

## How The Different Kingdoms Work!

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*Father, this morning, we just come to You. We just thank You for Your presence in our midst. Thank You. We just honor You, we just worship You, we just glorify You, Lord. Father, I pray for a touch. Touch our ears. Help us to hear in these last days to what Your Spirit says, "Those who have ears, let them hear," what You have to say to us. Speak to us. Let everything of You, from You ring in our ears. Let the other things just go away. What You speak, I pray, Father, in the Name of Jesus, the enemy will not steal. Help us to believe. Help us to understand. Help us to obey that Your life may be fulfilled in us and through us. Speak, Father. For in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.*

So, friends, saints, citizens of heaven, give me your ears, I need your ears. Don't have to cut it out and put it on the platter but just listen carefully and ask God for the grace to be able to listen for at least a couple of hours or maybe, a little less. Because through the week, we all have been listening. Through the months, through the years, we've been listening. Consciously, unconsciously, we've been listening. Most of the stuff we listen are just opinions of men because opinions are what we pick from the world from social media, from TV, from internet, from newspaper; from everything, we pick opinions. The problem is when an opinion becomes a belief, but the hardest level is when an opinion which became a belief becomes a conviction. Lot of people walk around with convictions which are just opinions which have no validity if it is tested with the infallible Word of God. So, the fact is even in the Kingdom of God, God's people hold untested, invalidated opinions, as their belief systems as their convictions when truth should be the cornerstone of every conviction. Some of you struggle honestly. In my all life, I know the areas where I struggled most in the old ancient days, is because I held a lie as a conviction. So, that conviction will fight truth because you're holding the conviction as truth when it is just an opinion while the Word of God is very open; it's open to testing; God says, "Test everything that you hear, when two or three speak and let every man test because truth can stand on its own." God says, "Test every spirit. You can test whether it is My Spirit or some other spirit." Finally, God says, "Test everything." God is not afraid of testing and therefore, what you believe, you should not be afraid of being tested because if you don't test what you believe, you will never know it is true. That's why, unlike any other religion, for 2000 years, man has tried to reach this printed Word into hands of people. Believe me; this has the power on its own to convict people. And every opposition in history is to see this does not reach in hands of people. Because the Word of God is truth the Word of God has power to change life.

So, more than anything as in your week, be careful how you listen on a Sunday morning that should be the most important part of your weekly life. How you hear in this place? Yes, we read; we've education; we've understanding. All that, we have but God has put a particular place in the Church where there is the ministry of teaching, that everybody is not equipped to. Teaching is there because we're called to be students. So, be good students this morning. Because remember, two years back, we looked at these three kingdoms actually – one visible, two invisible. Do you believe in an invisible kingdom? If you don't believe in invisible kingdom, the best thing to do is go home and look in your mirror and tell me, "Ah I see my mind. It is so beautiful." Did you see? But do you believe you have a mind? You do believe, right? But you cannot see. Now, I can understand, I know I believe in a heart. I know that if I want, I can see my heart but what about your mind? Does your x-ray show your mind? No, it doesn't. But it is more real than anything else you can see because it is with that unseeable mind that you pursue everything. And the gateway and the door way to your mind is your ears; not your eyes; it's your ears. Look at the back, the children sitting at the back. They can see but don't understand a thing because they don't have language in their head to decipher what they are seeing. They'll look around and see nothing, in the sense, they can see and understand nothing, because to understand something, you need a word, any word here, the word here. That's why Scripture says, *'In the beginning was the Word.'* Where there is no Word, there is no understanding. The more of the Word, the more understanding, if you understand the word, understand. So, there is a demonic realm – the kingdom of satan. Then, there's God's Kingdom, that is the Kingdom of God, and then, there is the kingdom of man – two visible kingdoms in which we live and the battle interestingly is over us, puny little beings; it's over us, and the battle is for our souls and the battle actually rages in the unseen part of us in our minds. So, keep that.

So, we'll continue because that is the reason if you don't win the battle here, you will lose it. You'll will lose the outside battle and will end up empty into the Kingdom of God or end up outside the Kingdom of God. So, we'll continue against what we are fighting every day.

**Matthew 12:22-30**

***<sup>22</sup> Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"<sup>24</sup> Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."<sup>25</sup> But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup> If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the Kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. <sup>30</sup> He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.***

If there is one passage spoken by Jesus which gives you so much insight about how the kingdom of the devil works, it is this. Like, in English, we say, "This is from the horse's mouth." He Himself has shown you what it is. He clearly demonstrates the battle between two kingdoms for the soul and it is happening with everybody sitting here. That's why you'll see you're able to listen for two minutes and then, your mind wanders because there is a battle in your mind – "Don't listen." Even if you don't hear, that 'don't listen' the demons put a thought according to you because your personal demon knows you very well and knows what you like, puts that thought and drags your mind away and you're staring blankly at me while your mind is wandering. Minds don't wander; they're taken. So, God says, "Bring it into alignment. There is a battle going on between two kingdoms for the souls of man." Please don't ever think those kingdoms are equal. No, they are not. The kingdom of the devil is no match for the Kingdom of God but the only reason this battle continues simply is because there are battles continues like constantly because of the free will God gave us. Otherwise, there would be no battle. We have to choose; therefore, there is a battle and of God's incredible longsuffering and patience so that people don't perish because of that, the battle continues. And one of the ministries that devils hates most, is this – when a demon is cast out because his kingdom is exposed, he hates it. When Jesus was talking about the signs that would follow

**Mark 16:15-17**

***<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (And the first things these) <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons;***

Why? He says, "Salvation is the triumph of kingdom over the other and the visible sign is enemy soldiers are asked to get out." It will be seen. The Kingdom of God is actually here visible to people; so, the devil hates it because he's exposed and the people able to see that the Kingdom of God has actually come into the power and his forces are taken captive, bound and thrown out.

In *Matthew 12:25-26*, Jesus makes it very clearly that satan has a very organized kingdom. He's not disorganized like us. God's Kingdom, the devil's kingdom is very organized and they have a very organized kingdom. He says, "If a kingdom divided against itself, it is brought to desolation. If a kingdom is divided, then there is a division in the kingdom. There will be only chaos." So, what does the devil come to do? He understands that his kingdom is very united; God's Kingdom is very united. So, what does the devil come to do? Devil comes and tries to create division in us first; then, in the home; then, in the Church, in the society, in the nation. What does God try to do? He comes to bring into us unity in us, in the home, in the Church, in the society, and finally, in the world. Operates a completely different way. The devil brings division; God brings unity. Yes, understand. Let not thy mind wander.

So, he's got an incredibly organized kingdom. *Ephesians 6*; very familiar verse, but this is how his kingdom is described.

**Ephesians 6:12**

***<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

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This organizational structure is given. Now, yesterday, for those who were there for the men's meeting, I was saying that when we read this term 'principality', do you know what a 'principality' is? A principality is a geographical area given by a king to a prince, a prince rules over it. That's why it is called a 'principality'. What the king rules over is called a kingdom, what an emperor rules over is called an empire, okay? Satan is the king of his kingdom and he has princes among his fallen angels and there are principalities and he has appointed his own angels over principalities. So, you'll hear when you read *Daniel*, the prince of Persia, the prince of Greece, there is a prince of India, okay? Organizational structure is this; he is just an imitator. He knows how God's Kingdom works and he imitates the same structure into his kingdom and that is the same structure we also have imitated of kingdoms of men – you have a king, you have a prince, and the other term in the British history, is the term in the French history is a term called 'Duke'. So, you have a dukedom and if you read the KJV, as soon as Esau goes and he starts establishing Esau's kingdom, you'll see his sons are called 'dukes'. This is a kind of prince, you look at the entire British system, you'll see the king and princes and lords and ladies going down to the lowest level. In India, how do we call it? 'Title head'? 'President' but the power is the Prime Minister. State? Governor. Power? Chief Minister. Down to the little village where you have the panchayat head. So, organization structure is there; everywhere, God's Kingdom, devil's kingdom, man's kingdom, but over the man's kingdoms, there is an organizational structure of devil's kingdom and man's kingdom. And when you read the *Book of Daniel*, you'll see there is a prince of Persia over Persia; the one who comes to help Daniel is Michael, the archangel who is in charge of Israel. So, if you want to put in terms of God's Kingdom, the prince of Israel is archangel, Michael.

