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INTRODUCTION

Can you think of the reason, why this book is entitled 'Little Foxes'? Little foxes symbolize the little sins that we don't regard to be sin, or rather what we don't recognize as terrible sin. Though these sins may seem insignificant, little by little they devastate us leading to fruitlessness.

The term 'Little Foxes' are mentioned in the Holy Bible in the fifteenth verse of the second chapter in the book of 'Song of Songs.' It appears in other books in the Bible as in Ezekiel 13:4, Luke 9 : 57-58 and in Luke 13 : 32.

These verses portray the foxes as representing the people who cause destruction and ruin.

“Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.”

Song of Songs 2 : 15.

It is easy to find big foxes and destroy them. They cannot make themselves inconspicuous. But not so with little foxes. They can hide in small holes and hooks.

In a flourishing and fruitful vineyard, these little foxes wait for times when no caretakers are present. They run riot in the vineyard and trample and destroy the grapevines.

The little foxes ravage and destroy the vineyard that

had been long cherished and cared for by the owner. Thus all his hopes of a rich harvest are dashed.

Similarly, little sins that we regard as small and insignificant may very well lead us to eternal destruction.

This ideology is outlined in this book in which our sins are pictured as Little foxes for us to understand.

God had selected and anointed David. But David fell prey to vices like drinking and he made Uriah drunk. Then he got Uriah killed. He committed adultery.

These sins and many others were committed by David. But when he repented, God forgave him and restored him.

When Saul was King, he did not commit any major sins, like David did. He too had been chosen by God who uplifted him with great hopes. But jealousy, intolerance, self-justification, lack of implicit obedience to the word of the Holy spirit lead him to disregard the instructions of the prophet Samuel. He also desired that the people should honour him. All these were secret sins that sent Saul to ruin.

Therefore, only if we examine ourselves and find out what we consider small as minor sins, confess and renounce them, will we obtain justification and forgiveness of sins from God. This is the underlying theme of this book. It is also the reason for the title 'Little Foxes.'

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I wish to meet all readers of this book at the second coming of Christ when all believers will gather in midair .So saying let me end this introduction.

Yours sincerely,
M.Y. Yohannan

Chapter 1

I have heard a story. A father on his deathbed, told his elder son. “My son, look after your younger brother. He is young and immature. You are a mature adult. You have good knowledge, discretion and intelligence. You are a good boy. So look after your brother; thinking of me. You must see to it that he grows up to attain great heights by studying well.” “Father, I will do so” said the elder son. The father passed away.

The elder son stopped his education. He financed his younger brother's education. The boy was bright and studied to achieve great laurels of success. He got a good job with good pay. Later, he received a good marriage proposal and got married. His wife brought him huge dowry. She was a citybred fashionable girl. She told him: “I cannot bear to live in this remote village and in this ancestral house. If we have to live together, let us go to the city, where my father has built a beautiful mansion for us. We can live there.”

So the younger son settled in the city. He gained money and fame. Then he did not care to think about his elder brother in the countryside. His elder brother had brought him up and lead him to success. But he was completely oblivious of it. He did not visit him, except on

very rare occasions. The elder brother lived as an ordinary farmer. When the younger brother gained wealth, he became arrogant. He had many friends. When friends multiplied, so did vices. He took to gambling, drinking and all other evil habits.

One day he was gambling with a lot of money and he lost a big amount. So he started cheating in the game. This led to heated arguments and culminated in the murder of a player in the game. He was stabbed to death by the younger brother. He fled with the knife to his brother in the village. He knocked on his brother's door in the night. The elder brother opened the door and asked; "My son, what happened to you? Your clothes are soaked in blood. You have a bloodstained knife in your hand! What happened"?

"Brother, please rescue me" the younger brother said, "I have just committed a murder and come." "But how can I rescue you?" asked the elder brother.

The elder brother said, "Now do one thing. Remove your bloodstained clothing and leave it here. Have a bath and take my clothes from my cupboard and wear them. Then go to my room and sit there."

Then the elder brother wore the younger brother's bloodstained clothes. He stood there when the police arrived. They did not have any doubt that he was the murderer. They arrested him. There was not much of an age difference between the brothers. The innocent older brother posed as the murderer to save his brother.

He was presented before the judge in court. The

judgment did not take much time, since the convicted person confessed to the crime. There was no doubt. So he was sentenced to be hanged till death. At 5 am in the morning of the day he was to be hanged; the magistrate asked him if he had any last wish that could be fulfilled.

The elder brother replied: "I have one last wish. I have a younger brother. I want to see him and speak a few words to him before I die."

A vehicle was dispatched from jail to fetch his younger brother. Both the brothers stood together in a corner.

The older brother embraced the younger one. "Son, I have accepted death on your behalf. You are aware of the fact that it is not I, but you who have done wrong. I have called you here to tell you something important, my last words. Remember, If you do wrong again, there is no other older brother left to die for you."

Jesus Christ did the same for us. He bore the punishment for our sins. In doing so, he set us free. We were the ones who were to be sentenced to death. We should have been spat on our faces. We deserved to be stabbed on the face and undergo severe flogging. We deserved to be pierced in the chest. But he bore the punishment that we deserved. Just believe in this fact. Jesus does not ask anything more of us. He does not expect any reward from us. He has not asked for money to wipe out our sin. Nor does he ask for tributes and offerings or ceremonies like rolling our bodies or crawling on knees around the church building. The Lord does not demand

any favor from us.

He does not ask us to pay a huge sum of money to the church to pay penance for our sin.

Justification is free. Only believe! Whatever be the sins you have committed the blood of Jesus was shed to wash them away. The precious blood of Jesus that was shed for us!

Can you believe this now? Lord as I approach the last moments of my life cover me with your precious blood so that the sins in my life will not testify against me. Lord, let me not be caught as a wrongdoer on judgment day and hear the dreadful statement "Go away, I do not know you; I do not recognize you." Let me not be denounced as a 'wicked and lazy servant or hear myself being called 'useless servant.'

I do not deserve to be called good and faithful servant. I am not good, nor I am faithful. Lord Jesus, have mercy on this wicked and useless servant.

My life is full of sin, uncleanness and greed for money, selfishness, pride and anger. I submit this life to you O Lord! This life which is full of hatred, malice and jealousy, I submit into your hands, O Lord. I have nothing good to offer. There is nothing I can take pride in. All I have is a life stained and tainted with sin. I humbly lay this life before you at the foot of the cross.

How insignificant we are! How weak and helpless. Today, others may see us as giants and people of valour and courage. One fine morning, we will have nothing, unable to move our limbs, lying helpless. Who will then

support us and help us?

Only Jesus will support us. He is our only source of help. He is the deliverer, Lord and our leader. He is our beloved bridegroom. He is our redeemer. He is the one who will give us total salvation, our saviour.

At this time, let us fall at his feet. "Lord, I have many weak points that I open up before you."

David was a person who had been filled with the Holy spirit. But when he developed a weak point, his grace leaked out. We should never be content with receiving the fullness of the Holy spirit. If today a good balloon is inflated to the maximum, it looks nice. But a tiny pinprick is enough to reduce it to lose air and become flat and shriveled. Yesterday, maybe you were filled with the 'Holy spirit.' What about today? Remember guard your soul from a small prick of a pin that may deflate all your grace. It should always be full of the spirit and buoyant. You can get a pinprick at any time as you walk through this world, which is full of thorns. The terrible devil stands holding pins and thorns to deflate you. He is a terrorist who waits for the opportunity to prick you and completely empty you of the Holy Spirit. He awaits a chance to deprive your inner spirit of life-giving air of the Holy Spirit.

'Sex' is not the only weak point. 'Self' is also a weak point. The weak point with Samson and David was "Sex". Sex was very evident in Samson's life. But it was a hidden weak point in David's life. It lay dormant in him and no one was aware of this tendency in David.

But 'Self' ruled strongly in the life of King Saul. In the

first book of Samuel, we see Saul as a humble young man. He was ahead taller than any man in the crowd. A gigantic, hefty and formidable man, yet a humble person. When Saul learnt that the Lord had selected him, he says thus: "How is it that you say this to me considering my tribe Benjamin is the smallest of all tribes of Israel and my family the least in the tribe of Benjamin."

When he came close, Samuel the Prophet said: "God has set His hopes on you. God is going to raise you, make you king and anoint you. He will give you great privilege and position. You are fortunate The Lord, the God of Israel has decided to make you king. God has great hopes for you."

Immediately Saul replied: "Oh, I am so insignificant. Why do you say such great things about me? My tribe Benjamin is the smallest of all tribes of Israel and my family the least in the tribe of Benjamin. The smallest family the smallest tribe!

I came here to search for my father's lost donkeys I did not intend to meet the Prophet. I had no hopes of meeting the Prophet Samuel. I have been searching for the missing donkeys in the territory of Benjamin, Shalin and Shalesha. As I wore out looking for the donkeys, it occurred to me that perhaps if the Prophet Samuel would pray, I would be able to find the lost donkeys.

The Prophet Samuel said: 'Son, you said you came here searching for your father's donkeys, but it is God who has sent you here to me. Now the entire hopes of Israel are set on you. You are going to be the ruler of all

Israel.

Samuel was pleased at Saul's humility. His mind was soothened. God's heart would also have brightened. But even Saul was not aware that there was a big 'self' hidden in him. In the present situation, he was perplexed and his mind was humble. He was indeed a humble young man!

We downrate ourselves before others saying. Who am I? Am I not a poor, helpless, penniless man? Do I not have numerous shortcomings? Even when saying these words of humility, remember there is a hidden 'self or ego' within us.

This 'self' lay hidden in Saul at that time. Just as the tendency for 'sex' lay dormant in David 'self' lay waiting in Saul. Saul did not purposefully tell a lie, nor did he pretend that he was a humble man. What he spoke was from his heart. Even so, in the inner recesses of the heart; in the subconscious mind, there was pride lying dormant. He himself was not aware of it. Now just think: What all sinful tendencies are hidden in my heart which I am not aware of! When we realize this, our self will shrink and become small. People may label us as good. They may view me as a child of God who attends fellowship meetings, holding a Bible and quoting Bible verses. So I give the general appearance of being 'Allright' to others.

Therefore many people are fond of me. At least, the members of this prayer group adore and respect me, So I think. But when I reach before the glorious eyes of God, he does not see the outer man. He sees not just my

conscious, but also subconscious and unconscious mind.

God has called each and every one of you with a specific purpose. The Lord knows how you had lived in the past, in which bad situations you were entangled, in what sins you were entrapped, in whatever morally degraded situation you had lived in prior to coming here.

Here is a verse that has touched me from the early years of my youth.

“If anybody asks you why you are untying the colt; tell him the Lord needs it.”

Saul spoke words of humility even when he harbored an 'ego' inside. Not only did the spirit of God discarded on him, he received a great experience. The Prophet Samuel anointed his head with oil dripping from his horn and proclaimed him King of Israel.

“Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you. Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.”

1 Samuel 10: 7-9

You will receive a new heart. Saul received a new heart. Saul also received certain signs. Soul started to prophecy in the Spirit. He received the spirit of prophecy, he received the anointing.

When they reached the mountain, they met a group of prophets, and the Spirit of the Lord descended on him

in power and he prophesied as one among the prophets. When we humble ourselves, the spirit of God will descend on us in power and strength. Let us therefore humble.

Just as when we focus a lens and let sunlight through it, any cotton under the lens will burn so also. When the Holy Spirit comes. You will be set free.

Allow the miraculous light rays of the Jesus the eternal sun of righteousness come to you and focus on you. We can hold the mirror of the word of God under these rays. Then this self which is like the cotton will start smoldering and then catch fire there we do not need a matchstick or fire from source.

Pray now for the spirit of God to descend on you in power so that the miraculous light of the Lord Jesus focus on you so that the fire of the Holy spirit will set you ablaze.

'Lord bless and send your Holy Spirit upon me. Now let you Holy Spirit enter me and envelop me. Lord, send your spirit descended a Saul in power. I don't deserve this as I am not a righteous person nor I am good. O Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. I have no words of justification nor any claim. Lord I give my life into your hands. It is the life of the chief of sinner, a life tainted with sin; I place my life at the foot of the cross. Because you died for my sins, because you shed innocent blood for my sin, I place myself humbly under the mirror of the word of God.

Let your light shine on me so that my entire inner being is set on fire. Transform me into someone unlike me. Burn away all my sinful tendencies. My several desires and inclinations for sexual immorality as well as

the 'ego' that dominate my life and the 'self' which has dominion over my life. Teach me humility. Humble me more than all others.

'It is evident that there is no one who was as uplifted as Mother Mary after who had been disgraced and humbled like no one else. Therefore humble yourself. O Lord Jesus, I humble myself and bow down. Descend on me as flames of fire. Let your miraculous light down on me. Spread through my inner being. Split my heart with your fire. Let your fire tear my heart apart.

Let the germs of disease be burnt away. Let all curses be set ablaze. Let all evil spirits, ghosts and demons be burnt away. Let all evil spirits and evil bindings burn and be destroyed. Let the stains of sin be burnt. Let all evil be set ablaze. Let the fire of cleansing sets you ablaze. Let the flames of free continue to burn in your heart.



Chapter 2

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the end of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” *Isaiah 40 : 28 – 31*

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. How do we obtain filling of the Holy Spirit? We will think about this subject.

If you want to flap your wings and fly or if you want to walk long for long without getting tired, you must find out the weak points in our life. One person's weak points may not be another's. Every person has some weak aspects to his personality. That he must find out for himself by introspection. 'What are my weak points?'

Perhaps a person's weak point may not be a sin. It may be the habit of continual weakening or a tendency to get depressed or a feeling of lack of courage. Or maybe, it

is a feeling of anxiety about the future. It may be due to a lack of faith in God. Not that there is absolutely no faith. But it may be little faith. A man of little faith can never achieve anything. We need the right kind of faith that is filled to the brim in us.

Is any reader of this book entrapped in unbelief? A habit of questioning everything. A habit of disbelieving whatever is heard or a tendency to doubt the genuineness of whatever facts are placed before him. This is a very dangerous habit.

The disciples once entreated the Lord, "Lord, please increase our faith" The Lord replied, "This cannot be done. If you have faith, you will be blessed. If you have faith you can tell this mountain to go and fall into the sea and it will happen."

It is good to have faith as small as a mustard seed. This kind of faith is sure of whom we follow. To have faith in the living God who sees all.

'Self' or 'ego' was the weak point with Saul. What is my weak point? There are weak points which are not removed even after repeated confession. There are sins that stick to us. If a leech bites a man, you cannot remove it, no matter how hard you pull, some sins stick to us like leeches.

A leech sticks to a person and feeds on his life giving blood. As we walk through a forest we will not be aware when a leech bites, as there will not be any pain. We may think it is just a small leech that bites. But, after sometime we can observe the leech swelling to many times its

original size by feeding on a person's life blood.

There are some small sins which bite us and drain out what is best in our lives. If we apply salt or salt water onto the leech, it will immediately withdraw itself from the person's body. On application of salt, the leech will die. The simple method is enough to remove the leech rather than pulling at it. We must pray: 'Lord, let salt be dropped on the place where the leech of sin has bitten.'

