. Sooner or later, He will order his arrest and 1,000-year imprisonment underground, in tartarus – Rev. 20:1-3.

The Cost Involved In The Change

In a nutshell, St. Petrus points out that the true Lamb of God suffered and brought us, who are in His Spirit, into the marvelous light of His eternal glory in 1 Pet. 1:11 and 2:9, that we might see His wonders and give praises to Him at all times. The sufferings involved in the change of our former ill-fate to good luck by Christ were predicted by the prophet Isaiah, with reference to the major role He would play as our scapegoat to set us free – Isai. 53:4-6.

For this reason, the prophet briefly put it across to us long before the birth of Christ. I quote:

"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the punishment for our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" – Isai. 53:4-5.

Thanks to God, all the holy predictions about the heavenly mission of the Lamb of God to save and change our satanic destiny to good have already come true on the Cross in the beginning of the first century A.D. Therefore, the said change of our griefs and sorrows that constitute our evil destiny is in the past. In this sense, we have already come out of the danger zone, by His grace.

For your information, the heavy wooden Cross, which our brave war-Captain carried from Jerusalem to Mt. Calvary, and on which He changed our ill-fate by sacrifice, and death, was symbolic of our sinful destiny. Please recall that Mt. Calvary is the correct location where the price for the change of our ill-destiny was paid in full for us all! Halleluyah!

The good news coming to us indicates that we were delivered from the power of Satan, long before our births, dating back to the time of our dear Lord's sacrificial death at Calvary, outskirts of Jerusalem in the first century A.D. Pre-announcing the absolute conquest of Satan, together with his destoolment, the war-Captain of our salvation said:

"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" – Jn. 12:31.

Soon after the Lord's public announcement of our enemy's conquest, He confronted him in the spiritual world or realm by death and triumphed over him together with all his demonic principalities and powers – Col. 2:15. On the 50th day after the conquest, being on the day of Pentecost, our Wonderful Victor poured out His Spirit upon His first disciples and apostles.

That was the great day on which Christ the Victor began to live in His holy people, so that the devil might not have the occasion to deceive and destroy them again. Beloved, our great victory over Satan stems from the fact that Christ, Who

defeated him in heaven and again on the Cross, lives in us all that by love keep His commandments.

In addition to this, He has authorized us to use His power to drive him out of their captives. This explains why the early apostles and evangelists exorcised demons that had harassed mankind, since Adam's Fall. Dear ones, the old order of satanic enslavement has given way to the new with anointed men's and women's joint-rule with Christ over demonic powers. Time has changed to our advantage! Halleluyah! Our joint-reign with the Son of God and of man by divine love has given us all the opportunity of exercising our God-given powers over the demons who were once our slave masters.

Beloved, let's all obey our war-Captain's command ordering us to "be strong in the power of His might" at all times to ensure our victory over Satan, now that he has been knocked down with His power. Anciently, the saints used the power of His blood that defeated him at Calvary and with it silenced him – Rev. 12:11. Please let us all do the same to liberate some of God's elect from the devil's atrocities with Christ's power.

Considering the great achievements of Christ made for us all from the Cross to the present age of the Pentecostal power, we must express our sincere thanks to our spiritual, good Father, Who is the brain behind our everlasting freedom, obtained by Christ. We thank Him for making us all kings and priests in this present world and in the next – Rev. 1:5-6.

Beloved, let's all rejoice always in the Lord because we have had our ill-fate changed, and have been included in the citizens of New Jerusalem on Mt. Zion in heaven, as reported in Hebr. 12:22-24.

May our God the Father bless you all in the Name of Yehowah-Christ Jesus now and for ever. Amen!