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Father, we just come to You this evening. We just want to say, Lord, we love You. In the midst of all that is happening, how true and awesome is Your promise- "I will never leave you nor forsake you; I will be with you till the very end." O Father, we just thank You. You are here with us now and You are with Your children, wherever they are, whichever corner of the world they are, You are with them. Now we understand so much more Lord, what You told Your disciples- It is good for you that I go and when I go, I will send you a counselor just like Me; He will be in you and He will be with you forever. Spirit of God, we just thank You. We just bless You, Lord for being with us. Now as I speak Your Word, I pray You cleanse my tongue, anoint my tongue that the word that goes forth will fall like a rain from heaven, like dew on the grass, like fire on the hardest heart, like the launderer's soap. Do Your work, O Lord, which only You can do. I bind every power of darkness, around the world, which cause people to stop hearing; I bind you in Jesus' Name. Let there be a release in every place, where Your people are gathered. Supernatural release! Liberty in the spirit and in the soul, even in the body to focus on God and His Word alone! Speak, Father. For in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

We go to Matthew 6.

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

This is somewhere right in the middle of Jesus' greatest teachings to His disciples and to the rest of us in history, in time. He is teaching and bringing the focus of His people to the Kingdom of God. Through everything that He is doing is basically to bring our hearts and our minds (as Pastor Vijay preached from *Colossians 3*), to things that are above; to the Kingdom of God. If you look at *Matthew 5*, where He begins,

Matthew 5:1-3

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

So, you will see the Pharisees, like we saw yesterday, crowds and the disciples. He went up the mountain and when He was seated, you don't see the crowds there. You only see the disciples come to Him. Scripture says—

² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

The first thing He says, it goes like a sword through their soul because it's everything contrary to everything that they have heard and understood in the Old Testament. He says,

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

He begins by turning their attention to the Kingdom of heaven, not about this world. Chapters 5,6 and 7, everything, those 3 chapters are the manifesto of the Kingdom. Unless we have 'Kingdom first' principle, we will not understand what the Lord is saying. In *Matthew 3:2*, the precursor to Jesus Christ, the final prophet introducing the King and the Kingdom, (all the prophets before that and the final one; therefore, he is the greatest), John the Baptist, when he begins, he says,

Matthew 3:2

² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

In *chapter 4:17*, when Jesus begins, this is what He says.

Matthew 4:17

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

In Chapter 5, we saw when Jesus goes up the mountain and the disciples are seated over there, He begins by saying:

Matthew 5:3

³ ***"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

So, these three chapters – five, six and seven – He is speaking to them turning everything upside down in their minds but let me tell you, they didn't understand anything or rather they misunderstood everything. In *chapter 7:28-29*, this is the reaction of everybody because some of the crowds also must have come up there.

Matthew 7:28-29

²⁸ ***And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.***

It's like people will say, if any preacher preaches powerfully, "Wow! Shabash Pastor! What a message!" God alone knows what they understood and how they understood. They all say, "Shabash! Wow!" They were astonished at His teaching. It says that He was speaking with authority, not like scribes because these are all Old Covenant people. The problem is that if we read Scripture with the Old Covenant mind-set, which is the shadow, we will miss the substance. Please understand this. I have to reiterate this over and over and over, even in times like this, you will see people are seeing through the Old Covenant eyes. All the Old Covenant promises were connected to this physical, temporal and material world, almost all. What the Old Covenant people, that is Israel, was promised was a land, a physical land, which is called Israel and till today, they are fighting to retain that land. We are not fighting to retain anything. But they are still fighting because their promises are connected to a particular land, called 'the Promised Land', which was called Canaan and all the promises they received were connected to that land. So whenever they heard, even when Jesus was speaking, whenever He talked about the Kingdom of God, to them it meant the kingdom of Israel. They thought about David and 'son of David'; it was all connected with that. Even after He died, even after He rose again, till the day He departed, 40 days He was with them.

Acts 1:1-3

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²until the day in which He was taken up...

That is the 40th day.

...after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

So, even in His three and half years of ministry, then after He died and rose again on the 3rd day, even those 40 days post-resurrection, all His teaching to the apostles was about the Kingdom of God. The problem is they are still not getting it. He through the Holy Spirit is teaching about the Kingdom; His message never changed. His message was always about the Kingdom of God, not about this earth, not about this world, not about life on this world, but the Kingdom of God. But if you look at verses 6-9, look at their reaction.

Acts 1:6-8

⁶ ***Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"***

Still they are not getting it.

⁷ ***And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.***

He says, "You are not getting it. There is a time for that. That is different. You are not getting it. Instead, you will receive the Holy Spirit."

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⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

“When you receive the Holy Spirit, when you are filled with My Holy Spirit, baptized with the Holy Spirit, you will receive power and then, you will become My witnesses, the witnesses of the King and the Kingdom, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the end of the earth.” So, you will always see this obsession with life on earth. That made them see and interpret the Kingdom of God wrongly. If we are caught in this life and the problems that are happening, we will read the Kingdom of God wrongly like they did.