There is a structure established by God because you have to understand; we don't understand how these things work. You'll be randomly going around thinking you are in control. You and I are not in control. If the Holy Spirit does not have control over me, somebody else is controlling me. People are all walking in liberty. No, there is nobody walking in liberty. Either you are a slave of sin or you are a slave of righteousness. And you'll know which kingdom and who is controlling you. If the Holy Spirit controls me, then *as many as who are led by the Spirit of God shall be called sons of God*. If the demonic realm is controlling me, demons don't have sons; they have only slaves. God has no slaves. He has only sons. Understand the difference. So, the presumption, I am not saying doctrine; presumption, even a very well-respected theologian says that Lucifer was an archangel before the fall. And he had in charge of one one-third of the angelic host under him. He was probably one of the foremost or probably foremost archangel and under him, he had one-third angelic host who reported to him and he reported to God but when he fell and when he rebelled and he fell, the one-third of the angelic host followed Lucifer. They are the ones who are called 'fallen angels'. When he was cast out of heaven, he set up a rival kingdom. Still keeping that organizational structure. Okay? That's what we saw. His goal is domination of the whole world. When we talk about the world, it is not talking about a place as such but basically, through this world system, he wants to dominate the people. And because his kingdom is a kingdom of darkness, not physical darkness but moral spiritual darkness, his kingdom is the kingdom of darkness, most people who'll live in his kingdom are not aware they're living in his kingdom. You get it? If the power were to go now, let us say, imagine it is night and there's absolute total blackout, do you see anything? Though you're sitting here, right there, you've no clue where you are. So, the people who have been taken captive by the devil have no clue they're part of an unknown unseen kingdom because the nature of a kingdom is darkness and not light. On the contrary, the Kingdom of God is kingdom of light. Therefore, we know where we are. Therefore, every opinion, belief structure or conviction, is brought to the light and examined. And you can't stand the scrutiny of light. Okay, let me give you the basics which we know but let me basics of these kingdoms. Where Paul talks,

### **2 Corinthians 12:2**

***<sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.***

That's where he heard God speak unutterable things. So, there, at least, are a minimum of three heavens. The first heaven is what we presume the physical heavens, which we can see. Do you know how big that is? Even the scientists have no clue how big the universe, which you can see. We haven't yet discovered a telescope which can see the end of space visible space. That is how big the first heaven alone is. So, if this second heaven and the third heaven encompasses the first heaven, do you think it is small? It's not small. So, presumption is the first heaven is the physical heaven. And the second heaven is where Satan lives has set up his kingdom. And the third heaven is where God is and God's not just there in the third heaven; Scripture says, "God is far above all the heavens because the heavens itself encompass God." So, He's not there just in the third heavens, okay? But if you want to think about a physical realm where His kingdom is right now, we believe we presume that it is third heaven. But the second heaven is never mentioned in the Bible. But on the other hand,

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in *Genesis 1*, on the second day, when God separated, you see the heavens, He never said it was good. Because the second heaven is not good. Because who dwells there. And also, on the first day, if you look at *Genesis 1:4*, when He separated light from the darkness, it divided saw the light it was good.

### **Genesis 1:4**

***<sup>4</sup>And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.***

He never said darkness was good. He divided the darkness and the light and specifically, turned towards the light and said, "The light was good." God does not say, "Darkness is good." So, this is the kingdom, this is how you look at physical realm, organizations structure and satan's kingdom, like I said, actively opposes God's Kingdom at every level. When it comes to man, and his primary weapon, because his kingdom is a kingdom of darkness, his primary weapon is deception. And he uses deception to dominate and enslave people. And because darkness and deception are so powerful, those who are enslaved often have no clue they're enslaved; they think they are free. You go to a bar and look at all the people sitting there, nobody will think they are in bondage; they think they all are free, there is so much love, so much unity, so much joy, so many broken heads, but they feel they are free. So, you need to understand because we're so caught up in the physical realm, we don't understand everything that is happening here is being influenced like no man's business by these realms. And we will never understand human history which we read in text books unless we understand what is happening at the spiritual level. I'll show you examples, let me show you. You know about the working in the wall, right? No? You've been weighted and wanted and weighted. Let's see.

### **Daniel 5:30**

***<sup>30</sup>That very night Belshazzar, (foolish fellow who used utensils from king's temple to drink wine, the kings) king of the Chaldeans, was slain. <sup>31</sup>And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.***

Darius, of Medo-Persia has become king over Babylon. He defeated the Babylonian empire. Where do you see this? See, *Daniel* chapters are not in chronological order, but in spiritual order. Not in chronological historical order. So, don't go try to go and learn history from the *Book of Daniel*. Try to understand what God is trying to tell you. You'll say, "It doesn't fit in with Wikipedia." Believe the Word of God. The problem I have noticed pastors is that they read the Bible and search the internet whether it is true. Nonsense. The Word of God can stand on its own. In *Daniel 6*, remember *Daniel 6*? You have Daniel in Lion's den. In *Daniel 9*, remember Daniel's prayer and vision about end of the days? And *Daniel 10*, remember *Daniel 10*? Where he fasts and prayers for 21 days and on the 21<sup>st</sup> day, the answer came. So, we made it into a religious symbol '21 day fast'. He got his answer on the 21<sup>st</sup> day. That's why he stopped. So, we have made that into a religious symbol. "I am fasting for 21 days." What happens if your answer does not come in 21 days? Are you going to stop? Somebody told me in this trip, "Pastor, I am fasting for 120 days." I said, "120 days? Even Jesus fasted only for 40 days." So, you have in *Daniel chapter 10*, after 21 days, an angel comes people name that angels, but the fact of the matter is in *Daniel chapter 10*. The angel is not named. We don't know who it is. And we cannot say it is Gabriel. The reason I'll tell you why we cannot say it's Gabriel is because

### **Daniel 9:21**

***<sup>21m</sup>while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.***

So, he knew Gabriel. He already knows Gabriel. He has seen him in the beginning; he doesn't mention. And it's an angel; he did not recognize. So, please get your facts ready, through the Bible. And he did not recognize, and Gabriel is a; I am assuming; this is not doctrine, I am assuming from the Bible which I understand, Gabriel is the messenger. There are messengers in the army too. They are taught to fight, but their primary task is not to fight; their primary task is to relay information; they are called scouts in the army. They can fight, but their primary call is not to fight; their primary call is to pass on information. So, Gabriel or this angel is a messenger, angel, bringing a message from somebody but he is opposed by a principality, is called the prince of Persia. So, he will say, that he needed help. He sent, called on his walkie talkie to headquarters and said, "Help!" Who came? Scriptures says Michael came. He said, "Do you know why I have come to you and now, I must return to fight with the prince of Persia? When I have gone forth, indeed, the prince of Greece will come." He said, "You know why I have come? I fought. Then, I have to go fight the prince of Persia." But I'll tell you what is noted in the Scriptures of truth – no one upholds against these except Michael your prince. He says, "I am telling you what in these

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battles, *chapter 5* to bring a message from God to Hebrew, the one who fight on my behalf is who? Michael.” Michael is pushing the messenger looks through. “You go give the message.” I mean God can change all that, but God says, “Why? I’ll sit back and watch the fun. You guys handle it. Let people see how you people fight for righteousness.”

