

Deliverance

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Introduction

Appeal to God

In talking about bad luck Job of the bible had overdose but that was after he had enjoyed good luck for many years. It is interesting that the great fortune and wealth that was built in many years were wiped out in a matter of few months. Children that were borne in the womb for nine months each of them and took many years to groom in to young adults, cattle that took years to raise and graze to full stature were wiped out in a single day.

Indeed destruction is easier and faster than building and developing. In Job's case it was more painful for a man who have seen happy days to suddenly see himself in the condition Job saw himself. Yet, the man who has never tested comfort will pray that he experiences it even if it is one day of joy.

Bad luck is torturous and many are the number of those who committed suicide because they could not see a future in the face of total darkness they found themselves. But for those in Christ Jesus, there is hope.

Below is what one of the friends of Job suggested as a way out of bad luck.

"But if it were I, I would appeal to God;

I would lay my cause before him. He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. He bestows rain on the earth; he sends water upon the countryside. The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety. He thwarts the plans of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success. He catches the wise in their craftiness, and the schemes of the wily are swept away. Darkness comes upon them in the daytime; at noon they grope as in the night. He saves the needy from the sword in their mouth; he saves them from the clutches of the powerful. So

the poor have hope, and injustice shuts its mouth. "Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he also binds up, he injures, but his hands also heal. From six calamities he will rescue you; in seven no harm will befall you. In famine he will ransom you from death, and in battle from the stroke of the sword. You will be protected from the lash of the tongue, and need not fear when destruction comes. You will laugh at destruction and famine, and need not fear the beasts of the earth. For you will have a covenant with the stones of the field, and the wild animals will be at peace with you. You will know that your tent is secure; you will take stock of your property and find nothing missing. You will know that your children will be many, and your descendants like the grass of the earth. You will come to the grave in full vigor, like sheaves gathered in season. Job. 5:8-26 NIV

What a wonderful motivation for somebody struggling with bad luck. God can heal bad luck and so he concludes -

"We have examined this, and it is true. So hear it and apply it to yourself." Job 5:27NIV

This book is written for those who would want to follow the advice posted in this scripture. The little information here is to help such to find direction in their quest. Like in all my books, I tried to be simple and then I have recommended other of my books for further reading.

This book is packed with many prayer topics because the one most important way to appeal to God is prayer. I pray that God will respond swiftly to your prayer in Jesus name.

Thanks for your time

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Chapter 1

What is bad luck?

Bad luck is misfortune; when someone is prone to misfortune or mishap that person is said to carry bad luck. Some people cannot say much about their life without mentioning many instances of negative things that happened in their lives. Some are prone to accidents, failure, disappointment, betrayal, sicknesses, police cases or court cases. Some will tell how every business they ventured into failed and how wars broke out in any city they moved in to. Not few women will tell you how every man they tried to relate with have turned them into punching bag. A pastor I know has buried three wives and the fourth one, as I hear now, is sick.

Some believers claim that once somebody comes to Christ, he can no longer suffer from misfortune or bad luck. This thought pattern is as a result of our inability to understand what bad luck is and its causes.

The following scripture will help us to understand how bad luck functions.

The men of the city said to Elisha, "Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive." 2 Kings 2:19-20NIV

There is some hidden information in this scripture. The water mentioned is none other than the river Jordan and it is not stagnant. The way this people presented their complaint shows that the same river will have a different effect on other people in other lands. That means that this bitter water in Jericho will not be bitter in a neighboring city. If there was a general unproductiveness in other cities that have common boundary with Jericho, the people obviously would not have bothered the man of God. But neighboring cities were having good harvest but the people of Jericho were having a bad time.

The phrase, "The water is bad" will include two things; when people drink the water they become sick and pregnant women miscarried when they bathe with the water. You can see with me that if the neighboring cities that shared the water with Jericho had the same experience, the people would not had made it a subject wanting urgent divine intervention.

So we can say that there was some ill fortune over Jericho that resulted in the matters they complained about.

