

Deliverance as a Strategy for Mission in Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries in Nigeria

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Abstract

Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries is one of the Pentecostal Churches which has become a household name in Nigerian religious space. The Church was established in 1989 by Dr. Daniel Olukayo in Lagos State. The ministries had witnessed dramatic growth and development with her emphasis on deliverance. Deliverance is seen as major strength of the church and this has become a strategy for mission among the leaders and members of this Pentecostal denomination. It focuses on deliverance from all kinds of problems and it is believed that deliverance is a veritable mission strategy that can bring about holistic Christian ministry to the Africans and it is also believed that it is all encompassing. This paper presents deliverance as strategy for evangelistic work, conversion and religious change with emphasis on M.F.M in Nigeria. It will highlight the methods and forms of deliverance, its implication as a mission strategy, membership recruitment and retention. Research work on mission has demonstrated different methods that had been adopted in the past, the stress of M.F.M on deliverance in Nigeria present a new area on mission which is due for scholarly attention. The transformation this method has brought to the religious thinking of the people is also considered. This religious thinking has brought about religious change which other Christian denominations are also critical about. The intra-religious discourse and effects on this perspective will be presented. This study will make use of empirical research method. Interview will also be conducted for content analyses and discussion.