### Daniel 11:1

<sup>11</sup> ***“Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.***

Did you see that? Who is this speaking? Angel. Here, Belshazzar drinks; there, Darius the Mede breaks him and kills him. Why did it happen? Because in heaven, the angel stood up for Darius. History is not divided, determined by battles on earth; history is determined by what’s happening in the spiritual realm. That’s how history happens. We look at and say, ‘Akbar the great’, ‘Baber the great’, they were all nobody; they were not great; it should be written ‘Akbar the small’, ‘Baber the small’, ‘Alexander the small.’ Why? Why did Alexander become great? because he said, “After this, I am going to the prince of Greece,” and towards the prince of Greece, he will show favour. Why? Alexander never harmed the Jews; he let them in. You need to understand how these battles take place and the battles are fought over man, and their souls. But in the New Covenant, we see an unbelievable paradigm shift taking place taking from the Old Covenant. And the shift doesn’t take place on earth first it takes place in heaven first.

### Colossians 2:13

<sup>3</sup> ***And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,***

This is the problem we face. God will not fight on our behalf unless declared righteous because his kingdom is a kingdom of righteousness while the other kingdom is a kingdom of iniquity. So, this fellow will fight dirty; God also fights fair. So, the actual battle, this fellow has an advantage because all he has to do is tempt you and me to get us into righteousness and we know the battle, we have lost. Israel is walking in the desert; Balaam is cursing; nothing is happening; only blessing is coming, and God says, “I see no iniquity in Jacob.” So, Balaam, while he is going, gives a counsel, “You know what? You can’t do anything to the divination work – idolatry or sorcery; nothing will work. All you have to do is pull them out of God’s protection and you can finish them off. Get them to sin. That’s all. Big deal. I understand His Kingdom. His Kingdom is a Kingdom of righteousness. Just get them to sin. We have them in our power.” Because when we sin, we go into the devil’s kingdom. It’s a kingdom of darkness. That’s why we have to be watchful. So, the first battle is over there.

### Colossians 2:14-15

<sup>14</sup> ***having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*** (That’s what He did. Then,) <sup>15</sup> ***Having disarmed (whom?) principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.***

So, first the battle was won by Jesus in the heavenlies. When you win a battle, first, what you do is that, when you go into enemy territory, and you win the battle, the first thing you do is – go and break down their jails and rescue all the prisoners who were kept captive. You release the prisoners. So, you will see in,

### Ephesians 4:8-9

<sup>8</sup> ***Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”*** <sup>9</sup> ***(Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?***

First heaven. Second heaven. Third heaven. In the first heaven, there is an earth and in the middle of the earth, at the bottom of the earth somewhere, over there, there is a place where spirits were kept captive, with a gulf in between. But when Jesus overcame the devil in the heavenlies, He descended, took all the saints and took them with Him up. That’s the battle that is taking place. Therefore, now, the battle has been won in the heavenlies there is a proclamation on earth. In,

### Matthew 28:18-19

<sup>18</sup> ***And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.***

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Didn't He have all authority and all power? Technically, no. Because the righteous demands of God concerning man had not been met. Once it was met on the Cross and righteousness is fulfilled, He says, "Now, I have all authority concerning the lives of men. And in My Name, go."

**<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**

So, the gospel is an actual declaration of war. Repent! Meaning, man firao (change your mind) for the Kingdom of God is here. It's a declaration of war. Set the captives free. So, what is the first announcement of Jesus in the synagogue? "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to set the prisoners free." Whose prisoners? Prisoners of the devil of the kingdom of darkness.

And in *Mark 16:17*, we saw,

### **Mark 16:17-18**

**<sup>17</sup> And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;**

What does it mean? I was telling them yesterday – the Indian Army has an entire communication system untouched by the civilians. They have their own telephone exchanges. They have their own coded-encrypted message which the enemy cannot break into. Half the job of the intelligence is to break into somebody's communication – how to decipher so that you can hear what they're saying. God says, "You have a new kingdom. You have new power and authority. You have a new communication system which the enemy cannot read." That's why God says, "Pray in the spirit." He (the devil) cannot understand. You cannot understand. He understands. How do you get in touch with the headquarters? By praying in the spirit, preparing for battle.

**<sup>18</sup> they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

The powers of darkness should have no effect on us if we obey the commands of our General. And if He says, "You lay hands upon the sick," they will be healed. Okay. So, you see the entire gamut of the new kingdom, because much of the sickness is demonic in origin. So, the Church now joins the battle along with God's warring angels. So, let me make another thing clear. Understand the words used in the Bible. When the Bible uses the term 'demon', it is from the Greek word 'demon'. When the Bible uses the word 'devil', it is not the word 'demon'; it is from the Greek word 'diabolus', which means slanderer. What is he? A slanderer. You see, what we talked about in *Ephesians*, the principalities, above them of course is prince, satan; and when you come to the last entity, it is called the host of wickedness. It is like swarms. The lowest level are the demons. The demons are like flies. You can swat them. They're forever troubling you. But the devil is not a demon. And a demon is not the devil. The devil is called 'diabolus' meaning slanderer. The devil's primary task, as you look through Church history and the Bible, is to slander the servants of God to make them ineffective in the work of the Kingdom. The purpose of the demons is to entice, oppress, and harass any possible control. They have their works cutout differently. When you have the term 'satan' in the Bible, it is from the Greek word 'satanas', which means adversary. He is the adversary of God in the spiritual realm. Now let's leave the devil and satan for a little while and let's look at demons.

What are demons? I don't know how to explain it. Demons are disembodied beings – beings which don't have physical bodies. Origin is unclear in the Bible. But they're not the fallen angels one third of them or the devil. They're not the same. Origin is not clear. Their origin is either found between *Genesis 1:1 and 1:2*.

### **Genesis 1:1-2**

**<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form, and void...**

But that's not what the Bible says. Neither Isaiah nor Job say the earth was void when it was formed. So, what happened between 1:1 and 1:2? Where did this darkness come? When the morning stars shouted in joy when you created. Here, it is saying, "It is dark and it is void."

***...and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.***

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One presumption of theologians, a whole set of godly theologians, is there is a huge gap between 1:1 and 1:2. There was a pre-Adamic race creation. And when the satanic rebellion took place and the earth was destroyed, these beings are the ones which became demons or *Genesis 6*. We all know Noah's time. So, in *Ephesians 6:12*, when we talk about spiritual hosts of wickedness in the high places, it's talking about the demons. How many millions and billions there are, we don't know. Because we know nothing. Secret things belong to God. We can only presume. So, there, they believed there was a pre-Adamic race. They were destroyed in the battle. They were all destroyed by God. But they are beings somewhat like us.

In *Matthew 12:27*, when the Pharisees say,

### **Matthew 12:27**

***<sup>27</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub...***

You know what Beelzebub actually means? Lord of the flies. Like flies, the demons are like flies. You kill them. They keep on coming. They keep on coming. We try to entice the flies, without realizing in the spiritual realm they are enticing us. What do we do in GSS? We put that oil over there. We put some honey over there. We are enticing them and that that fellow is smiling over there and he's saying, "I'm smarter than you. I already enticed you." Host of wickedness, called Beelzebub, the lord of the flies.

***...by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.***

Led by? A strong man. One set of demons led by a leader. It's like a platoon, a legion. In,

### **Mark 1:21-24**

***<sup>21</sup>Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit...***

So, demons visit synagogues and Churches. Okay? Don't ever think some are not here already. There are. They come.