Another account is that of Peter;

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, Luke 5:4-10 NIV

Most of us celebrate this miracle in the life of Peter but very few stop to ponder a very important factor. All those fishes were in that water all along; I mean these were mere animals that we assume lack reason but these senseless animals have something in them that made them avoid Peter's net. Yes, somehow something about Peter and his business denied him favor. The result of which was that his net could not attract any fish, I mean not even one. Night time was a time fisher men were likely to catch fishes but Peter and his team labored fruitlessly all through that night.

Now, take note that when the Lord Jesus Christ came in and used Peter's boat, there was something that was broken from Peter and his business. Think of how the same colony of fishes suddenly changed their mind and followed Peter's net up to breaking point of the net.

This is a perfect example of what the life of some people are like. Something in them tells things and persons they need to keep off. Those people may not know why they feel averse to the bad-luck brother or sister but they cannot help it. If the Lord intervenes, you will be surprised how the fortune of such person suddenly changes and people he was running after now begin to run after him. This is the reason some ladies are not able to hook a relationship and some men are not able to find a job.

I have counseled many servants of God who have tried everything they know, prayed every prayer they know and read all manner of books on leadership but this misfortune kept following them in life and ministry. I had a daughter in the Lord whom the Lord has long settled in her home; her case was that only married men sought her hand in relationship. It took intense prayers and counseling before she could settle down in her own marriage. Some ladies have suffered repeated heartbreak to a point that they have totally given up all hope.

Let me announce to you that your deliverance has come in Jesus mighty Name

As you journey with me in these serial teachings, keep your eyes on Jesus Christ and your sorrow will turn to joy in Jesus Name

I want you to pray thus –

1. Lord, expose every hidden spirit of bad-luck following me about in Jesus Name
2. Lord, as I follow this serial teaching, deliver me from every bad-luck in Jesus Name
3. The blood of Jesus Christ, release me from every bondage unknown to me in Jesus Name
4. Power of the Holy Spirit pour your life of victory into my own life in Jesus Name
5. Shout AMEN 3x and begin to thank Jesus for remembering you today

Chapter 2

How Bad-Luck Express itself

Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Matt 22:25-28NIV

The story reflected in the above scripture is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), so we can hold that as proof that the incident actually happened but the gospel of Matthew used an additional clause that gave more force to the claim that this is a true life story. This clause is, ***Now there were seven brothers among us***. This strongly suggests that the stated family existed where the religious leaders had a geographic knowledge of.

Let us then move further; there was a family that was doing very well. The head of this family got married to the mother; they lived happily and had seven sons. All the seven sons grew up to marriageable age and none of them died as infant or teenager. Then the first son came in one day to introduce a fiancée. She would have been a very beautiful lady and the members of this family received her warmly. I bet it was society class marriage ceremony that they had with all the feasting and music that go with them.

The fact was that nobody knew that something snapped in this family the very day this woman came in. Her husband suddenly died – we were not told why. According to custom the second son took over this woman but it was not long he died too. Another thing we can see was that when this woman came in, she came in also with lack of progress because none of the other young men could marry their own wife. With her also came in premature death and mourning. A destructive order set in until the whole family was wiped out. She also died after she had buried seven husbands and yet without a child. That family that was successful was shut down because a particular lady came in.

I have the feeling that this woman did not know the problem with her life but she carried bad-luck which she spread everywhere she went. When the religious

leaders told the Lord Jesus Christ this story, He lamented their powerlessness in the face of spiritual issues due to ignorance of the word of God

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. Matt 22:29-30NIV

I believe that Jesus Christ meant that this family could have been saved if these religious leaders understood deliverance and spiritual warfare and the principles so outlined in the bible. We will talk more about this

The next account we have is that of Jonah. A team of sea traders; perhaps they had been in that business for years and had never had a sad incidence. Like some sailors at that time, they would make sacrifices to every god or spirits they knew. From the account we have, these group of sea farers did the same. But on this occasion, a haggard looking old man walked up to them to board their ship. They accepted him just to help him; they did not need his money.

