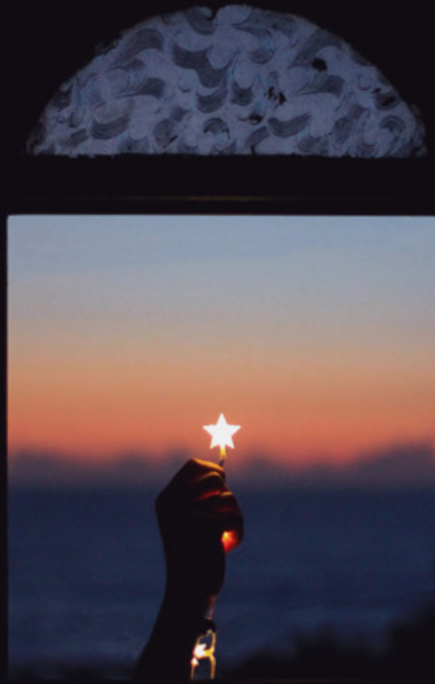


# FINDING HOPE IN HOPELESSNESS

The only certain thing in life is death. If just one thing is certain, then all other things are uncertain. As long as the earth remains, seed time and harvest shall remain, and in the same vain, as long as you are in the world, we cannot completely distance ourselves away from our enemy. I say enemy in the sense that there is just one master who is the author of confusion in the world, and all others who go with him, walk with him, and believe in him are recognized as his agents. It is possible you avoid these agents who, more often than not, are humans like us, but wherever we go we cannot hide ourselves because the master himself who is Satan is a spirit. Geographical barriers are no answers to our quest for a permanent escape from his interferences.

How do we escape from the enemy we can not physically avoid is the question to ask. This question in other words is like asking one about the possibility of hoping in the midst of hopelessness. The world that we find ourselves in today is such that has lost all that should be the sources of joy and hope, leaving man with the only alternative to choose between bad and worse, no allowance given at all for the choice of good. The only way of escape that is open to mankind from the shackles of the enemy, which is Satan, is to reconnect with the original source of life. No matter how big a river is, there is a source to it which is small in comparison to the size of the entire river. The problem with the world today is that man has lost focus, and to this end, it is become difficult



for him to retrace his steps back to his original source.

Everyone has a task before him to re-discover himself, for in doing that is the ability to retrace our steps back to our original source, which is God. Science, as good as it is, is yet to provide the needed hope that the world needs. It has succeeded in discovering the problems but failed in discovering the real causes of the problems that the world is faced with. If you don't know the source of your problem and the cause of it, the solution to that problem will forever be elusive. That is where we are.

Give the leadership of your life to a force that is higher, stronger, and invisible, for

in doing that only is the renewal of your divine contract, which permits the higher authority to control the smaller ones, which include the whole of human beings and all that God created through the power of His Word.

When hope is lost, everything goes with it. Hope is the seer. It sees the end from the beginning and shatters all doubts and conflicting information that is different from what the Creator's manual has for man. There are two reports from two different sources. One tells you about the mind and the thoughts of your Creator for you, which are the thoughts of peace and not of evil. The other report is contradictory to the earlier one, and this instills in you fear which in other words is the opposite of faith. You have a choice to make with regard to what report you want to believe.

In conclusion, you have to believe in something before you can behave that thing which you believe, and until that is done, you cannot become what you believe to become. Destiny will be lost in unbelief but to hinder beliefs, all things are possible. To him that is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. It does not matter how long you have been on the ground. As your hope comes alive, your position changes. Waiting for a change without the preparation and the will to change is like chasing a wild goose and can be likened to chasing the shadow at the expense of the substance. Don't give up. Until you give up you cannot stop going up.