***...And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>saying, "Let us alone!..."***

He cried out. The voice that is speaking is the voice of man, but the individual is not the man, it is the demon. Not even a demon, it is the strong man who's speaking on behalf of the hosts,

***<sup>24</sup>saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"***

What took the disciples over a year of walking with Jesus to know, that too, as a revelation from above, which they believed, disbelieved, scattered, the demons already knew who He is. Never underestimate the demons because they have knowledge beyond what we can imagine. They can see what we cannot see. And they are unbelievably wicked and they are politically minded, because all they are trying to do is create chaos and stop the ministry of the word of God. Do you remember the man of the Gadarenes? How many were there inside him? What did they say their name was? Legion. Like if somebody were to say, "What is your name?" Hepsibah will say, "My name is regiment." "Was your father in the army?" That's what we'll ask, right? That's what they said. We don't understand 'legion'. Legion is a Roman regiment. There are almost five thousand people inside. That's not the point. They knew who Jesus was. Jesus said, "Get out!" They said, "Can we go into the pigs?" They prefer human beings. But if they can't, they go into an animal. But what did they do? Think about it. They said, "Let us go into the pigs." And you would expect they would be grateful. They got out before He sent them into hell. They got into the pigs and the pigs quietly went away. What did the pigs do? They went over the cliff into the water. Why? Why did they do that? Because it was a political move. Because Scripture says, "The people of Gadarenes came and told Jesus and said, "Go away from here!" They stopped the preaching of the Word there. Don't underestimate! Every place that Paul went, the demons created havoc through the crowds to stop the preaching of the Word. They are not foolish beings like you think. They are incredibly smart! Smarter than us and they can see through everything. They can see

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what we cannot see. So, understand this. This is not the man speaking, but the unclean spirit speaking, "Let us alone." Because they live in the spiritual realm, they can see what we cannot see. And they can see what we think nobody has seen. First thing Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is here and you will know when you cast out demons with the finger of God," why don't people do that? I'll tell you why most pastors don't do that; because they're afraid. They're not afraid of the demon. They are afraid the demon will speak the truth about them. I know of pastors who ran away from deliverance meetings because demons called out and said, "I know where you were yesterday. What are you talking about?" And now, he's bargaining with the demon, "Shut up! Shut up! Quiet! Don't speak!" Everybody knows all these portions. Why don't you want deliverance? See, if you repent, go before God, confess, the blood of Jesus cleanses, there is no record. No demon can say anything. When Paul repented, the demons that followed him through; other people did not say, "I know who you are, the ex-murderer!" They did not talk about his past at all. They said, "We know you are the servant of God!" "We know what you did to poor Stephen. We know how many..." They didn't say anything, because the spiritual realm is controlled by God. If you and I repent and bring things out of darkness into the light, Scripture says, "The blood of Jesus cleanses!" They have no record to bring out. So, don't ever give credit to the devil, because he is not as powerful as we think he is; Jesus is more powerful. But God, because His Kingdom is righteous, He has shown a doorway through which we can walk into that freedom and we have to choose that way, every day. Jesus dealt with the demon, not with the man. Okay? Jesus dealt with the demon, not with the man. Jesus taught. Jesus healed. Jesus cast out demons.

In *Acts 10:38*, Jesus' ministry is put in one verse.

### **Acts 10:38**

***<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.***

That is what the Kingdom of God does. My first encounter in ministry with demons was almost twenty-five years ago. After that, so many interesting characters I encountered. All kinds of guys. But this was when I was young. So, what happened was, there was this young man from a non-believing background who has come to the Christian faith and gone back. He went back and he went to a few places of their worship and came back. We were a group of people and we started praying over him and the demons started manifesting. And they started telling their names. And you could actually visibly see! Whichever place of worship he went, the demon behind that got in. It was a room as big as this. This man was a young man of sixteen years. It took six of us to hold him down. He was here and he started crawling, literally, all the way. He was not moving. He was not walking. He was going exactly like the demon, whose outward nature we know in this world, had possessed him. Okay? We bound him. Called it out by name and cast it out. First experience; I was all excited, because I've heard and read these things but I've never seen it in real life. And we thought he was all calm and finally, the senior pastor said, "No. No. There are others inside him. Only one fellow has gone." Second one, we started calling it out. Again, he started manifesting. It was very interesting! "What's your name?" They will not mention their name, if they can. "What's your name?" Finally, he told that name. I'm not mentioning the name, because we are in a public place and because there are so many sentiments associated with that name. So, he mentioned that name. Immediately, his face changed. His face literally changed where you could see the trunk. Okay? Now, that doesn't mean that particular one which we know has got in; that is just the strong man behind him with the same characteristics. There can be tens and thousands of demons with the same characteristics. So, wherever that one is worshipped in different places, these ones are projected behind him. That was bound. That was cast out. Again, Pastor said, "One more is there!" So, we asked the name, and the name was mentioned was thankfully not from Telangana; it was from another state visiting Telangana that day. Okay? We said, "Come out!" And suddenly, you have to see people manifest, he started flaying his hands. If you actually stood back and looked, it looked as if he had eight or nine hands. That was my first experience as a young person in deliverance. So, when you tell me this is not real, I will say, "Go and take a jump." After that, of course, it's been a series of actually seeing how real this kingdom is and how oppression and bondage take place. We get all frightened by that, but that domination of that demon over a person is nothing. It's nothing! The domination of spirits which enter into your mind is the mind is more dangerous. That's why we look at these poor ones and we think, "O, it is possessed." It can be delivered like that, but coat and tie fellow who's walking around with his briefcase, whose mind is completely controlled by the demons, we don't realize that he is a worse state than the poor one. Jesus could deliver every demon possessed man, child or woman who was brought to Him, but He could not deliver the Pharisees. You know what He said of the Pharisees? "You are of your father, the devil!" Why? Because your mind is in his hands. Your body, you're walking as if you're free, but your mind is in his hands. So, please remember, bondage of the body is not as difficult as we think it is, or dangerous, it is! It can become really



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dangerous. They can mess you up, but what is worse is like I said in the various deliverance sessions I have done, I have encountered ancient Egyptian gods, Greek gods, Roman gods, Babylonian gods, Scandinavian gods, you name them, I've encountered them in people and cast them out, including some of the names in the Bible. Including Leviathan, which I don't exactly know what is. Nobody knows, but people presume, Leviathan is, what? It is the crocodile. Children were thrown into the Nile. Why do you think children were thrown into the Nile? Because one of the gods of Egypt was crocodile. And it was being fed to the crocodile. You know how a crocodile eats its prey, have you seen it? It holds it and it twists around. It takes its prey and twists and twists. What is happening in India, in US and everywhere? Everything you say is being twisted because the spirit of Leviathan is controlling the atmosphere now. You cannot even speak the truth; the truth is twisted around. Unless you bind that fellow, what you do over here is not going to work because he is controlling the air waves. The Bible talks about the python. Why is the python? Python doesn't kill you like other snakes. He doesn't inject you with poison, he squeezes the life out of its prey. And so many people don't realize that they're under the bondage of the python and their spiritual life is slowly being squeezed out little by little. You lose your interest in daily devotion. You lose your interest in worship. You miss out on Wednesday. And then, you start coming late to Church. Then, you come once a month. You don't realize who is controlling your destiny! He doesn't kill you immediately. Look at how these things work. Look into my life, "Lord, you know what? This is not what I was called to be. I look into Your Word and I need to be hungry and thirsty for righteousness." One thing I ask everywhere I go, I say, "Sikkim! When did I come last?" Sir, two years ago. When I finish, I have one question. It is not for you, it is for me. Am I more zealous today than the last time you saw me? They said, "More zealous!" Because Scripture says, "A man who is planted by the river, he will start bearing more fruit in his old age." I said, "I don't want to live an empty life. I want to grow stronger in the Lord as I grow older, because that is proof for me that I'm growing and not retarding." I want to finish this race. I want to finish. Yet, I will not push open doors. I will trust God to open doors. You need to realize you are fighting a battle which we people are not even realizing they are losing. All the success in the world is irrelevant if you've lost this battle. It's irrelevant. We have to win this battle. Because this is the battle God has set and it is a good battle. It is a good fight of faith. It's not a bad battle. It's a good battle! And we have been given unimaginable power by Jesus Himself. That is why He is called the 'Captain of the hosts!' He's got his angelic army behind Him and He's the Captain of the hosts and this is the battle.