It was not long they sailed off than a storm came up and targeted them. They tried making more sacrifices to appease whatever god that was angry but to no avail. Then they casted lot and then discovered that the man they took in was the problem. Some spirit or God was angry that he was in that ship. They could not understand why. The man in question proposed only one solution; if these men will be saved, they must do the unusual; they must throw him into the raging stormy sea. These good men have never done such thing and are not prepared to do it this time. They rather preferred to sacrifice their own goods. When it was obvious that they may die because of this man, they succumbed –

Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. Jonah 1:15NIV

This is a hard teaching but the truth needs be told that some people are going through hell today because of an innocent looking man or woman they are living with. In some cases, the person may have a very spiritual reputation like Jonah, but that does not change anything.

There are two sides to the above stories; one side is the people who suffered because they received in their company somebody with bad luck and the second is the bad luck person – the person who brought bad luck anywhere he entered.

The challenge here is that some people that have bad luck over their life do not even know they have it. They are as surprised as everyone else because of what is happening. At times they relocate from an environment complaining about the negative things that happened there, not knowing that they were the cause of those negative things. I have people tell stories that any company they were employed never paid their salary. They don't seem to understand that it is probable that the company never made any profit from the time they came. Some ladies complain that all the men they related with just want to keep them as a live-in sex partner who won't pay dowry. She might not have noticed that the man stopped making money immediately she came in.

The essence of this teaching is to help you do introspective search over your life. I know one pastor whose parish will either shut down or they will throw him out. There are some whom those that promised to assist them will begin to have set back until they revoke the promise. There are those whose presence will attract armed robbers to any neighborhood they pack into. There are those whose presence will cause confusion. I like that we take a very bad example; I call it bad example because theologically it may not be accepted

After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord. Acts 9:23-31NIV

If you notice in the above scripture, trouble followed anywhere Apostle Paul went and these troubles were affecting all the believers there and hence led to waste of precious time in efforts to save his life. One time they took a firm decision to send him to his home town. Immediately this was done, bible recorded that the church had a time of peace and prospered. We will dwell more on this when we will talk about solutions to bad luck situations.

Bad luck is an issue and those suffering from bad luck must own up and seek a way to address it. The sad thing however is that most bad luck people are busy blaming others for the problem their presence had caused. Humbly accepting that one has an issue will help the family or group to stop wondering what is happening and focus on how to handle the situation

Different ways bad luck manifest

- a. Disappointment
- b. Near success syndrome
- c. Rejection
- d. Extreme poverty
- e. Struggling much but benefitting very little
- f. Premature death of spouse or those that want to help
- g. Shame and things that lead to disgrace
- h. Delayed marriage
- i. Fruitlessness in marriage and business
- j. Serious mistakes that lead to set backs that will undo all that the person had achieved in the past
- k. Hated without cause

Let me state here that bad luck issues are like any other deliverance challenges and once the right thing is done, there will be solution. There was this case of a man who ran to one of my senior friends to solicit for spiritual assistance. He had noticed that his life had been threatened repeatedly in the past few days; one was that a machine at his work place almost cut off his head and other issues I can't remember now. Through counseling we discovered that there was a covenant issue and that he had been dedicated to an altar that was calling for him to come and serve him. That was one of the most dramatic deliverance I ever saw. Once that

man did what the Lord instructed me he should do some demons manifested immediately and we as a team cast them out. Just to point out that some bad luck issues are caused by demon presence. We will talk more about this later.

I shared this testimony to prove to you that your problem is not a hopeless one. No matter the issue, open your heart to the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ, our bondage breaker will set you free.

Pray like this –

Holy Spirit of the living God, I open up to you now. Release your deliverance power upon my life in Jesus Christ mighty name. Pray this prayer loudly seven times.

Thank the Lord for his deliverance power

Chapter 3

How do people get in to Bad –Luck?

