

# God Will Slay Leviathan!

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*Father, I just thank You, Father, because You are there. In no situations when we serve You do we need to depend on our strength; Your strength is available to us, Lord – the strength to stand, the strength to speak, the strength to believe and the strengths to obey. In Christ, You ask us to do nothing in our strength and Your Word actually says that Your strength is perfected in our weakness. So, I pray, Lord, all of us, today, would humble ourselves in Your house and be weak so that You could be strong. Speak to us. Teach us. We need to know this because the battle is not going to get less as the end comes; it only gets tougher and as Your Word says, “The one who endures till the end will survive.” Give us that strength, that capacity to fight daily and not to waiver and not to pull back. Speak to us. Strengthen us once again through Your Word. For in Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.*

It’s not part of the message but for those of you who know your Bible, especially the *Book of Revelation* in *Chapter 12*, where you see that the incorruptible scenes in chapter 12 which, parts of it I personally believe is a future event than are present event where Scripture says “*There was war in the heavens and satan fought and Michael and the angels fought and satan was cast down onto the earth.*” I don’t believe it has happened yet. I don’t believe he has lost his place in heavens. But what you’ll see there is in *Revelation 12:11*, Scripture says,

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***<sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.***

When that final battles takes place before the end, when satan is literally cast down from the second heaven to the earth, I believe Michael and his angels and the Church in prayer will join together and satan’s throne will be cast down. So, God is not going to give them victory without involving us; he says, “You are part of my army now.” Earlier, Michael fought for Daniel and all, but He says, “In the New Covenant, it’s not going to happen. It’s going to happen with My Church.” So, they overcame him, and he was cast down from his throne and then, the final battle on earth begins when he comes with all his fury. I personally believe that; I could be wrong; but I believe that, that’s the way I want to read it. Satan still has his throne in the second heavens and he’ll be cast down.

So, keep that in mind – we are fighting; most of the stuff we face in the physical and we react negatively to it, we don’t understand this because, like we saw in the last few weeks, there are these kingdoms – the visible, the physical kingdom, which you would like to call it first heaven; and the second, and the third, which is the invisible spiritual kingdom one of God and the other of satan and one is called the kingdom of light and the other called the kingdom of darkness. And these two kingdoms impact everything that is happening. They only difference being the enemy works under the cover of darkness, he is deceitful, he’s a liar and he deceives, and he understands how God’s Kingdom works, that God’s Kingdom is a kingdom of righteousness. So, what he actually does is he tempts us or deceives us; we’ll see that little later. There are not the same. He’ll tempt us to come out of righteousness or deceive to break God’s righteousness knowing that’s how God’s Kingdom works and then, he’s got us in his hands. Either he harasses us, or he knows God’s hand will come upon his people, because God’s Kingdom is built upon righteousness. That’s why Jesus said, “You, us, who are on the earth in this physical kingdom, please understand how this works.” Don’t get worried about all the problems in your life. Seek first, what? The Kingdom of God. Because there is another kingdom operating against you and me. *Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things, you can fill in the blanks according to what it is. All these things shall be added unto to you.* So, keep that in mind, because that is the battle we’re fighting where these two kingdoms influence everything. And remember how satan operated and why he fell, why Lucifer fell and became satan because it was pride, but also, he lusted for what only belonged to God and thereby, he brought corruption into the second heavens. And by getting Adam and Eve to fall, he brought corruption and decay into the physical realm too through the effect of sin.

## **Romans 8:20-22**

***<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; <sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption...***

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That's why God asks, "Why are you so much in love with the world?" If only our eyes were to be opened. We, sometimes, get these WhatsApp forwards – you buy this Tropicana juice, which is nice and then, you pour it out and you drink and then, somebody cuts it open and looks it's full of worms. If you had cut it open because you've seen something funny, doesn't seem like liquid alone sloshing inside. Something else; you cut it open you'll never drink Tropicana again. God says, "If our eyes were open to the spiritual reality of this world and you see the worms and the demons everywhere," all over the stuff we desire because it is in bondage to corruption; God says, "The world is passing away." So, God will have a new creation. We know that in the *Book of Revelation* remember a new heaven, and a new earth and a new city. He'll have a new creation, because this old creation will pass away. But right now, remember Srikar's wedding message? Before God prepares a place and everything, what does he prepare? He prepares a person. The place is not what is important. We're always worrying about the place. God says, "You know, can I prepare a person for the place?" If an unprepared person goes into a prepared place, what will he do? He will make it as a mess as he is. Let me tell you this for people who are waiting for a financial breakthrough or whatever breakthrough – if you do not prove as yourself as a steward, how can you become an owner? You want ownership, but you don't want the discipline of stewardship. If you cannot handle money now, how can he give you money later? A lot of people don't realize the earth and the fullness belongs to the God; the cattle on thousand hills belong to the God, the gold and silver belongs to Him, but He cannot give. Unless you prove our stewardship, we're asking for ownership; that's on God's hand. What's in your and my hand? Stewardship – how we handle the little we have now. God says, "If you're faithful in little things, you can be." So, remember, God is preparing the place, a person for that place. That is what salvation is all about.

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

***<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.***

When God proclaims something, He proclaims something; He proclaims standing here in my life, 1984, He's standing here and proclaiming, all things are passed away and all things have. I am standing here; God is standing here. At the end of my life, and He proclaims to me, over there, all things have passed away. That doesn't mean I experienced that all things have passed away. But I have to start believing all things have passed away, that I am not going back but I am going forward. So, all of us realize that. God is preparing a new set of people for a new place. Saints, in the Bible in Church history, we read saints knew this. That's why they always groaning in their bodies, groaning in their bodies. Literally, they were asking God, "When will I die?" We're all asking, "How long will I live?" They were asking, "Lord, when will I die?" Because they realized this body there is no redemption. This body is not my friend; it is my enemy, the flesh. And this flesh is connected to the desires of the world. They're like made for each other, which pulls me down. So, there is this groaning in the lives of the saints saying, "Lord, when? Lord, when?" Because they realize this world and this body both are corrupted and is perishing. This is the very enemy of the new life.

Remember on Wednesday? Let us recap on Wednesday what God says,

### **2 Peter 1:3-4**

***<sup>3</sup>as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,***

Remember simple principles? Whether you want to succeed in the world or you want to succeed in the Kingdom of God, everybody needs two things – One – you need power; two – you need knowledge. In the Kingdom, power is the power of the Holy Spirit; knowledge is the knowledge of God. In the world, power is money and knowledge are education, your skills. You have these two, you succeed in the world. In the Kingdom, same thing – we need the Holy Spirit and knowledge; we need knowledge of Him. How does God operate? How does His Kingdom operate?

***<sup>4</sup>by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises...***

We have all the promises in the Bible. It is not enough to know the promises of the Bible. Remember; these are the promises of the person. There are lot of people who keep on speaking out promises of the Bible without knowing the Person of the Bible. So, the Holy Spirit, through Peter, is saying that first, we need to have knowledge of Him. Because these promises are His promises. In the world, you don't have to know that. As long as you have the money, it doesn't matter

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whose money it is. You don't, you receive an education from school. You don't put pictures of all your teachers there. It doesn't matter who taught you; as long as you learnt. It doesn't work in the Kingdom like that. It does not work like that. You need to know whose power it is. It is His divine power and it is the knowledge of Him; then, these promises start becoming effective in our lives. When we know it is His power and His knowledge and then, we use His promises but don't forget what these promises are for because promises of God's Kingdom can sound sometimes very familiar like in the world. That is why all this many of these modern-day gurus, if you listen to their teachings, they've all picked their principles from the Bible – how to succeed in the world? They picked it, because the Bible is a very successful Book; it's a book of succeed but you can take principles from the Kingdom of God and apply it to go into the world which will ultimately destroy you. So, don't forget what the purpose of the divine knowledge and the divine power is what is that, that you

