



# DON'T RETURN TO PLACES OF REJECTION

A Prophetic Guide



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## Introduction: Heeding the Prophetic Warning



Life is a journey marked by various experiences, including both acceptance and rejection. As followers of Christ, we are not immune to rejection. In fact, Jesus Himself faced rejection and instructed His disciples on how to handle it. The prophetic warning, I bring to you today is this: “You are warned, not to continually go back to

places where you were rejected.” This booklet will guide you in understanding the spiritual significance of this warning, the biblical principles behind it, and the practical steps to move forward in your spiritual journey.



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# CHAPTER 1: UNDER- STANDING REJECTION

**R**ejection can be defined as being dismissed or refused by others. It can happen in various forms—personal relationships, workplaces, ministry, or community. Rejection often brings feelings of unworthiness, pain, and self-doubt. However, as believers, we need to recognize that rejection is not a reflection of our value or God’s love for us. Instead, it can be a tool God uses to redirect our paths and protect us from harmful situations.

## **Biblical Examples of Rejection:**

1. **Jesus Christ:** Jesus, the Son of God, was rejected by His own people. In John 1:11, it is written, “He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him” (NIV). Despite being the Messiah, Jesus faced rejection, but He did not let it deter Him from His mission.
2. **The Apostle Paul:** Paul faced numerous rejections throughout his ministry, from being persecuted by religious leaders to being abandoned by fellow believers. Yet, he remained steadfast in his calling, focusing on those who were receptive to the Gospel.
3. **Prophet Samuel:** When the Israelites rejected Samuel’s leadership and demanded a king, Samuel felt personal rejection. But God reassured him in 1 Samuel 8:7, “It is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king” (NIV).

**P**rophet Bonang emphasizes, “People often accept those that have what benefits them, especially money.” This powerful statement highlights a common truth about human nature. Many times, acceptance is conditional, based on what we can offer others. This conditional acceptance is not genuine love or fellowship, which is why we must be discerning about where we invest our time and emotional energy.



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SIGHT ON REJECTION

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## CHAPTER 2: THE SCRIPTURAL COMMAND TO SHAKE THE DUST OFF

### Jesus' Instruction to His Disciples:

In Matthew 10:14, Jesus said, "If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet" (NIV). This act of shaking off the dust was a symbolic gesture indicating that the disciples were moving on from those who rejected the message of Christ. It represented leaving behind any negativity, offense, or rejection associated with that place.

### The Spiritual Significance:

1. Leaving Rejection Behind: Shaking the dust off one's feet signifies a clean break from the past. It's a declaration that your peace, purpose, and identity are not tied to those who reject you.
2. Protecting Your Peace: When you choose to shake the dust off, you are protecting your heart and mind from being affected by rejection. You are declaring that your peace comes from God, not from the approval of others.
3. Moving Forward in Purpose: By following this command, you demonstrate your trust in God's guidance. You acknowledge that He has greater plans for you beyond the places of rejection, and you are willing to move forward in faith.



## *Chapter 3: Why You Should Not Return to Places of Rejection*

# EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL TURMOIL.

### **1. Preserving Your Peace:**

Rejection often brings emotional and spiritual turmoil. Constantly returning to places where you've been rejected can reopen wounds and disrupt your peace. Jesus is known as the Prince of Peace, and He desires for us to live in His peace. Protecting your peace is crucial for maintaining a strong relationship with God and others. Philippians 4:7 reminds us, "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (NIV).

### **2. Fulfilling Your Purpose:**

God has a unique purpose for each of us, and that purpose is not dependent on the acceptance of others. Staying in places of rejection can cause you to question your calling and doubt your worth. However, God's plans for you are sure, and His calling

is irrevocable (Romans 11:29, NIV). Trust that God's purpose for you will prevail, even if others do not see it.

### **3. Focusing on the Future:**

In Isaiah 43:18-19, God says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (NIV). Returning to places of rejection keeps you tied to the past, hindering your ability to embrace the new things God wants to do in your life. God's plan is always forward-looking, and He desires for you to press on toward the future He has prepared.





## CHAPTER 4: PRACTICAL STEPS TO MOVING FORWARD

### **1. Accept the Reality of Rejection:**

Understand that rejection is a part of life, even for believers. Accepting this reality helps you process it without taking it personally. Remember, even Jesus was rejected, yet He remained focused on His mission.

### **2. Shake the Dust Off Your Feet:**

Make a conscious decision to let go of the pain, offense, and negativity associated with rejection. Pray and ask God to help you release any bitterness or resentment. Visualize shaking the dust off your feet as a symbolic act of moving forward.

### **3. Surround Yourself with Supportive People:**

Seek fellowship with those who encourage and uplift you. The right company can help you stay focused on God's promises and your purpose. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (NIV).

### **4. Focus on God's Promises:**

Meditate on Scriptures that affirm God's love, purpose, and presence in your life. Scriptures like Jeremiah 29:11 and Romans 8:28 remind us of God's good plans for our lives, even when faced with rejection.

### **5. Continue to Serve Faithfully:**

Do not allow rejection to deter you from serving God. Keep using your gifts, sharing the Gospel, and doing good works. Galatians 6:9 encourages us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (NIV).

## Chapter 5: Finding Strength in God's Presence

# KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

### 1. Abide in God's Presence:

In moments of rejection, find comfort in God's presence. Spend time in prayer, worship, and reading the Word. God's presence will renew your strength and give you peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV).

### 2. Trust in God's Plan:

Even when rejection hurts, trust that God is working all things together for your good. He is redirecting you to places and people that align with His plan for your life. Psalm 37:23 says, "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him" (NIV).

### 3. Keep Your Eyes on Jesus:

Hebrews 12:2 urges us to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and

perfecter of our faith" (NIV). Jesus is our perfect example of handling rejection with grace and continuing in God's purpose. Let His example inspire you to keep moving forward.







### Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Word and the wisdom it provides. Help us to heed this prophetic warning and not return to places of rejection. Give us the strength to shake the dust off our feet and move forward with peace, purpose, and confidence. May we trust in Your plan for our lives, knowing that You are guiding us to places of acceptance and blessing. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

*Blessings,  
Prophet Bonang*

## CONCLUSION: MOVING FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

Beloved, rejection is not the end of the road—it's a redirection by God. He has better things in store for you beyond the places of rejection. Take this prophetic warning to heart: do not continually return to places where you were rejected. Instead, shake the dust off your feet, protect your peace, fulfil your purpose, and move forward with confidence, knowing that God is with you every step of the way.

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