Then, in *Luke 10:18-19*, He says,

### **Luke 10:18-19**

***<sup>18</sup> And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <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.***

Did you see that? This part I like, I enjoy. This is the part I dwell on. If you said, "Nothing of the enemy will hurt me," I take it! I take it. Just teach me how to walk that way. The enemy can do whatever he wants against me, but you said, "Nothing shall by any means hurt you." I take Your word. Like I told the Nepali Church, when you hear thirty, sixty, hundred, your eyes should go on hundred and lock it there. If God said, "Hundred is possible," I'm going for that. I'm an English student and I knew it was never possible to get a 100 in English. But God's Kingdom is not English; it's math. If something is impossible, God never lies. If something is possible, it is possible. So, when you hear that, you should not say, "Lord, I hope I at least get thirty!" No! "Lord, give me the grace to finish as a hundred-fold believer."

So, on a day-to-day basis we are actually battling demons – disembodied supernatural beings who crave for human bodies, because if they are spirits of a pre-existing race like us human bodies, they know exactly what we enjoy. But they are disembodied. They don't have a body. So, they are looking for bodies so that they can exercise their ungodly lust through human bodies. If it is a demon of alcohol(drinking), what does it want? It wants a mouth and a tongue and a throat. It's watching! Watching! When you go to the bar, he is following you. He says, "Ah, Peter!" He passed the bar! Then, he is watching, "O! Moses is going. Stop him! Chance he aaj! (I have a chance with him.)" Then he also passed. No chance. People think they go to the bar alone. They never go to the bar alone. Because these things want to drink. They cannot drink because they don't have a body. But if they can enter into a body, they can partake of what they have been craving for. If you're a demon of lust, they're looking for people who will indulge in those things so that they can use their bodies. If you're a demon of anger, there is an anger which is a feeling and there is an anger that is of a demon. If you start losing your temper over and over again, the demon gets in. Now, he starts enjoying. That's why people say, "I lost it!" You lost it. He found it. Don't take this lightly. Okay? Because these are beings that look for bodies. Like I said, anger can be an emotion and then inhabited by demons. That's why God says, "Fear! The spiritual realm is absolutely different." It can exist in three

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different plateaus altogether. Death for me can be an experience. Death can be a place. And death can be a spirit. When you die, it's an experience. Nobody could come back except Jesus to tell what it felt like. But it's an experience. It is a spirit.

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### **Revelation 6:7-8**

**<sup>7</sup> When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." <sup>8</sup> So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, (And who followed him closely? Hell! Grave is following him. Death is riding. Grave is following. Hell is following.) and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.**

So, we are seeing wars over here. Why are wars taking place over here? Because they have been given power to kill. Death and Hades. *Revelation 20:14*, Scripture says,

### **Revelation 20:14**

**<sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

Now, let me tell you. Hades or hell, is a place, right? It is also a spirit! It's a place and a spirit. Death is a place and a spirit. Understand that! Fear is an emotion that can be natural. It is also a demon. Shame is an emotion and also a spirit. That's why God says, "I have not given you the spirit of fear. He's has not given you the spirit of fear."

*Genesis 3:10*. The first two attacks man faces after the fall.

### **Genesis 3:10**

**<sup>10</sup> So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."**

He said, "I was afraid and I was ashamed." When this possession becomes complete in the last days, men will be fearless and unashamed of their nakedness. You have a set of people all around the streets in the world, who don't care about anybody and they're not ashamed of showing their bodies. This is the exact reversal. Then, innocence is still there and they have just fallen and the presence of God and all this is there. So, they were afraid and they were naked. There is a boldness that comes from God. There is a boldness that comes from the devil too. They say, "I don't care." Even in this visit, I met people whom I met some time back and one of the person said, "I don't care what's going to happen to me. If I go to hell, I go to hell." See, these are all spirits; these are not normal. Fear is an emotion; like I said, shame is an emotion; these can be crippling and most Christians don't realize that they are bound by these spirits. They are so afraid to make decisions, to step out by faith, to trust God; they are so afraid. Even when God speaks to them and gives them something brilliant, they will not step forward and do it because they are so afraid. God speaks to them much clearly than He spoke to Gideon but they are afraid.

Those who overcame the devil in *Revelation 12*, it says,

### **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.**

Meaning, they were not afraid. The other way to read the sentence is they were not afraid to die for the cause of truth, for the cause of the Kingdom but fear cripples. Shame is one of the most powerful spirits that keeps believers from their freedom. Let me ask you this question: David came into the demon of lust and he did something terrible. After that, why did he do everything else? Why did he get Uriah and killed him? Why did he do all these things? Because he was ashamed that he would be found out and, "What would people think of me?" He was crippled by shame which did more damage than the spirit of lust. That's why God says, "If you don't deal with this fellow, this fellow will go and bring some other worse than him." Lust alone caused adultery but shame caused murder, lying and deceit. That's why we say, "Don't be ashamed; go before God." You don't even have to go before man; you don't have to. Go before God and put it right before God and say, "This is who I am." To break this fear and to break the power and bondage of shame. God said, "David, My

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son, write *Psalms 51*. Write it out. Speak it out and confess it.” He did and he was free. Don’t be crippled by shame because it can mess your life up. See, we don’t need this reputation before men. We need to be true before God. That’s why He is sarcastic about the Pharisees. “You, Pharisees. You always want the appreciation of men; you know what that leads you to? That leads you to absolute demonic bondage because you will always be pretending to be something which you are not.” On the other hand, if you are not ashamed, you did something, you are guilty and repented and you are not ashamed to go to your Father and say, “Dada, this is what I did,” God already knows; we are not surprising Him with any of our sin. He says, “I already know.” But He says, “Bring it out from the kingdom of darkness to Kingdom of light, confess it to Me, the blood of My Son will cleanse you and you can walk without shame.” Otherwise, shame is the one which the devil uses to control. It’s prophetic in *Romans 5*.

### **Romans 5:20-21**

***<sup>20</sup> Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, <sup>21</sup> so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Sin is only to increase more and more as the end comes but Scripture says, where sin increases, what increases? Grace. Remember two Sundays back, what I told you on what grace is. Let’s be practical about it. Grace, grace! Everybody talks about grace, writes grace, sings about grace; we name our Church also ‘grace’. My joke in my home is that I asked the Lord, “Can I have mercy?” He said, “No.” “Lord, can I have grace?” He said, “No.” “So, what can I have?” He says, “You can have grace as a youngest daughter.” That’s my wife, Ailsa – grace. We make so many things about grace, even jokes about grace without really understanding practically what grace is. Grace is the power of the Holy Spirit. You are saved by grace through faith.