Pray in this way: Let a drop of the blood of the Lord Jesus which is the heavenly salt, be dropped on any life; so that the sins which bite into me, like leeches are destroyed. Pray if you are in need. Even after reading this, there are people who sit as still as stone. It is because they do not want to leave sin.

The experience of being bitten by the leech of sin affords temporary pleasure. People may stay lulled by the pleasures of sin for a time. For now it gives entertainment, enjoyment and happiness. Money may be plentiful.

It satisfies the desires for sex. All the circumstances are favourable for this. My son, you are unaware that the Devil has dragged you away to put a noose around your neck very soon. Before this type of scissor-trap crushes you, it is better you flee from sin. My daughter, listen carefully. If you do not leave sin; if you do not understand what was told several times, if you do not heed repeated warnings and persist in sin, saying: 'I am not able leave it'; there will be a time when you will be able to let go of sin. But it will be too late.

Every ability you have will stop functioning,

everything will be destroyed. Before this, escape as soon as you can.

Just as a leech would bite, certain sins have bitten into you and is draining you of life blood. Child of God, just think which is the leech in your life. Which is the weak point in your life? Find out for yourself.

Saul was a capable King. He had been chosen by God to be king. How humble he had been at the outset! He was quiet and subdued in behaviour at that time. He was also a valiant man. He had such distinguished personality and was the most eminent among the sons of Kish. He was a wealthy man, who had much possessions. He did not lack anything!

David was not like this. He was a humble shepherd boy, born in a poor home, in a village where there was scarcity of food and shortage of money. But Saul was born in a rich family and a clan of high standing. He also possessed many good qualities.

Yet he had one weak point. But God raised him up to be a ruler. God is merciful to all and does good to all. God's mercy is like this. He gives to all. Have you received God's grace? Yes. All have received it. Even those who read the word of God for the first time have received grace.

Noah received God's grace. What is grace? Noah received God's warning. He received God's word and instructions on how to escape from the imminent disaster. That is grace. A huge flood is about to happen and colossal destruction will take place. But God shows him how to escape it.

God shows you how to escape. Will not everything of today become nonexistent tomorrow? Today we have the good fortune of knowing the word of God. All of us are to be present at the Lord's coming when we will join together in midair. When we hear the sound of the trumpet call, each of us will fly up to the Lord. Each of us will separate from the others one by one. There will be a time when each person will be all alone. It is at the hour of death. At that time, no one will be able to help the person. Each of us should learn to handle his own problems. The children of God may come and pray. But nobody can do to anything. Jesus himself has to act on your behalf and help you. It is to our credit if Jesus is with us. Jesus is there with you wherever you sit alone and orphaned or bereaved of husband or wife or our childless or have no parents or for that matter anybody.

Even if you lack ability to memorize lessons, or your body is debilitated by disease, or you are struggling to manage your finances, if Jesus is with you my son. You are blessed. You are indeed fortunate.

Let Jesus be with you. It is immaterial which church you attend or in which fellowship you regularly attend meetings. Is Jesus present in your heart? If he is not, then understand that your health will be like mere pebbles in your yard. Your beauty, your job, your fame are just like pebbles. Pebbles are mere worthless, fruitless things. Therefore prize Jesus in your heart.

“As they were going down to the edge of the town, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant to go on ahead of us” - and the servant did so-“but

you stay here awhile, so that I may give you a message from God.” 1 Samuel 9:27

Stand aside a while, so that I may give you a message from God.

Stand still for a while in the path in which you travel. God may have some things to tell you. Pause, in your life of hurry.

Put a brief interval to your rigorous schedule, your loud talking and outbess to. Be still, keep calm and quiet.

“I have to tell you, what God has to say to you.”

“Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, “Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance?” 1 Samuel 10:1

Saul stood still for a while before Samuel. He did not know what was happening. He could not understand. Was he not a young man? The prophet was speaking some strange things. Saul stood with his head bent down. He was taller than Samuel. Saul stood taller than all by a head and shoulders in a crowd. Now he was standing bent and low. Then Samuel took his horn of oil and poured the oil on to Saul's head. Saying: 'The Lord has anointed you to be prince, over his inheritance.' My son, God has anointed you. The horn of oil is in my hand. I have poured the oil on to your head. You stand with your head bowed before me. But it is God who anoints you.

You did not know beforehand that today is the day of your anointing. You were not aware that today miracles

would happen. You did not know that today you would be anointed as prince over the inheritance of the Lord. The son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin is about to reign as king over the kingdom of Israel. But even if you didn't know, God knew.

My dear friend, you do not know what all cobwebs that you are entangled in will be burnt away. What all bad habits, blind superstition and harmful traditions will be burnt down, that certain curses, bondage, ill luck and evil ferment which have afflicted your family for generations have been removed. Certain 'weak points' in your personality will vanish.

Certain evil tendencies that lie blended on your inner being will disappear. In 1973 on May 11, one Friday morning a Holy man of God sat in our bedroom and praised God in spirit. At that time, I did not know that the Spirit of God would descend on me. I did not know what was happening, because I was not familiar with the Holy Spirit of God. I know the word to God and the Bible verses. I had studied Sunday school. I knew about religious organisations like women's meetings and youth associations. I knew how to preach and take Bible classes. But I did not know the Holy Spirit. That day I bowed my head down in front of the man of God. There, I fell prostrate before God. That day the Spirit of God intervened powerfully to me. I cannot describe the experience in more words. But I know that a divine peace filled my heart. An unknown power, an unknown peace entered my heart and my entire being tingled with new life. Strange things were happening to me!

Child of God, as you read, wait humbly. Forget the past. Don't think of the past disappointments, which will make you discouraged. Tell God just one thing. Here there is a person at the foot of the cross Lord, I have come to foot of the cross at Golgotha. I am a wretched sinner, yes, I am the man who sits at the foot of the cross. I am a filthy sinner, a person covered with dirt; a greedy man who loves money; a selfish man, filled with pride.

I carry in my heart all the evil I did in the past, the evil thoughts I harbored. But Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

Please put a drop of the blood, shed on the cross, onto my head. Let the precious blood cleanse me. Let the precious blood wash me and transform me.

The prophet Samuel tilted his horn of oil and the oil anointing dropped on his head, drop by drop.

“When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, 'The donkeys you set out to look for have been found, And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, “What shall I do about my son?”

1 Samuel 10:2

Samuel said: you have been anointed as prince over the Lord's inheritance you are about to see certain things. You are going to hear the news that you will regain what you have lost. Whatever possessions had been missing for a long time you will now retrieve.

You will hear good news of restoration of lost wealth,

lost job, lost ministry, lost holiness or lost love. You will win where you have lost and regain lost blessing. When you receive the anointing, the account of losses will be turned into an account of profit.

The young man Saul had left home 2-3 days ago. He had a companion. They had commenced the journey in search of missing donkeys. His father Kish had told him, "My son, our donkeys are lost. I don't know where they have gone. Try to locate them. He sent him off with a servant. Both of them wandered through the countryside in search of the donkeys. They searched in Shalisha, Shalim and other places. Where were the donkeys? But God had a plan behind the loss of the donkeys. Often God has a plan when some things in life are lost.

My son, my daughter do you understand? God has a plan when some things go missing.

When a marriage proposal is stalled, when you fail to get a child, when you are afflicted with certain weakness, when you bear a huge loss; God has a plan.

The donkeys did not go missing without God's knowledge. It happened according to God's plan. It was necessary for Saul to leave his home and come away. Otherwise, he would have continued to stay within the security and comfort of his home. The anointing was awaiting him and he needed to leave home to receive it.

Child of God, certain misfortunes, calamities and loss or accidents are not coincidental. Remember, God is going to make all adversity turn into benefit. Believe this.

He searched for the missing donkeys. He could not

find them. Saul then told his servant, 'Let us go back home. We have been starving since 2-3 days. The servant replied 'No, I have heard there a man of God nearby. He can discern what is there in our minds. If we request this blessed man of God, maybe he will be able to help us.

Then Saul said, "How can we go empty-handed to him? Can we go to a prophet and seer, having nothing to offer. Is not our stock of bread depleted? What do we have in hand?"

"Saul said to his servant, "If we go, what can we give the man? The food in our sacks is gone. We have no gift to take to the man of God. What do we have?" *1 Samuel 9: 7*

He meant: 'Don't we have to offer a gift to the prophet? But we have nothing'. Saul was an honorable man. He wanted to give the prophet a gift. But he was empty-handed at that time. He was under the impression that blessing could be bought with gifts. There are people who think in such a manner. They think they can buy God's blessing with offerings.

But hear this. You don't have to give the God of heaven anything. You don't have to gift his prophets anything. God's blessing is not awarded on the basis of offerings. You just have to get into the ark. Just as the dying people of Israel who were bitten by fiery serpents, looked up to the bronze serpent and received life. They escaped death by this. There is no need to do anything else.

God's blessing is free of cost. What do we have to give? My daughter, you have nothing. Just say: "Lord, I don't have anything. I don't have anything that can be considered good. I don't have a glorious past behind me. I can only recollect shameful things that I have done."

"The servant answered him again. "Look," he said, "I have a quarter of a shekel of silver. I will give it to the man of God so that he will tell us what way to take." 1 Samuel 9: 8

He will show us the way to take. He will guide us on the right path in which we can hope for success. There are chances of our hopes being fulfilled. He is the the God who shows us the right way; who tells us where to place the next step.

Believe this! We do not serve stone, wood or dumb idols. We don't serve a God who cannot speak or hear. We adore a God who has eyes to see, ears to hear, a heart filled with love and a compassion and tenderness. You follow a person who weeps along with those who weep and is a treasure trove of love.

I stand firm because the love for Christ supports me. The love for Christ has uplifted me from nothingness. I cannot ever forget the abundance of love with which Jesus loved me. Do you know why I pursue the work of God without fear, undaunted by misconception and numerous rumours spread about me?

It is because I cannot forget what I owe to Jesus and the value of his precious, redeeming blood.

The precious blood which has redeemed me! It is

the precious blood which has washed away my past sin. It is the precious blood which anointed me. The precious blood which dripped onto my head as anointing oil would drop from the horn of oil. The precious blood of Christ, 'the love of Christ', which bears the fragrance of the oil of anointing.

My dear readers, at this time let the precious oil of anointing fall drop by drop on your head. Do you want this? Do you want the precious love of Jesus?

Do you need his miraculous grace? Then tell Jesus: My past life has been one of loss, a life steeped in the blindness of sin; but I believe O Lord, that you are able to remove all the past sins, and give me a new life.

Will you give yourselves into the hands of Jesus? The Lord says only one thing 'Go, and sin no more.' He says. 'I will give you the anointing, I will give you strength and grace. I will forgive and cover up the past.'

Let us pray. O merciful heavenly Father! We thank you for your heavenly words of life and for your heavenly presence. We praise you for washing us with the water of your word. We thank you for anointing us with the anointing oil of your words. Let all things be for the glory of your name. We ask this prayer in Jesus name. Amen.



Chapter 3

“Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, “Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance?” 1 Samuel 10: 1

You have been appointed as King over the Lord's inheritance.

“As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day.” 1 Samuel 10: 9

It is not a small matter. If we get the anointing, the person will change. His behaviour will change. How did the former rage go? The rage cannot be seen. Instead, there is profound calmness. On receiving the anointing of God's Holy Spirit, the person changes.

My dear readers, just think. Have you obtained a new heart? Previously you had a heart filled with cruelty. Now when you see a person in sorrow, your heart melts. Previously you used to habitually lose your temper at your wife or else may be you were not willing to humble yourself before your husband. You used to have a nature that kept you strongly adherent to sin. But the tendency to sin has now melted away. You must earnestly desire: “Lord, give me a new heart.”

Fortunately, many people who came to the fellowship were blessed with a new heart. A blessed change. A fortunate difference. Even if all do not change, most people change to some extent. There are people who have left alcohol. There are people who have forsaken the suicidal tendency. They have been relieved of the desire to die that had haunted them.

People with disgraceful habits that cannot be named in public; and guilty of sexual sins. There are those who have escaped the snare of love affairs. They were able to completely say 'No more'. There are people who stand firm in this resolution. Fortunately, the spirit of God has been working in the Christian Revival Fellowship bringing changes like this to many.

Many have received a new heart. Even then, they should live with care, so that the change lasts. Lord, is there any weak point in my life.

Saul did not have 'Sex' as a weak point anywhere. But he had 'self' as a weak point. The claim that 'I am somebody!' Pride.

The superiority feeling, that I am higher and better than others, I have many abilities, there is no one to surpass me. This was a terrible weak point; Self or ego is a major sin that adheres to many people. How much does its influence entangle us like a web? Have you succumbed to it?. Has 'ego' blended into you, lying there in secret. The attitude of 'I or the self' that dominates. My opinions should be respected and carried out. Otherwise I will get infuriated, My heart will burn with anger, I will carry

irritation in my heart, that smolders with embers of hatred.

Things should be done as I plan. Everyone must obey me. All must be subservient to me. All should honor me. Everyone should regard me as a leader. My husband should humble himself and come round to my opinion. My children should bow down to my wishes. Nobody should speak a word against my opinion.

“Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.” 1 Samuel 10:8

The prophet Samuel said: “I am the one who anointed you. The horn of oil was tilted onto your head in my hand. The Lord God appointed me to surround you. God fulfilled his purpose through me. Therefore stand in line with my opinions. You must obey my instructions. You must not do anything on your own.

Samuel gave him some instructions, you must go ahead of me to Gilgal. At the time of the sacrifice of burnt offerings and peace offerings, don't do it on your own. You have not been given the authority for this ministry serious matters like conducting burnt offerings, peace offering and worship of the Lord God are glorious and grave ministries that have not been given to you. I will come and conduct these.

You must go ahead of me and wait. I will tell you what must be done. The prophet was speaking a serious matter. Saul did not have any difference of opinion was

not Samuel a prophet? A prophet speaks the truth, that Saul knew. But there was a big snare awaiting. A problem was about to develop. What was it? He went to Gilgal. At that time, the battle was about to begin. The enemy forces of the Philistines were meaning. What could be done?

“He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter. So he said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” And Saul offered up the burnt offering. Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him. “What have you done?” asked Samuel. Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Michmash, I thought, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD's favor.’ So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering.” 1 Samuel 13:8–12

He waited seven days. He waited in obedience truly. But Samuel did not reach Gilgal. So whose fault was it? Saul could have thought. Is it not because Samuel has delayed his coming? He could have used this as an excuse to justify his stand.

But Samuel did not come. It was the time for conducting the sacrifice. The people left Saul and were scattered.

The Saul said, 'Bring the offering for the sacrifice here, I will offer the sacrifice. He thought; there is no need to learn anything new to conduct a sacrifice. I know how to do it. The prophet Samuel has not come so. I will do it. He commanded that the offerings be brought to him and he offered the sacrifice.

What was the commandment given to him? Samuel had said: 'I will conduct the sacrifice. You must wait seven days.' Saul waited for seven days in accordance to instructions.