Matthew 24, again the disciples ask a question; they are asking a question about the Kingdom. What do they ask?

Matthew 24:3-4

³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately,

I like that. Whenever He sits down on the mountain, they have to come to Him. He is still seated on the throne but we need to go to Him, privately and publicly. This is a public setting; we are going to Him. He is still seated on a high place, we go to Him. We go with our doubts about the Kingdom, He will answer us or we are in our own study sitting with the Word of God, we are still privately going to Him and our questions should not be about the pandemic, (but) about how to read it through the Kingdom eyes. “Lord, tell me about the Kingdom, my focus is not this world. My focus is about Your Kingdom.”

³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Look at Jesus’ answer.

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you.

He says, “don’t get fooled.” Do you know how you and I can get fooled? As soon as our eyes are taken away from the Kingdom and come down, we get fooled and we read everything wrong. Don’t get deceived. First thing, He says, do not get deceived. Why? It’s because (chapters 1 and 2 of the Bible and) when we have *Genesis chapter 3:1*, the deceiver comes. We already looked at him yesterday that he was made perfect in beauty, perfect in wisdom, incredibly wise.

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

So, into him, the devil entered. The devil, the deceiver of our souls, the deceiver of mankind, comes and deception begins in the garden. God doesn’t stop him because He has already spoken truth to them. So, God doesn’t stop the devil even now. We have heard the truth. When he speaks to us, we have to judge him by what we have heard. That’s why you can only avoid deception by knowing the truth. That’s why Jesus prayed over His Church, “*Father sanctify them by Your truth and Your Word is the truth.*” Everyone has to be very, very good student of the Word of God and few of us should be teachers, not all. Please don’t teach if you are not a good student of the Word of God. So, you will see from *Genesis 3:1* all the way till *Revelation 20* (2 chapters in the beginning and 2 chapters left at the end, 4 chapters of the entire Bible), all the way deception is working. *Revelation 20:7-8* are the most unbelievable verses in the Bible.

Revelation 20:7

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired...

So, in these thousand years when Jesus is ruling on earth, it is perfect rule of the Son of Man. Kingdom of God has come down to earth; the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No sickness, no pandemic, no poverty, no pollution- absolutely perfect, righteous rule of Jesus Christ! No lack, no fear, no war- absolute peace! Christ and the saints are ruling; satan is locked up. The deceiver is locked up. Yet after living under that perfect rule, without the deceiver in play, when he is released after a thousand years, the Scripture says—

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Revelation 20:7-8

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

This is power of deception! Please remember whether they walked with Jesus for three and half years, whether people had visible rule of Jesus Christ for a thousand years, we don't guard constantly our hearts and minds and our eyes and our ears—our faculties, constantly offer our bodies as a living sacrifice and do not conform to the pattern of the world and allow the Holy Spirit through the Word to renew our minds, all of us are susceptible to deception. So, the question need to be asked is: why do people get deceived? Why does God allow people to be deceived? The answer is given in *2 Thessalonians 2:9-12*, when the enemy is reigning.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan...

Who are the lawless ones? All mankind who don't receive Jesus Christ. The anti-Christ especially is the lawless one.

...with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

The power, the signs and the wonders are all lying, aimed to deceive you. You are not questioning the genuineness of signs or wonders in the physical realm but the purpose is deception.

¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish...

The deception itself is unrighteous. The only reason is—

...because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

It's not that I and you need to receive the whole truth; It's a process. It's not that what is important. We need to receive the love of truth. I don't need to know the whole Bible to get saved. I need to receive the love to hear the Word of God. That's a problem! Even now we are here, I don't even call it a sacrifice; it is our joy to be here. I haven't gone home in 5 days and some of us; just have rushed in home and come back. It is our joy to serve the Lord. It is up there online and there are so many people on GTC WhatsApp group. Do you choose to listen? It's a choice! Are you choosing to listen? Maybe you cannot because you are mother with small children, I understand, but after that when you are free, are you choosing to listen? The recording is also available. It's a choice people make. The choice is made because of a desire that is inside. It's a love for truth.

When you have a love for something, you will always realize you will always have time for that thing. All our people, when they were especially young, they were so busy but when they fell in love, their phones were busy. Why? Suddenly they have time. You will always have time for something you love. So, you will see when young boys, when they love sports, they have time for it. The time doesn't matter; you may be sitting in India and they may be playing in South Africa or Australia; time zones are irrelevant now. Or let us say world cup football or soccer, for 2 o'clock in the morning, alarm is set and you are sitting there. It is a love of that sport that caused you. Or in India, movie crazy unlike any other nation, especially Tamil Nadu, 'Rajni' movie is released; they are standing from early morning in the queue to get that ticket. First day, first show! I don't know what thrill you get out of it but when you love something or love somebody, you will always have time and a passion for it. God says, those who are deceived is because they did not receive the love of truth. Please remember truth is a person. Jesus said, "I am the truth." You receive the love for Him. If they had received the love of truth, they would have been saved. They did not receive the love for the person. Christianity was just a religion; it was never connected with a person.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

This is incredible! That's what it says in *Romans 1*- God hands them over, turns them over. Because they did not receive the love of truth, God allows a delusion that they should believe the lie.