### **Romans 8:11**

***<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.***

The power of the Holy Spirit that has raised Christ. You have to get your fundamentals right. Otherwise, we will not win this war. That’s why Holy Spirit and grace is given for to win this war. Reason is because we are physical beings, absolute visual creatures so that we look at the outward success as proof that our convictions are true. That’s the Laodicean Church – absolutely blindness. I would say completely controlled by the demonic entities and they are saying, “Look at us! We got everything,” and God says, “You are blind, you are wretched, you are poor, and you are naked.” Where? All in the spiritual realm and Jesus Himself is outside. Because we are such visual creatures.

Let’s have *Jonah 1*,

### **Jonah 1:3**

***<sup>3</sup> But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.***

You saw this? We are spiritual we understand this. Now, supposing I do a little editing here. I’m going to edit a little here, okay? Because before I came into ministry, I was an editor. So, I’m going to do my first editing with the Word which I will not do; it’s an example.

*But Jonah arose and went to Tarshish He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish.*

Doesn’t it look like success? He is a successful man, he went and found a ship, he had the money, he paid the fare, he had a birth and he didn’t say up with the sailors working. He went to his cabin and he slept. Very successful businessman. Now you look at Scripture.

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This is the problem with our testimonies; we edit our testimonies. We never talk about our bondages; we never talk about who is controlling our thinking. We don't talk about all our scrawling and straying and assumptions in the world. Instead, we edit and put across and say, "Look at me! I'm successful." God says, "The narrative is not true. You edited." That's why the only honest biography that's ever written in the word is the Bible. Everything else is whitewashed. Bible tells you Abraham as he was, Isaac as he was, Jacob as he was, David as he was, Solomon as he was. If you were Solomon, would you write your account like that? We would change. "All these women from Egypt and these gentiles chased me, they chased me relentlessly and finally, out of frustration, I gave in and said, 'Oh, come and join my palace.'" We will change the narrative. But we will change it better as New Covenant believer, "They were all living in my palace but they were my sisters – one wife and 999 sisters." Are we getting it? Just be open and upfront with God. Go to God and if God says, "You need deliverance. Go and meet your pastor. Otherwise, put your slate clean." These demons cannot have a hold over you. But Scripture is true and when you read it's true.

1 John 5:19 we know very well.

### **1 John 5:19**

**<sup>19</sup> We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.**

How do you know that you are of God? Because I am not under the sway of the evil one. How do you know that you are not under the sway of evil one? I'm not controlled by the world. Let's look at the practical thing so that you understand. How does the devil control this world? Primarily through two agents – one – through religion; and second – education. Do you know why you struggle? Because you went to school. You go to the villages, they won't struggle to hear the Gospel. The very education you have received now acts against the Word of God and religion. The most difficult people to convert are the religious. They are not bad people; they are good people. If you think the Pharisees were bad, then you don't know what you are thinking about. They were not bad people; they were self-righteous, religious people. But sitting there in the synagogue, demon-possessed. Religion and education very difficult but it is true. The education systems in which we live in the past couple of hundred years are the ideas and ideologies absolutely opposed to the Kingdom of God. From the beginning, wherever Paul went he got his oppositions from, what? Either from demons of religion or demons of education. Do you see that? We know this verse very well.

### **Acts 7:22**

**<sup>22</sup> And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.**

Much educated man of his time. What did he do? He prays, forty years later.

### **Exodus 33:13**

**<sup>13</sup> Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people."**

The wisest man on earth is now become a student before God, "I'm putting aside all that, teach me." I'm giving you familiar verses.

### **Psalms 103:7**

**<sup>7</sup> He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.**

Children of Israel were not interested in spiritual education. So, He let them alone. But He taught Moses. Problem is – we pride about our secular education. I also did once. Now, I don't talk about it anymore at all.

### **James 3:14-15**

**<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.**

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That's what we pay through our nose to get; I'm not talking about the skills you learn but I'm talking about the ideas you receive. We all need skills. Like I said, language is a skill but when you are receiving a skill of language through an ideology and you receive the ideology to control your mind, your language is useless in the Kingdom of God. That man was trained in all the wisdom of God – mighty in words, mighty in acts, God said, "Useless." Your mind has an ideology that is demonic. Go to best colleges and stand up for the truth and learn and acquire skills and be the best in that skills but let your mind be framed by the Word of God. Heaven and earth will pass away. Because we always pride about our secular credentials. Where does your ideology comes from? Learn the Word, listen the word. Like I told yesterday, an average man who speaks English uses 3-5 thousand words in his life time. A scholar will use between 40-50 thousand words in English. We need the skill of that language to understand the written Word better. I gave them an example yesterday in the men's meeting. What was that? Like I said, if you don't understand the meaning of the Word, it will go completely wrong. If I say, "Peter is exceeding redundant," those who doesn't know the word 'redundant' will be thinking, "Peter is exciting." Redundant practically means useless. But you did not understand the word 'redundant', you think Peter is excitingly redundant and you say, "Let me go for his meeting." You know why you went wrong? Because you didn't know the language. Be the best in the language so that you may understand the Word; better not to get a PhD in something. Get your PhD but not at the cost of anything. Why do you think I left my PhD? Because I would not compromise on my faith. My supervisor was a Naxalite in thinking wise. He was not a Naxalite in practice but he was an absolute communist and I would not compromise. I wrote a very good paper. I know it was an excellent paper and I wrote to him, "Why communism fell in sovereign Russia" and he was so mad and gave me an E. It was the Kingdom of God operating and the people prayed. I showed him thesis by thesis, point by point what God was doing in Russia to bring the curtain down, and he couldn't digest it. I would not get a PhD at the cost of my faith. I didn't want that degree. But we still have a good relationship okay; you can disagree with your supervisor you don't have to fight. But you don't want a PhD at the cost of what you believe, denying the Lord.

### **Acts 7:51**

***<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.***

Where does it all begin? Uncircumcised in heart and ears. That's why I said, the first thing I want is your ears. But ordinary ears won't do. Say, "Lord, cut the world, the flesh out of my ears and let me hear as You are saying and what You are saying. Let me not read it through my understanding or with the world. Let me not filter out and receive what I want, Lord. Give me circumcised ears." If my ears are not circumcised, then my heart will never become circumcised. People think that the problem is with the heart. The problem is with the heart because the problem is with the ears. God said, "You are uncircumcised in your hearts because you are uncircumcised in your ears." So, at eighty, Moses understands when God comes and calls him and do you know what he says?

### **Exodus 6:30**

***<sup>30</sup> But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?"***

I know where I am from, my ears were uncircumcised, my heart was uncircumcised, and automatically, my lips will be uncircumcised. My ears are worldly, my heart will be worldly, and my talk will be worldly. You just listen to people's conversation and you will know. The tongues are uncircumcised. Why? Because their ears are uncircumcised. Why? What happened? The mind and the heart, the ear and the lips – it's all in one area connected. That's why he says, "I am uncircumcised." Then, what happened at forty? But at forty, he took a decision.

### **Hebrews 11:24**

***<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.***

I don't know what happened. I imagine, okay? It's good to imagine as long as you don't go overboard. I imagine somebody told him, "This is what you are and this is what you are not." He is going around as Pharaoh's daughter's son. Then, one day, somebody said, "You see that lady?" "Yes." "Worn down?" "Yes." "She is working?" "Yes." "Do you see her bones?" "Yes." "Do you know who she is?" "No." "Her name is Jochebed. That's your mother." He must have stopped and said, "That's my mother? What am I doing here as a prince? That's my mother? That's who I am? I'm not the Pharaohs daughter; I'm a slave with my mother." I believe that's what happened because by faith, he took a stand. I believe he saw his father Amram and

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his mother Jochebed and that changed his life. I've heard a lot of people whose life changed. It's an incredible experience to see who they really were. And he said, "If that's my father and that's my mother, I don't care about the Pharaoh and his palace and his riches, I will be one among them." But he does something silly because he has the mind of Egypt with a faith of a Hebrew. So, what happened? What does he do?