But the people started to scatter. Matters were getting complicated. The battle was close. It was important to conduct the sacrifice before going to fight the fierce battle. The peace offering too was important to obtain God's presence in the battle. Victory could be obtained from the Lord, only if the Lord's presence went with the army could we ensure victory. Therefore it was important to conduct the sacrifice. There was no other option. These were the thoughts that we see in Saul as he thought in a worldly way. Soon after the burnt offering was offered Samuel arrived exactly on the seventh day. He had kept time. Could he not have come earlier? Saul stood up in fear and reverence when the prophet arrived.

Samuel asked Saul: "What happened? The spirit of grace has departed from you. You have lost your anointing. The power of the anointing has departed. What have you done? Where have you sustained damage Saul?"

He replied: "The people were starting to scatter you

did not come within the said interval. I saw that the army of the Philistines were about to come and attack. So I wanted to offer the sacrifice before the battle otherwise dire consequences may occur. So I used my own intellect and decided that I must perform the sacrifice on my own. That is all I did.”

Then Samuel said something noteworthy.

“You acted foolishly,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.”

1 Samuel 13: 13

You have done a foolish thing. Though words have come from my mouth it is the Lord God who has commanded it. Am I not a poor man who roams from Gilgal to Jericho and from Jericho to Bethel and then to the Jordan.?Don't think the words I uttered are the words of a poor prophet. You took it to be the suggestions of a mere human. But you did not pay heed to the instructions that I gave you, you should have obeyed them.

So you have not kept the commandment given to you by the Lord God. You did not show any zeal to obey the Lord's commands. If you had taken the command seriously as the word of the Lord, you would have established your throne and your kingdom forever. This has been a true test in your life. You could have utilized this opportunity and obtained deliverance.

My friends, do you have times of testing and trials in your life? The tempting circumstances of sin.

Circumstances in which you chose to ignore the instructions given to you by the Holy Spirit of God. Did you stand as a winner in times of testing? Or did you lose? Times when the temptations of sin enticed you into doing wrong. You could have escaped from getting entrapped in sin if you had tried. You could have been alert and cautious not allowed yourself to be swayed by the poisonous sting of sin. But you choose to float along with the tide of others who were doing wrong.

Let each person think deeper. Who will know? Who sees? Your husband may not see, your wife cannot see, then what is the problem? There is nothing to fear. There may not be people of the fellowship to watch you. There are those who sin like a cat who drinks milk with its eyes closed. The cat thinks no one has seen. But it is very evident to all only the cat has its eyes closed. It is not bothered. It has no fear or anxiety. It comfortable drinks up the milk as one who partake of pleasures of sin. In this manner, there are many who drink up sin with great liking.

“But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command.”
1 Samuel 13: 14

The word has come. If we look through the eyes of men, was there any grievous sin like that of David? What happened seems trivial. He waited seven days. But Samuel did not come. The army of the Philistines, the enemies were coming. It was time for the battle to begin. It was important to perform the sacrifice and earn God's

blessing before the battle was to begin otherwise, surely the battle could be lost. Therefore Saul thought it necessary to perform the sacrifice himself. What was wrong with that?

If you are able to accept and obey the word of God that proceeds from the mouth of the prophets with eyes closed, without reasoning it out in intellect or in the brain, it will be of use. It will become a blessing and the anointing on you will stay long. If you do not obey the word of God, the anointing will be lost. It will leak out. It will not remain in you.

“But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”
1 Samuel 13: 14

Because you disobeyed the Lord's commands God has searched for another man to replace you. God has found a man after his own heart. God had appointed you to be a ruler for the nation, to lead the people. But you were not faithful. Therefore God has chosen another man to replace you and sit on the throne.

Dear friend, if you want to escape, don't think of anything else. Just close your eyes and obey the word of God. Just obey to the last word, the instructions given to you by the spirit of God with eyes closed. Never question the spirit of God.

It is good if you readily accept the word of God that is spoken by the Holy men of God and the anointed people

of God. Obey without any doubt or compromise. Do you know the reason why you are not able to obey? Because you do not have faith. Here the reason is that 'self' lies asleep. King Saul's fall was because of the weaker side of his character which was his 'self.'

My brother, our merciful Lord has loved us by His grace and blessed us with his word. He is ready and waiting to bless us, pour grace upon us and anoint us. Do you want this spirit of grace? Do you want the anointing of the spirit?

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall go with renewed vigor.

"Go in this might of yours" Watch and pray in the spirit. Concentrate on the Lord. You must not get entrapped in sinful matters instead you must be careful. You are precious and priceless to God. You are the servant of God. All of you are missionaries. Each one of you must do God's work.

By doing God's work, many will come to hear the word of God. Many will experience peace in the family as a result. Many will obtain a bright future. Many men will escape being ruined especially those addicted to drugs like ganja, paan parag and similar such dirty habits. Those enslaved to intoxicants like marijuana and hashish will be delivered. Let peace enter the family. Let each family become a small heaven.

Jesus stands before you with his arms out stretched, My daughter, why do you sit, unmoved? Child of God, why are you silent? "Do you not want me?" asks Jesus. Do

you not want the Almighty? Why do you not perceive that it is the Almighty who has come down to you? Can't you hear me pleading before you? Can you not hear my voice?

*“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look around and see. Is any suffering like my
suffering that was inflicted on me, that the
LORD brought on me in the day of his fierce
anger?”* *Lamentations 1 : 12*

Don't you see the nail pierced hands? Can you not see the precious blood flowing from the wounds? It is the blood that washes you and purifies you and completely transforms you. It is the blood that makes your family like a small heaven. The blood that directs you into the path of redemption. The precious blood of the Royal Prince of the Kingdom of heaven which purifies you from all past sin. Let us submit ourselves at the foot of the cross, where the precious blood of Christ flows.

Pray : O merciful Heavenly father, I praise you that your miraculous love continues to flow to us. I thank you for wrapping us in the power and grace of your blood. I thank you for directing each and every one of us in time into the ark of salvation.

O King of Kings! I thank you that your precious Heart is opened to pour out your holy blood. Please continue to touch and comfort every one. Wipe away every tear. Remove every disease from those who have made a commitment to you. Please send healing from diseases and remove all bindings, curses and possession by evil

spirit.

Let diseases which have afflicted families for generations like mental disorders, evil spirits that arose from resorting to sorcery, all be removed. let miraculous healing descend on each person. Grant peace to families and in each heart. Wrap everyone in God's grace. Continue to prepare everyone for your second coming and for the glorification of your name. In the victorious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Chapter 4

“A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.”

Isaiah 40 : 3, 4

There was a large office. The Managing Director is seated in his room which has a half door, so that he cannot see the faces of the person waiting outside. He can see the feet of that person. There is a large waiting hall outside his room. In it were seated many candidates for the interview for a job in that firm. There were senior officer seated near the Managing Director for the interview.

One candidate proceeded inside. He came out after a while looking depressed. All the other candidates were eagerly scrutinizing his face, to see his reaction after the interview? Will he get the job? The next person entered the interview room. He too emerged a little while later looking dejected. At one time a candidate emerged through the door threw a piece of crumbled paper which was his interview letter. Evidently, he had done it to vent his frustration that he would not get the job and would not

need that paper again. The next person entered. He too emerged looking upset because he was not given the job. This routine was repeated for many of the candidates who emerged.

One man, however looked down, picked up the piece of crumbled paper thrown by the earlier candidate and threw it into the dustbin. Then he stepped into the office for the interview. The Managing Director asked him “When are you joining?” The man was astounded. Nobody asked him any questions.

They repeated: 'When are you free to report for joining duty?' Amazed, the man replied: I am ready any time you want.' “Then let it be tomorrow” was the reply. The candidate could not believe it. Why did they give me the job? Why are they so nice to me?

The managing Director said “I have understood that you are worthy of this job. I observed that you picked up the piece of paper on the floor and deposited it in the dustbin. That shows a very good trait in your character. It proves that you are neat, meticulous, clean and that you lead an orderly life. Good! You are suitable for a job here. Hearing this, the candidate emerged happily out of the room.

Dear friends, this is an incident.

Many of you may think: I don't drink, I don't quarrel with any one, I have not desired to get anyone else's money, then why is it that I don't obtain the filling of the spirit? But there are areas in our lives which require to be cleansed further. Sometimes there may not be evident

sin. But we need to acquire a spiritual aristocracy as a higher degree of refinement in spiritual life. Your life should be wholly pure and spotless without any shortcoming or an atom of stain of sin . If the filling of the Holy Spirit is your aim, then every aspect of your life and your nature should be spotless.

Our business deals, conversations, behaviour at home, everything should be different from others. Thoughts of arrogance like, 'I hail from a rich family and my father is highly educated. But my husband's father is neither educated nor is his family renowned, like mine.' These same thoughts may be fostered by a husband against his wife's family. In this manner, do you downrate your wife? Are you content with your wife or are you wholly satisfied with your husband?

Take note of everything. Even the attitudes need to be changed. Ninety percent of people who attend Christian Revival Fellowship have given up evident sin. They don't quarrel or steal nor do they engage in immoral activities. Yet they have not become suitable vessels for the spirit of Jesus to be poured out. The vessel is not good enough to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The vessel has not been washed. The vessel needs to be made new. It has to be made perfect and complete in order to pour the Spirit of God into the heart.

If you have an injury to your foot, it is difficult to walk or run. What if you do not have a sprain, yet you find it difficult to walk. Why is that? It may be just because of grit in between the thongs of your sandal. It makes it difficult to walk fast. You may not have sustained injuries or sprain to

your spiritual life as in visible sin. There is no terrible pain. Yet there may be irritating pain. It may be gravel rubbing against the sole of your foot. So you are unable to walk quickly. This is the situation with many people, who harbor grit in their shoes that hampers them from walking fast.

The grit or gravel in spiritual life may be small grievances, intolerance or impatience. Think about yourself and see what deprives you of the filling of the Holy Spirit.

- You may not have thirst or yearning.
- Even if you do thirst for the spirit, you do not strive to remove the tiny grit or gravel of discontent or complaining nature from yourself.

You may be discontented with your wife. You may have disdain for your father or lack of respect or love for your mother. You may foster dislike towards your parents-in-law or sister in - law. Certain stubborn attitudes and claims may prevail. All this prevents yourself from being filled with the Holy Spirit. You must gain the filling of the Holy spirit. You must receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, there is no place for complaints or murmuring. There is a solution for every problem. Financial or monetary needs will not bother you. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, your mind will not falter whatever problems arise. One ceases to care about which sickness has afflicted the person. Have I not given my life to Jesus Christ? What if accidents happened? I would not care because I have given my life to Jesus.

Don't delay to be filled with the Holy Spirit. If I am filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit it does not matter when I have to die. What happens to me is of no consequence. There is no fear.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27 : 1

If the Lord is my light and salvation I do not need to fear.

“When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.” Psalm 27 : 2, 3

What is the matter?

“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze up on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”

Psalm 27 : 4

I have no other desire. I need to please my God. I need to fill with the Holy Spirit. It is God's desire that I should be filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.” Ephesians 5 : 17

Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

“Speak to one another with Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” Ephesians 5: 19, 20

That is the will of God. Keep praising God for everything.

It is God's will to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Are you?

Do you earnestly desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Live so as to obtain the Holy Spirit. Are you willing to leave sin and live a holy life? To obtain the filling of the Holy Spirit, are you willing to live with the sole aim of being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Then the Lord will be willing to stand in you and bless your household. He will bless your little children He will bless your generations He will create a stir and new life in the place you live. Do not doubt. The curses, binding and fear that afflicts you today will depart. All mental illness will depart. Your anxieties will disappear. The nagging fears at the back of your mind will disappear. You will obtain firmness and confidence in your heart. Life will bear fruit. Though you many will obtain blessing. Weak points in our life may be a barrier to the filling of the Holy Spirit.

“You acted foolishly,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.” 1 Samuel 13:13

I think, many of God's children often do things that are foolish. They may not do it knowingly. There maybe points to justify their stand. In the book of Ephesians, God

reveals many people when he has appointed in responsible positions. There are various positions of responsibility. Watchman Nee has written a book on 'Spiritual Authority.' No one should question a man with spiritual authority because he has been appointed by God with various ministries.

“To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ.” *Ephesians 4: 12, 13*

Restore the saints to their position when they fall from the places of authority. Sometimes even people with the filling of the Holy Spirit may be displaced. Sometimes they may be harmed. Certain types of weakness may afflict them; sometimes they may commit mistakes. Then they must be restored. For this, the church needs apostle prophets, advisors, shepherds and evangelists to preach the gospel. All these ministries come together so that the Holy Spirit of God will pervade and restore the saints – such a ministry is pending.

There is no need to be anxious if the spirit of God steps aside. There is no need for unnecessary fear, leading to a limp and lifeless attitude. There is no need for depression. God has brought into our midst the ministry of reconciliation and restoration.

This ministry serves the purpose of instilling life and spiritual revival into the church, which is the body of

Christ.

The prophet cannot perform the ministry of the apostles. He cannot fulfill the duties of a shepherd. An evangelist cannot take over as apostle as each person has been assigned a particular ministry to carry out. Saul did not know this.

“But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD'S command.”
1 Samuel 13,14

The Kingship would be lost. The authority given to you will be removed. You had been anointed as King. You had prophesied. You were counted among the prophets. Son, You had received all things. But now everything has been snatched away from you by God Your Kingship has been taken away because you did not obey the Lord's commandment. The Lord has sought another man after his own heart.

“A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed- without remedy.”
Proverb 29: 1

Saul was given many chances, In Chapter 13,14, Chapter 15 there is mention of the opportunities given to him. But we see impatience on his part in Chapter 13, disobedience in Chapter 14 and pride in Chapter 15.

What is the weak point in our lives? It is not possible to advance spiritually. We should go to heaven. We should be able to enter the Kingdom of God. We should be

able to experience the overflow of the warmth of heavenly love in our hearts when we are here. We should possess the attitude of Christ. We should not compromise with sin, instead we should abhor it totally. We should not tolerate evil or pride and clothe ourselves with the attitude of Christ.

"Our Father in heaven, Holy be your name, your kingdom come", so goes the Lord's prayer. The kingdom of God has to come to the earth. God has seen you my son as an instrument to make this happen. Therefore let heaven begin in your heart. Let heaven pervade in your family. In this manner, you can bring down the Kingdom of God.

Will you open your heart so that heaven may begin to be established here? O Lord, let the King of heaven descend into my heart. Let heaven begin in my heart. You let your head rest on the wooden cross of Golgotha. My Lord Jesus, as I read this, enter my heart and rest your head in my heart.



Chapter 5

“Samuel said to Saul, “I am the one of the LORD sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so listen now to the message from the LORD, This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.” 1 Samuel 15: 1 - 3

God reveals his plan to the prophet Samuel. Samuel tells Saul: "You are the king. But God has told me to let you know one thing clearly. God has noted down how the Amalekites attacked Israel on their journey. Therefore you must annihilate the Amalekites because they have hindered the people of God. Do not show compassion to the people who have made hindrances in the way of the people of God. "

He instructs Saul specifically in certain matters. "You must destroy every Amalekite man, woman, child, as well as other bulls, goats, sheep, donkeys, Destroy all that belongs to the Amalekites. They should not be even a

living thing left. This is the Lord's command.