***...that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.***

Let me ask you children – how many have partaken of the nature of your teacher? No! You don't want to be like many of our teachers. No! But this is a different thing. It's His power and His knowledge His promises; we actually partake of nature of God. For what? *To escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.* Remember; that's how satan operates and that's how he makes people operate to escape. To escape not to partake of the world but to escape the corruption in the world through lust because the whole world is animated by lust God's Kingdom is animated by love. At the feeling level, they may feel sometimes the same but they are diametrically opposed. Love protects; lust destroys. And when they are happening, lust can be more powerful than love in the flesh. Very powerful. Giants in God's Kingdoms have been slain by lust. unbelievable giants who really loved God. They were slain. So, please don't underestimate the power of this. The world operates, we know, by sight. God's Kingdom operates only by faith – I believe, I obey. So, one is animated by lust; the other animated by love. Get fundamentals clear. One operates by sights, your senses; the other operates by faith even though you don't understand because you understand, or you believe the Person who said it. You still keep it because even when you don't understand, that's called faith. So, Scripture says,

### **Galatians 5:6**

***<sup>6</sup>... faith working through love.***

The only thing that matter is faith working through love because that is how the Kingdom of God is animated with these two things. That's the only thing that works because if you want to defeat the powers of darkness for the kingdom; for the kingdom of the devil and the kingdom of the world works through lust through faith. Lust through sight, and the Kingdom of God works through faith in love. They're diametrically opposed. They may look the same outwardly, but they are not.

Remember, last Sunday, we looked also on the structure. The enemy has his structure which he just copied God and we have the same structure in our system. So, we saw *Ephesians* where Bible talks about, "We are fighting wrestling against," what is the first thing mentioned? Principality. What is a 'principality'? That is under a prince. That is under a prince is called 'a principality' where Lucifer crowns himself as King. That's how John Milton will write it in *Paradise Lost* how satan enthroned himself as king. He has princes, he has divided the whole world into principalities and sub-sections; rulers and powers and finally, it is hosts of wickedness which is the demonic world. Like I said, the demonic world. So, you have principalities. Now, let me just make it again clear last because last Sunday, I heard, after Church, during fellowship you were discussing about whenever you mention these things, people grab that everybody wants to know about the demonic. There are many assumptions. I made it very clear; it's not a doctrine; it's an assumption. The demons are basically there before Adam. There was another race. We don't know what all was there. We don't know. God hasn't told us everything. God says, "In the beginning, He created the heavens and the earth," and *verse 2* says?

### **Genesis 1:2**

***<sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void;***

What do we know between *verse 1* and *2*? We don't know anything. Has God told us everything? No! He has not told us anything. You need to realize what theologians say is this – the entire construction in Hebrew is a term of judgement that wherever these words actually, the Hebrew words are '*Tohu wa-bohu*'; wherever these words are used is only used in

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terms of judgement in the Bible. When we read it in English, we don't understand but Hebrews scholars says *chapter 1 verse 2* is only in terms of judgement. And remember when earth was created? The *Book of Job* will talk about in Hebrew.

### **Job 38:4-7**

**<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? (God is asking Job) Tell Me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know!**

God says, "You're questioning Me? Okay. You seem to be an incredibly wise man, Job."

***...Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,<sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?***

Okay, let me ask you this thing – now you listen to *Genesis 1 verse 2* and read this and when something is made without form and void and empty, what is it shouting for? What are the sons of God shouting when earth was originally created? Ask these questions what are they shouting for? Do you go out to the darkness where you cannot see anything, and you shout for joy? No, you don't. That's where it's talking about. I am just giving you two verses, okay?

### **Isaiah 45:18**

**<sup>18</sup> For thus said the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain...**

That's exactly the same word that is used there in *Genesis 1:2*. He did not create it void. He did not make it void. He did not make it without form. So, something happened over there and when that, we believe, was a race that was entirely destroyed by God and Satan was in charge as Lucifer. So, when he rebelled, he took that whole race. God destroyed them; they became disembodied spirits that is what or *Genesis 6* are what we call 'demons' and there are billions of them much more than the human population because one man could have legion in them. So, please remember; we're fighting unseen powers who fight dirty, who will tempt us and cause us to sin to partake of corruption of the world while God says, "I have given you divine power and through the knowledge of Him and exceedingly great promises you partake of, what?" His divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. So, God's Holy Spirit leads us through those divine promises.

In *John 10:10*, we see the difference.

### **John 10:10**

**<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.**

That is that life; that divine life that lets you overcome and let us overcome fights. So, remember; the key is faith. It is through the obedience of faith that works out in love that we partake from the beginning till the end, the divine nature of God and we overcome, and we have to overcome.

Israel could not believe in the desert. Israel could believe to get out but would not believe and obey to get in and possess. To get out, they did not have to fight; God did. To get to save, none of us fought, God saved us. None of us fought. You cannot say, "I fought and I got saved." No, we believed and got saved. Salvation, like I always said, is the work of God. But sanctification is the work we do in God's strength. When it comes to sanctification, only one thing that matters is your obedience which comes by faith. That is how we possess the life of Christ. Before Israel, we know from *Joshua*, lay huge fortified city beginning with Jericho and powerful nations. But before they even started their battle, God told Joshua,

### **Joshua 1:5**

**<sup>5</sup> No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life.**

No man shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. We love that promise – "No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life." But we forget the rest. He said, "For that to happen,"

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<sup>8</sup> *...meditate on it day and night...*

<sup>7</sup> *...do not turn from it to the right or to the left...*

Do not let it depart from your mouth from your life. You hear, you understand, you believe, and it comes from your mouth. *Out of the heart proceeds all things that pertains to life and we hear it through our lips (Mark 7:21)*. So, He said, "Stay in My Word." We are not talking about people. For them, it was people as the enemies; for us, it's powers of darkness. God says, "No one will be able to stand." And to us in the New Covenant,

### Luke 10:19

<sup>19</sup> *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

It will not. So, what He told Joshua there, which is conditional, in case they kept His Word, is true for us in the spiritual world. And you have to believe. That's one thing I'll tell you. Don't be afraid of the devil. Don't be afraid of principalities. I am not saying you should have Dutch courage. I am not even saying that but don't be afraid. That's why God always tells Joshua also, "Fear not, Joshua. Don't be afraid. Be bold and courageous." Don't be afraid because fear is the weapon the devil uses. So, He says to us, "I give you power." Both are conditional if you want to overcome. When they entered into the Promised Land, first they face huge massive city called Jericho. It is a principality that is controlling access into the Promised Land. It's not a small power. It's a principality but how did they overcome Jericho?

### Hebrews 11:30

<sup>30</sup> *By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.*

It is by faith. So, when God says, "By faith," they had to hear something, and they had to do something. By faith, when they obeyed, and they encircled for seven days, there is this work of faith, this work of obedience they had to do for seven days but why did they do it? Because they believed. It may make no sense at all, but you know they brought a principality down. They brought a principality down. Yet, in the next case, when they sinned, a little demon called 'Ai' brought them down when they had brought the principality down by faith. God was teaching them a lesson, teaching them and teaching us a lesson. Don't think you pulled down a principality you are strong. "You are strong because you believe and obeyed Me; otherwise, tomorrow, a little demon will pull you down. You have no strength and no power to fight them, unless you fight them in My ways." That's why He told His disciples also; they were so excited, "Lord, even demons are subject to us in Your Name." He said, "Don't get excited. See that your names are there in the Book of Life." Don't get excited by all this, remember.

How you need to walk if we need to consistently win? And how did he bring them down? How did the devil bring them down? He used one man in the camp. Let us use in terms of us, okay? Let's look at as an individually, Israel as a body; he used Achan. He tempted through lust to get up gold bar and a cloth. How does the devil tempt? When you have a mighty victory, what does he use? He tempts you through your eyes and ears and use one part of your body to sin and you come down. He tempted them to lust. When you partook, you may hear something, but when you hear, and you repeat it, you fall. Either chose not to hear or once you have heard it, shut your ears and say, "Lord, I don't want to remember that. Cleanse it." But when you chose to speak, you became a partaker of what the devil wanted to do when you are down. He tempted them, they lost a small little demon. Temptation is what he used.