### **Exodus 2:11-12**

***<sup>11</sup> Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren...***

So, you have to connect these two, that was forty, he said, 'No,' and this

***...and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.***

So, what did he do?

***<sup>12</sup> So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.***

That's what he did. That's the Egyptian way of deliverance. Your heart is right but your thinking is carnal. Your thinking is of the world. You want to deliver your people but how you have been told of about deliverance of all these forty years how do we deliver and oppress and subdue? Through the sword! That's the problem. Everybody is passionate about reaching the Gospel to the ends of the earth but the problem is 90% of their ways are carnal. The sitting committee will decide how much funding is needed; what to do? Like Moses did at forty. God says, "Son, sit down for forty years. You got a Phd; therefore, I need forty years to take it out of your head. I wish you had dropped out of school. I could have work faster on you." Some of us, when we drop out of school and don't do well, we are so sad; then, God is so glad. He says, "You know what? You got less junk in your head, child. You hand your life over to Me, I can work faster on you." That's what Jesus did with the disciples. He pulled them out. How many years did He train them? Three and a half years. Get them out of Jewish system, "Walk with Me, listen, hear, obey. Change your thinking. If your thinking doesn't change, you will never be able to overcome the enemy because the battle is fought here (mind), three years."

You look at the two narratives. You see, you need to put it together to understand the Scriptures. In Acts 9,

Who is this? Apostle Paul when he got saved.

### **Acts 9:19-26**

***<sup>19</sup> So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ. <sup>23</sup> Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. <sup>24</sup> But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. <sup>25</sup> Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket. <sup>26</sup> And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.***

We read all these narrative in one go. Paul got saved; immediately, he started preaching, which is called zeal without wisdom. The next thing you know the Jews wanted to kill him. They have to put him through a basket and let him down. And the next thing we read is that he went to Jerusalem. But we don't read the whole account. Let's go to *Galatians* where he speaks of his own.

### **Galatians 1:13-18**

***<sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, <sup>16</sup> to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately***

***confer with flesh and blood, <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.<sup>18</sup> Then after three years...***

So, when did he go to Jerusalem? We just read it in one narrative. It looked like he got saved, preached and went to Jerusalem. God says, "No, you read the closer account. He went to Jerusalem after three years." For three years, what did God do? He was teaching. "Get those ideas out of your mind, Paul. I cannot use you. Don't be in your zeal and get beaten up. If you are beaten up, then you should be beaten up for the right reason." Like I said, you paint a Cross outside your Church and you teach something which doesn't tally with the Cross at all and you get stoned, then you are a fool. If you get stoned for the Cross, preach Christ crucified and then, get stoned. He is saying, "Saul, you went in your zeal and you preached and they want to kill you, you don't even know what you are preaching about." Three years later, when he comes and speaks, the entire narrative is different. "God revealed that I am preaching His Son. Three years later, I went to Jerusalem." Three years is the minimum time God requires. It's a spiritual truth, minimum time which God requires before he can use a person in the Kingdom. That's why, in the Bible college, it says, "Three years." Meaning, after coming into faith, "I am not saying that three years is enough." But for many, thirty years and still, they are not ready. But the fastest you can kind of grow, if you have not gone deep into the world and got the stuff, the minimum time requirement to change your thinking is three years in the Kingdom. I will prove it to you a spiritual truth from the Bible, the *Book of Leviticus*,

**Leviticus 19:23**

***<sup>23</sup> 'When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be eaten.***

"You have come to a land, I promised you that land, you have planted everything over there. They will come but for three years, don't eat it because consider it as uncircumcised. People come into the Church, sit down and serve in but do not minister because you are uncircumcised, at least, for three years. Let the flesh go. Let the world go. Then, when you come, you will say, "What I revealed to you is what God had revealed His Son in me. I have nothing on my own." Much of them that happened in the Christendom is because uncircumcised people have run out with the Gospel and what they preach is the world and not the Gospel because the Gospel hits the center of your being is the death of the self and the resurrection of Christ in your lives but the Gospel to hear is all pointed at yourself which is supposed to die – this is what God wants for you; this is okay if you do it; that is okay. It's all pointed at the self. Actually, the Gospel is directed at the death of the self. Why? Uncircumcised people. Once you have received it and that false belief has become your conviction, you fight against the actual Gospel of God. You fight it; you hate it. And you actually partner with the devil to your own ruin. So, please don't get fooled. Understand what the Gospel is. What was the price paid for your and my victory and remember the promise of Jesus Christ?

**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.***

The greatest power of the enemy displays on earth is the power to deceive. Don't be deceived. We were all deceived. I was deceived. Clung to this (Bible), finally, the exclusion of everything else to this alone. And you cannot drink from two cups; you cannot eat from two tables. You cannot. We are not the revelers in the world; we are soldiers sent into the world. We are not party-goers; we are on an assignment. We don't reflect the world; we reflect the King and His Kingdom. That is the Gospel and the devil, if you are saved want to confuse you and fool you and wrap you up in a package that looks contrary to the Kingdom of God. Then, you wonder why is this world so hostile to the Gospel? Don't blame the world. Blame the Church. We changed the Gospel, we changed the price tag, we changed everything. We are guilty because we have put a premium on something in this world. We put a premium on secular education and success and then, we comfort ourselves, "You know why I go to the world? I go to the world basically to evangelize." "How many did you bring to the Lord last year?" You don't fool me. You think the demons do not know? The sons of Sceva, "In the Name of Jesus whom Paul know." "Paul, we know; Jesus, we know." The demons knew who Paul was. "That was authentic, that the real man of God. We know him. I know that he is a man of God", though Paul is nowhere around, they said they know him. In the spiritual realm, everybody knows him. "That is authentic. Don't play with him. Use people to beat him but don't go directly. He will throw you out." They knew him. You think demons do not know who we are? The authentic testimony is in the spiritual realm. God says, "Where did you come from, satan?" Satan says, "Oh! I was roaming everywhere." God said, "You went