When the battle was over, Samuel asked Saul: What is this sound that I hear? Is it not the bleating of sheep and the lowing of cattle?

“Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, “Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal.” When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD’S instructions.” But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?” Saul answered, “the soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.”

1 Samuel 15 : 12 - 15

I have destroyed them completely. But the men chose to leave the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord.

We can see tricky, deceitful words here. He had realized his mistake. He felt guilty about it. That is why he said those words.

If you commit a small act of disobedience, you will feel, the pangs of guilt inside. You will find yourself losing confidence. Disobedience has taken place. He did not obey all that was instructed. He was told to destroy everything that belonged to the Amalekites, but he

brought away same things. He preserved the best of the animals. He told Samuel that it would be used to offer as sacrifice to God.

Spiritual life is a life of complete obedience. There is no questioning here. We might think it justifiable. But God is not pleased with such sacrifices. We might think sacrifice might please God. According to human reasoning; we think some things are right. We use these things to justify ourselves in questioning the way of the Holy Spirit. It is true that a sacrifice is pleasing to God, But God had instructed him specifically to destroy without anything behind.

Man tends to justify his acts of disobedience. If you decide to grow and progress spiritually; if you yearn for the renewal of the Holy Spirit within your heart, then you need to obey the spirit of God with eyes closed. You have to completely obey the word of God and the work of the Spirit with eyes closed. Otherwise you will sustain heavy damages.

A great disaster happened Saul's life. He disobeyed trusting or his own thinking and reasoning. Therefore he lost his Kingship. He did not obey God.

Where all have disobedience occurred in my life? A child of God, who relies on God's grace, will not seek to justify his disobedience. Complete obedience in your life is important. Never ignore the instructions given by the Holy Spirit of God.

Now the Holy Spirit stands here to give you new life. Right now, can you say a word to the Lord out of the heart?

Lord, I promise to obey your instructions, your commands and your commandments without thinking or reasoning with eyes closed.

O Holy Spirit of God! Command me whatever you will. Please don't stand silent before me. Please speak to me. Please guide me with your counsel. I put down my 'self', my ego and humble myself before you.

Complete obedience and complete faith comes from true love. It is then that the spirit of God comes.

Tell Jesus Christ, who stands next to you: "Lord, I recognize the disasters that happened in my life. I have added and diluted your instructions and your word. "

I have taken decisions according to my thinking and reasoning. Lord, please be merciful to me and pour out your spirit upon me.

I am ready to obey, to believe and humble myself and to lead a life living God.

Please apply a drop of your precious blood on my fore head. Right now, get your seal on me. O Holy Spirit of God! Descend on me. O Holy Spirit of God! Enter my heart as a fire. O Holy Spirit, blow on me as a wind.

When the wind of the Holy Spirit flows upon you, diseases will disappear. Bindings and evil possession will be destroyed. All diseases caused by evil forces will be removed. Split tongues of fire will descend on you. The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove flies down on you. The Holy Spirit dwells in you. If you believe this, then all diseases will be removed. Curses will be removed; all the

curses and illluck that have afflicted the family from generations.

In order to wait upon the Lord and renew your strength, you need to be completely, wholly obedient. Saul was not completely obedient. But did he not obey? He did! When Samuel came, he asked: What is this bleating of sheep that I hear? Saul replied: 'That is not by coincidence. Did I not fight the Amalekites? They had fat, big sheep and bulls. We chose those and brought them here. My soldiers brought the animals here. They brought the animals here to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God. He said it was done from good intentions. But what was the word of the Lord given to Him? 'You must not leave anything alive. You must destroy them completely all of the Amalekites and all that belongs to them with great zeal and fervor.'

Saul again spoke: "We have taken Agag, the King of the Amalekites alive and brought him here. Saul had an 'old man' within here. He had a 'liking for the flesh' Why should I kill a King? If the defeated king chose to be subservient to him or ally with him, would it not bring much benefit? It was human thinking and reasoning at work.

The king Agag had a large army. He was capable in this manner. If a powerful person is allied with us in the same fellowship, would it not be beneficial? Is it not good if rich and educated people joined the fellowship. There is no need to avoid such people. We need not be separate from them, we can welcome them into our fellowship and may be after a while, they will mellow down and become good people. Here the human brain is at work. If the Spirit

of God has commanded you to destroy anything, immediately place a knife there.

'Destroy all the Amalekites; leave nothing alive.' In the 2nd book of Samuel, when we read the first chapter, we learn that an Amalekite was responsible for Saul's death. He died by the spear of an Amalekite: Don't forget this! If he had obeyed God implicitly, maybe such a pitiful end may not have come. When God commands, do not interpret it according to human reasoning. Do not question it with human reasoning.

O my God! Let your name be glorified. I do not have the ability to discern what you have commanded. Who am I to evaluate the pros and cons of what you have said. Am I not a new man? Are you not the eternal God. I will not try to interpret your divine commands with my insignificant reasoning. Implicit obedience! King Saul did not obey.

"Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions," Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the LORD all that night."

1 Samuel 15: 10, 11

God is grieved that he had anointed as king a man who was disobedient. In the book of Hebrews, in Chapter 11, it is given that God is not ashamed to be called the God of Abraham and the other heroes of faith!

Friends, Is God grieved on having redeemed you? Is Jesus sad that he released your evil bindings. Have you given room for God to regret having saved you? Because

you may not realize that the curses that have haunted your family since generations were destroyed in an instant by God. Or God may feel regret that he saved your life, dear daughter, seeing the way you live. In this manner have we caused God to regret and look on us with pain? Elijah told Elisha: "Go back, remember what I have done." It is alright to go home. But remember a mantle from heaven has fallen on you. Don't forget what you have gained.

Many have obtained salvation. Many have gained healing from diseases and redemption of sin. Many had obtained a broken and contrite heart. But today do you find a broken and contrite heart ? Does a sense of consciousness of sin prevail? What has happened to you, think, dear ones? Have you caused the Lord to regret?

God says: 'I prolonged your life. My daughter, I brought you act of the operation theatre alive. You had thought that your life is over; what a miracle! You and your child alive today? How amazing! The child has grown up today. You never thought you would get him back alive.

"My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me." Micah 6 : 3

The prophet Micah asks: "Am I a burden to you people? When I unveiled your sins before you, did it become a burden? Today think of how you can repent. O Lord, I have done wrong. I have hindered the way of the spirit of God. I blocked the hands which were stretched to purify me. O Lord, I have despised and grieved the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit within me has to rule with grief.

Unbelief came. The spirit who redeemed me is full of sorrow. "Have I become an enemy to you because I revealed the truth? Now you can pray, "O Lord please do not pass by without touching me, many sins have come into my life" I have let immorality into my life. I have backslided. I made many mistakes. My zeal was quenched. I went back to my former sin. Back to my old rebellion, pride, hypocrisy and falsehood. Fits of rage started to recur. Again, stubbornness, quarreling and strife prevailed. Even now, an unforgiving attitude to many could not be shed off.

Oh my Lord! Today, you have given me an opportunity. Today, you have called me by name. The one who called out "Zaccheus, come down quickly!" is the one who stands now next to me calling out to me to come down quickly. Just as the scripture says that Zaccheus came down in haste, so also I come to you in haste, and in urgency. I receive you Lord into my heart.

Please forgive once more; the sins that have come into my life have mercy upon me. Forgive all my acts of disobedience. I take a new decision to love you.

Oh my God! Right now, stretch out your hand and remove my depression. Remove my sorrow, anxiety and heavy burdens. Please heal my diseases and remove my curses. Please remove the disaster that has fallen upon my family.

Please forgive my sins and transgressions. Please sprinkle your precious blood. Remove any traces of rebellion in me. Wash away all dirt. Sprinkle life-giving

water on me. Cleanse me in the name of Jesus. Please heal my diseases, even the chronic, persistent disorders.

Let us pray:

O merciful Heavenly father! We thank you for this wonderful time. We thank you for having touched your children. We thank you for placing your nail-pierced hands and for letting the hem of your robe touch your children as you walked past, brushing them. All who touched you were healed. Thank you for having removed curses, binding and evil possession and having blessed everyone. Please the seal of your precious blood on your children. Please make them ready for your second coming. We pray in the loving name of Jesus. Hear us in your mercy, Amen!



Chapter 6

“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40 : 30, 31

The experience of flying by flapping your spiritual wings! The experience of ascending to the highest heavens on the wings of praise. That is the filling of the Holy Spirit. Flying with spiritual wings! If you tie a stone to a bird's wing, it cannot fly. If you tie a thread to a bird's leg and bind the thread to a pole, the bird cannot fly.

But we need to mount up with wings as eagles and ascend to hefty heights. Then there is no burden or care or worry.

The Lord did not say you will not have cares or worries in that world. But when we mount up with spiritual wings, the cares and worries don't bother us. The Lord's last message is described in the gospel of the Apostle John in chapters 14, 15, 16. That message can be summarized thus.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you

may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
John 16: 33

The victorious Lord Jesus who overcame the world, says this: You will have trouble in this world, but take heart. I will make you ascend on wings and fly.

I will make you stand firm alone above the burdens of this life. There are burdens. The Lord did not say this life will not have burdens and struggles. There will be problems, but let not your hearts be troubled. This message starts in this way.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me."
John 14: 1

Let not your hearts be troubled, and restless, irritable or desperate. Fear not. Stand firm.

The experience of flying in the spirit is not gained easily. Many ponder: "Why am I not able to fly in the spirit?" I have confessed whatever was known to me as sin that had entered my life. In the past days, I was a child of wrath; my entire nature was irritable with fits of anger. Now I have left this sinful habit. Now I have become a child of God. Then why is it that I do not get the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Speaking in tongues is not the filling of the Holy Spirit nor are visions or authority over evil spirits. All there are ministries that God gives to those who are filled with the Holy Spirit. God entrusts certain people with certain ministries and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some people are healed of diseases when they praise. Why is that?

Because God's spirit works through them. Some people who are afflicted with evil spirits, fall on the ground in convulsions, foam in the mouth and finally faint. Later they come to their senses, and get up. It looks like a medical disease of the body. But it is indeed demonic possession of the person that causes it. God has given some people authority to remove this demonic possession. But that is all in God's hands and in the working of the Holy Spirit of God. All this ministry is not the filling of the Holy Spirit. Do not think that everyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit will be entrusted this ministry. The filling of the Holy Spirit is to be filled with holiness. The filling of the Holy Spirit is to be conformed to the likeness of Christ.

'To become like him'. Then our thinking changes. Our opinions change. Our goals change. The pace of forward progress in our life will undergo drastic changes.

Our personality will change in totality. At one time we had in mind, 'The world is everything', and the goal was to please the world and to earn and make lots of money. There was no contentment no matter how much money came in hand. It did not satisfy greed. The aim was to amass more and more wealth. But now the philosophy of life undergoes a change! 'All that you see is transient Nothing lasts forever. Everything is only mud.' Our thinking becomes the same as that of Christ. Then the humility of Christ comes into us, inner humility. People are floating towards other aims. That should change. I need to hold onto Jesus. He should come to my heart and reign as Lord. My life is devoted totally to be spent for Jesus. Each and every word and movement should be pleasing to

Jesus.

My every second, day and night should be pleasing to Jesus. This aim should be established in our lives. When Jesus is our aim, we will receive all that he has. There is a son at home. There is also a servant. The wealth of the father belongs to the son. The servant can only collect the wages for the work he does. But the son does not work to receive wages. All the wealth is his. All of us stand and ask for wages. Lord, please grant me a child, or a marriage or education, or healing of diseases. All of us ask for individual favours. First become the son of your father. Then the father will give all that is necessary the father's wealth belongs to the son. So first obtain the son – Jesus Christ.

How many have this aim. If I get Jesus will I pass the exam? Definitely. He will make you pass. He will give you knowledge and intelligence. Do you need a job? He will give you the most suitable job. Do not doubt.

I am a man who sat doing nothing after passing class X. I wanted to study. There was no means to study further. However at that time, I received Jesus into my life. When I received Jesus, this matter become his concern. From then on, it was Jesus who led me.

I did not consciously sin in deed. Jesus guided me ahead in all my personal matters.

Once you have given everything into Jesus's hands, then Jesus will take up your b. Jesus undertook the matter of my education. I had not planned to do higher studies after my tenth standard. But the headmaster of the

Rajarshi Memorial School in Vadavukode (Where I had studied; took the initiative. His name was Mr. M.V. Mathai. He sent a letter with a student in my locality asking me to meet him.

Why did he remember me when I had passed when I had passed out of the school after standard X?

I believe it is Jesus who reminded him of me. He said to men: "Do one thing Yohannan. Study here for TTC course, which has commenced in this school. I replied, "I cannot do it." I have to look after crop cultivation at home, because there is no one else to do it. But he insisted, saying: "Just sign for now." He wrote the application for me and instructed me to sign it. He placed it into an envelope that he made and sealed the application. I was selected as the first person in the list as I had good maximum SSLC exam marks. He later told me: "You are selected for this course. Study for a year. After all it is only for a year. Later you can decide whether you want to work or not. I said: "No Sir, It is not possible in my circumstances." Then he insisted: 'Anyway, you must study for one year.' I thought: "What a miracle! I passed T.T.C. Again, Sir compelled me to join the school as the youngest and junior most teacher. I became a teacher when I was just turning 18 years of age. I was assigned the lowest grade class.

Dear friends, a force was pushing me from behind. An invisible power! Will you give your life to Him?

At this time, I heard that Billy Graham was coming to Kottayam. I was a teacher at school. But I was really

interested in hearing the word of God; so I boarded a bus to Kottayam alone. When I reached there, there was a huge crowd at CMS College ground. I estimated lakhs of people has gathered there. There was yet time for the message to start when I reached. There was a National bookstall there. I felt like visiting it. I chanced upon a list of the literary association there. I learnt that I could write certain exams privately without attending college because I was a teacher. I bought a book that would help me prepare for this exam. It was called 'Unnineeli sandesham' message. It was mostly in Sanskrit and some of it in Tamil. It was ancient Malayalam. It could not be easily understood on reading.

I listened to Billy Graham's message and returned with the book. I read through it: But I did not understand. I put down the book. I then tried reading it again and again. Then some things began to become clear. In this way I read so many books! I studied all the possible books. There was no one to help. I passed with first rank in the university! Praise the Lord.

In this way, I passed B.A-second part. Next obstacle was to clear BA – first part, which had English as subject. I was able to pass English as well. Then the thought came to my mind, why not study M.A. I had been teaching 5, 6, 7 classes initially. I would qualify to teach in high school if I had an MA degree. That's how the idea came to my mind. Then I eagerly desired to teach in college. At that time, St. Peter's College in Kolenchery had not been started. Even so, I wanted to pass M.A. to teach in a college.

I will not go into more details there is a power that

stood behind me! It is a sure thing that if you give Jesus everything, he will look after all that you have. Try and give things to Jesus. Give to Jesus without anyone else hearing it. I tell him about my sorrows, pain and my struggles. He listens to me patiently. He inclines his ear to me and listens attentively.