¹² ***that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.***

This is why this happens. We will see the paradigm shift actually happens in the lives of people when the day of Pentecost happens; when Holy Spirit comes, falls upon them, fills them inside-out and then they start seeing the world and the life differently. Even Peter, even John and mother who knelt before Jesus and said, “This one on the right and this one on the left”, everything is seen now differently. That’s why we have to be very careful because if you see and read here with Old Covenant eyes, you and I will hear and read it wrong. That’s why Jesus said, “*you have eyes but you do not see; you have ears but you do not hear.*” Why? Because your eyes and ears are not circumcised.

Circumcision is a cutting away of the flesh. The flesh and the world are made for each other. If our flesh is alive, we will see everything differently. We will see with carnal eyes. We will see even this pandemic with carnal eyes. If our ears are not circumcised, our eyes are not circumcised, we will not see, we will not be even able to because everything, whether a miracle or a judgment or a plague or a healing- it’s a sign about the coming of the Kingdom and the King but we will read it completely different. In the Old Covenant, please remember, any calamity was seen as judgment, defeat and death. In the New Covenant, even death is seen through the eyes of redemption and the Kingdom. Therefore, it is seen as victory and not defeat. So in *1 Corinthians 15*, you see (at the end of the pandemic is death)—

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

⁵⁵ ***“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”*** ⁵⁶ ***The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.*** ⁵⁷ ***But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

So, death is seen as victory. Hell has lost its power. So, in verse 58, God speaks through the apostle to all of us:

⁵⁸ ***Therefore, my beloved brethren...***

in the midst of this pandemic

...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

That’s exactly when I was reading it, I saw. In the midst of this pandemic, we are preaching more than we ever did. Standing steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord and we know our labor is not in vain in the Lord. Because you don’t see defeat anymore. If I am defeated in the New Covenant in Christ, then Christ is defeated. Christ is never defeated! If I am in Christ!

So, the focus is on the Person of Jesus Christ and the focus is a place, the Kingdom of God. We saw in the morning, right? Let your mind and heart be on things above. *Hebrews 12:2, fix your eyes on Christ Jesus. Hebrews 3 will say, keep your eyes fixed on the high priest of our confession;* on a person and where He dwells, the Kingdom of God. If you take your eyes of that person, you will sink.

Luke 14:26

²⁶ ***“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.***

If you are unmarried, you are attached to your dad and mom and if you are married, your wife and children and then, brothers and sisters. A disciple first is the master. In this pandemic, if you are a disciple, even if you love your own spouse more than Christ, fear will come. If you are a mother listening and you love your little child more than Christ, panic will come in. The panic connected with the pandemic will start getting into your heart. You have taken your eyes from the lover of your soul. You swore Him allegiance when you got baptized- “I love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength.” As long as Peter’s eyes were on Jesus, the waters became solid ground but the minute he took his eyes off Jesus, he started sinking. That was a sign to all of us. In the midst of this pandemic, if we take our eyes off Jesus and start looking around, looking at the people who are with us, He says, “You will sink.” That is what *Colossians 2:17* is talking about.

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Colossians 2:17

¹⁷ *which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.*

Don't look with Old Covenant eyes. All that you saw in the Old Covenant, under the law is good but it is just a shadow. Old Covenant is a shadow of things to come but things to come has already come. Who is that? Christ Jesus has come. *So the old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.* Christ has come. The substance is Christ. So the physical and the material has become spiritual because the spiritual is what is real. The Kingdom of God is spiritual. The third realm is spiritual. That is what is real. All blessings in the Old Covenant are physical and material but we are now in the Kingdom of God and all the blessings we are looking primarily are spiritual.

Ephesians 1:3

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*

So, it does not matter how your condition is on earth, if you are in the Kingdom of God, you will always know, "I am the most blessed because I have been blessed with every blessing. I don't need one more blessing. I have already been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." That's the Kingdom of God. I will show you something- the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

Exodus 20:12

¹² *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.*

If there was any man who walked on earth from the beginning till his end, who honored his father and mother, it was Jesus; yet He died at 33 but He lives forevermore. You want to read it with Old Covenant eyes? Some of God's greatest servants died when they were young but they never died; they live forevermore. So don't read Old Covenant, even the Old Covenant promises with Old Covenant eyes. That was the problem with the disciples. A man was born blind. "Lord, who sinned, this man or?" God said, "It is for the glory of God. You are not getting it. You are walking with Me and not understanding the Kingdom." If you are poor today, Old Covenant eyes will say you are cursed. God says, you are blessed because the poor listen better than the rich. The rich will struggle to enter into the Kingdom of God because money gives you autonomy and autonomy makes you watch something else; because you can afford Netflix. The poor fellow will just manage to subscribe to an internet connection which is the lowest and he will watch the Kingdom of God. Please understand this. Jesus died young, yet He honored His father and His mother.