Second time he changed over his tactic completely. He didn't use temptation; he used deception. But if you look at it at the bottom of it, whether it is temptation or it's deception, what is empowering it is what you call as pride. That's why pride is so subtle, very subtle. Look at,

### Joshua 7:1-3

<sup>1</sup> *But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so, the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel.*

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Now, that is what happened in the spiritual realm. What is happening here?

<sup>2</sup> ***Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai...***

What did Joshua do? See the mistake went here. He said;

***...which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So, the men went up and spied out Ai. <sup>3</sup> And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few."***

Whole army doesn't have to go. You see, they won a great victory, and they are standing full of that victory. Where are they standing? In Jericho. They did not go to the place of the Cross which is called 'Gilgal'. They didn't humble themselves. They're standing their victory and they come back and say, "Boy, this principality fell. That's just a demon. I can handle it." God says, "You can't handle anything." So, you see, behind it, is pride. Even the leaders got swayed. They did not ask of the Lord. Be very careful today. You may feel really good and you go back home ask of the Lord, "God, give me a motive." Why was Jesus always victorious? What was secret behind His victory?

### **Philippians 2:5-7**

***<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, (Why?)<sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, (that is the key) and coming in the likeness of men.***

Though He was a son and though He was God, He took the form of a bondservant. What is the difference between a son and a servant? The servant will always ask, "What do you want me to do?" Though He is the Son and though He is equal to the Father, He'll always ask, "Father, what do You want Me to do today?" And because He was always accountable, pride did not come in, because He's not looking for a reputation. And He was always accountable to the Father and the devil could never defeat Him. Simple things over there. Jesus is everything, but He functioned as a servant. And because He functioned as a servant, pride never came in. And because pride never came in, Lucifer could never defeat Him. The devil can trap and defeat only if there is pride in us. "Oh! I'm very hungry and I want milkshake today." Why do you think you deserve a milkshake? We don't even realize many of things that we decide is because we think we deserve it. We're proud. That's why we're not grateful. God gave them only bread and water. He said, "You don't even deserve that, but I'm giving you bread and water every day." We don't realize many of the things which we spiritually ask from God, it comes from within empowered by pride. So, God says, "If you humble yourself, pride has no place." Then, you will be able to clearly see what you want, what is the will of God, and you'll be able to ask and you will receive.

So, he trapped them with temptation and lust. They came down. Second tim —: he trapped them with deception. In *Joshua* 9, I know you know it. I'm just recapping.

### **Joshua 9:14**

***<sup>14</sup> Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD.***

They did not ask. That's why I told you on Sunday that this Saturday, I'm going to have a new speaker yesterday. "Don't get excited." I told you. I haven't even seen that person. But I said, "You're going to listen to that person. Don't get excited." Whatever you hear, ask of the Lord. Don't get excited by prophecies. Ask of the Lord! Ask! It's not my place to say who's true or wrong, but it is my place to judge everything that is spoken into my life. I am in charge of my ears, not anybody else. Even if it is the best thing possible, yet I will turn around and ask the Lord, "Lord, is that what You want? Is that what You want from me?" It's the most terrible thing! You still don't have to get depressed. You still go back to God and say, "Is that what You're telling me about? And if so, why?" Ask. They were deceived the second time over. And don't take a prophecy which is true and don't take casually that it will come to place. No. Behind every prophecy, there is a string of obedience before it will come to pass. Prophecies don't just come to pass. It has to be obeyed. If you believed what was told about you, it will show in your work the next day – "I believed. I believed what was spoken over me. Therefore, I'm preparing for that prophecy to come to pass in my life that when the hour and the time comes, it should not pass me over, because I did not prepare myself." Understand how the Kingdom of God works. So, in the Kingdom of God, there is no room for pride.

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You see, pride set in. They did not ask of the Lord. They thought they were too smart. They did not ask of the Lord and they fell, because the Kingdom of God is based on humility. We have seen every morning Jesus rising up and going, crying out to the Father, seeking out the will of the Father, doesn't matter how wonderful and fruitful the ministry looked last night, this morning, He still seeks counsel and He goes in a different direction because He was humble. Never presume anything for tomorrow. Because if you're victorious today, the devil is not going to stand still tomorrow. He will counterattack over every victory and his ways are devious. That's why *Romans 12:1-2* says.

### **Romans 12:1-2**

***<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.***

Offer your body as a living sacrifice!

And *Romans 6:13*, to balance it. Why do you ask me? It says,

### **Romans 6:13**, to

***<sup>13</sup>And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, (Why? Because in the earlier past, you offered the instruments of your body, the parts of your body as instruments of unrighteousness, for sin.) but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.***

And I told you last time, if you've offered your bodies as instruments of unrighteousness and if you haven't repented and confessed and forsaken and delivered, those demons will be hanging on to those instruments. They say, "That's our house. That's our place." It can be your ears, your tongue, anything. So, God says, "Repent, confess, forsake. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse you." Let me ask you this question. For children, it's easy to understand. Imagine you are cutting at your house or hostel, wherever you want to call it, your home. You're cutting chicken. You've cut chicken. You have only one knife. And then, somebody came and brought you a nice, freshly baked cake. Would you cut the cake with the same knife? What would you do with that knife? You'd wash it, right? So, God says, "Do you remember what you used the instruments of your body for?" and you then sing and you come with the same eyes and cut through My word? With the same ears and cut through My word? It doesn't happen like that. Even the high priest and the priest needed their ears cleansed with the blood and they needed anointment for their eyes. Divine anointment. He says, "You understand in the practical realm. Why do you take the spiritual realm for granted? It doesn't work like that." Therefore, He says, "Repent. Confess. Forsake. And the Blood of Jesus, not repent and confess alone, forsake also. Otherwise you will only be going in that same circle—repent, confess. Repent confess." But He says, "No. Forsake and break out of that cycle." Be zealous! You remember Jesus in,

### **John 2:13-19**

***<sup>13</sup>Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. <sup>15</sup>When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. <sup>16</sup>And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" <sup>17</sup>Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."***

Do you see? He was zealous for the house of His God which was outside and now He says, "You are My house." And God is saying, "Are you zealous? Are you zealous about your body? Are you zealous about your soul? About your spirit?" and they got offended.

***<sup>18</sup>So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."***

What was He saying? He said, "After three days — three millennia, I will have a body, a set of people who are so zealous, they have absolutely sanctified their bodies, their souls, and their spirit. I will have a set of people." The entire ministry of God's word post salvation is to be part of that body. This is His house. We are His house. According to the proclamation in,

**Revelation 5:9-10**

***<sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”***

He redeemed us by His blood. He cleansed us by His blood and He continues to cleanse us by His blood. It is through His blood, we are purchased. *Revelation 12:11* says it is through his blood that we overcame.

**Revelation 12:11**

***<sup>11</sup>And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.***

One of the most underutilized weapons; I would put the Word and the Blood at the equal level when fighting the devil. The problem is we underutilize this—the Blood. Why don't you get up everyday morning, put your hands on your own head and say, “Lord, cleanse my mind by Your blood, my ears and my eyes”? Keep pleading the blood of Jesus over everything you have. The blood, the blood, the blood, because the enemy is petrified by the blood of Jesus. Do it and see as you repent, confess, forsake and apply the blood, your thinking will start clearing, your desires will start sanctifying. As your thinking will start clearing. Your desire starts sanctifying, your hearing will become clearer. You'll be able to see things of God much clearer because He has given us a weapon the Word, prayer, and the Blood of Jesus. Plead the Blood, cleanse over yourself and plead the blood against the enemy. It's an offensive deterrent too. And we are, what? Previous verse says? What did He make us? He made us priest. If we are priests, then we should be zealous of the temple because where did the priest work? They worked in the temple. Be very zealous for His temple and this as zeal for the righteousness of God. Jesus was so zealous for the righteousness of God. That is what cost Him to clean the temple out while what were they, the priests, doing there? They were making profit. What is that attitude you come to Church thinking, “What is there for me today?” Lot of people approach the Kingdom of God approach like that, “What is there for me today?” They are not zealous for the house of God; they are zealous for themselves, to see what they can get from God for themselves today. And those people, for the money changers, and the priest and the Levites were all within the temple itself. What made them different was the attitude in their heart. What were they looking for is ‘profit’. Why did Jesus come there? To serve. He didn't come there for profit; He came to serve, and He was very zealous because He is a fair guy. He said, “You guys are supposed to be servants. You're all in the temple. You're supposed to be servants. And what are you doing? You are making profit. You are not serving.” And God says, “We must change our attitude.” Be zealous like Phineas so that the plague can stop. Be zealous like Abraham, Isaac. Zeal has different aspects as we go through life. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – look at how they are described in *Hebrews 11*.