Dear friend, do not abandon this Jesus. He is a good friend and a good leader. Don't leave him. Make Jesus your goal. If Jesus is my goal, I will reach where he is. He is the ultimate aim in my life. Is your life dedicated to gaining Jesus by praying for the filling of the Holy Spirit? Or do you have multiple aims?

It is not wrong to aim at becoming free of debt, or want to get married or be able to pursue higher studies. Still others may want to educate their children or get them married or pass an exam or get a job or want to be healed of disease or want money to treat illness. All these are necessary. I do not deny that these things are essential. But all this will come along with Jesus. All that you need is supplied along with Jesus and will come to you.

Don't you remember many past experiences who was it who lead you. The hand that led you! O what great love was behind that hand! Did you not aget up from your death bed? It was certain that you would die. Many people thought that you were finished. Isn't it a miracle that you are still alive today? This is purely due to Jesus alone.

You did not know Jesus. The hand of Jesus supported and delivered you. It is the hand that brought you to this fellowship. Who is it who brought you to the

word of truth? It is Jesus! He is the invisible man. If you get him, you get all things.

Now you must tell Jesus: "Lord Jesus, I need you." If you feel that you need Jesus, you will prepare the way for him to come to you. Who is he? If he has to walk into my heart, I must prepare the way for him.

When you prepare the path, you will understand the stones and thorns. All those who tread the path have their feet pricked by thorns and cut by stones. All who come to me have been pricked by thorns. All who approach me are abraded by my roughness. When we start preparing the way for God, we understand the amount of stones and thorns. The road to my heart is filled with stones and thorns. We are preparing the way for the Lord, levelling the paths and making them straight.

Are you ready to prepare the way for the Lord? To do this there are countless things you need to do. You need to fill the pits in the path. Many people tread crooked path. Unless you make the crooked paths straight, Jesus will not enter your heart. Jesus is not an ordinary person. This Jesus is great. He is the son of God. He is the king of kings. He is the creator and owner of all the earth.

You must get this firm, assurance. I do not speak as a man who has attained perfection. You must decide that "I cannot go back" I have put one step ahead and I will not go back, no matter who all obstruct my way or cast me out of the church or threaten to stop me from getting my church-related needs done. I can say with full courage that I will not go back. My dear friends, do you waver when

such conflicts arise? What will be your response if the parish priest threatens to excommunicate you? What if he deprives you of your rights and privileges as a church member, just because you attend the prayer meeting at professor M.Y. Yohannan Sir's house. Will you become jittery and anxious.

I do not look at any man as I go ahead. I follow Jesus. I follow the one Savior who died on the cross for my salvation. Are you certain about this fact? Then you need not fear. There is nothing to fear. The filling of the Holy Spirit will come in search for you. If you have this, rest assured, then there is no reason for fear. The Holy Spirit will fill you. God will fill you with his Holy Spirit and He will uplift you He will wash away all your stains. He comes near you to wash away the stain and stigma of whatever has happened to you in the past. Submit your entire life at the nail pierced feet of the Lord Jesus.



Chapter 7

“Saul answered, “The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God, but we totally destroyed the rest. “Enough!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the Lord said to me last night.” “Tell me,” Saul replied. Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord? But I did obey the Lord,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the Lord assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.” 1 Samuel 15: 15-20

Samuel said: "God had commanded you precisely to leave nothing of the Amalekites behind. Then why did you carry off the loot from their camp. Why did you leave

cattle alive?" Even then, Saul continued to justify what he did. "Why did you leave the sheep alive?" When his wrongdoing was pointed out, he did not admit his mistake.

"But I did obey the Lord," Saul said. "I went on the mission the Lord assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the Lord your God at Gilgal."

1 Samuel 15 : 20, 21

Will God be pleased with your sacrifices and burnt offerings rather than your obedience? Would not God be more pleased with implicit obedience to His word than numerous sacrifices and burnt offerings? God does not regard what sacrifices you have offered, what good deeds you have done, what holy services you have offered or how many sheep and bulls you have offered. Do you think God will be pleased with the multitude of your offerings if he does not find obedience in you? He is most happy when you pay keen attention to His word and obey it. He would prefer obedience than the fat of your offerings.

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."

1 Samuel 15 : 23

Disobedience is likened to sorcery, witchcraft or like sacrificing to evil spirits. Has anyone thought of disobedience in this way? Have you ever thought of it is a major sin? He was asked to kill. He did; but he saved king

Agag and brought him to the camp. He brought back alive some sheep and cattle. That was not done with any evil intention.

But God said 'rebellion is like the sin of divination or witchcraft. And stubbornness is as bad as worshipping idols.

An inflexible approach that does not loosen despite much advice. He stood stubborn. He again claimed he was in the right, standing resolute in his stand. He refused to budge dispute being shown his mistake and the Holy spirit pointed out his error, he continued to maintain 'I have done no wrong. A hard heart is like worshipping idols. Have you even thought about this?

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”
1 Samuel 15:23

Stubbornness and rebellion! The spirit of God may point out certain mistakes. "I have not done such things," is the response in argument. With such justifications, the spirit of God is pained. On the other hand, can I not humble myself and retrospect as to have this sin come into myself? If we confess our sin openly, we will obtain forgiveness of it. Samuel said. "Rebellion is bad as witchcraft." That is what you have done you have committed as in that can be compared to worshipping idols. Moreover your hardheartedness does not permit you to become conscience stricken. The nature of

stubbornness and unwillingness to correct oneself is the same as idol worship.

Just think. Do you worship idols? Has rebellion come into your life or disobedience? Samuel said: "Saul, the kingdom has been taken away from you. Your anointing has been lost. The gift given to you by God and the anointing by him has been turn away from you."

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king. Saul replied, 'I have sinned against God in disobeying the word of the Lord from you because I feared the people.

Saul admits his sin, giving excuses and trying to justify what he did. True repentance cannot be coupled with. Self-justification. He said; "I feared the people."

The people said, "Don't kill all the cattle and sheep; we can sacrifice them to the Lord." I just obeyed the people. I have sinned because I feared the people. Sin came into my life. But there is a reason. The people compelled me and I had to listen to them.

I did not want to lose my popularity and position among the people. I feared losing their favor and acclaim, that I had received when I was made king of Israel. I would fall into disrepute and become worthless in the sight of the people. What is your aim? Do you want to be regarded highly among the people? Do you want recognition and high positions in the fellowship? Then my sin with this attitude, you can be sure that you will never be filled with the Holy Spirit.

I feared the people. I listened to them and obeyed them. That is why I disobeyed your word and the Lord's command and sinned.

“Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord.”

1 Samuel 15 : 25

Saul said to Samuel. “Forgive my sin and come with me. I need to worship the Lord.

The Almighty God of Israel does not lie or speak worthless words. You have lost your anointing. The kingdom has been torn away from you. It has been given to another person. Then Saul said. Don't I have a position and standing among the people. Honor me amongst the people by coming with me. If not, what will people say about me?

What will people if Samuel left me, the reigning king of Israel? Will they not regard him as worthless? Don't I have a standing and good reputation and good news among the people.

There for honor me in front of the people. When Saul beseeched him, Samuel accompanied him. Saul worshiped the Lord.

“Then Samuel said, “Bring me Agag king of the Amalekites.” Agag came to him in chains. And he thought, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.”

1 Samuel 15: 32

He had Agag brought before him and killed him.

Saul's kingship was taken away from him. But because of his incessant pleas Samuel honored him by going with him. Samuel agreed to accompany Saul so that Saul could save his face in front of the people.

"For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." John 12 : 43

"How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God." John 5 : 44

What if a person said: Sir, your gospel message was very good." What must you do if you hear this? You must immediately pray, "O Lord, cover me with your precious blood." What if someone says, "Sir, I have never heard such a good message." Pray to the Lord at once, saying "O Lord, the devil comes near, cover me with your precious blood and save me.'

Such acclaim and favor brings a snare with it. No harm will come to you from people who criticize you or finding fault with you. They do us a favor by this. We humble ourselves on hearing it. On the other hand, those who praise us bring us unintentional harm. They may mean good, but we tend to drink up their praise which makes us bloated with self-esteem. That will make us fall instantly. Many children of God have fallen in this manner. The Self!

So let us come to a serious decision. It must come from the heart. Let the Spirit of Christ help you to take this decision. It is done by God's grace. Even this is God's

grace God gives us grace to completely surrender to him and make a commitment. No commitment or dedication can be made without the help of the Holy Spirit. Now let the spirit of Christ illuminate you with light and grant you good sense and wisdom.

O Lord! I made many mistakes the past, even though there was no visible sin. There was no sexual sin or moral corruption or drunkenness. But Lord, my 'self' has destroyed me. I was addicted to certain stubborn attitudes. I did not know it is comparable to idol worship. I did not know that the attitude of 'Whatever I say should be the norm' or 'I should be the winner', was in fact sinful. Whenever others could not accept and agree with what I said, I was filled with ill feeling and anger. O Lord, all this is major sin. I did not know these sins were going to wreck my 'kingship.'

O Lord, I went wrong. I humble myself at the foot of the cross. Have compassion on me. Here I lie, humbling myself at the foot of the cross. O Lord, please see me. Please let one drop of blood that flows from the cross come and fall on me.

Let your precious blood which dripped down and flowed from the cross touch me. Let a drop of the precious blood which flows down from the wounded sacred heart of my Lord Jesus touch me. If you believe, you will be completely cleansed by this precious blood.

All that has happened in the past will be wiped out and forgiven. Every sin will be forgiven and you will be

made a new creation. You will be transformed. Whatever big sins have been committed in the past will be forgiven.

Whatever sins have come into thought, in imagination, in motive, in emotions, in words, sins that have been committed by each part of your body sins in deed; present as filthy stains. You may have lived a shameful and deplorable past life, that no one could bear to come near you. O Lord, I place this corrupted life before you. There is nothing good in it. Nothing I can take pride in or be contented with. It is a life dominated by an Ego. I place this life at the foot of the cross. Please place a drop of your precious blood on me. The blood of Jesus cleanses all sin and purifies us.

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Isaiah 1:18

The blood of Jesus will make you a new creation. You will gain a new heart. You will gain a new perspective and vision. You will be shown a new way and given a new life.

You will be given a new aim and experience new things. You will be healed of diseases. Your bindings will loosen and disappear. Curses will be removed. Blessings will descend on your family. By the authority of the name of Jesus, the victorious name of Jesus and by the pour of his precious blood, your sins will be removed, curses,

diseases will go away and healing will come. Those who are dead in the spirit will be made alive.

O merciful and most Holy heavenly father, we thank you for this glorious moment. We thank you for caressing all of us and for wiping away our tears.

Thank you for removing our sorrows. Thank you for lifting our burdens. Thank you for your healing. Let all the glory be to the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Chapter 8

"You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work, and labours at it. I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you. For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition."

1 Corinthians 16 : 15 - 18

In this portion, the Apostle Paul writes, to the believers of Corinth. The church of Corinth was like a family that participated much in the Gods work. The family of Stephen was one of the firstfruits from the region of Achaia. A family who came to salvation through the gospel. Where Christ comes, his saints will also be there. If we love Christ, we will also love his saints. The family of Stephen loved God and the people of God, especially the Apostle Paul, who was in God's ministry.

Stephen, Fortunatus and Achaicus refreshed the mind of the Apostle Paul. There is no mention anywhere also in the Bible of these three people. But the Apostle regarded them highly. He says: "They have refreshed my

mind and also yours." They refreshed all the believers of that region by their activity, such that they were mentioned in the pages of the Bible. They did not rise to fame later. But they loved God. They honoured the Apostle and refreshed his heart, comforted and encouraged him. They came to visit the Apostle. They also did much for the other believers.

"Honour such people."

"Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the Lord all that night."

1 Samuel 15.10,11

God had made Saul the king with great hopes, But all hopes were dashed to the ground. The living God says, "I am grieved." Imagine! God had appointed Saul for his glorious ministry. But Saul fell prey to his great sin of 'Self' or "Ego". Because of his dominating ego, Saul had to be removed from his position as king.

"Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul."

1 Samuel 15 : 34

Samuel went back to Ramah, where he lived and Saul returned to his palace.

"Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord was grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel."

1 Samuel 15 : 35

God used Samuel to anoint Saul as king. Samuel the holy seer, the prophet of God mourned over Saul's downfall for a long time. He never saw Saul again. God was grieved over the fall of a person who had been anointed to fulfill the ministry of the heavenly father. Samuel was likewise grieved in heart.

If we have the sin of "Self" or "Ego" within us, God's spirit will grieve, looking at us.

But the Apostle Paul said: "The family of Stephen refreshed me. Stephen, Fortunatus and Achaicus encouraged his weary heart. The apostle Paul was happy that he had met them. His spirit was refreshed. So also we should refresh God's heart as well as the hearts of the children of God (the elders)

The Apostle Paul again says:

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Hebrews 3 : 17

The elders have to account for your souls in the presence of God. Therefore they watch anxiously over you. They eagerly wait to guide you in the right track. Let them not have to moan and account for us with a heavy heart. Make sure these are able to watch over you with a happy heart, in this manner they will be refreshed.

How can you bring refreshment to God's heart. How do you refresh the hearts of God's children? If it is enough

to present them with gifts or give offerings to God? Can you sacrifice a young bull? Or will you go to the house of God and present a sacrifice? What if you put in thousands of rupees into the offertory box in the church? Or rather you donated a huge sum of money to your fellowship?

With none of these sacrifices is God pleased. God will be pleased when we acquire the true nature of His son – the Lord Jesus, whom he has revealed for our sake. What is the nature of Christ? It is to be humble gentle, quiet, willing to sacrifice oneself. He was not able to reject 'Self'. He relied on his own abilities and his own strength. Because of his reliance on his personal skills, he was not able to destroy his 'Ego' and thereby was not able to refresh God's heart. Thus Saul's biggest weak point led to his downfall.

If a man thinks: 'I am the greatest preacher', he has fallen. If someone thinks, 'My testimony is the best', then he has fallen immediately. If I consider myself the best singer, my downfall has already taken place. The impact of the fall is terrible. "I give the best testimony, how was my testimony?" Such thoughts should never come. Thus should be no things of my own that comes to prominence, no speech, testimony or ministry. Can you make such a statement? It should be possible.

This involves denying the self. Be ready always. If I am required to preach, I am ready. I cannot say "I am not ready today or it is not possible today. If I am required to sing today, I am available. But if I think, if I do not give a testimony I would fall in the opinion of others, then it is

wrong.

The 'I' or the 'self' should cease to exist. The fellowship will continue even if I am not there. The messages will be given and all events will continue to

be conducted beautifully, even if I am not there. My dear friends, myself is not of any relevance. Who is of any relevance. Who is important? Christ Jesus. Let all glory be to heart.

What does it matter, which church you belong. Just uplift Christ in whatever you do. Follow the example set by Jesus Christ on the cross. He is the model of self-sacrifice. The very epitome of denying the self . He who does not left up his cross daily and follow me is not worthy to be my disciple. The Lord's words are very clear:

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple." *Luke 14 : 26*

I put down my ability, my capacity, talent, skill and knowledge of Bible verses. What did Abraham do? He placed what he loved most on the altar of God. The long awaited child!. The Child who has gifted to him by the loving Creator! How many years he had waited for the child! He had received the child after waiting for 25 years in prayer. "The child who brought laughter to the house", as Sarah said. She started to laugh. A family filled with happiness. How long had he sighed with grief before his son was born! But happiness had visited when Isaac was born. Everyday was joyful and there were celebrations

and laughter.