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everywhere?” Devil said, “Yes.” God said, “Did you see My son, Job?” And here the devil says, “I know Paul, I know Jesus.” “Jesus, Son of the Most High, why did You come? Paul, servant of the Most High God.” Demons know him, God knows him. “Ananias! Go there.” “Lord, how can I? He was a persecutor of...” He says, “He is My chosen servant. Go, son. Lay your hands upon him.” God knows Paul, demons know Paul. And we are fighting for a testimony in this world – success, houses, cars, labels, degrees – all is good if it is in the service of God; otherwise, it is all worth nothing. The real testimony is in the Kingdom of God and in the kingdom of darkness, where they should say, “I know Hepzibah; she may be a girl studying in class eleven but I know her.” They should not have a wrong testimony about us. “Yeah, I know that one, leave it alone. You don’t go. That’s too much of work for you. Send one of the small ones. That one will stumble and fall. Don’t waste your time. Go after those.” That shouldn’t be our testimony. Our testimony should be that as we go further and further, from the host of darkness to rulers, from rulers to powers and now, we are contending with principalities. Jesus was not even contenting with principalities; He was contending with the devil himself – one shot. I get upset when all these fanciful, zealous people come and say, “The Holy Spirit told me this morning!” Jesus never said, “The Holy Spirit told Me.” He said, “It is written.” Everybody is claiming the Holy Spirit told them. The One who was filled without measure, never said, “The Spirit told Me!” because if He says, “The Spirit told Me,” Peter says, “The Spirit told me,” John says, “The Spirit told me,” and three people says three different things, who will you believe? So, He said, simple thing, “It is written.” Can you check, if say the Spirit told me, where will you go and check? But if I tell you it is written, you can go check, right? Be authentic people. Don’t come and tell me, “The Spirit told me.” Then, I’ll ask you, “Then, why are you telling me? Am I bigger than the Spirit of God? You are telling me because you are not sure the Spirit told you. That’s why you are coming to me. I will always tell people – do not be led by prophecies, let prophecies be a confirmation of what God has already spoken to you. That is how you go in life. Don’t get fooled. God had already told even His apostle Paul that, “You are going to Jerusalem, you are going to be chained, you are going to stand before Caesar and Agabus came and tied his hand and says, “Paul, this is the way you are going,” He says, “Yeah, I know thank you for the confirmation.” On the other hand, if Paul hadn’t heard from God first and Agabus comes and ties his hands and says, “Paul, you know what? This is what is going to happen to you.” he’ll say, “Thank you, Agabus, for saving my life. I’m not going to Jerusalem.” That’s how people do because they never heard from God. A prophet comes and speaks to their life, now, they are running after the prophet instead of the leading of the Holy Spirit. Don’t make mistakes because you do not know how you will get deceived. Know this, this is my text. Like the poor drunkard carpenter in Kerala called Asari upadesi, Asari means carpenter, upadesi means preacher. He was a simple fellow, got saved, hadn’t much language but he preached and he preached, he’s dead, he’s gone but once, they invited him to the States to preach. So, when he went, first time like a simple Malayali, he went for the first time. When he was going to the immigration counter, he held his passport in his left and his Bible in His right and went to the counter and they asked the man, “Sir, what is this you are doing?” He said, “This book is to allow me to enter but this is the Book that brought me this far.” Do we have the guts to do that? It is not my qualifications; it is not even your Visa; this is what has brought me thus far, therefore, I will lift this up higher than this. We lift our qualifications, our educations, all our credential but Scripture says, “If you lift Me up, O, if you lift Me up I will draw all men.” Do you know why men are not drawn to us? Because we are lifting out credentials and we are not lifting the God who saved us. We are lifting our wisdom and our intelligence and our eloquence and all those things. O children, lift Him up and see what God will do.

So, as we go to communion, prepare our hearts and like I said, “Repent.” We all repent daily, hourly, weekly, we repent. God says, “If you confess, God is faithful.” He is faithful, don’t give the enemy a toe-hold in your life. We all fall, we all sin but don’t lie there, don’t leave it unconfessed. When you leave it unconfessed, it is in the power of darkness, it is in the kingdom of darkness and the enemy will use that to come against you, get an entry into your life and possess you.

God has never promised to cleanse an unconfessed sin. He says, “If we confess, He is faithful.” He has given us that boldness, He has made us a way through the blood of Jesus, a living way. This morning, let’s first go to Him, through that living way, through that blood, saying,

### **Communion Prayer:**

*Father, have mercy. Touch me, Lord. Every time I hear Your Word, I look into Your Word, I realize my mind, my mind doesn’t function the way the Kingdom of God does; yet, You have said, “You have the mind of Christ Jesus.” Forgive me, Lord, in my thoughts, forgive me. The way I think, forgive me. The way I hear, forgive me. The way I believe, forgive me. The way I talk, forgive me; the way I do. O Father, Your Word says, “Whatever is not of faith is sin.” O Father, there is a righteousness that comes by faith and faith alone. Draw me into that righteousness and help me to hear, cause these ears to hear Your voice, O God. Cause this mind to change, not to be conformed to the patterns of this world by the renewing of my mind that I might*



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*know what is the good, the pleasing, the perfect will of God. Speak to us, O God,. Cleanse us. As we come to this table, Father, I pray that the bread, the emblem of Your body that was broken, the blood that was shed, as we partake of it, we are not guilty of sin against You and, Lord, this Body but instead, we are strengthened and there is a healing that we receive; there is a quickening in our spirit that comes, O God, because we partook it by faith and the obedience that comes from faith, O God. I pray as Your servants here bring the elements, O Lord, and the people partake of it, there will be a supernatural grace that is released into the lives of people, Lord. Touch, Father. Wherever people have been held bondage in the body or the mind, I pray the grace of Christ will set them free today; not tomorrow but today, Lord, because we believe. We believe greater is He that is in us than He who is in the world, than he who is born of God. He overcomes the world even though the whole world is under the sway of the wicked one. We, who are born of God, overcome the world and therefore, we will overcome the powers of darkness, O Lord. That is our destiny. That is our inheritance and I pray no one will fall short of their inheritance, O Lord. Help us, O Lord. Strengthen us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

The Scripture says "The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk; it's a matter of power." We are talking kingdom language here. The kingdom of the devil is not a matter of talk; it's also a matter of power. That's why people all get into occult and witchcraft and run after those people for there is power there. But the Kingdom of God rules over the affairs of man. We cannot be powerless in this power encounter; we cannot allow the enemy take space in our minds, in our bodies or in our spirit. Jesus said, "Love God with all your heart." That is the strength of your and my spirit, with all your soul, that is the strength of your and my mind, and with all your strength, that is the expression of my and your body. Do not let it be divided. Love God with everything, serve God with everything. When you read those Scriptures, believe it is possible. Scripture says, "All things are possible to him who believes." Believe, when you go back home tonight, sit with the Holy Spirit and if still, there are stuff which you do not know of, ask, "Lord, bring to my remembrance things I need to get rid of and if there is something attached to it, show me, Lord." You can do it yourself. You can use the Name of Jesus and say, "I take authority in the Name of Jesus and I command these demons to leave me in Jesus' Name. I belong to God, my body is His temple, my soul is the mind of Christ and my spirit is where He has enthroned Himself. You have no space in me." You can do it and if you struggle, meet us. *Whom the Son sets free is free indeed.* Our liberty is bought at such a high price. Don't sell it for short. Let's pray.

### **Closing Prayer:**

*Father we just come to You this morning. We just surrender ourselves as best as we know and we proclaim with our mouth, our body, our soul, our spirit is Yours and Yours alone. Teach us Your ways, show us Your paths and empower us to walk in that way, O Lord, that we might be a set of people who are set apart for You, wherever we go – school, college, home, office, Church, we are the one and same person set apart for God. O Father, change us, empower us. You are radical, Your Kingdom is radical. Make us radical disciples, O Lord. We are not looking down on anybody. We are just saying, Lord, we see who we are in actuality and we see who we can be in You and all we say is, "Lord, we surrender and change us." Change us, Father. Every day, change us. Set our hearts on fire and change us, O God, so that every place where the sole of our foot treads we know, it is Kingdom territory that we are taking soul by soul, one man at a time from the powers of darkness and bringing them into the Kingdom of light because You have given us power and authority over all the power of the enemy, O God. Help us and teach us to exercise it, O Father. Thank You, Lord. As we go into this new month, I pray, Father, that Your people are here; I don't know what they are lacking, what they are oppressed by but You are the only answer, Christ is the answer and I pray, You will meet them at their point of need, O Lord. Deliver those who are oppressed, heal those who are sick, supply those who lack but in everything, O Lord, let Christ be magnified in all that we do, Father. Once again, as a Church, we lift You up. We lift You up, Jesus. Now, by faith, believing that the blood of Jesus and the Spirit of God and the Word of God has cleansed us, we lift up holy hands and we bless Your holy name, we bless Your holy name and we proclaim in Your house, the Kingdom, the glory and the power is Yours and Yours alone, O God, and we are not ashamed to declare Your name, we are not ashamed to declare Your Kingdom because we know that one day, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ will reign over all the Kingdoms of this world, O Master. Thank You. Thank You, Father. We praise You. We worship You. We glorify You. 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 and Amen.*