1. By birth – It is sad to state but some people were just born into bad luck.

They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune Isa 65:23NIV

The promise here suggests that there are those who by birth are doomed to bad luck. The following scripture supports this point.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: "You must not marry and have sons or daughters in this place." For this is what the Lord says about the sons and daughters born in this land and about the women who are their mothers and the men who are their fathers: "They will die of deadly diseases. They will not be mourned or buried but will be like refuse lying on the ground. They will perish by sword and famine, and their dead bodies will become food for the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth." Jer 16:1-4NIV

The prophet was advised to spare himself the pain he would go through by having children under a cursed season; four manners of curses and affliction have been decreed for those children

Even the Lord Jesus Christ said that children to be born at a particular time are unfortunate because of situations they will face.

How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Mark 13:17NIV

The point we are stressing here is that some people are going through things not because of any sin of their own but were just born with that bad luck

There are those who will live under bad luck because of judgment of the race or nation they came from

Edom may say, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins." But this is what the Lord Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the Lord. You will see it with your own eyes and say, 'Great is the Lord-even beyond the borders of Israel!' Mal 1:4-5NIV

The people of Edom at this time were under divine judgment and God was resisting their advancement. Among such people we will see all the above stated evidence of bad luck, even in the life of children who have not committed any wrong just because they are the children of the people of Edom.

For this category, the first step to deliverance is that they surrender their live to Christ. The next step is family or land liberation. Some villages in this situation had been delivered when they hosted community/land liberation under experienced deliverance ministers.

2. Sin - ***Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction. Josh 7:11-12***

It is unfortunate that many believers still see sin as offending God, so they sin and confess. But even though God forgives them, the sin had brought in some things that cause bad luck. Sin is a ground for all manner of negative things in people's lives. I know of people who found themselves under situations of bad luck through incest and some adultery. That is why every wise person endeavors to flee sin. The scripture here say that Israel lost their safe position because sin was found in their camp

3. INHERITED. From the points mentioned above we already understand that people can inherit bad luck. The bible says that a righteous man leaves houses and wealth for his children and grandchildren. So if that is the case with the children of the righteous, what do the children of the wicked inherit? Obviously the opposite of what the children of the righteous inherited; children of witch doctors, murderers. Occult men and prostitutes have hanging over their heads the bad luck as a result of the sins of their ancestors. I advise you to read my book, "The Challenges associated to Family Tree and How to.." for further help on this subject
4. CURSES. Curses are actually pronounced in the place of blessings. Curses bring bad luck while blessings bring favor. When we started this discussion we mentioned how Peter toiled fruitlessly through the night because the

fishes seemed to have received instructions to keep off Peter's net. Even though we are not told so, it will not be out of place to conclude that there was a curse situation in his life that was broken when Jesus Christ used his boat. If you observe how Peter reacted you will agree with me that he had never had such success before.

By the power in Jesus Name you will begin to see mind blowing miracles after reading this teaching.

Shout, AMEN!

We don't want go back to the controversy of whether Christians can have any kind of curses over their life. Let me state that if Christians can be sick and need healing, it goes that they can also need deliverance

How do curses operate or manifest? Curses manifest by making things to work against a person. When Balaam was invited by Balak, he was instructed to tie curses on the life of the Israelites, so that as they struggle with those curses, Moab can conquer them. If these are the ways things are going in your life, you just must stop and ask yourself some questions and then seek solution from the right sources. The problem is that some never consider stopping until things run out of hand and then even when they decide to seek help, they turn to the wrong direction.

5. Demon possession. It is a hard saying but demons in people's life contribute bad luck into their life. Some demons give people bad luck; I know a woman who said that she was married spiritually to the python spirit and so when any man comes near her, the man will perceive the foul smell of the demon and go away. There was another that told me that she smelled like a dead corpse and so no man wanted to stay around her. There are those possessed by the spirit of their ancestors and these demons will manifest without the person knowing it to block the person from moving forward. I have cases of women who said that demons will go and threaten any man that wants to marry them and scare the man away. There are several men who will wonder why people who wanted to help them will suddenly begin to avoid them. There are those who have been clothed by witches and wizards with the filthy garment of wretchedness that makes people reject them. Those

garments still manifest even if the person is wearing gold. Some of these things leave horrible experiences in the life of people facing them. The truth is that those going through such things must make out time to seek deliverance.