**Hebrews 11:9**

***<sup>9</sup>By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;***

Why? Because he was waiting for a city which has no foundation. Just think I said that on Wednesday. Think about these three people one of the richest people of their generation. They were billionaires; yet, they lived in tents. And moved when God told them to move. Why? They were zealous for Him. They did not allow their wealth to have the, like I said, they were incredibly most Christians. I am telling you – if our heart doesn't change, we will go to this hand to mouth existence without ever experiencing what financial breakthrough is, because we do not prove our stewardship of our resources. No one will prosper but like our subset what their end is. But in the Kingdom of God, be very careful how you handle money. And Abraham, Isaac and Jacob proved it unbelievably wealthy but detached from their wealth. Be zealous like Josiah. Today's homework, go and read *2 Kings* Chapter 22 and chapter 23. Better do it. I will ask on Wednesday. Okay, children? Read Chapter 22 and chapter 23 of *2 Kings*. See his zeal, and you know how his zeal began? This is how it began, we have heard it remind us.

**2 Kings 22:8-9, 10-11**

***<sup>8</sup>Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.”***



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The high priest found the Word of God which was lost in the house of God and he gave it to this guy and he read it. And what did he do? Next verses which I gave you.

<sup>9</sup>***So Shaphan the scribe went (showed 'The Book' to whom?) to the king,***

<sup>10</sup>***"Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king. <sup>11</sup>Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes.***

That's the picture of your old self. When the king heard the words of the Lord and realized who I am, he said, "I don't want to live like that anymore. This is not what I am meant to be. This is not God wants us to be." That's the word of the Lord that has the effectiveness. He was zealous for the Lord after he heard the Word of the Lord. And you know something that God talks about Josiah, He never spoke about anybody like that

### **2 Kings 23:25**

<sup>25</sup>***Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him.***

What a testimony! Of a young boy, young man, who just hear the Word being preached to him not preached, read to him and he brought something into him. It was too late, but he did what he could do in his lifetime. And God had the testimony He says the zeal was according to the knowledge of God. There are a lot of people who are zealous but not according to knowledge. There are lot of people who have knowledge, but they are not zealous. Josiah was one perfect man God found in His generation and subsequent generation, generations before. Meaning – He is giving a certificate that he was actually better than David or anybody. Because he had zeal. Understand that. That's the key because when you hear the Word of God, when you are broken, that means you are humble; you are not proud. You know why don't break? Because there is this pride like an armour protecting us from the Word of God going deep within. These guys were not; they were zealous for God according to Lord. That's why Psalmist David will say,

### **Psalm 23:3**

<sup>3</sup>***...He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.***

Zealous for God according to knowledge mediate upon these words. Why are we zealous for righteousness not for our name for His name? We'll come into that.

### **Deuteronomy 9:3-5**

<sup>3</sup>***Therefore understand today that the Lord your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire.***

When you're fighting powers of darkness and we use the weapons of our warfare, don't ever think we are the ones who are fighting and winning the battle. It is our God who is going as a consuming fire.

***...He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so, you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you.***

But remember,

<sup>4</sup>***"Do not think in your heart, after the Lord your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land';***

Don't you ever think that you possessed this land you won victory over this principality or this power or this ruler or even over this demon because you were righteous. He says, "No!"

***...but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out from before you.***

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It's a very sobering thought. You know what it actually means that actually happened? He says, "Jesus, you know what? These nations were so wicked, given over to the devil. So, God used you to drive them out." If you don't stand in God's righteousness, He will use somebody else to drive you out of this land. "It is for My righteousness sake." That's what happened to Israel when they went in the ways of other nations God drove them out. Don't you ever think; He says you win over powers of darkness because of your righteousness; He says, "No." He's using you to destroy them because of their wickedness not because of mine or your righteousness. We don't have a righteousness of our own we have a righteousness that is of Christ and Christ alone. That should keep us humble.

So, these are all promises we hold on remember the divine promises, we partake look at some of the promises when it comes to spiritual battle.

### **Exodus 23:25**

**<sup>25</sup> "So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.**

### **Joshua 23:5**

**<sup>5</sup> And the Lord your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So, you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you.**

Everything is for a purpose. So, please remember – you fight these battles because we have promises and these promises are so that we can partake of His nature and not use His promises to live our nature. More battles you and I win in our personal lives tell you a note of warning, ask God will help you and become even more humble today than you were yesterday. Or the spirit of pride which is the Leviathan will trap you and me. You heard about Leviathan last Sunday.

Leviathan is a principality. I am not even mentioning the name of the book, okay? This is not a book of God; this is the book of devil. Devil also has books in the world which are written about him and his ministry. In that particular book, I am not mentioning because I know my young men immediately start googling. They will not read the Bible; they will google that, okay. In that book, Leviathan is one of the four princes, directly under satan. His name is Leviathan. Pride. But remember today, Leviathan the pride, the spirit of pride will trap us. Understand this – you and I cannot fight pride directly and conquer it; you can conquer pride only by becoming humble. If you try to fight pride, then you are fighting pride with pride; you will never win. You have already been caught in a trap where you have already lost before you began. You can only conquer it by becoming humble.

### **James 4:6-7**

**<sup>6</sup> But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

He says, "What do you need to do? You need to submit and remain humble." Submit to God and just take your stand against devil and he will flee. Because pride cannot fight humility. The devil couldn't fight Jesus because He was the humblest Person who ever walked on earth. He couldn't fight Moses. All Moses went around with one stick and all we see is him lifting the stick and bringing it down; we didn't realize that, in the spiritual realm, he was spanking satan, because he was absolutely humble. Listen to what Scripture says in *1 Peter*.

### **1 Peter 5:5-8**

**<sup>5</sup> Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." <sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**

You see, in both places, the devil is brought in and this is the only way to fight. Now, go back to *verse 5*; what does Scripture say there? Humility is our best defense and the devil has no answer for that. But it is very difficult for us to be humble with our old nature to be humble which is framed in pride. Everywhere even in India, let us use an example, you could be of the lowest caste; I don't believe in caste. But let's say a lowest caste but when a proposal comes for his daughter, he will ask,

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“Which sub-caste are you?” You would think after five thousand years of oppression, this fellow is humble. No, he is not and that fellow happens to be two inches below him, he would say, “Nahi match nahi hoga (it won’t match). We are from the upper caste.” We think only the rich are like that. No, pride is there in the human race and the only weapon, God says, “You need to fight this Leviathan is with humility.”

When we believe in Christ and His atoning work, He will clothe us with His righteousness but He says, you have to clothe yourself with humility. It’s like the inner vest. God puts this inner vest and you are covered with righteousness and He says, “Put humility over it.” Because He says, “That very righteousness will make you proud.” You say, “I am clean.” “I went to USA only last week. Now, I’m in USA and I eat with only fork and spoon. *Arey, haath sey khao* (Eat with your hand).” You went on somebody’s scholarship; meaning – your righteousness was not yours, and it was imputed. Even if it is the righteousness of God and we don’t clothe ourselves with humility, we will start thinking that we are better than somebody else forgetting that we were all forgiven sinners. God says, “Clothe yourself with humility so that Leviathan...”