When the baby became a toddler and then started to run around, when he started to jump and play and laugh; Abraham and Sarah watched him and tenderly caressed him and pampered him. But God said: You must place him on the altar and offer him as a sacrifice. Offering, what is most dear to one. It is very difficult situation God called Abraham as he slept in the night.

"Abraham, Abraham!" A familiar voice. The voice of God frequently called Abraham and spoke to him. Abraham listened carefully, "Abraham, take you son, you only son, whom you love and go to Mount Moriah. There you will offer him as sacrifice on the mountain I will tell you about."

"Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Genesis 22 : 1, 2

How very clearly God speaks "You must travel to the particular place. You must sacrifice on these mountain I will show you . You must offer him as sacrifice"

Abraham had offered a lamb as sacrifice many times. He was used to it. But he had never offered a human sacrifice. He must have thought, "O God, What am I hearing? Its not this child a free gift from you? Are you telling, me to kill him? Abraham was perplexed. He

thought it over and over again. This was definitely God's voice, a voice he was familiar with.

God is love, there is no doubt about it . But why has God given me such a command. God has promised to give me descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; as countless as the grains of sand on the sea shore. He has promised me this land as my possession. Then why does he want me to kill my only son? He could not understand it.

It is very difficult to understand the word "Give up" I have tried calculating the cost and benefits and risk in this. You become a beloved disciple of Christ, when you are ready to give up all that you have. When you give up all you have, it is most comforting when the Lord takes over. It is soothing to know that the fragrance of your offering has gone up to the Lord. The fragrance has reached God in heaven who will be pleased. That is a wonderful experience.

Abraham did not tell Sarah. In the morning as he was about to depart, Sarah asked her "Where are you going in such a hurry". He answered " I am going to offer a sacrifice with our son". She did not suspect that anything was wrong. She knew that Abraham offered sacrifices periodically. He continued this practice wherever he was. He had servants and camels to accompany him. The fire wood for the sacrifice was prepared and tied onto a camel. He took everything that was needed. But Abraham's heart was beating fast. How could he set his son afire with his own hands, and watch him being reduced to ashes as the flames licked him up

little by little.

At that time Abraham thought "My God loves me. He has always done what is best for me. He has declared that future generations will arise from my son. God does not lie. If he killed his son and offered him as sacrifice; he reasoned that God would be able to raise his son alive from the ashes as he even after the flames had consumed him.

"Who contrary to hope, in hope, believed."

Romans 4 : 18

Can you make a sacrifice? It would solve all your problems. Jesus would take up all the pent-up griefs in your heart. He would take up the matters concerning your children. He would take up the problems of your wife. The living Jesus would take care of the bad habits and vices which have gripped your husband. The Lord will solve the unrest within your family.

Then the burdens of your debts and the problems which you struggle with, all go into the Lord's hand.

Because you are sacrificed yourself and all that you have on the altar.

Abraham took a heap of firewood from the donkey's back and placed it along the shoulders of his son, Isaac. Did his shoulders slump with the weight? Abraham saw this. But the child must bear the burden. The wood for the sacrifice must be borne by the sacrificial animal. So Abraham placed the firewood on Isaac and walked ahead of him.

Bearing the firewood on his shoulder, Isaac ran ahead of his father and asked, "Father, haven't you forgotten something? What about the lamb for the sacrifice. We have the knife, wood and the fire with us. But where is the animal for the sacrifice?" A fire leaped up in Abraham's heart as he heard this. He thought, "How can I tell my son, that he is about to be killed and offered as a sacrifice?"

When we are about to offer a true sacrifice, our hearts will be agonized and distraught as if a fire was burning within us. How long did my heart burn with apprehension! The thought that, could I wait for some more time came to me. My dear friends, do not be late in offering a sacrifice. Don't delay in sacrificing yourself totally.

What else could Abraham say other than, 'Son, the Lord will provide.' As Isaac climbed the mountain behind his father Abraham, he did not know that on the opposite side of the mountain, a ram was climbing up without any particular reason. It was guided by the Holy Spirit of God. Abraham did not see it, nor did Isaac.

Dear child of God, certain things have been prepared for you by God. He has prepared a husband or a wife. He has made ready a means to dispose off your debts. He has already provided a solution to your problems. He has seen a way to resolve your diseases. Do not be anxious and think, the Lord has not seen my problems and my struggle. No, my son, no. The Heavenly father has prepared a lamb which slowly advances step by step to the mountain top.

Now the ram has reached the mountain top. It stepped into a thicket of bushes. Its horns got entangled in the thicket. It was at that time that Abraham and his son Isaac reached. He built the altar. Isaac observed his father. He did not know what was going to be done. His father had told him that the God would provide the animal for sacrifice. Abraham hugged his son and kissed him repeatedly. He whispered to him, 'My son, you are going to be sacrificed.'

The Lord God has commanded this. Isaac was stunned. He looked at Abraham's face. There was firm resolve in Abraham's face. What courage at the time of sacrifice! All his unsteadiness and hesitation disappeared. He firmly believed that God is able to bring alive his son even if he was reduced to ashes.

He tied his son's hands and feet and placed him on the altar. He took the knife. The blade glinted in the sunlight. Isaac screwed his eyes shut. He did not want to see the knife hit his neck. Abraham raised the knife and aimed it at Isaac. Suddenly, he heard a voice. The voice was not late. 'Abraham, Abraham' the voice called out in haste. 'Do not lay a finger on the boy.'

'What was he hearing?' Had he not been told to sacrifice his son? Abraham looked up. The voice that he heard was one he was so familiar with. Was it not the voice of God? He lifted up his eyes towards the direction he had heard the voice come from. There was a meaning behind the upward gaze. 'Lord, have I not obeyed all that you commanded to the last word? Now, please listen to me. I have made everything ready for the sacrifice. Please

provide me a lamb for sacrifice.

We see the Lord God of heaven listen to the voice of man. He had already decided to provide for his need. God understood the meaningful look that Abraham gave. Abraham looked back where he heard a sound. He saw a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. He brought it and offered a sacrifice. He received a resurrected Isaac indeed!

If we deny ourselves, we don't lose anything. You won't lose your job or your family life or wealth, children or parents. The merciful Lord will give you an experience of resurrection so that everything that you feared you would lose, will turn out to become profitable. Isaac got the seal of resurrection. He became a new creation by experiencing the power of resurrection.

Dear friends, do you feel like offering a sacrifice? Sacrifice yourself. There is nothing that is mine, O' Lord. The fellowship is not mine, nor do the Young Men fellowship or Women's Meeting belong to me. I don't conduct the convention nor do I determine foreign travel to preach. The testimony or gospel that I preach is not my possession. O Lord, everything belongs to you and is for your glory. I am a mere zero. I am just a piece of gravel stone.

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."

Matthew 19 : 29

"Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

Psalms 50 : 5

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship."

Romans 12 : 1

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrew 13 : 15, 16

All of us are nothing but big zeros. I bow down in humble acknowledgment. 'O Lord, I am a zero.' Then, dear child of God, allow Jesus to come into your life your worth, increases manifold. Then every extra zero is of more worth. Submit everything to Jesus.

Samuel grieved over Saul. God was grieved over Saul that He had anointed Saul. You must refresh and enliven the God's heart as well as the hearts of believers.

Are you willing to completely humble and surrender yourself? A complete surrender. Sacrificing oneself wholly. A meaningful offering just as Abraham offered Isaac. 'Jehovah Jireh' – God will provide. God sees and provide. Submit yourself at the feet of Christ. He will provide for you and for your future. He will also provide for you in eternity.

Therefore, give your word to Jesus. 'Lord Jesus, here I submit myself completely to you. 'O Lord, you have offered yourself on Calvary. You denied yourself, Lord. You gave your face to be put to shame and insult to receive spit you gave your face to men to pull out your hair, hurting you. You submitted yourself to death. You gave yourself to be plunged with a spear. O Lord Jesus, son of God, who gave himself up for us! Please enter my heart and enable me to make a true surrender. I submit myself in entirety to you.



Chapter 9

“In those days the Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel.” 1 Samuel 28 : 1

The Philistines were advancing to fight a battle with the Israelites. Saul was the king. Samuel the prophet had died by then. In the first verse of the twenty fifth chapter there is mention of Samuel's death.

“Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him.” 1 Samuel 25 : 1

The prophet Samuel had died. There was no one left who could prophesy. Saul was in a difficult situation, with the Philistine army advancing.

“The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa..”

1 Samuel 28 : 4

The army of the enemy the Philistines was ready for battle. Saul and his army were preparing for combat.

“When Saul saw the Philistines, his heart greatly trembled - when he saw their numbers.”

1 Samuel 28 : 5

Saul was afraid? What could he do? A huge army

faced him. He looked at his army and thought, "What is my army compared to the army of the Philistines, which is 'vast like the ocean? It is impossible to defeat them.' He quaked with fear at the thought.

"He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets."

1 Samuel 28 : 6

When Samuel was alive; Saul would ask him, "Should I go to battle. What strategy must I adopt?" Samuel would guide him step by step. But now Samuel were dead. As for God, He had left Saul long ago. Who could he ask? He had forfeited God's grace and God's presence. Earlier he just had to call out, "O Lord, help me." Then God would provide a solution though Samuel the prophet. But now there was no prophecy. What could be done?

Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her."

1 Samuel 28 : 7

Saul said. 'Let us do one thing there is no one to consult. So let us ask a medium.' Witchcraft! He prefers to consult a person who is full of evil spirits. Consulting mediums for signs and getting answers to questions. Imagine! Who was this person? Who suggested this? The same king who had made great efforts to eliminate medium and spiritists from the land was now searching for one medium!

"I will set my face against anyone who turns to

mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people. Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God." *Leviticus 20 : 6, 7*

God had earlier declared through his servant Moses: 'I hate those who approach people who practice sorcery and witchcraft.'

"You shall not eat any flesh with the blood in it. You shall not interpret omens or tell fortunes. You shall not round off the hair on your temples or mar the edges of your beard. You shall not make any cuts on your body for the dead or tattoo yourselves: I am the Lord. "Do not profane your daughter by making her a prostitute, lest the land fall into prostitution and the land become full of depravity. You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. "Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God." *Leviticus 19 : 26 - 31*

"When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is

a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God. The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so. The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him."

Deuteronomy 18 : 9 – 15

Saul knew this and had eliminated those who practiced witchcraft in the land. But Saul was now searching for mediums and spiritists. What a terrible downfall!

Saul's failure to overcome his 'ego' or 'self' pushed him into terrible sin that was evident. If you do not bridle your ego, or put to death the thinking, 'It is mine', then you will very publically and most awfully fall into the most grievous of sins. 'He should be cut off from the people.'

When Saul had been truly God's servant. When the spirit of God had been with him, he had put aside all mediums and spirituals in the land. But now we see him search desperately for a medium.

"Saul then said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I can go and

consult her.” His servants replied, “There is one in Endor,” they said. So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. “Consult a spirit for me,” he said, “and bring up for me the one I name.” 1 Samuel 28 : 7, 8

If anyone saw him go to the medium, it would be shameful, because Saul was the king who annihilated all witchcraft from the land. If he visited her in kingly attire, she would be afraid and not reveal anything. So Saul disguised himself, and visited her in the night so that no one would recognize him.

Let us contemplate on this with slight fear. You do things in secret, thinking that no one will see. But God in heaven sees all. God observes every step you take that is against his word and his command. It is not possible to hide from God and to keep secrets before Him.

You may go into sin, you may go to a witch, you may get a horoscope written, or resort to sorcery or witchcraft. You may get favourable times and seasons written down; God sees all. All of these are forms of sorcery and bring curses, on us. You may look for good signs or portents, or try to predict your future from the lines on your palm or from astrologers or soothsayers. Some use the sound of a lizard to predict the times. All these are customs of the heathen and are sin to the Christian.

Just try and recollect. Has any of the above been done in your house. May you have not, but your ancestors may have. Tell God all that you are aware of. O Lord, let

the curse of such ancestral sins fall on my children and grandchildren by covering them with your precious blood and wiping them away. By your cross cut away the curses and bindings on me.

If you have gone to anyone practicing any sorcery, black magic, divination and tried to obtain signs and portents and paid them for it, then you must kneel down in God's presence, confess them, repent and be redeemed of their bondage. All these are sins. They are against the word of God. Evil spirits stake their claim on you using these.

I will tell you one incident. There was a home that was rocked by adversities. Sickness after sickness visited. There was no advancement or progress. There was no peace. The head of the house, heard the word of God and he repented. But he still could not become prosperous. He was agonizing for peace. He visited a man of God. I don't know what is wrong? Why I am not able to prosper in life. I repented and determined that I would never again sin willfully. But there are dark and dirty thoughts still left in my heart. I do not sin publicly or in secret. I know I will not fall into sin, whatever be the provocation or situation.

The man of God was shown certain things by God, "There is a paper in your, under your clothes. If you go home you can find it. You must burn that paper immediately.

The man did not know. His father had an astrologer write down a parchment. It was a consultation with a

spiritist on each and every problem in the family. The Devil was staking claim on this. As soon as he burnt it, peace and prosperity were restored in his house.

Many families are rocked by certain satanic bindings. They may have repented, but they are unable to come up in life because of certain bindings. You must find out what those bindings are and burn them. Some people would have enchanted objects or things with a magic spell cast on them buried at the threshold of their houses. Some people have ancestral traditions like "Kadamattam Seva", 'Worship with drinks.' carried out in their homes. Such despicable traditions should be cast away.

Saul went to in disguise o consult with a witch.

"So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. Consult a spirit for me, he said, and bring up for me the one I name."

1 Samuel 28 : 8

Saul; who was in disguise told the witch, "You must bring the person I want in front of me." That person was dead, but the effort to bring back the spirit of the dead is the work of the devil. God does not allow spirits of the dead to travel through the world. They are in the world of the dead. It is sin to want the spirits of the dead to be present in the world. That is a devilish thought and opposed to the word of God.

But Saul told the witch, 'I want you to bring up the person I tell you about. I need to obtain some prophecies

on a certain matter. "Whom shall I bring up?" asked the witch. "The prophet Samuel", replied Saul.

Have you ever backslided and turned back to what you had forsaken. In what all does the devil stake claim? In my house and in my heart, what are the things, the devil may stake claim on. What are the parts of my body on which the devil stakes claim?

It is such bindings that later lead to depression, mental disorders, some birth defects in children, certain difficult situations etc. Don't you see restlessness in most families? Don't you see dislike and discard in most families? Where do you see peace in families? Do you see perfect peace anywhere?

Is there peace in your family? Is there unity? Are the wife and the husband one in heart? Are the parents and children of one mind? Is there any discontent or grumbling or discord? Is your family a small heaven? Is the mother – in – law and daughter in-law one in heart? Is the mother – in – law able to love her daughter-in-law as her own? Is the daughter-in-law able to love her mother-in-law as her own mother? Are the husband and wife one in heart?