Let me ask you fundamental questions. How many material, physical promises are there in the New Covenant? None! Hardly any! That's why all these preachers have to go to the Old Covenant. Hardly any! Why? Why are there no promises connected with this life in the New Covenant? It's because of the nature of our life on earth. *1 Peter 2*, we love verse 9; we get carried away by verse 9.

1 Peter 2:9-11

⁹ *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;* ¹⁰ *who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

Every one of these preachers will only tell these two verses. They won't tell you the next one because it doesn't suit with their theory.

¹¹ *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,*

What are you in this life? Pilgrims! We are strangers in this world. Pilgrims in this world! Now the question is- if you are a pilgrim, how much stuff do you carry? In India, we know the most famous in Andhra is when 'Sabarimala' opens, in airports to everywhere you will see them with one small bag and one small thing on their head. That's all they take. Do you know why? It's because they know that is all they need; they are going and coming back. They are not going to live there. The whole life on earth after we have encountered Christ and been saved is called a pilgrimage. Suddenly the world becomes a strange

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place and we are strangers. It's not a familiar place anymore, because we are seeing through the eyes of the King and the Kingdom. This is a strange place and I'm a stranger and an alien and a pilgrim. On the other hand, if you don't see it that way, you'll get excited when things go well and you'll get depressed when things go wrong. Now, we are in the season of Corona. The world usually has four seasons – spring, summer, autumn and winter, depending upon where you are. So, it's summer here. It's spring in Florida, winter in Europe and maybe autumn in Australia, I don't know. But all these four seasons have been compressed into one season around the world – it's called 'Corona season'. One season. All the spiritual forwards you're getting today are connected with Corona. "Seven steps how to avoid Corona". "Pray this prayer for Corona". Honestly, you get tired. Corona! Corona! Corona! From *Matthew*, all the way to the *Book of Acts*, you have a series of proclamations about the Kingdom and healing is connected with the Kingdom, display the power of the Kingdom and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and heal the sick. That's it. The Kingdom is being preached. The Kingdom is a Kingdom of power and as a sign heal the sick so that they will understand the power of the Kingdom. That is history – *Matthew* to the *Book of Acts*, is a historical account of the ministry of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and the ministry of the apostles through the Holy Spirit. After that, *Romans* begins. *Romans* to *Revelation* is doctrine. If you start from the *Book of Romans* and go all the way to *Revelation*, strictly speaking, there are two verses connected with healing and they are found in *James 5:14-15*; the only two verses strictly connected with healing. Two verses of the entire doctrinal text of the New Covenant, from *Romans 1* all the way to *Revelation* connected strictly with the healing we are talking about. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church, let them pray over him.

James 5:14-15

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

There are only two verses. Everything else is jugaad. Even by His stripes we are healed has got a different meaning. It doesn't say, "By His stripes you will be healed", meaning: in Christ, by faith, you have already received a resurrected body in which there is no sickness. That's what it actually is talking about. So, you have to understand all the verses they are using, which are true, I'm not saying any of that is wrong, but the problem is focus. The focus is wrong. The focus is not Christ, it is Corona. It's a different 'c'. Instead of Christ the focus is on Corona. The focus is not the Kingdom of God, it's the kingdom of this world. Yet the Bible in the doctrinal text talks about sick people. In *Philippians 2:27*, you have Epaphroditus.

Philippians 2:27

²⁷ For indeed he was sick almost unto death; (This is a disciple. These are good guys. These are not sinners who did not receive the love of God. These are good guys working with Paul.) but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

How did he get healed? It was God's mercy.

2 Timothy 4:20

²⁰ Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.

"Paul, wait a minute! You got it wrong. Aren't you Paul? Doesn't the anointing on the handkerchief heal people? Don't you believe in health and wealth? Don't you believe in this proclamation? You mean to say that you left your partner or one of your disciples who was following you sick?" The focus was not those things. It didn't stop their ministry just because somebody fell ill, doesn't mean the Kingdom of God was not working in him or through him.