Now, we are going to get the tough part of the message, brace yourself because Leviathan will get us and his ways are very devious because he is the principality of pride. These are symbols that God uses about Leviathan, if you read the words in the Bible like Leviathan, Unicorn, Dragon, and Behemoth. So, when you hear all these words, why is God using all these names and what are these? Personal belief not doctrine; these creatures were there in the first creation including dinosaurs and they all were destroyed. That’s why He uses a mixture about them, like a Leviathan, a serpent, a crocodile, a hippopotamus so that we understand their magnitude in the spiritual realm because nobody will play with a crocodile. So, He says, “Don’t fool around with a Leviathan.” Nobody will play with a snake, nobody will try to match their strength with the hippopotamus. That fellow can crush an animal with his jaws. Have you seen their strength? So, God uses these terms like Leviathan, dragon, Behemoth in the Bible to tell us to know their reality and power and strength. But He says, “Behold, I have given you power over all their power.” But how do you exercise their power? In humility because it’s not our power; it is designated power.

Job has all these and he is asking questions and then, suddenly, God brings this out and asks this question.

### **Job 41:1-4**

***<sup>1</sup> “Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? <sup>2</sup> Can you put a reed through his nose, Or pierce his jaw with a hook? <sup>3</sup> Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak softly to you? <sup>4</sup> Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him as a servant forever?***

Apply it. Can you master pride and make pride serve you? No, you serve pride and pride doesn’t serve you. He says, “Don’t try to master pride. You will never master pride; instead, try to be humble.” Nobody has mastered. Nobody has made pride serve them. Actually, pride serves the old man and brings destruction upon many. All the great kings we name, Alexander the great, Caesar the great, Akbar the great should be written Alexander the proud, Caesar the proud, Akbar the proud because they were all fighting for a name and a reputation to show how great they were. It was pride that empowered them; they could never master their proud. At least, Alexander when he was dying, mastered it, at least; meaning, he became humble; he did not master pride. He said, “When I die, put my hands out. Let people see that when I came, I came with nothing and am going with nothing.” Understand this, how the Leviathan works.

### **Jon 41:9**

***<sup>9</sup> Indeed, any hope of overcoming him is false; Shall one not be overwhelmed at the sight of him?***

You cannot overcome pride. On the other hand, you can overcome pride by being humble. Humility is the best defense and the devil has no answer to it. Like I said, God can clothe us with His righteousness but He says, “Clothe yourself with humility.” Jesus said, “Learn of Me for I am meek and lowly.” He says, “Learn of Me.” So, Leviathan, Bible gives us different pictures and one of the pictures of the Leviathan is that of a crocodile. If you actually look at the pictures of Leviathan, it is like the crocodile. Let me ask you about the crocodile – have you seen the teeth of a crocodile? See, we close our teeth like this; the crocodile closes his teeth like this. It’s like a trap; once you are in, you are in. We will come to that. That’s how the enemy traps people. You see, people everywhere in the world, whether in the Kingdom or outside the Kingdom, they have so many issues in life – unhealed issues, emotional wounds, shame, anger, insecurities, secret sins – all these. God can deliver us of all this in a wink. All of these are... let me use the terms like ‘healable’ and ‘deliverable’. You can be healed or

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delivered from all these issues in the Kingdom of God but why don't people get delivered? How does the enemy trap people in all these issues in the Kingdom? He uses pride to trap them in that. It's pride that traps the people from the deliverance of how the Kingdom operates. Let me show you from Scripture. In *2 Chronicles 16*,

### **2 Chronicles 16:7-12**

***<sup>7</sup> And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. <sup>8</sup> Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand. <sup>9</sup> For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him..."***

It says, "He's looking for somebody who is loyal, who will humble themselves, and say, "I cannot do without You.""

***...In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."...***

What is the response?

***...Then Asa was angry with the seer...***

So, what was inside came out. He's now angry with the seer,

***...and put him in prison.***

That means he was not just angry, he was very angry.

***...for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time. <sup>11</sup> Note that the acts of Asa, first and last, are indeed written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. <sup>12</sup> And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.***

What blocked him? Pride blocked him. Let us say in our terms, he's got a wasting disease. He's not able to walk at all, he's gone and yet, he knows the God of Israel heals; yet, pride has trapped him and he's stuck and he dies like that. He will die like that.

Let us look at another case.

### **2 Chronicles 26:16-21**

***<sup>16</sup> But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup> So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the Lord—valiant men. <sup>18</sup> And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the Lord God." <sup>19</sup> Then Uzziah became furious;***

Think about it. If your father, your mother, your pastor or somebody tells you, "You know what? Sit down, don't do it," what is your reaction inside? What is your reaction? Do you repent and say, "Why did Dad say like that, why did mum say like that, why did pastor say like that." No, you are angry inside. You are just like Uzziah. The only thing is, in his case judgment was very visible. In our case it is invisible. What happened?

***<sup>20</sup> And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the Lord had struck him. <sup>21</sup> King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death.***

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Why did he have to die as a leper? Isn't the God of Israel the only God who heals lepers? But he won't go. He's got a major issue, got trapped by Leviathan in the outer this thing of pride. A lot of people don't get delivered of their situation (I will come to that,) because of this but if we humble ourselves, God is different. It didn't matter how terrible some of the people who humble themselves were; they were the worst creatures who walked on earth. Let's look at a couple of guys.

### **2 Chronicles 32:24-26**

**<sup>24</sup> In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the Lord; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. <sup>25</sup> But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup> Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.**

When Hezekiah humbled himself, God... this is a good man. Let's look at another man.

### **2 Chronicles 33:9-13**

**<sup>9</sup> So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.**

Meaning – Manasseh made Israel worse than Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, Hittites; all the nations God destroyed completely, he made Israel worse than them.

**<sup>10</sup> And the Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks...**

I don't want to know what he did. They probably put a hook through his nose or ears or whatever and they dragged him.

***...bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.***

These are given, graphic details for us to show us what happens to our soul when we go against God. We are bound with fetters of bronze and only He can break it. We may be sitting here nicely smiling away but God says, "Do you know your inward reality? You are hooked by the nose." That's how we lead the cattle. Have you seen the cows or he bulls which are very aggressive? They put a hook through the nose and it won't move; you just have to hold it. It doesn't matter how big its horns are. You just have to hold that and that's how people are taken captive.

**<sup>12</sup> Now when he was in affliction, he implored the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,**

In Assyria, in that terrible state, he humbled himself before God. What does Scripture say?

**<sup>13</sup> and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, (He answered his prayer) heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.**

So, it didn't matter how terrible that person was whenever a person humbled, whether it was Ahab or Manasseh, God says, "You know what? pride is defeated. Satan is defeated in your life. I cannot defeat the devil in the lives of proud people. But I can defeat satan in the lives of people, it doesn't matter how terrible your past was, if you humble yourself. Humility works for you because I am humble." He says. God opposes the proud. He opposed Manasseh and then, He helped Manasseh and this is how it works. Once pride sets it, it is very difficult. Please understand, children. Walk before God. We think it is our sin that that devil uses, no. Sins can be forgiven, diseases can be healed, people can be delivered of possessions but how do you come out of pride that covers everything? The devil uses pride to trap us and keep us in our situation. Let's look at what Scripture says.

### **Job 41:14-17**

**<sup>14</sup> Who can open the doors of his face, With his terrible teeth all around? <sup>15</sup> His rows of scales are his pride, Shut up tightly as with a seal;**

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Inside is a hurting person, outside is a tight seal of pride and God says, “How are you going to come out?” He’s got you there. You are sitting right in Church, listening to all the messages. You are there faithful every week but outside is these tight scales of pride and you are trapped over there.

**<sup>16</sup>One is so near another that no air can come between them; <sup>17</sup> They are joined one to another, they stick together and cannot be parted.**

Pride is the covering the devil gives you so that you never get delivered. It keeps us in bondage and verse 34,

### **Job 16:34**

**<sup>34</sup> He beholds every high thing; He is king over all the children of pride.”**

That’s how he holds you. Once pride has set in and if God doesn’t deliver you and you don’t humble yourself, Manasseh would have died in Assyria. Pride can react in different ways. Remember Ahab’s son, Ahaz?