Do you not yearn to see you family as a small heaven? Do you not want heaven to descend into your family and love to fill your family? Do you not want to see happiness flooding your home? Don't you want to praise God filled with peace and happiness?

Don't give the devil a foothold, and allow him to destroy you. Just don't let him enter though any small

matter or an atom of sin you can decide. I will not at any cost allow the devil to stake claim on my life. He will not have control in even ten paise in my life.

You should not earn even 10 Rupees by a means unapproved by Jesus Christ. We also don't have a right to spend extravagantly. Don't waste money or become a spendthrift. You can spend on what is necessary. But make sure, Jesus will approve of it. In this manner, the Lord should look with favor on your spending and earning.

Jesus should be happy with the way you spend time every second, day and night. You must not have fits of anger, or quarrel. You must not harbor malice and hatred towards others. You must forgive all things. You must ask forgiveness when you are wrong. You must correct yourself I should not bother whether the other person has accepted my apology or not. I will correct myself.

A young man decides to sever his relationship with his girlfriend. He had met with me and spoken for a long time before he decided very strongly to cut of his relationship. I said, "Son, you need not call her up and tell you are not going to be friendly with her again. If she calls you up, attend the call and tell her." But this boy made the mistake of going to meet her and tell her he was breaking up their relationship. He fell entrapped unto sin again as the girl was determined not to let him go.

My friends, separate yourselves from sin very clearly. You need to correct your mistakes too. Jesus is there to help you to do this. The blood of Jesus is able to

cleanse us from all sin in a second. It will cut away all curses. Whatever curses have afflicted your family since generations, Jesus will wash all bindings with his living water.

The Holy Spirit will transform you. At this time, Jesus stands close to you. Don't waste this time. Tell Jesus," O Lord Jesus, From now on, from today onwards, I am a new creation."



Chapter 10

A great man from England went to remote village in Africa. He was a philosopher and intellectual. He had heard that a new culture was unfolding in Africa that transformed cannibals and wild tribal people and made them become civilized. He wanted to see this for himself.

He entered a small hut. An old Negro woman was reading the Bible. The Englishman asked, "What are you reading?" The woman replied. "The Holy Bible." Do you read the Bible even now, in this age? "O foreigner, Why do you ask such a question? she exclaimed.

He replied, "We had heard in England that you people have become more civilized and modern. I thought that you had became more enlightened by now.

"O foreigner, do you think that modern civilized people do not read the Bible?" She asked.

"No, he said, "Enlightened people don't think it necessary to read an old book like this Bible. It is written in it that a huge fish swallowed Jonah and that he remained alive in the fish for 3 days. Not only also he came out of the fish and preached. Will anyone believe this? Surely such nonsense is written in this book. Isn't it?"

The old woman sprang up and said “Whatever this book says I will believe, whether the fish swallowed Jonah or Jonah swallowed the fish because this book is the truth. It is the word of God.

The Englishman said, “There is no use in talking to you. All stories about you modern culture and civilization are incorrect. Your people are still tribals and old fashioned.

The old woman pointed a finger at the Englishman: “There would not have been so much talk. If it were not for the Bible your flesh would have been simmering in my pot, for me to eat today! You would not be standing here, speaking. This book has transformed cannibals like me, to love and respect all human life.”

The word of God transforms men and changes their behaviour. The Holy Word of God turns a man inside out. When this word of God enters your family, all quarrels and discord will melt away; dislikes will melt away and so will complaints.

Do you not observe long, sad faces in your family? Murmuring, discontent pervades even which quarrels are not public. You may not have publicly sinned grievously. But there will always be some restlessness. Your face is downcast and unhappy. There is not much of talking. If at all something is said, the mind cannot be opened freely. Many houses are in despair. They are under the black, dark shadow of the devil.

Don't you want this utter darkness or blackness to be

removed far from you? Don't want prosperity to visit you? Should there not there be heavenly peace? You should be able to speak freely from the heart to each other and live happily in your family? The family must become a house of love, the seat of love. Love must reign supreme in our families.

All this will happen if the Holy Spirit descends into your heart. Even if the Holy Spirit is not in your husband or your wife or your children, if you alone are open for the Holy Spirit to enter, then the atmosphere in your home will change.

"I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it."
Psalms 81 : 10

It is not about filling your visible mouth. You have to open wide your heart. You must pray out of your heart. He will fill you with his word. God will fill you with his love and holiness. For this you need the filling of the Holy Spirit.

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40 : 30, 31

Wait upon the Lord and renew your strength. You must renew strength daily. Yesterday's strength will not be sufficient for today. The zeal of the past is not enough for

today. Because every day we face new testing and temptation. Every day there is newly formed opposition. The devil brings in newer battle tactics. If you can resist and overcome these tactics, we will need new strength, you must renew your strength. Let the outer man waste away day by day. But the inner man must be rejuvenated daily.

If you have to renew your strength, you need to remove human weak points. This is our topic of thought. David's weak point was sex. Though he had won many great victories, he failed in the area of sexual sin. Samson was a brave and mighty warrior. He had been dedicated to God. But he had a weak point – he slept in Delilah's lap. He was enslaved to sexual desires.

Saul had been brave. He was a head taller than all around him and he was courageous and deft. He had been chosen by God. But Saul's ego or self-stayed rigid in him causing him to fail. He was pushed away from his position as King. He also had shortcomings. He did not give value to the word of God. It is written in God's word that one should never go to a medium or spiritist or sorcerer. There is clear mention of this.

Moses wrote: “Your ancestors went to medium and spiritists. That become a sauce of heaven to them. Such things may happen to you as well if you go to sorcerer. Moses had very clearly stated this commandment to the people. Saul knew of this.

Today how many Christians look for auspicious

times? People embark on a journey of event by looking at favorable times. Whether it is an inauspicious time or not. Even the time for a boy to see a girl at her house for a marriage proposal is fixed based on an astrologer's prediction of lucky time periods. All these are heathen customs and practices. Such customs are not permissible for believers as is clearly given in the word of God. Those who practice this will be in bondage for years to one. These are forms of evil possession.

Without removing this we cannot ask for filling of the Holy Spirit. If our ancestors have practiced such customs, the bindings on us will be released only when we confess and forsake them and pray to God. Looking for signs on a man's face, reading the lines on one's palm, looking for omens like the sound of a lizard, astrologers forecast, wearing enchanted rings that have been empowered by magical chants, all these are dangerous. Even tattooing on the body can allow Satan to enter and done by many Christians.

"For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you." Deuteronomy 18:14

God has not permitted such thing. But what did Saul do? When the battle was close, he approached a witch to call up the dead.

But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the

mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?" *1 Samuel 28 : 9*

That woman said, "What are you saying? Has not King Saul eliminated all medium and spirits in the land? If I practice witchcraft, then will not my life be in danger?" To whom did she say this? It was to Saul himself . She did not know. It was Saul. She thought it was an ordinary man who had come to consult her, as she was a witch. She exclaimed, that she was afraid to do witchcraft as King Saul would surely destroy her.

"But Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." *1 Samuel 28 : 10*

Saul swears in God's name that she would not be harmed.

Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said, "Bring up Samuel for me." When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul." The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth." He said to her, "What is his appearance?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid

homage."

1 Samuel 28: 11 - 14

Let me tell you a serious thing. God's spirit will never bring up the spirits of the dead. The spirit which looked like Samuel was brought up by the sorcery of the witch and was an evil spirit. It was not really the spirit of the Prophet Samuel. Witches can show magical tricks. An evil spirit which resembled Samuel to the last detail, presented itself, speaking exactly like the prophet used to. It was the evil spirit of witchcraft in the woman that brought the spirit up.

Listen carefully if you ever hear of anyone bringing up the spirits of the dead, then understand that it is the devil's spirit at work. The Holy Spirit will never bring back to the world, the spirit of a man who has died, nor will the spirit allow the dead man's spirit to talk. Nobody can bring back the spirit of a dead man or make it speak.

You must have heard of such astonishing signs and wonder or read about it in books. But these are always the work of the Evil one. The evil spirit will truly resemble the dead man. It will also speak of the things the dead man did when he was alive. It will deceive everybody. But the origin of this is never from God; it is always from the evil one.

If anybody has a wrong concept; let him correct it. God will never allow the spirit of a dead man to travel through the world. It is not possible. If you feel that the spirit of a dead man has spoken; it is empty from the devil. It is an evil possession and bondage.

If any reader has a relationship with the spirit of a dead person; let him pray: "O Lord, free me from this evil spirit. Deliver me from the deception of the evil. I do not want to have anything to do with the devil's work." Deny it with all your heart; because it is of the devil. There are same people in certain places who are spelled at black magic and such deceit. That is not skill, it is the work of the devil. Magicians can also perform tricks and miracles.

"Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts:"

Exodus 7 : 11

Moses cast down his rod, and it became a snake. The magicians too cast down their rods which becomes snakes!' Magicians can also do counterfeit miracles. Some spiritual healing sessions came from the devil. We must understand that the miraculous healing of diseases led by people who live in sin is surely the devil's work. When a person who is selfish, greedy for money and power does miracles. It is from the devil, it is witchcraft. Do not believe them based on the miracles.

"Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt." *Exodus 7:20,21*

Moses did miracles. Water became blood. The entire Nile river of Egypt turned to blood. All the water in the wells and lakes of Egypt turned into blood. Even the water that was stored in vessels turned into blood. But the Magicians were able to do the same. They too did such things by magical power.

What was the third Miracle?

“So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land.”
Exodus 8:6

Egypt was full of frogs! Frogs invaded the king's room and covered the king's bed. The king was perplexed. Moses performed this miracle as evidence of God's hand. But the Egyptian magicians did the same. They raised their hands and frogs multiplied throughout Egypt.

But they were helpless at duplicating the fourth miracle.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.”
Exodus 8:16

Nor could they copy the rest of the miracles. Magicians have duplicate miraculous powers that are limited.

Here the witch did not actually bring up the dead prophet Samuel; instead she brought up an evil spirit.

That was not a dead done by God's power. Saul regarded the advice of the spirit resembling the prophet Samuel as spiritual because he was deceived. The spirit went on to say, "Tomorrow, at this time you will be with me." Could Saul actually go to where Samuel was? Never. The next day when Saul would be killed, his spirit would join the evil spirit.

Evil spirits work in this world, not only in Kerala or India but all over the world. There are many opinions regarding this. Some people resort to sorcery and witchcraft. Various homes have ancestral bindings of witchcraft.

Some people think that by burying a cross at the threshold or with the cornerstone of the house will bring them prosperity. Such practices are wrong. All these are forms of sorcery.

If a man of God prays and lays a cornerstone and the Holy Spirit descends in praises; yet if the head of the house does not live with God; it is meaningless. If he sins, all harm may befall the home. Let us not resort to such customs and tradition. In fact such practices are mistakes and even forms of sorcery.

The Lord will not come to your house just because you place a cross at the threshold. The spirit of the Lord will come as soon as holiness pervades. The spirit of God can enter only when holiness is present. For this you must give your heart completely to God.

Remove curses from homes as well as objects of

black magic and sorcery ; break off and throw away any enchanted thread around your waist. We are the holy people of the LORD. Cast off all heathen customs. We have a writing fixed to our foreheads, He is 'Holy to the Lord!' or 'She is holy to the Lord!'

Behind we have another writing FFCS (Fool For Christ Sake). This is our degree that we are made fools for Christ. Are you ready to receive such a branding? It is not written as words. It is the branding that the world gives you as a fool- will they not say, "What foolishness does he speak? What does he lack that makes him go and preach the gospel? Why has he gone for such an endeavor considering he is well off?" Why have you joined this prayer group?" A fool for Christ's sake indeed!

Can you accept this kind of treatment? Many will scoff at you. Some will poke fun; others will pierce you with words. You must be able to face this opposition boldly, without fear. Whoever ridicules me, and calls me a fool, I will remain a saint of Jesus.

Take a bold decision "I will be holy and set apart for God. No. sin will not touch me. No impurity or dirt will touch me. Lord, please wash away all the impurities that have come into my life till now. I rely on the precious blood of the Lamb of God. Lord! I pray to please put a drop of your precious blood on my forehead."

If you take such a decision; that I will never sin knowingly, whatever be the situation or however strong the temptation; then right now the blood of Jesus will drop

on your head. The blood of Jesus will form a symbol on your forehead.

Let the blood of Jesus touch you and remove evils. Let all curses be removed and all bondage broken. Let all the work of the devil be undone and removed! Let him battle and defeat all evil forces. Let the fortresses of all the evil spirits be shattered. Let many who are kept in chains by the evil one, be set free. Let deliverance come! Let the sick be healed. Let all closed doors open! In this manner, let the living Christ work! Let the heavenly fire descend on each and every one the fire of the spirit of God. Let the fire of heaven descend as the spirit of anointing falls on you!



Chapter 11

“But those who trust in the LORD will become strong again. They will be like eagles that grow new feathers. They will run and not get weak. They will walk and not get tired.” Isaiah 40 : 31

Wait for the Lord. They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength. Remove your weak points. Cast off evident sin and weak points. Only then if you wait, the spirit of God descends on you.

David describes how to wait for the spirit of God.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.”

Psalm 40 : 1 - 3

Praise the Lord! That is our new song. We wait for the Lord. If we wait for the Lord, he will deliver us, uplift us and give us new songs on our tongue.

David prayed this.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try

me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." *Psalms 139:23, 24*

Is there any evil way in me? Lord, please show me. David searches his heart while waiting for the Lord. Lord, you know when I sit or rise. Not a word comes on my tongue without you knowing it. You have deciphered my thoughts and intentions from afar. Lord probe me and see if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Please see if there is any offensive way in me; anything that can lead me into the way of eternal torment, and lead me in the way everlasting. Lead me in the path of life.

Let each person find out for himself. 'What is my condition now?' Am I not sinking? I yearn to be uplifted and come through. But I continue to sink. I don't have a victorious Christian life. I am not able to advance in spiritual victory.

O Lord, have I committed a blunder somewhere? Our relation seems to be severed. Am I in the experience of grace? Does your spirit reside in me now? If I die now, will I reach the kingdom of heaven? Will I be able to fly to your presence and kiss your feet? Lord, am I ready and completely in you.

Dear friends, let each person search themselves in this manner. David had sunk deep into the mire. He tried to free himself but could not stand firm.

Just think, is your commitments enduring? No. You

are sinking in the mire of sin. You decided you won't despair, or be discouraged. Your spirit was revived momentarily at that time. But it does not last. David's condition was such. Sin was evident in his life. But he continued to live without remorse for a year. His conscience did not prick him till the loving God sent his prophet Nathan to convict him of sin. The Holy Spirit spoke to David through the prophet. David was convicted of his sin and he repented with tears and a broken heart. He waited for the Lord.

It was an anguished cry! A cry that arose from a heavy conscience. He out in the deep, muddy mire of his sin. Oh! how terrible is my sin! I have made a mistake. I have become numb, frozen and hardened by sin. I was not stricken by conscience for a whole year. I am not able to break down. Even after committed such a terrible sin I had no pangs of regret. It was not just a trivial sin.