1 Timothy 5:23

²³ No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

The modern term for that is 'irritable bowel syndrome'. Meaning, he had constant stomach problem. Who was that? Timothy, because he was mama's boy. And what does Paul say? Timothy, you have no faith. No faith, Timothy, no faith. Didn't you hear Joel Osteen and Joseph Prince Timothy? You have no faith. Not good Timothy. "Man, drink the wine. You have a digestion problem." There was no gelusil those days or digene. So please drink some wine it's good for your digestion. That's why your stomach is always giving you trouble. You see how they looked at sickness and how we look at sickness? The new testament

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teaching is always don't lose your focus, get ready and be prepared for the day of the Lord whether you're sick or well, it doesn't matter you never know when He may come. Don't change your focus.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18, this is what Paul says. We know this very well, but for those who are listening online.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁶ ***Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing...***

Why do they not lose heart? They were prepared. Paul realized. Aches, pains, joints are hurting, back is hurting, many wounds on his body. Some of them may not have healed and he's got this messenger from the devil himself who's troubling him day and night. We don't know what it is and a lot of presumptions. It troubles him. He's got no deliverance or healing for it. God said, "I'm not giving it to you." The outside man is perishing everybody's.

...yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

Is the inward man being renewed? Is his soul getting fatter and fatter? Not leaner and leaner. Fatter and fatter and you realize God is not sending leanness into your soul, you are getting fatter and fatter in your soul. And how do they look at everything that is happening in the physical world and to their body?

¹⁷ ***For our light affliction*** (Chod do yaar! (light affliction)), ***which is but for a moment***, (how do they see life on earth? As a moment. So, when God said, "Your life on earth is like a vapor." He said, "Hallelujah Lord! I agree with you fully." Life on earth is a moment.) ***is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory***, (You're looking into eternity, all these are irrelevant. Why? Where was their focus? That's the next verse.) ¹⁸ ***while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen*** (including this pandemic) ***are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.***

How do I look at the temporary? It's now 8:40 in India, today's the Tuesday the 24th. 8:45 Jesus steps in and the pandemic is gone. 8:46 pm Jesus steps in and the pandemic is over. I'm not preparing for the pandemic. I'm preparing for Him. You can prepare for the pandemic and die never having been prepared for Him. For the things which are seen are temporary and the things which are not seen are eternal. And our ministry within the Church is always to prepare people for that. When you are prepared for that it doesn't matter what the next one is, you're always prepared. These things don't bother you and your forwards and WhatsApp, everything will be about Corona, Corona and Corona. It won't be about Corona, it will be about Christ. Our focus should be to get people into the kingdom and those who are there keep them in the kingdom. See that they stay in the kingdom. Not like *Hebrews 6*. After all this, if they fall away, it is impossible. And please don't go back to the Old Testament. Don't go back to the law. Let me ask you this question. Where there healing promises under the law? Of course. Look at what God tells in *Exodus 15:26*. Remember the Marah incident?

Exodus 15:26

²⁶ ***and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."***

People go gung-ho over this. Surprise! But be very careful how you read it. Now, go to *Deuteronomy 28* and just a few verses, five or six verses.

Deuteronomy 28:15-21

¹⁵ ***"But it shall come to pass,*** (On the other hand) ***if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God*** (See people will only speak about one side of the coin. They won't talk about the other side of the coin. If you diligently obey My voice and keep all my commandments, this is not what will happen to you. On the other hand, if you don't,), ***to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:***
⁶ ***"Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.***

That's exactly what is happening to the whole world. It doesn't matter where you are, the Corona virus is over you.

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¹⁷ ***“Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. ¹⁸ “Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. ¹⁹ “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. ²⁰ “The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. ²¹ The Lord will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess.***

You want to read more? You don't want to read more. So, don't read *Exodus 15:25* alone, read the other side also. Why? Because if you go to healing under the law, the problem is this. *James 2:10*. If you go to healing under the law and teach that as the source of your healing, the problem is that –

James 2:10

¹⁰ ***For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.***

The curses will come upon you. Let me ask you this. Was there one man in human history under the law who received healing by keeping the law? None. Not a single man ever received healing by keeping the law. You know why everyone in the Old Covenant or the New Covenant received healing? It was the mercy of God. By faith looked at the mercy of God and received whether it was Namaan or anybody in the Old Testament or the New Testament everybody received their healing because of the mercy of God by faith and not by keeping the law. Nobody ever received. And if there was any man who walked perfectly and never fell ill was Jesus Christ, because He fulfilled the law. He's the only one who obeyed the entire law. He fulfilled the law and when He was upon the cross He took sin upon Him and all the curses of the law came upon Him. He became everything. He was rejected in the city. In the country, He was rejected. Everything came upon him. So don't look at the law as the source of your healing. You're healed by the mercy of God and the mercy of God alone. And all God looks is do you believe? That's all Jesus asked. Did Jesus when He was walking on earth ask anybody, 'did you keep the law?' Did you keep the Sabbath? Did you keep the law? He never asked them that question. All He asked was do you believe? Let it be according to your faith. Our God is a merciful god. Do you believe God is a kind god? Do you believe God is a powerful god? Do you believe? That's all He asked. So stop this Corona business and stop taking people back to the law. You have to stop it. Agar Hindi mein bolega: Ye corona corona bandh kar aur Parameshwar ka karuna par ummid rakh (Stop this corona corona and trust/hope in God's mercy). Corona se koi nahi bachte, karuna se bachte (Nobody is saved by Corona, but by God's mercy). *Numbers 21:8-9*. These are people who rebelled, never walked under the law. Serpents are biting them.