### **2 Kings 1:2-9**

**<sup>2</sup> Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, “Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury.”**

Ahab’s son. God judges his father, his mother, everything he knows. This fellow falls down and who does he sends for? The false god.

**<sup>3</sup> But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, “Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, ‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?’ <sup>4</sup> Now therefore, thus says the Lord: ‘You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’”**

Let’s see what happened! The next verse I gave you. These guys and told this to the king.

**<sup>7</sup> Then he said to them, “What kind of man was it who came up to meet you and told you these words?” <sup>8</sup> So they answered him, “A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.”**

He heard the words. He said, “Who told you this?” Describe me the man? Okay, it is Elijah the Tishbite. What does he do next?

**<sup>9</sup> Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men.**

He said, “Get that fellow here!” Do you see? “Get that fellow here,” and Elijah says, “If I’m a man of God, let fire come down.” Fifty died, the next fifty dies. Then, they asked for mercy. Do you know what happened to Ahaz? In spite of it all, he never repents. He dies just that way Elijah said because pride has set in and when pride sets in, people will go everywhere for help except humble themselves and go to God and cry out for mercy. They get mad at God, they get mad like Asa or Ahaz at the servants of God but the problem is neither God nor the servants of God; the problem is – you are proud to humble yourself. So, God through all His arguments when Job was asking, “Why, why?” uses those arguments to expose Job’s pride in his own righteousness. He is exposed. That is the purpose of the questions God ask. Pride causes Job to feel self-righteous about himself and all his good works. So, he is asking, “Have I done this? I’ve made a covenant with my eyes not sin; I have fed the widows; I have taken care...” He is putting all his deeds before God. It made him feel that God owed him an explanation. Now, don’t think Job is like that; many of us or most of us, in our old days, when we were troubled, we were very self-righteous and asked God, “Why is this happening to me?” “What did I do?” God says, “Do I owe you an explanation?” That is what Job asked; that is what we ask. “I didn’t do anything in this.” The children ask, “I didn’t do anything. Why did my parents leave me?” The man asks, “I didn’t do anything; why did my wife leave me?” The wife asks, “I didn’t do anything.” God says, “Do I owe you an explanation?” He says, “Your reaction is from pride. Do you know that? You are proud about your righteousness.” “I was right in my marriage; therefore, this should not have happened to me.” God

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says, “You are not humble, you are just like the devil, you are proud. And I had to show that to Job. Yes, I said you are righteous, but I said you are righteous; now, you are claiming you are righteous, there is a difference between the two.” Leviathan has got uncle Job. And also remember, this was a battle the enemy picked on Job. He didn’t do anything to provoke the enemy but pride became the stumbling block to his deliverance. The devil can pick a fight with us; you didn’t do anything, which is true, you may be absolutely true in your marriage, you didn’t do anything, the devil picked up a fight in your marriage but now that the marriage is broken or your home is broken or whatever in your life is broken, you become very self-righteous about it and you ask like Job all these questions. “Didn’t I cook for him every day? Didn’t I wash all his clothes? Didn’t I iron it and keep it ready for him?” That what he also said, “Did I look at a woman? Didn’t I feed the beggar?” In our own context, when you read the Word of God, apply to see what God is trying to tell us. He says, “I want to deliver you out of this pit,” but he has trapped you over there. You are hurting inside but not even air can go through the scales because pride has covered you. “I want to breathe My Holy Spirit into you and get you out but I cannot do it until you humble yourself and I can deliver you out of your situation, you will be free.” We accuse God because God did not act according to our satisfaction. That’s why God loved David because when David went through hell, he’ll always go before God and fall flat. After seven days fasting when his son dies, he still goes to the house of God and he still worship because he’s a humble man. When he messed up, it was when he was proud. When Job understands and repents, then God begins the work of deliverance in his life. *Job 42:1-6* is his repentance.

### **Job 42:1-6**

***<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered the Lord and said: <sup>2</sup> “I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. <sup>3</sup> You asked, ‘Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore, I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup> Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, ‘I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’ <sup>5</sup> “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. <sup>6</sup> Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes.”***

You ask yourself, if you were a person like Job upright, blameless, who feared God and shuns evils, why in *chapter 42*, he looks at himself and abhors himself? Because he sees pride and self-righteousness. He sees pride and self-righteousness. He says, “I abhor. I didn’t realize this is who I was and I thank You, Lord, for showing it to me.” You want to fight Leviathan? You can only fight him and win over him in God’s ways because Leviathan will come after you and me. He may not kill us only because God restrains him.

In *Job 2:6*, God says,

### **Job 2:6**

***<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.”***

Don’t kill him. But sometimes, God uses the Leviathan to expose not our sins but our pride and our self-righteousness which has trapped us in our misery. So, the harder the battle, the lower one must go because this is the only position of victory. The position of the Cross and the way of the Cross, there is no other way. If you read it with this mindset. *Philippians 2:5-8*, have this mind which is in you,

### **Philippians 2:5-8**

***<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, (So, it begins from equality. He is equal to God. He’s in the form of God but what did He do from there?) <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.***

Pride is always connected with a reputation. Pride and reputation go hand in hand together and we don’t realize many of the things which we do, even today Sunday morning, spending time before the mirror and the picking of the clothes is all got to do with a reputation. He made Himself of no reputation. So, we don’t even know how Jesus was dressed. We know He only wore probably one white robe; that’s all. We don’t know how He looked because Scripture says, “There was nothing in His appearance.” It’s all got to do with a reputation. Being found in the form of a bond servant.” Now, let me ask you, two-thirds of the angels of God are His bond-servants. This is God, came down to the level of an angel and in the

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likeness of man, He came down even lower; who is man that you have made him lower than the angels? God, angel, men. Not only that, in the appearance of man, He humbled Himself and became obedient even to the point of death. He came down even to the point where there was no self-life at all. Not only that, He chose the death on the cross. There were many deaths He could have chosen which were all the easy way out but He chose the Father's will; picked the death which is the most painful, most difficult and the most humiliating, hanging there naked before this entire world you created for hours together. "Pick that!" He said, "Thy will, Father, not mine." And He defeated the devil. Do you know what defeated Leviathan on the cross? It was humility. Pride was defeated on the cross by humble obedience. That's why Jesus said, "Pick up your cross and follow Me, you can fight and kill this snake," because pride blocks our deliverance.

Shall we become practical and real in life so we understand how these things happen? Let's look at one example. *1 Corinthians 11,*

### **1 Corinthians 11:3**

***<sup>3</sup> But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.***

We know about Christ and God. Now, the head of every man is Christ. So, let me talk to the men – if you know your head is Christ, how many men who are trapped will listen to the voice of God? Who will humble themselves like some of the kings and say, "Lord, I need You, I need to break through. I will humble myself under whatever You have placed me?" How many men will? "I need Your Word, I need Your Spirit. I cannot without you." No, you don't see that zeal anywhere, hardly, do you see. Would you listen, O man? If you are in trouble and you are distressed, would you listen to the voice of God that comes from anybody because you know you know you have to listen to the voice of God? In *Genesis 21:11-12*, they looked to a humble man.