To wait upon the Lord means to cry over past sin and wait for the Lord to deliver.

“O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot is pleasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD- how long?”
Psalms 6 : 1 - 3

David says: My soul is perplexed and my bones are petrified. I have no peace. My soul is proceeds to destruction. I have fallen from grace. The vibrant life given to me by God is snuffed out. I am broken with groaning.

My bed is drenched with tears.

David cries like a bird in the desert. He cannot sleep at night. Just as a bird flies around the desert desperately seeking a drop of water, so also he cries in solitude. He was unable to obtain cooling, soothing water or wetness, or softness of heart. He yearned to break down and confess his sins before the Lord. But he could not.

"I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert. I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top."

Psalms 102 : 6, 7

Our hearts break down when we read Psalms 102. A day passed; the second day was over. But David did not want food. David realized in his heart how much he had grieved the God who had supported, raised him up and given him an address. Therefore until the Holy God, who dwelt in the temple, would come and live in his heart, would he be willing to have food, or lie down on a bed or sleep.

"I will not enter my house or go to my bed; I will allow no sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, till I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

Psalms 132: 3 - 5

His heart winced with pain and was torn and bleeding in spirit.

Dear friends, sometimes we may have to abstain from food and fast. We should fast and repent of the sins committed in the past. The bindings due to past sins will

be absolved by fasting and prayer. David's cry of repentance is seen in the 51st Psalms.

In this Psalm, David says: Lord, I come to you with a broken heart. You have given man broken heartedness and softness and contrition.

“A broken and contrite heart, you, O God will not despise.”

O, Lord, Jerusalem lies in ruins its walls are destroyed. I am responsible, Lord. Please rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. You are pleased with a broken and contrite heart. Lord, please rebuild the walls that are in ruins because of me.

Lord, the prayer fellowship in my area has disintegrated because of me. The fellowship in my home; the sweet fellowship and oneness of husband, wife and children has fallen apart. I am responsible. Because of me, the walls of the city of God are in ruins. There was a time when I justified myself. Now, I relinquish all claims. Help and restore me and rebuild my wall.

Man has fallen into a deep pit, filled with mud and mire of sin. Each of us are in the same situation. Of all who were born into this world, Jesus Christ is the only person who is sinless. No one else can therefore uplift us. Therefore what should we all do?

We should wait and cry. O God, I have fallen into this deep pit and am seating fast. O' my Lord, only you can lift me up. That is the gospel.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is

*no other name under heaven given to mankind
by which we must be saved.” Acts 4 : 12*

God in heaven looked at men. He saw that men would never reach heaven. Therefore, in order to bring men to heaven, God came down as a man and went through the land. He lived, he ate food, slept and rested and travelled. Jesus experienced fatigue in his body just like a man. But he was untouched by sin.

A sinner can be delivered only by a person who is not a sinner. No one else can save a man sinking in a deep quicksand of sin. The reason being, a man who steps into the soft mud to help, will go down as well. But a flying helicopter delivering a rope can pull the man out.

To rescue me from the deep pit and mud in which I lies, Jesus has to fly over the swamp without touching the mire. Without touching the dirt, without any sin the holy God merciful to me in coming and lifting me up out of the mire. He lifted me up and set me on a firm rock. He made strong, firm and steadfast. Now there is no longer any tendency to waver and backslide. Nor will I sink into the mire again. It is because I now stand on the rock.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.”

Psalm 40 : 1 - 3

Brothers, first you must experience this at the

outset. Have I been lifted up out of the slimy pit, mud and mire? As you read this itself, you can be lifted up? Because Jesus stands close to you, ready to lift you up.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

2 Corinthians 5 : 17

The old man is burnt and from the ashes arises a new man.

In this manner a child is born. You have been lifted up from deep pit of mud and mire and put on a rock. As if that is not enough, the very God who once proclaimed “Do not commit murder and do not commit adultery, now says, preach and make disciples of others to follow me.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1 : 8

First of all, we need to be a good witness at home, in front of your spouse, parents and children a model Christian life.

Sow the seed of the gospel in our place. That will bear fruit and spread everywhere. Then:

1. We need to wait up on the Lord and receive new life. We have to come out of the slimy pit of sin.
2. We have to be clothed with strength from on high and continue to wait to be renewed.

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

Hebrew 9 : 27, 28

We wait upon the Lord to deliver us from the mud and mire. Keep on praying and crying to climb up out of sin. Then keep waiting on the Lord to secure new strength and grace from the Holy Spirit. A baby is born, grows and become strong. Not only so, we have to wait upon the Lord so that we might be ready to meet at the second coming and join home in mid-air. Jesus will come again, not to bear sin, but to take with him, his saints.

It is appointed for all men once to die and then to face judgment. This is why it is important to wait upon the Lord. Always remember. Death is certain for every man. It can come at any time taking us away.

Once we depart from this earth, may be after ages or soon when the Lord comes a second time, we will be taken up along with the other saints.

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” 1 Thessalonians 4 : 16, 17

After this we who are left alive will join the living believers in midair to welcome the Lord Jesus on the clouds and go up with him. Then we will fly across the sky and go to a place made ready for us. Our bodies will be transformed.

Brothers, let me ask you one thing. If Jesus Christ comes today will you fly up to meet him or will you be left behind, forsaken?

If I walk through the path in which Jesus walked, I can reach the kingdom, I can reach the heaven where Jesus lives and live in the heaven and city which he has built for me.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” *John 14:3*

Dear children of God, we journey to sit in the place where Jesus is seated. This is not for 10 days or a year or a thousand years. It is for endless ages and for infinity that we will be with him. He has made it possible for us through his death on the cross. This unique privilege is given to us because he shed his blood for us. This precious blood will wash you today my son!

My daughter, he will wash away all your sins. Abortion, murder, adulteries, love affairs, drinking, drugs, all will be forgiven. He will make you dwell in his feet. We will dwell forever in his temple.

When each of us depart from here, we should be holy enough for angels to come and take us to the place kept for the saints. All we have here is a disease body. We

can have diseases affecting the eyes, heart, blood vessels, liver, lungs or spine. Joints may be painful. Cancer of the intestine is increasingly frequent now. You may have a tumor in same part of the body.

But on that day we will join to a place where there is no disease. At that time groups of angels will welcome this soul and take it to the place where saints stand.

How joyous will be that event? My dear friends, at that time all the saints long dead, will stand together and talk to each other. The beloved mother, father, wife, husband all will meet each other. All believers who died in Christ will meet each other. They have no body. But they will be able to recognize each other. They can converse, see one another and exchange opinions.

To experience this glorious and wonderful reunion we must make ourselves holy. We must be washed in the precious blood of the lamb. We must often ourselves to the nail-pierced hands of the Lord Jesus. O Lord, Savior who gave his life for me! From today onwards, I will live for you. From today on, I am your slave.



Chapter 12

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9: 27,28

“Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure. Surely everyone goes around like a mere phantom; in vain they rush about, heaping up wealth without knowing whose it will finally be.” Psalm 39: 4 - 6

Death comes to all and takes each one away. The life here is not forever.

Everyone must die! Not only so, everyone must then face judgment. Most of us have not entered a law court or speak there or be judged or waver before tough question. But everyone has stand before a heavenly court. There Lord Jesus will be the judge. He will not be partial. Today

he is full of grace but he will be a strict judge on that day.

Today the door of grace is open and He pleads: "Come in, come inside." Anyone can enter. Today He invites, with love by grace. He calls. On that day, the door of grace will be shut and the throne of judgment will be ready.

"Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear." Peter 1 : 17

We never know when the sword will fall on our heads.

*"Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you:
Psalm 50 : 22*

No one can save you then. An impartial judge will sit on the judgment seat. Each one of us will be judged. Everyone will look on. A huge assembly of people from young to old; all men will stand there. The court will be seated and the books opened. Each man's life in its entirety from birth to death is recorded in the book of remembrance.

The books will be opened. The book of life will also be opened. Each book is opened and the deeds of each man will be read aloud. Whatever sins were long forgotten, what have not been confessed and no repentance has ensured, everything has been recorded and will be read aloud.

"Then I saw a great white throne and him who

was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20 : 11 - 15

This has been recorded as the unchangeable living word of God. Has your name not been written in the book of life? Do not doubt, you will be cast into the lake of fire .

God will repay each one according to his deeds.

Roman 2 : 6

The apostle Paul says: There is a day when each man's deed are assessed and he is given what he deserves.

“You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.”

Roman 14 : 10

It is a day when we have to account for everything

we have done. All the deeds of one life will be perused from the books.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.” Matthew 25: 14 - 19

The master has given blessings and talents as grace, before he left. He gave his word.

But the day comes when we have to account for all things. You will be asked to account for having verbally accused someone or hit him. You might have deceived your husband or beat your wife or used your money for alcohol, giving it to abkari contractors. My son, the day comes when you have to account for all things.

Today you may beat your poor wife or you may suspect her. Today you may be unfaithful to your husband and live with another man. Who can question you? Today you may rag your juniors? You may threaten innocent students and do base things like make them drink alcohol. You may inject drugs into a poor boy's body. No one will ask.

It is all play for you now whether you steal, go on strike, shout slogans and march in procession, get into politics or deceive others. Today you are free to do this. Nobody will ask.

But remember, all that you do is being recorded in books. And you have to bear account for all that you do before God one day. The day when accounts books are opened and examined. You are free to go anywhere, say anything, do anything. and use authority to suppress the poor and needy. But the day of reckoning comes.

“But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.”

1 Peter 4 : 5

The unchangeable word!

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5 : 10

All of us will stand there. Death comes for sure and so does judgment. Our forefathers know of this. So they sung thus.

*“Nyayadhupa nyayadhipathe-angekarisham
chertha kadathalen thala thazhthruthe-vidhi gehe!
mochana yogyathyillengilumennilirikkum
nin thiru meyyum rakthvumorthenmel-kripa cheyka
nin snehal-sleeba najan kooppi
pizha pokki nin mey rudhirangal*

hithamodu karunamayaneesho mama nalkuka mukthi.”

“O judge of judges, in your anger, please do not bring down my head in shame, when you judge. I am not worthy of your salvation yet remember your precious blood and body given for me and have mercy. By your love, I worship your cross, which atoned for my transgression by your precious body and blood. Please look favor and mercy and free me from judgment.”

Lord, I do not deserve redemption or freedom. I will be caught. But remember that you have shed your precious blood for man and broken your body with wounds. On the basis of your ultimate sacrifice for me the precious blood you shed for me and the body wounded for me, I come to you by your stripes and your precious blood; free me though I don't deserve it. Lord, please atone for my transgression and set me free.

*“Neethiyil vidhi cheyyum nyayadhipathe nee
Eattaruthe vidhiyil kadamorthedaruthe
Balaheenatha neeki thuna cheyyuka nadha!
Rappakal Adiyangalkkasrayamangallo”*

The songs sung in the order of Holy Worship show that our forefathers were aware of judgment. In Soothara Namaskaram, it is sung thus.

*“Dushtanmaril karunyam poondone!
Karunyam chei nin nyayatheerppin naal
Dukham poondor nin vaathil muttunnu*

*Karunyathal nalkenam yachanaye
Swargasthan thatha! prarthikkunnayyo!
Kaikondee karmam karunyam cheika
Vinnivar than nadha! manmayarasayume
Kaikondee karmam karunyam cheika.”*

Our forefathers thought deeply about judgment. We have one thing to request Lord in the Day of Judgment let me not stand with my head bowed down in shame. Before this, please wash away all my sins listed in the book of remembrance by your precious blood.

If Christ does not dwell in my heart. I will not be show mercy. I will have to stand outside.

You must wait for the Lord in prayer till the last with reserve oil and a shining lamp. You know the bridegroom will come and that you need to greet him. Don't you remember the parable of the ten virgins?

All of them eagerly awaited the bridegroom till the last. They trimmed their lamps and waited. All ten had oil in their lamps. All of them slept off. The bridegroom was late in coming. All ten heard the shout of proclamation that the bridegroom had arrived. All ten woke up and trimmed their lamps. But five of them saw that the flames in their lamps were getting snuffed out. Till that time all were in equal positions.

Had these five not waited in anticipation till that time? Out of all people in the world, had they not waited with their lamps lit to greet the bridegroom? Did not their lamps just get snuffed out? Could not they be given time to

just get a little oil for their lamps from oil seller? We might think thus in human perspective.

But there is no pity here. Five were in and five were out. Those who were left outside started knocking. Alas! Alas! "Lord, please open!" But no one opened. Instead a hard voice is crying. "Go away, I do not know you' can be heard. It said that He did not know them. They cried and waited outside for days.

Judgment is a grave matter. Once to die and them to face judgment.

"But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgement will be revealed"

Romans 2 : 5, 6

By your misdeeds, God's wrath is being stored up to be revealed. O' man, you do not know that your wrong, deeds is causing God to store up wrath. Just as money stored in the bank earns interest, so also God's wrath is stored for eternity.

"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God."

1 Corinthians 4 : 5

He will bring our thoughts into judgment. Today we can think anything. Today we harbor anger, rage,

peevishness, hatred. Today we are not willing to forgive. Who will ask? Those who wronged us may come and ask for forgiveness. But we are not ready to forgive.

However, when we reach the court of judgments all the thoughts and intentions of the heart will be revealed. What all hatred, anger, dirty thoughts and filthy desires you harbor in your heart will be revealed.

There will be judgment for words as well.

"The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books."

Revelation 20: 13, 14

The second death is the Lake of fire!

What a terrible end! We have to face this judgment. No one can escape. Every knee shall bow. The day will come when all in heaven, on the earth and beneath the earth shall bow down and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Today there are people who say there is no God and who demand proof of God's existence. The scoffers say, "Seeing is believing or else do the things that Jesus did like raising the dead."

Dear ones, every knee shall bow. Every mouth will be sealed and every tongue stilled. Nobody will be able to say anything. At that time when a man leaves his body and goes to eternity, he will face judgment. Those of us who live in this age of grace will hear a happy news.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to

them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Romans 8 : 1

No more judgment. You only need to be in Christ. You need to accept him and open your heart to him. All that is past will be wiped out in an instant. he will tear and destroy the account book of the past sins. No more accounts of the past will be considered. You don't owe anymore debts! there is no accounting of past sins. Everything is washed away. Who all need this wonderful sanctification by the precious blood?

The precious blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin.

The washing by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus. you do not need to change your church or community to obtain this. Christ will change the heart. You must continue in the same church, but your heart should be changed as well as your behavior. You must be washed in the blood of Christ and be purified.

Those who beat up others and made quarrels, bickering and rioting , caused accidents by rash and wilful negligent driving and hurt or tried to kill others should note.

Today, who all want to escape judgement ?

"There is therefore no longer condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Run and take refuge in the ark. If you are in the ark then no flood will come near. You may be wearing dirty

and torn clothing. But you can enter the ark and be safe. There is salvation in the ark and the flood waters will not touch you. Look, the ark is open for you. Just enter now.

At Golgotha the pierced side of the Lord is open, offering entry to any wicked sinner. Open your heart to Jesus and tell him: "Lord Jesus, from today on I am your slave."



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