The following scripture will cast more light on the activities of demons in people's lives

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek Mark 1:23-26 NIV

Notice that the man in this account was not a mad man by the road side. He was obviously a neatly dressed man in the synagogue but he had a demon. The Lord Jesus Christ was addressing the worshippers in the synagogue but the demon interrupted him. He knew who the Lord was and his purpose for His audience. So the demon rose to stop Jesus Christ from reaching the man. So if this is a case where somebody promised to give that demon possessed man a job, the demon would have heard; if it is a lady and somebody proposes marriage to her, the demon would still have heard it. Since the duty of Satan and his demons is to steal, kill and destroy, they will not be happy to hear that something good was going to happen. They will commence sending signals and causing confusion so that they can frustrate the good purpose of God. This also points to the need for deliverance. Jesus Christ had to cast out the demon. There are several instances like this and He cast out the demons. Presence of demons means bad luck.

6. THROUGH CONTACT – remember that we mentioned earlier how Prophet Jonah's presence in the ship heading to Tarshish brought bad luck to the kind hearted traders. The bible has this to say,

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Cor 15:33NIV

I love to put it this way, Don't fool yourself by claiming you can change this principle by having faith; contact with the wrong person can pollute the good luck you carry. Remember also the Israelites in their wilderness

journey; Joshua and Caleb did not doubt God like the rest of the other ten spies. In fact, by their faith in Jehovah, they found favor before the Lord, but that did not keep them from wandering in the wilderness like the rest of Israel. They did not die but they had to face all the challenges others faced for those forty years. The woman we read about in Matt.22:25-27 is another example; the family that brought her in as wife was not in any way involved in the reason for the bad luck she carried but they were wasted all the same by that curse because of contact with her.

The wisdom in this lies in the fact that the reason for your bad luck maybe because of somebody you associate with; somebody you work in his company or somebody you brought into your house. This is why we strongly suggest that intending couples should seek the attention of a deliverance minister as they seek the attention of doctors. Another point is that you should not ignore the negative lifestyle in the life of somebody you interact with because it can have effect on your own life. If somebody is not interested in serving God, a faithful tither/Christian should not enter a business contract with him.

Eliezer son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have made an alliance with Ahaziah, the Lord will destroy what you have made." The ships were wrecked and were not able to set sail to trade. 2 Chron 20:37NIV

Jehoshaphat went into business alliance with somebody with whom the Lord had issues, which resulted in the total failure of his business.

7. JUDGMENT

There are many reasons that could lead to divine judgment in people's life and one of the things God permits at such time is bad luck.

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into

the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands." Hag 1:5-11NIV

When we neglect God's call or any kind of duty we should be doing in His house, God in his love releases bad luck on us. Note the phrase, "I called for..." I don't see the need to pray for somebody under God's judgment

This is also the case when we break covenant we had made with God and other children of God

"And now this admonition is for you, O priests. If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name," says the Lord Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me. "Because of you I will rebuke your descendants; I will spread on your faces the offal from your festival sacrifices, and you will be carried off with it. And you will know that I have sent you this admonition so that my covenant with Levi may continue," says the Lord Almighty. "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin Mal 2:1-6NIV

There is the need to point out here also that this is the same process the demons worshipped by our ancestors follow in their evil efforts to get us back; they start putting obstacles on our ways by causing so many problems. This again points to proper introspection when one is facing challenges.

In summarizing this chapter I wish to point out that each time we see some negative things repeating persistently, we should pause and ask where the bad

luck is coming from. Unfortunately most people are so focused on what their eyes see presently; hence lose the opportunity to be delivered early enough.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will grant you hindsight, insight and foresight so that you can discover the cause of any bad luck persisting in your life.

Let us pray now!

Pray like this - Lord Jesus Christ. You are the chain breaker, deliver me today, in the name of Jesus! (Repeat this prayer 7x)

Shout, THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST! 7x and then pray with force – By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ I break free from every bondage of inherited bad luck in Jesus Name

Pray 3x- Power of sin, be broken from my life in Jesus Name!