Numbers 21:8-9

⁸ ***Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.***

What did God say? Just look up and live. It hasn't changed. You want deliverance? Look up and live, the finished work of Jesus Christ. That's all. Look up and live. It doesn't come by the law. It doesn't come by taking people under the law. Even when we are sending a forward from the Old Covenant, it is not by keeping the law; it is by looking at it and by faith falling at the mercy of God saying, "God, I believe this is who You are. Save me, O Lord, and heal me." It's only by faith at the mercy of God. Nobody gets healed by keeping the law. Nobody has. First generation of Israel that came out was the most rebellious generation. *Psalms 105:37* talks about this generation.

Psalms 105:37

³⁷ ***He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.***

That is the text of our wonderful prosperity brothers – wealth and health. He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there *was* none feeble among His tribes. Let me ask you this question. Did they get their silver and gold by keeping the law? Because of the judgement upon Egypt and they left, they gave it to them. They didn't earn it by doing anything. Because of the judgement of God, they had favor. It was entirely the work of God. Let me ask you – what is the parallel in the New Covenant? Don't read that and say, "Because the wealth of the wicked is kept for the righteous." All this jugaad, they will bring and name and claim and fame and everything, you have to look. Because if your eyes are on the Kingdom and you're

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looking at the Kingdom to come and when the Kingdom comes or I die before I go, then I come back with Him and then, Christ will rule. Then, it's *Matthew 5:5*. That's the parallel to this.

Matthew 5:5

⁵ ***Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.***

Does anybody preach that? Has anybody ever seen a meek, rich man? Learn of Me, I'm meek and lowly, that's what He said. Is the earth His? Yes. The earth and its fullness belong to Him. Unless we understand this, we go kaput in our doctrine, absolute kaput.

Psalm 105:37. So we dealt with the wealth part. Now let us deal with the health part.

Psalm 105:37

³⁷ ***He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.***

Let me ask you this question: why was there nobody who was weak or ill among them? Is it because they kept the law? No. Is it because they had great faith? No. There's only one thing they did by faith. It's in *Deuteronomy 8:3-4*. That was the only reason.

Deuteronomy 8:3-4

³ ***So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.*** ⁴ ***Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.***

Why? The only reason is because of what they ate. The food they actually ate for their physical body was from heaven. And see why they walked in health was also not because of faith, because there was nothing else to eat. He saw it to that they ate nothing else. And everyone when they complained about something else and ate something else, they died. Everyone who died, if you look at it, they died because they didn't like what they ate. God is putting a picture there for us and says, "If you are fed in your soul by My word that proceeds from His mouth daily you won't be feeble in your spirit and soul when these things come. You are strong." As a sojourner, as an alien in this land you'll walk strong. Your soul is not feeble because you are fed on his living word. That is why manna had to be eaten that day. It couldn't be eaten the next day. The word of God is living. He made it very clear. Man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Are you getting the picture? So, get these pictures very clear. The only thing they were forced to do by faith was to eat manna, therefore they were not feeble. So, they did not keep the law. Don't take the people back to the law. It is only faith and faith only. Everything in the Bible is about faith and faith in God and faith in His Christ. And *Hebrews 11* begins. This is what it says.

Hebrews 11:1-3

¹ ***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*** (It's the evidence of unseen things.) ² ***For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.*** (We've changed everything today. Let's look at the next verse.) ³ ***By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.***

Did you see that? The first thing God says, "Do you believe there's a second and a third realm and that realm created this realm?" You are not the center of the universe, I am. The sun does not revolve around the earth, the earth does. It's not humanism. It's not going to work and every ideology is an offshoot of it where it is about man whereas the Gospel is about Christ. The Gospel is about the Kingdom of God, it's not about the kingdom of man. These elders received a good report because by faith, they believed it. It's about faith, faith in the unseen king and His Kingdom. Abel, by faith, believed in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, that's why he offered blood. By faith and unseen. He didn't see, but he believed. It's the blood that saves. Enoch by faith walked with God; chose to walk with the unseen at the cost of losing a walk with the seen. That included his wife and children. Doesn't Bible say, "Moses left Egypt because he saw Him?" That is unseen and invisible. Yes! So, faith is talking about that kingdom, that is what is real. If we don't see this pandemic will affect us and then when it's over we'll go back to the world. It'll just be few panic conversions. And everything is like, when Noah was warned of things unseen (who has seen the flood? Nobody.) things yet not seen moved with godly fear. He didn't see anything. He didn't see anything for 120 years. But pandemic is a seen thing, because it has already been prophesied.

