

*From the Desk of*  
***Bishop Martin Luther Johnson***

***The Honorable Bishop P. A. Brooks:***

*Please allow this note to serve as my total concurrence with you as you move to dispel allegations and assumptions as to the character of OUR PRESIDING BISHOP during these turbulent times when persons of ill repute seek to marr the character of leadership. It is a sad day when the courts of final appeals are held in the cemetery where the dead are called upon to testify. While the Prophets of Ancient Israel were men who spoke for God and not for themselves, their messages were always prefaced by: "The Lord has spoken..." Secondly, the prophets always responded out of love for the Nation and not out a sense of vindictiveness, envy or jealousy. Perhaps one would do well to revisit the Role of the Prophets in Ancient Israel and sense the passion and ethos which influenced their behavior.*

*While we are not able to specifically identify the perpetrators of envy and second-handed reports, we know who THEY are! They are persons who are so self-centered and blinded by self interest that they fail to realize that to destroy the leader is tantamount to self-destruction. These kinds of of persons are best understood in Proverbs 6: 12-19. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!!!*

*Bishop MLJ.*