Pray - controlling power of sin, I command that you lose your control over my life now, in Jesus Name! 3x

Pray – Demons of bad luck, get out of my life in Jesus Name! (7x)

Remember to lift your hands and thank the Lord for what he is doing in your life

Chapter 4

How to break free from Bad Luck

- a. Acknowledge the problem – Not everyone facing challenges are under the bondage of bad luck but then it is unreasonable to believe that God is in charge of every negative thing going on in our life. What I mean is that even though God promised to be with us in all situations, it is unreasonable to believe that God instigates or authorizes negative things for us as His children so that He can use them to train us. This erroneous belief is often given biblical backing from this popular scripture

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 8:28KJV

This scripture in no way says that God sent us good and bad things for our good but rather in whatever circumstances we find our self, good can still come out of it. NIV puts this clearer

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Rom 8:28NIV

This scripture says that God uses all situations to work for our good. We can look back at the accounts we quoted earlier; God never sent Jonah to Tarshish and it is unthinkable that God went out to destroy the business of those traders. But when Jonah turned the opposite direction to where God sent him, God used that stubborn act to teach Jonah that no matter where he finds himself God can still answer his prayers. The eventual miraculous deliverance of Prophet Jonah has been used to elaborate the limitless power of God to His children in any kind of extreme situation. Again God used that stubbornness to reveal Himself to those sea traders and also to teach us. Those traders were delivered from idolatry and I believe continued to serve the true God. This again is a lesson for those who believe that because sinners came to Christ in their rebellious venture, it means that God is ok with it.

It is unfortunate that some believers like Job of the bible still believe that God can send diseases, death, curses, poverty and so on to His children for no just cause but to teach them a lesson. God cannot do evil and if He needs

to do evil, He has to borrow it from the devil that is the custodian of evil. So don't accept bad luck as the will of God for your life but pause to find out why those things are happening. And you cannot do this unless you first acknowledge that you are in abnormal situation that is not acceptable for a child of God.

The bad luck may be in the life of a beloved person; it does not call for negative feelings to the person. I remember a pastor who threw away his wife with three under age children because he believed she carried bad luck. This is an act of cowardice; if he is really a servant of God, he should use the authority of God in his life to set his wife free.

- b. Repentance and Restitution- I believe that God is faithful and will show you the root of the bad luck situation in your life. The challenge however is that, it may turn out that the cause of the bad luck is your sin or something you have taken in to your custody which is not rightly yours. In such situation most people will find it difficult to see the need to return what is not rightly theirs. In the account of the Prophet Jonah, he was humble and honest enough to own up that it was his fault that the ship farers were going through a difficult time. His solution was weird but we observe that God honored him by saving his life. But the case of Achan in Joshua 7 was different; he continued to hold back until the Lord exposed him. Well, he and his family were wiped out.

Repentance is not just repeating some words in a time of prayer but a deliberate negative attitude to sin. When someone truly regrets his sin, it will not be difficult for such person to confess it and separate oneself from it.

Restitution is to give back what one had which was not one's own by right. It could be money, property or any such thing one had gotten by fraud or deceit. There is the case of a lady who grabbed a relationship through magical powers; all her three children were born deaf and dumb. She kept praying for deliverance but refused to open up to her husband the root of the bad luck they were facing. I really doubt that the problem could be resolved by that process.

- c. Seek deliverance – I have used this repeatedly in this writing and it cannot be overemphasized. There is time you have to seek spiritual help the same way you seek medical help. And you don't have to wait until things get out of hand. If you have observed like the people of Jericho that you or your

family are suffering from things that seems like bad luck, it is needful that you seek deliverance. Some say that they are afraid of falling in to the hands of false prophets. There can never be false prophets if there are no true prophets. I believe you need to tell yourself the truth; are you actually looking for a true prophet? If you are living in obvious sin or you are doing a job a believer should not be doing, and then you go out looking for spiritual assistance but from your heart you don't want to leave your sinful lifestyle, you are simply looking for a false prophet. There are those who claim that they can take care of themselves. No matter how spiritual you are, there are times you can't minister to yourself. Even the Lord Jesus Christ once called for prayer from his disciples. The many casualties in the Christian faith is mainly a result of "master of all trade" kind of ministry. Recently one of Nigeria's gospel generals who told his followers that believers don't have need for deliverance was forced by demonic embarrassment in the life of his wife to seek for spiritual help from those he once mocked. The good news is that he watched as demons flew out of his wife. Then he announced that all his church branches all over the world should commence deliverance services