### **Genesis 21:11-12**

***<sup>11</sup> And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.***

Did this man listen to the voice of God spoken through the mouth of His wife? He did. What if the deliverance that God is looking for you in your life, actually comes through God, through the voice of your wife? Will you listen? Remember, it was pride that blocked Namaan from his healing and it was humility that released it. Let's go back to *1 Corinthians 11,*

### **1 Corinthians 11:3**

***<sup>3</sup> But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man...***

Who is the head of woman? Whether your father, believing father or believing husband but the head of woman is man. So, God appointed him as your head, right? Headship in the Kingdom means he is your king, he is your priest, he is your prophet. Let me ask the women sitting here today – how many of you, when you have trouble in your life, ask your husband to pray over you or your father to pray over you? You call every helpline in the Kingdom of God – 'Jesus calls', 'Mary calls', 'Jude calls', 'John calls' – you call all these but your deliverance is standing next to you and you don't call him because pride has blocked you from humbling yourself before the man God has placed over you. I believe most women's problems are because they will not humble themselves and tell their husbands, "Will you pray over me?" And God says, "You are looking for deliverance everywhere. Deliverance is standing here because that is My ordained partner." For that, you need to humble yourself and say, "Will you pray over me?" It doesn't matter what kind of person that person he is, he may be a worthless person but he still holds an office. And it's an office that works; not the person. But you know what? People won't; pride blocks them. Children coming to Church and putting a prayer request is one, but do you ask your father or mother to pray over you? I am talking about believing parent. God has put a believing head over somewhere in your life. Will you call and say, "Will you pray for me?" If you have a believing father or a mother? Will you ask one of them, "Will you pray?" We don't realize we are being trapped in pride and we have all these issues and self-pity and all these issues with which we struggle. The top, we have covered with pride. You are miserable; yet, you won't go and ask for help which God has ordained; you won't ask your husband, you won't ask your father, you won't ask your mother, you will say, "No, I will call Jesus Calls." Whenever you call Jesus Calls, you get a busy tone because Jesus says, "Call your husband." So many people don't realize that your deliverance is at home. Right there beside you, home. And you won't use that deliverance.



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You would try every other method and the method you use outside God's ordained path is the symptom of Pride, empowered by pride and God is not going to answer that. God says, "How can I answer a prideful prayer request? I am humble, learn of Me, I am meek and lowly." Because only God can crush Leviathan; if we humble God fights.

### Isaiah 49:24-26

***<sup>24</sup> Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, Or the captives of the righteous be delivered? <sup>25</sup> But thus says the LORD: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, And the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, And I will save your children. <sup>26</sup> I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, And they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know That I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."***

These are spiritual truths and He says, "Only I can and I will." In,

### Psalms 74:14

***<sup>14</sup> You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.***

He didn't do anything like that in the wilderness. This is a spiritual truth. He is talking about what happens in the spiritual realm when people humble themselves he breaks the head of the Leviathan. Only God can.

### Romans 16:20

***<sup>20</sup> And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.***

'Your feet' that means you have something to do. We know the weapons of our warfare, the armor for warfare, helmet and what is on your feet? Peace. The God of peace! That's what God is asking about. Do you have peace? You want Leviathan's head to be crushed? Do you have peace? The question that He is asking us today: do you have peace with God, with man? That's why God says, "Pursue peace." You need to understand something very clearly. Peace with God is a result of mercy.

Remember the Prodigal Son? The Prodigal son comes back, he comes to his father and says, "Father, I sinned against heaven and against you. I am sorry. Can you take me as your servant?" Supposing the father says, "I cannot take you as my servant but because you repented, you still receive the mercy." That's all that he needs to have peace with God. What the father did later is called grace but you cannot receive grace unless you have received mercy. Grace is the power of Holy Spirit, which crushes Leviathan but without mercy, you cannot receive grace. Peace with God is the result of mercy and grace only comes after mercy. So, when the people are cut to the heart on the day of repentance and they cry out, "What should we do?" In,

### Acts 2:38

***<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.***

What is that connected with? That is connected with mercy. What will you receive? You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. What is that? Grace! He says, "You need mercy." The problem is why do the people don't repent? Think of the Word you heard in the last four weeks. If the Word, you heard in the last four weeks alone had to have the real effect the Word of God does, do you think we would be sitting like this? You know why the Word of God is ineffective in our lives? Because we push it back with pride. It's not for me. I don't need to change. Because if you were cut to the heart, our attitude towards God's Kingdom, His righteousness, our prayer life, our Word life will be so radical like Josiah. Instead what is the thing that we do most of the time? Sending forwards of somebody else's deliverance when we are not delivered. You know what is the power of Word of God? They were cut to the heart and said you will receive grace but remember mercy fist!

Without mercy, you cannot receive grace and to receive mercy, there is this doorway called 'repentance', an incredible change of mind. That's what Josiah did and he was king. Technically speaking, in human terms, he needed nothing. He is king; he's got everything. He is sitting on the throne, he is ruling over everything, he has got all that he needs and then, Shaphan comes and reads the Word and he listens the word and says, "O my Gosh! This is the Law of the God, this is the Law that made me king and this is what happening in the kingdom, where are we? Where is the Word of God?" He got up

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and tore his robe, “Oh my God” and then, he started crying out. He started weeping and he started bringing the deliverance into the kingdom. What he did in the kingdom is what we do with our lives. Break down every idol, everything, what others did not do, other kings, whatever they left, he finished all off. Everything he destroyed in his kingdom, he said, “If this is what God is and this is what He wants me to do, to heck with my computer,” break it if that’s what you used to watch porn. To heck with your telephone, throw it if that’s what is killing your time, heck with my friends if they are ones who are leading me into temptation and trouble. “I don’t want friends, if I need to live alone, I will live alone for rest of my life for God and not for the world.” If this word is true that is exactly what will happen in your life. Your repentance will be radical and you will experience the grace of God and He will bring you out and set you free. But otherwise, it’s this shell and scales of pride, which is pushing back and inside, we are crying, God says, “There is not even air which can come through.” It’s blocked. It is pity; yes, but self-pity. Self-pity is a devious way of self-promotion. You are still promoting self and not God or His Kingdom. Because people have to be delivered and God has been only one way of deliverance, there is no other way, *humble thyself in the sight of the Lord and He shall exalt you.*

You want to fight the devil? He says, “Submit to God and resist the devil; otherwise, you will not.” He will take you and he will rule over you because he knows My Kingdom – it’s the Kingdom that is based on righteousness. They heard, they repented, they turned around and the next thing that happens you hear in the Church, they gathered steadfastly for the Lord’s teaching. The fellowship, for breaking of bread and for prayer and things started happening. What is the purpose of teaching? What is the purpose of fellowship? What is the purpose of the table’s bread? What is the purpose behind all these things? So that we will have the unity of faith and the unity of love we become one body which actually will lead us to the prayer closet, so that in unity when we pray the Kingdom of God is established and kingdom of darkness is demolished that is the result. If it does not result in unified prayer, all the teaching and all the fellowship is of no effect because the pride has blocked it. It has to lead to prayer. Then, Scriptures say, “*God did amazing things in their midst.*” Why did God do amazing things in their midst? It is because they have become one. When you don’t receive this message, I am telling you there will be other Churches over the net who will receive this message. Because God’s Word will not go void, it will never go void. God has His people, even this morning, as I woke up, the first thing I saw was a missed call at 3:50 am from Sikkim. It was a wakeup call to pray. They wake up to pray because they understand the Kingdom of God. Like we receive mercy, we cannot receive grace, *Hebrews 4:16* clearly states come boldly, come through the throne of Grace that you may receive, what? Mercy. And find grace to a time whatever is your need, whatever is the time – midnight hour, early morning hour, afternoon, it doesn’t matter. There is grace to help you but you need to come through the doorway of mercy first. There is no mercy for people who do not repent. I can’t go like Job and say, “Tell me what I have done against You? I was right in this, I was right in that.” God will say, “Pharisee get out of My presence.” You can’t go like that. That is why Bible says in *Hebrews 12:14 - Pursue peace and godliness with men*, I need first peace with God. I need peace with man. That is why we have what we call zip lock, if we put zip lock over your lips and ears, you will have much peace with man. Ear lock and Zip lock. I need peace with God and peace with man. Why? Only the God of peace can crush satan under my feet. That is where satan’s head should be. God wants to use your and my feet to crush the Leviathan’s head in our lives, but the problem is don’t get trapped in your own homes.

### **Isaiah 27:1**

**<sup>1</sup> In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.**

You remember the last lesson Jesus taught His disciples? You know what? It was not a symbol; it was a deeper spiritual thing. He took a towel, wrapped around His waist, He washed everybody’s feet. When it came to Peter, He said, “No, Lord.” Jesus said, “If I don’t wash your feet, you will have no peace with Me. You will not have any part of Me.” So, he said, “Then, give me a bath.” Jesus said, “No, you already had a bath. You need your feet to be cleaned.” Let me ask you a practical question: what is Jesus saying? When you and I go into the world and there are feet of our mind that picks up all the dirt, the gossip, the slander, the lust, the desires of the world and we come back home and God says, “You need your feet to be cleansed.”

