



Victory House, Bahrain

# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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The Place of His Power  
Majestic Hotel Juffair, Kingdom of Bahrain.



## APRIL MY MONTH OF POSSIBILITY

# DECEPTIVE APPEARANCES AND BELATED DISCOVERIES

All angels do not often look it, and especially devils seldom patrol in horns and hooves, which is how they fool so many. According to an ancient proverb popularised by Shakespeare, "All that glisters is not gold." Appearances could be deceptive (Mark 16:5-6; Hebrews 13:2).

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations (Isa 14:12)

It will appear that not only the verses we have chosen to highlight but the entire story is one continuing exclamation; a long sentence of shock at the unveiling of the true personage whom the world had hitherto known only in name, the character whose profile had been sketched mostly by his characteristic acts of mischief.

"Why the shock?" someone might ask. Many answers. First, whom they see is not some anticipated dinosaurian spectre but a "man"; a man looking nothing like the gargantuan global calamities attributed to his name from as far back in history as anyone can remember. They had hoped to see a beast but whom they see is a "man"; a man looking no different from any other earthling. They had anticipated a devil, but whom they see is a charming, captivating, corporate-looking man with two legs, two hands, a head, eyes and ears. From down the ages, everyone had upheld the traditional opinion that the character behind all the hideous activities on earth had to be a dark, horny, repellent King Kong in hooves; not this unexceptional diminutive "man." They are completely unable to hold back the shock, which escapes their lips "How... O... How art...!" (V.12).

At one point, the observers direct their wonder at the mystery man, "Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?" (v.10). Their outburst does not get an answer. It is not a question. Still beside themselves with astonishment, they turn away from the "man" to themselves, or to vacant space, announcing their present amazement in a fresh staccato, in consecutive sudden sentences of shock: "Is this the man...?" "... The man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?"

They seem to have been saying, "Could such an unlikely looking man have been the agent of all the havocs connected to his name? This man does not seem capable of killing a fly, of turning even a street into a wilderness, let alone destroy whole cities, weaken nations, cause earth tremours, reduce an entire world into a wilderness, and run one notorious prison house with doors that only let people in but never out, in their millions! 'Is this the man...?'" Proper devils do not often look like one. Never mind the artist impressions that paint Satan in the despicable image of horns and hooves. Not many will follow such a Satan. The best devils go about in three-piece suits, or other contemporary fanciful outfits. They are sometimes the smiling, 'friendly' 'helper,' until their time comes to strike and lay nations waste. Or they could act that very 'helpful' colleague at the office, or that most 'caring' relation, or that messianic politician, until too late after their irreversible havocs when everyone wonders helplessly over their universal ruins, "Is this the man...?"

You will be tragically mistaken to look in dungeons only for every devil. Some are in palaces (Acts 13:6-11), or homes (1 Samuel 1:6), or sanctuaries (Acts 8:20-21; Matthew 16:23). Sometimes they even speak our familiar religious language (Genesis 3:1; Matthew 4:6). Even wolves, according to Jesus, have long learned to roam with the ID of sheep (Matthew 7:15), and according to Paul, devils themselves have learned the survivalist ploy of masking with the face of angels of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). Appearance is key, they say.

A while ago, I was watching a Christian channel as a prophet was praying for a desperate woman's dying child. It came out from the seer that her god-mother, who had offered to be helping her with her children while she sorted out her life, was the devil behind her woes. God brought forth further private details that the shocked woman tearfully confirmed to be true. "Is this the [wo]man...?" she must have wondered home after that service.

A woman invited her pregnant neighbour to church for a revival meeting at which a visiting evangelist was being expected as

preacher. First night, the preacher's sermon was about the Rock that is God. Who falls upon that Rock is broken to pieces; whom It falls upon is ground to powder. Either way, they lose who come against that Rock. His text was Luke 20:18:

Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

That night, the pregnant woman had a dream she had often had in the fifth month of every pregnancy. She usually saw a cow chasing her with the horns poised to strike. Hypnotically and helplessly transfixed, she often watched as the cow would ram into her tummy with those piercing horns. By morning, she would begin to bleed and the pregnancy will be lost. She had already lost five pregnancies to the mystery cow. This was her sixth pregnancy, and it was her fifth month. That night after the service, at which the woman had committed her life to God and to His rock of protection, the cow returned in her dream, but this time, the Rock was on her side. She quickly called upon the Rock and at once saw a big rock drop from heaven and stand between her and the advancing cow blinded with rage. She stood behind the rock and watched as the attacking cow rammed not into her tummy this time but into the rock, then simply collapsed and died. By morning, they were to hear that the very concerned and very religious neighbour who had invited her to church the previous evening had died mysteriously overnight. "Is this the man...?" A different preacher was in town, different from the previous preachers that the church had known – and the cow had misjudged!

You will be greatly disappointed if spooky horns were your only means of identifying devils. Some devils are in pretty skirt suits, or jeans and T-shirts, or the flowing billionaire barbariga and cap, with that captivating smile of a harmless angel. Do not wait until the belated tragic end to discover and moan, "Is this the man...?" Pray with me, "O God, open my eyes." Amen. May He open your eyes – our eyes. Amen.

SHALOM!!!

### Schedule of Services

Every Friday: 10:00am

1st Friday - Thanksgiving Service.

2nd Friday- Jacob Service.

3rd Friday - He sent his word Service.

4th Friday- Anointing Service.

Mid - Week Service (Every Tuesday)  
6:30pm.