- d. Community/family liberation – if this matter concerns a whole community or nucleus family, there is the need they must seek for deliverance just like the individual. The people of Jericho left them an example. My book, **Challenges Associated with the Family Tree and How to ..** will be very useful here. I want to remain within the confines of this series.
- e. Intensive prayers – We have said that some of the bad luck issues are connected to demonic oppression and some as a result of witchcraft operations. It is proper to state the words of our Lord Jesus Christ here, **THIS TYPE DOES NOT GO OUT EXCEPT BY PRAYER AND FASTING.** There is a place for violent prayers both day and midnight. I have added some prayer topics at the end of this series which people facing bad luck may pray and get delivered.
- f. Change of attitude – It is needful to also state that even though we know there are witches and wizards and all the workers of iniquity, some people have the root of their problem in the way they do things; their attitude. In some cases, the enemy takes advantage of their unruly attitude to break their relationship. Some suffer in business because of their poor calculation and

there are those who violate spiritual principles of tithing, church attendance and immorality. For such persons my word is, Unless you deliberately change the way you do things, your life can never get better. I know people whom the enemy have always messed up because of their insubordination to authority. There are also those who are tied down because of their greed; some by laziness and many by their wrong use of their tongue. I am sorry to say that, there is little or nothing a servant of God can do to help such persons unless they work on their attitude.

- g. Giving – God is love but also a God of justice. Giving is established as a law for receiving and prosperity. If you don't give, you may still make heaven but you will likely be poor on earth. In every religion giving is recognized as law for receiving; that you don't have something to give does not change the conditions.

Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. Eccl 11:2 NIV

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Prov 11:24-25NIV

Chapter 5

Prayer topics to come out of Bad Luck

(Note that this prayer points are for born again Christians.)

1. Plead the voice of the blood of Jesus Christ over yourself 7x, then pray
Oh, Lord I plead the precious blood of Jesus Christ over my life to silence every argument of righteous blood of Abel speaking against my life in Jesus
2. Oh, Lord I plead the blood of Jesus Christ against any verdict of condemnation hanging over my life as a result of the sin I committed in the past knowing and unknowing in Jesus Name
3. Oh, Lord I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over every condemnation hanging over my life as a result of the sins of my ancestors in Jesus Name
4. Oh, Lord, I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over my life on any account of any sentence of curses or affliction because of the family I come from and my kinsmen in Jesus Name
5. Oh, Lord, I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over my life on account any sentence on my life because of people I offended or things I did not do right in Jesus name
6. I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over my life on account of all sins of incest, abortion, rape, blasphemy, sacrilege, disrespect to my elders, joining in opposing men or women of God in Jesus Name. let the blood speak for and neutralize all arguments against me in Jesus name
7. I plead the blood of Jesus Christ on account of all ungodly association in the past which have become a ground for my judgement in Jesus name
8. I plead the blood of Jesus Christ on account of any spoken words against me by angry parents, elders, superiors and all spiritual authority for any reason in Jesus name
9. By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ (7x) I terminate the assignment of all evil spirits commissioned to punish me.
10. By the authority in the blood of Jesus Christ and the power in His name to change times and seasons, I cancel every satanic calendar set up against my favor, prosperity, increase, promotion, fruitfulness in Jesus name