You don’t have to give me an answer because in most cases, I already know the answer. When you come back from school, college, work, you know what people usually do? Put the light, switch on the TV, they get a coffee, “I need a break.” You are not cleaning your feet; you are accumulating more dirt on your feet. You know what you should do? Come back, switch on the light, put on Gospel music and sit down with your Word and say, “Lord, I went into the world, I need to listen to the

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Word, listen to a message until my mind is clean and then, I have peace with you and peace with man. And the ruler of this world is under my feet.” Try it! That’s not what we do. That’s not what 90% of Christians do; either they sit there and yaps - carnality or they will be listening to some secular music, watching TV on the internet, there is a time for all that but that is not the time. When you come back from the world, cleanse yourself. I went into the world, I am coming from the world, Jesus had to do with Apostle Peter and all the others I need to do, let me go straight, shut myself and clean myself up so that I have peace. Because God of peace will crush Leviathan under my feet. Otherwise, we will be sitting there with all our problems covered with the shell of pride. People get offended like this kings with God and sometimes, with God’s servants. “Nobody understands me.” “Why anybody should understand you? Who do you think you are?” Sounds like Job. “Nobody wants to listen to my problems.” “Why do you think your problems are bigger than somebody else? Why do you think that way?” Do you know that everything that we say is connected with our problem, solved with nice plastic coating of pride? Look just how we explain ourselves. And God says, “I want to show you. Your problems I can deliver it in a snap of fingers. It’s not a big thing. All that is paid on the Cross. Even death has taken on the Cross. Even if you die you can be with Me. That’s not an issue. Issue is how do I deal with the pride?”

Even the most righteous man commended by God lead him through the ringer to expose the pride in him. Because he says, “Job, that one thing that keeps you out still.” Sometimes, we don’t understand how the Leviathan works. He is the fleeing serpent, he is the twisted serpent. He will take something that is genuine in your life and totally twist it around, consciously or unconsciously start questioning the goodness of God. “I don’t know, I always went to Church and I fasted, I tithed, I don’t know why this came into my life.” God says – twisted serpent. How we twist and we don’t know realize Leviathan is working in our lives. God says, “Be careful.” The one who can, the Lord God it will be under our feet but it is God who cuts him off. And He says, “Humble thyself.” That’s the great parable for me that is the greatest parable in the Bible after you have done everything say “Unworthy servant I am. What do I deserve?” He said, “You should be like that. You are safe. You are absolutely on safe ground. After having done everything, what do you say?” Do you understand that there is only a second man who is recorded in terms of victory in the Bible who is Apostle Paul who said, “I am chief of sinners, worst of sinners?” Do you see? After having done everything, worked harder than all the Apostles, preached practically to the entire world, he says, “Who am I? Unworthy servant.” God said, “You know what? Devil was under his feet. Leviathan couldn’t touch him because he understands the way of the Cross.” *For preaching of the Cross is foolishness for those who are perishing* and I hope you are not perishing. That you are being saved and you love the Cross and you cling to the Cross and you pick up your Cross each day.

Shall we stand? He says in the *Book of Isaiah* – with whom does God inhabit? Even heavens cannot hold Him. For He measures the heavens with the span of His hand but He says, He dwells in the heavens and with him who is of the broken and a contrite heart. Today is the 12<sup>th</sup>. The next two weeks, maybe 16 days, keep going back to God and ask Him, “Lord, show me in my life where pride has covered; that I don’t even realize that I’m reacting out of pride; that I’m upset because of how things are happening in my life because of pride.” But the reactions are all based; because at the core, it is about me; not about You, Lord. Help me to truly say from my heart – “Not my will but Thy will be done.” Help me go to back to the prayer that You taught Your Church and to meditate upon it until it touches the depths of our hearts, what it means to say, “Our Father, hallowed be Thy Name.” What it means to say, “Thy Kingdom come.” What it means to say, “Thy will be done on earth.” Shall we sing?

### Closing Song: *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*

This morning, as we come to the Lord, remember – God has only one answer – to crush the enemy under our feet. To all of us, He says, “Humble thyself in the sight of God.” Ask during these next two weeks, “Lord, show me the areas where I need to humble myself.” Scripture says, “Consider others better than yourselves.” That’s one way. Honestly, think – I’m no better than anybody else. My children are no better than anybody else. My career is no better than anybody else. My office is not greater than anybody else. There is only one who is great – that is Christ. Dress well but don’t dress well to look better. Look good but don’t try to look better than somebody. You can do the right things for the wrong reasons. Sing well but don’t sing to sing better than somebody else. When we, who preach, we preach well. We want to preach well; we want to preach better each time but we don’t want to preach better than somebody else. Remember, this began in Heaven in Lucifer. It brought the same spirit into man.

### Closing Prayer:

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*This morning, we just come to You, Father. We have sinned. Our forefathers have sinned. This nation has sinned. There is much hatred, venom and blood that has flowed in this nation and in our lives because of pride and pride alone. We shed others' blood because of pride. You shed Your Blood because You were humble. We stand as a Church in the gap and we seek forgiveness for our nation because Your people in this nation are going through terrible dark days. Only God can intervene. If God doesn't intervene, even darker days lie ahead. And I pray, Father, we humble ourselves before Thee and we confess the sins of our forefathers, our fathers and our own sins. We not only confess, we repent. We not only repent, we pray for strength that all of us would forsake everything that offends You that Your Spirit will be able to show us more and more things which You were not able to show us all these days that offends You. Give us the strength to forsake it that we would hear clearly from You; that we would be able to truly pray, prayer that changes the heavens, that brings change on earth. Arise, O God. Let Your enemies be scattered. Arise, Jehovah Sabaoth. Lift Your sword. Smite Leviathan over this nation and feed his flesh to Your enemies in the wilderness. Help us, Lord. We are weak but You are strong. Help us never to be satisfied with where we are and what we do, knowing there is more left to know of You and therefore, to serve You. Let us never be comfortable with our spiritual lives, with our prayer lives, with our knowledge of You. I pray, Lord, You will work true repentance in us that out of us, a Josiah will arise. A true Josiah will arise that every time we hear Your Word, we tremble at Your Word. When we read Your Word, we tremble at Your Word and You will do a deep work in us. Thank You, Father. Thank You. Keep us close to You, Lord. As we go into another week, if You tarry to come this week and give us another week, go before us, Lord. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on You, the Author and the Finisher of our faith, our Redeemer, the lifter of our head. You had many names, O Lord – King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the field, the Fairest of ten thousand but Father, You are telling me now and us now, in Your Word and in the Book of Revelation, when the marriage comes, it is called 'the wedding feast of the Lamb'. It is not called 'the wedding feast of the King of Kings'; it is not called 'the wedding feast of the Prince of Peace'; it is not called 'the wedding feast of the Lord of Lords' but the wedding of the Lamb and who can marry a Lamb but the one who has become a Lamb? Only a lamb can marry a Lamb. Humble us, Lord. Humble us, Father. Make us like You. Make us like the Lamb that was slain that we can be partakers at the feast of the Lamb. There is no other way. There is no other position; only one way, Lord. Humble us, Lord. And we humble ourselves. Show us each day where we need to be humble. Each day, every area. Show us, Lord. We just surrender ourselves as a Church; then, as individuals for Thee. For You said, "Humble thyself under the mighty hand of God," and in Your due season, You will lift us up. Thank You, Father. Now, by faith, we lift up holy hands and we bless Your Holy Name. We proclaim Your glory. We proclaim Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Thank You, Father. Thank You, Lord. It's all Yours, O Lord. All we can say, "Unworthy servants, we are. It was our honor to serve You, Father." Thank You, Lord. Be with us, Lord. We need You. Even to serve You, we need You. Thank You, Father. For in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.*

### **Benediction:**

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest and abide with each one of us, Amen.*