1st Tuesday - Holy Communion Service

2nd Tuesday - Digging Deep (Bible Study)

3rd Tuesday - Digging Deep (Bible Study)

4th Tuesday - Faith Clinic (Prayer Meeting)

Breakthrough Service Every Sunday at  
St. Christopher 's Cathedral. 11:00am

### New Comers

We welcome you with the love of God to His presence where Biblical truths are taught without compromise. We hope that you enjoy the fellowship in His presence. Please wait after the service for a warm reception.

A/P Olajide Joshua  
Pastor in-charge



Please  
Switch off  
your  
Phone  
or put them  
on  
silence



### VISION / MISSION STATEMENT

The following are our Visions and Goals as members of  
The Redeemed Christian Church of God:

1. To make heaven.
2. To take as many people as possible with us.
3. To have a member of The Redeemed Christian Church of God in every Family of all Nations.
4. To accomplish No1 above, holiness will be our lifestyle.
5. To accomplish nos. 2&3 above, we will plant Churches within Five Minutes walking distance in every City and Town of Developing Countries and within Five minutes driving distance in every city and Town of developed Countries.

We will pursue these objectives until every nation in the world is Reached for Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2017**

1. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,  
All ye that are upright in heart;  
And ye that have made Him  
your choice;  
Bid sadness and sorrow depart  
  
Rejoice!.. rejoice!  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice  
Rejoice!.. rejoice!  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!
2. Be joyful, for He is the Lord,  
On earth and in heaven supreme;  
He fashions and rules by His word  
The "Mighty" and "Strong" to redeem.
3. What tho' in the conflict for right  
Your enemies almost prevail  
God's armies, must hid from your sight,  
Are more than the foes which assail.
4. Tho' darkness surround you by day,  
Your sky by the night be o'ercast,  
Let nothing your spirit dismay,  
But trust till the danger is past.
5. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice,  
His praise proclaiming in song;  
With harp, and with organ, and voice,  
the loud hallelujahs prolong!

**FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 2017**

1. O Lord my God!  
When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all  
The works Thy Hands hath made  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thro'out  
The universe display.  
  
*Then sings my soul,  
My Saviour God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art!*
2. When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze;
3. And when I think  
that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross,  
My burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin.
4. When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation,  
And take me home,  
What joy shall fill my heart.

**FRIDAY 28TH APRIL 2017**

1. Through the love of God our  
Saviour,  
All will be well;  
Free and changeless is His favour,  
All, all is well:  
Precious is the blood that healed us;  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;  
Strong the hand stretched forth  
to shield us;  
All must be well.
2. Though we pass through tribulation,  
All will be well;  
Ours is such a full salvation,  
All, all is well:  
Happy still in God confiding;  
Fruitful, if in Christ abiding;  
Holy, through the Spirit's guiding;  
All must be well.
3. We expect a bright tomorrow;  
All will be well;  
Faith can sing through days of  
sorrow,  
All, all is well:

**FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2017**

1. "There shall be showers of blessing;"  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
Sent from the Savior above.  
  
*Showers of blessing,  
Showers of blessing we need:  
Mercy drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.*
2. "There shall be showers of blessing"  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys,  
Sound of abundance of rain.
3. "There shall be showers of blessing;"  
Send them upon us, O Lord;  
Grant to us now a refreshing;  
Come, and now honour Thy Word.
4. "There shall be showers of blessing;"  
Oh, that today they might fall,  
Now, as to God we're confessing,  
Now as on Jesus we call!
5. "There shall be showers of blessing."  
If we but trust and obey;  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
If we let God have His way.

**HOUSE FELLOWSHIP CENTRES  
Every Friday Time: 6pm-7pm.**

Flat 11, Building, 3304, Road 244 Area 324  
Juffair, Bahrain

Flat 12, Building, 2020,  
Road 4441, Block 244, Arad, Bahrain

Flat 1, Building 64, Road 1202,  
Area 412, Al-dih, Bahrain

Flat 12, Building 954,Block 908,  
Road 833, West- Riffa, Bahrain

Villa 1339, (Petland Bldg First floor, Opposite  
KIA Body Shop) Road 4334, Block 243, Arad,

*Birthday*  
**FOR THE MONTH**

- Dora Duah - April 8th
- Isaac Tetteh - April 15th
- Ephraim Musoke - April 25th

**YOUTH  
CORNER**

**The Youths Meet Every Second  
Saturday of the Month Time: 12noon**

**GOOD  
WOMEN  
CORNER**

*The Good Women meet every last Saturday of the Month  
Time: 12noon Venue: Pastor's Residence*

**EXCELLENT  
MEN  
CORNER**

*The Excellent Men meet every 3rd Saturday of the Month  
"A wise man is strong" A man of Knowledge I ncrease strength  
Time: 12noon*

**KINGDOM  
PARTNERS**

Dear Kingdom Partner, your support toward the church is greatly appreciated. Your kind acts and giving for God's work do not go unnoticed. As you sow you will reap a hundred fold in Jesus name.  
Thank you for your partnership with the Kingdom.  
The partnership is open to as many as are willing to join.  
**See the ministers for details.**

**GIVE UNTO THE LORD**

**YOUR TITHE**  
Promptly and Accurately

**YOUR OFFERING**  
Cheerfully and Bountifully

**TO THE MEN OF GOD**  
Reverently

**TO THE LESS PRIVILEGE**  
Generously

**TO GOD'S WORK**  
Willingly and Sacrificially

*This is the Gateway to Abundant Blessing*