11. By the authority in the blood of Jesus Christ and the power in His name to change times and seasons, I wipe out every atmosphere in my life that attracts bad luck in Jesus name
12. By the authority in the blood of Jesus Christ and the power in His name to change times and seasons, I cancel every seasonal curse or spell that has been spoken into the sun, moon and stars for my person and endeavors
13. By the authority in the blood of Jesus Christ and the power in His name to change times and seasons, I cancel every evil evidence that the heavens and the earth have upheld against me, my family, my career, ministry etc. today I command that they are erased in Jesus name
14. By the authority in the blood of Jesus Christ and the power in His name to change times and seasons, I command that all that are part of God's creation will never enforce any curse or sentence against me in Jesus name
15. By the authority of the name of Jesus Christ and the power of His Cross I disarm all demons supervising my torture in the name of Jesus Christ
16. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bind every evil spirit in my life that has been executing my punishment now. I bind you now and cast you out! 7x
17. I bind every demon planted in my life to report my activities to the kingdom of darkness, and cast them out in Jesus name 3x
18. I neutralize every sickness, spell, vex and yoke that has been projected into my life to enforce the laws of bad luck in my life in Jesus name 3x
19. I command you garments of wretchedness on my person from the witchcraft kingdom, be consumed by the Holy Ghost fire in Jesus name 3x
20. I command you staff of wickedness ruling over my life to scatter in to pieces in Jesus name 3x
21. I command every council of iniquity monitoring my affliction to be scattered in Jesus name 3x
22. By the authority in the blood of Jesus Christ and the power in His name to change times and seasons, I command all creation to begin to work for my good in Jesus name 3x
23. Spirit of rejection I bind you 3x
24. Spirit of disappointment I bind you 3x
25. Spirit of failure I bind you 3x
26. Spirit of poverty and penury I bind you 3x
27. Spirit of costly mistakes I bind you 3x

- 28.Spirit of unfruitfulness I bind you
- 29.Spirit of disorderliness I bind 3x
- 30.Spirit of confusion I bind you 3x
- 31.I sever every contact in my roots generating pollution into my life in Jesus name
- 32.I connect my spirit, soul and body to the godly root of our Lord Jesus Christ
- 33.I generate blessings through the power of the Holy Spirit in life 3x
- 34.I generate godly wisdom through the power of the Holy Spirit in my life 3x
- 35.I generate fruitfulness into my life through the power of the Holy Spirit in my life 3x
- 36.I decree that angels of God shall henceforth replace demons in my life in Jesus name 3x
- 37.I decree that those that God has assigned to bring me into my fruitfulness will locate me in Jesus name 3x
- 38.I decree that everything that I need to function in the new atmosphere of open heavens will locate me at the longest, three months from now in Jesus name.
- 39.Holy Spirit of the living God, pour more of your presence into my life now in Jesus name 7x
- 40.Holy Spirit of the living God I declare that you are in charge of my life, times and seasons in Jesus name 3

Begin to thank the Lord, wave your hands into the air, dance and celebrate the victory of the Lord in your life.

You are free from bad luck in Jesus name

I free from every curse in Jesus name

You are free from every evil chain in your life in Jesus name

God's favor is working in your life now in Jesus name!

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I once heard a witch doctor boast that he used to give spiritual powers to gospel ministers that enabled them to build big churches. He claimed that all the big churches in town patronized him. Some ministers believe this lie from the devil, which seems to imply that God does not empower His servants today.

It has been observed that most bible schools and seminaries have as their curriculum teachings that have nothing to offer the gospel minister in the place of his calling. They are often things the minister has to know in his head but can't be practiced at his duty post.

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Mention must also be made of some other schools that teach deliverance and spiritual warfare, most of whom veer off to things that don't agree with sound bible truth. Some people in following these views have ended up in occult hence have done more harm than good to those seeking deliverance.

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 - b. Healing
 - c. Counseling
 - d. Prophecy and Deliverance
 - e. Territorial Spiritual Warfare
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 - a. Family tree
 - b. Predisposition
 - c. Curses
 - d. Covenants
 - e. Generational Strongholds
 - f. Evil Family Patterns
 - g. Family Liberation and covenant breaking
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 - a. What are demons?
 - b. Origin of demons
 - c. Believer and demons
 - d. Authority of the believer
 - e. How to cast out demons
 - f. How to run deliverance ministry
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 - a. Addiction
 - b. Sexually transmitted demons (STDs)
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 - a. Occult
 - b. curses
 - c. Covenants
 - d. Addictions
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