**DEALING WITH ENTICEMENT CALLED ADVANCEMENT**

 **Text: Galatians 1:** **16**

To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.

1. **OPENING MESSAGE:**
* It is very much easier to lose salvation than to get it.
* If you are looking or a winner, look for somebody whose salvation remains intact till the very end of his life.
* There is difference between an open backslider and a secret backslider.
* **An open backslider** is someone who openly moves out from the church to world. Demas is a classic example. **2Timothy 4:10** *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world...*
* **A secret backslider** is someone who does not leave the church but has compromised his salvation. **2Timothy 3:5** *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof…*
* So many people have backslidden form the faith, yet they are still physically present among the church.
* In fact, Satan does not want to pull out people out of the church anymore. Rather he wants them to compromise and still be be among the church members so as to become the following:
* Thorns in the flesh of the saints.
* Wolves in the midst of sheep.
* Oppositions and obstacles to the progress of the church.
* The unfaithful among the faithful. The unrighteous among the righteous.
* The serpents among the saints.
* Hirelings among the shepherd. Ungodly in the midst of the godly.
* That is why the bible says in **Psalm 12:1** *Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth…*
* In addition, the open and secret backsliders have taken 75% of Christianity in this present age. That is why, there is lager crowd everywhere but just few saints.
* The major factor of this serious problem is when people take Satanic enticement as advancement.
* Please note; the world is full of enticements! **If you are not enticed, you cannot be entrapped.** The bible says in **Proverbs 1:10** *My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*
* Enticement is a satanic prey with which he uses to capture the saints.
* Today, those who have been entrapped with enticement shall be delivered in J/N.
1. **SOME OF THE SATANIC ENTICEMENT WHICH ARE CALLED ADVANCEMENT.**
2. **Royal Vineyard**
* King Ahab enticed Mister Naboth with a royal **vineyard** in order to get **his father’s inheritance. I Kings 21:2-3**

**I Kings 21:2-3** And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. 3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

* Mister Naboth did not see the king’s offer as advancement, so he rejected it.
* Please reject whatever offer anyone may offer you to exchange your salvation.
1. **Royal free delicious but idolatry meat. Daniel 1: 5 &8**

**Daniel 1: 5** And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. **Daniel 1: 8** But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

* What a perfectly arranged enticement!
* Daniel and his companion did not agree to eat royal food. They didn’t take it as opportunity of advancement.
* They knew it would destroy God’s treasures in them.
* If they had eaten the meat, they wouldn’t have been able to reject bowing to the idols when charge came up later. **You can’t eat your cake and have it!**
* They didn’t allow strange land pleasures to corrupt their relationship with God.
* **Substituting your salvation to sinful way of securing resident permit in foreign country is foolishness.**
1. **Sexual pleasures with a man/lady of leisure. Genesis 39: 7-9**

**Genesis 39: 7-9** And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; 9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

* Who is a lady of leisure? It is someone who is always free at home because of doing no work.
* This exactly was the pattern of Portiphar’s wife lifestyle. She enticed Joseph with sexual pleasures.
* Joseph did not take the offer as advancement because he feared God.
* Joseph would have lost his future if he had taken the offer.
* Do you realise that the reason why God is far away from you is because of the enticement of sexual pleasures which were offered to you and accepted.
1. **Worldly splendour. Luke 4: 5-8**
* Worldly splendour was used to entice Jesus by Satan.

**Luke 4: 5-8** “*And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time…All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them…If thou therefore wilt worship me…”*

* Satan desperately enticed Jesus by promising Him the splendour of this world provided if Jesus could worship him.
* Jesus didn’t see it as advancement.
* Imagine, if Jesus had not rejected it, all of us would have still remained a captive under the devil.
1. **Anointing commercialization. Acts 8: 18-20**
* Peter was enticed with money as a way of commercialising God’s grace upon his life.

**Acts 8: 18-20** And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

* Peter grossly refused turning the anointing of God to money making ventures.
* He was not like some of the end time pastors who having lost their salvation by taking enticement as advancement.
* The day you begin to commercialise your anointing (either tactically or directly) you begin to lose the anointing.
1. **Demonic marine Prosperity for trapping men.**
* So many men have been enticed by strange women with demonic prosperity in order to pull them out of their legal marriage.
* They know ways to unleash financial breakthrough to a man.
* Hence the man will believe the manipulation and call it destiny compatibility with the strange lady.
* Thus the captured men will abandon his wife, children, church, even his salvation and become a lawful captive in the cage of a strange woman.
* **Proverbs 1:10** My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
1. **Satanic Money Miracles**
* A lot of Christians have been enticed with Satanic money miracle by false prophets and use it to entice them to their so called church.
* There are satanic congregations who unleash satanic money to their members and called it miracle money. **This is so rampant!**
* And because of desperate desires to build mansions and to ride on exotic cars, many have bowed the god of the false prophet.

**Mathew 24:24** *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*.

1. **A CLAMORING CALL FOR REPENTANCE BEFORE IT IS LATE.**
* Mark 8:36 *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*
* The story of a church financier who died without salvation.
* **Altar call…**