So, the question, again, tonight we ask is, we have a real situation like never before, which is true. We have to accept the evidence of your eyes. There's a pandemic and pandemonium. Confusion. Chaos. Never has India been shut down like this. The whole country is shut down. So, the question is: what is God's intention behind this? I don't want to know what the government's intention is behind this. "To find a vaccine", that's their intention. Man's intention is to find a vaccine. In the interim period, different people have different intentions: some to watch Netflix and some to spend time with God. Different intentions are there. Some children will say, "Thank You Lord, exams have been postponed. I hadn't studied." So, these ten days, parents will say, "Sit and study. Sit and study. Exams will come after March 31st." Intentions are different. We don't want to know what each man's, woman's and child's intention is. When something happens we need to ask what is God's intention behind this? You don't do anything randomly. You are not a god who threw everything into space and relaxed and said, "Kee saras ara" (whatever will be will be)." No. one of the songs my mother taught me when I was very small was Keesara sara. I was six years old. I can't remember those songs. "When I was just a little boy, I asked my mother what should I be. Should I be handsome? Should I be rich? And here was her great reply, "Keesara sara. Whatever will be will be." It's left to chance and fate. Now God says, "This is not karma, chance or fate. It is Me who is in control. Everything has a purpose behind it. It is not random things happening over here." Even if two meteors collide over there, Father knows and He decided their trajectories. It makes no sense to us, because it makes sense in the invisible realm as to why they collided, as if we are the only people living over here. That's why God says, "When a woman prays or prophesies let her cover her head. Let her have a sign of authority because of the angels." The unseen realm. This unseen realm of two-thirds obedient angels and one-third disobedient angels. These are rebellious and these are obedient and God says, "You child of God, my woman representing Eve who was rebellious, you are not of Eve, you are of Christ. Put this over your head so that angels will understand I am under authority. I'm not a rebel. I'm a woman under authority. Let them see." Forget about man. There is a realm that is watching too. That is why scripture says, "She lifted her head up." That's the unseen realm. And she saw Isaac and asked, "Who is he?" and she got down. He says, "That's your master." Scripture says, "She covered herself." I come under your authority. And every woman has a choice to become a daughter of Sarah and Rebecca or a daughter of Eve. People fight over it and then not to agree they have to go Corinth and culture which is not in the Bible. I will not go outside the Bible to support a habit which is written in the Bible. The Bible will speak on its own. But it's up to you. We don't enforce these rules. But if you're called to pray or prophesy or teach, we'll tell you, "You want to do that, you need to cover your head." We never ask you to cover in the Church. That Bible doesn't say. But when you come over here, when a woman comes to the front she's moving into a position of authority. Like sister is going to come and become a worship leader, she's a worship leader. She is leading others to worship. She's moving into a position of authority and because of how God has ordained it, He says, "Have a sign of authority over your head." It's not hair. Hair represents a woman's glory. In the Kingdom of God, only Christ has glory. Man represents Christ's glory and Christ represents man's glory. So, man cannot cover his head because he's representing the glory of God. It's not about him. "I want to wear my latest cap and preach, Lord, but I cannot wear it because I reflect Your glory, Lord. In Your house, You should receive glory. If I cover my head, Lord, I'm covering Your glory in the house." The woman represents the man's glory. O in the house of God, only Christ should receive glory, because your husband shouldn't receive glory in the house of God. It's Christ alone who should receive glory. This is what it means. Everything has to be seen through Kingdom eyes. In the Old Covenant, it did not happen, because it was not about the Kingdom. Like in the afternoon, when we were talking – you have these 39 books in the Old Covenant and you don't really understand if we didn't have the New Testament, we also will talk like them. When will the Kingdom of God come? And where will it be Lord? And where will we sit Lord? There's nothing talked about the Kingdom of heaven. The book everybody studies eschatology from the Old Testament is the *Book of Daniel* which has twelve chapters, but all the visions and searching in the book of Daniel is connected with Israel on earth. And in the entire *Book of Daniel* actually, if you look at *Daniel 2*, there are only two verses, *Daniel 12:1-3*, which is talking something about eternity. It's interesting, right? This is eschatology.

Daniel 12:1-3

¹"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people (This is about Israel.) ; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.

So, it's connected with Israel on earth.

²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

That is the only line there about eternity and how will they be?

³Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

And it stops there and tells, “Daniel, shut the book and go! I’m not talking to you more about the Kingdom of God. You will not understand. There is time set for another servant of Mine called John in the Island of Patmos. For him, I will open up because that generation will understand. It is not about Israel but it’s about the Kingdom of God.” They didn’t understand and the problem is – we are acting like Old Covenant people in the New Covenant. This is about Christ; this is about His Kingdom. So, whenever we read anything, we always have to see it through the Kingdom. So, if I put a cap on, I am dishonoring my head, which is Christ Jesus. I see worship leaders and all doing that. This is not about you. This is not even about the people; this is about Him. It’s not about you. It’s about Him. When men do that, you don’t realize that you can’t do this because this is about Him. It’s not about you. This is about His glory. This is not about your glory. This is about Him. When we gather over here, this may be a physical building but it’s not a physical building; it’s a spiritual entity called – the Kingdom of God has gathered over here. He is in our midst and therefore, He receives glory. That’s why Paul says in the *Book of Galatians*, “Even when I preach, I’m not preaching unto you; I’m preaching unto Him because He should be glorified and He should be exalted through my preaching.” But today’s preaching is all about man. Man is lifted up; man is exalted. His needs, everything. It’s all about him. So, we have made Christianity into humanism. That’s where the problem comes. It’s lifting up Christ and His Kingdom. So, when a pandemic happens like that, we look through the eyes of God’s Kingdom, Kingdom eyes – looking up to the things that are unseen because that is eternity and this is temporary. Lord, teach me how to read the temporary through the eyes of eternal,” because temporary is the shadow; this is the substance. How do I read this, Lord? Teach me how to read this. And you have to go back to the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant, we saw part of it yesterday. Plagues. The biggest book about Plagues is the *Book of Exodus* and then, it is *Revelation*. So, you have these ten plagues here and you have seven plagues here. Ten plagues here because you are under the law and ten is the number of God’s law and government. Seven is here in the New Covenant. Seven is God’s number – perfection. So, you have ten here and seven there, in the parallel books. This is the shadow; this is the substance. So, you read this, you understand. And then, in *Exodus 12:12*, we saw yesterday, God said, “This is the judgment.” What is the judgment?

Exodus 12:12

¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

You see that? He says, “I’m executing judgment on the gods of Egypt. All the gods of Egypt, I’m executing judgment.” So, you have to see, first, when there is a plague because there are ten plagues. He is judging the gods we worship. What happened to your money god, mammon? How many lakhs and crores have been wiped out in the Indian stock market? How many millions and trillions? 4.7 trillion is what they are talking about in US, wiped out. What happened to your god called mammon? What happened to your god called career? How many mothers are sending children out for tuition in the morning now? What happened to your career? That was your god, right? What about cricket coaching early in the morning? Or Tennis? What about your idol called sports? You can only watch old matches, right? There are no current matches taking place. Everything is cancelled, right? Stadiums are empty. Olympics have been postponed to 2021, probably. What happened to your entertainment god? “These are the gods I’m judging. I’m judging your gods.” This is not about the world; this is about us. These are the gods you worshipped. You see, this judgment does not apply to us because we are still worshipping what we always worshipped in the good times and in the bad times. We are still worshipping the same God. We are still studying the same Word. We are still preaching the Word which we are doing more now than we did ever before because our God never changed. We are still doing what we always did. So, it’s not quarantine for us; it’s normal life for us. For you, it is quarantine. For us, this was always our normal life. Nothing has changed. So, the first thing you need to understand is – behind something that is happening, if you see the hand of God, God is judging the gods you and I worship. Stand up and take notice. And if you don’t see that and you are still sitting before your TV and are watching sports, watching movies, watching junk, reading junk and wasting time, you didn’t get the message because after the tenth plague was over, the ones whose eyes were blinded followed Israel but they were not following Israel; they were going after the god of Israel. The God of Israel destroyed them so completely that their strength was lost. You don’t get the lesson of this plague and come through unconcerned, you lose your strength. Don’t forget purpose. “What is the intention, Lord, behind this? What is the purpose? What are people saying?”

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Oh, it's so cool. One forward – speak *Psalm 91* over you. “I have pleaded *Psalm 91*, I've pleaded the Blood and I'm watching Netflix.” What do you think this God is? You've made Him a toy. No. He is speaking to us loud and clear. Church, the Body of My Son, get your act together. Come through this, purer, more beautiful, more clean, more glorious. This should bring you out different.” So, what is the purpose? *Exodus 4*. Don't forget what God told Moses before any plague had ever begun. So, you have the tenth one and He is talking about the final one behind the scenes. “You saw in the physical realm, Israel, what I was doing, right? You saw what I was doing to Pharaoh and to Egypt. Now, let Me tell you what you did not see. You thought the judgment was only in realm 1. You didn't realize the judgment was on realm 2. I've judged two realms – 2 and 1 – Egypt and the gods of Egypt, both. You know what? When all of this is over, they will try to bring those gods back, “Please, fill the theatres! Come see the movies! We will give you discount with Pepsi and Popcorn free. Come and fill. Even if you have seen it once, see it two times.” They will try to feed these gods back. “Come back to IPL. Ticket rates are low. Come back.” Every industry will start – tourism industry, airline industry, subsidized tickets. Everybody will try to feed these gods back into life in us. They will because we didn't see the spiritual side. So, God was not judging Egypt and Pharaoh alone; He was judging realm 2 – the gods they worshipped. So, we have to remember. Before anything happened, what was His purpose? Why did the plagues come? What is the purpose behind the plagues?

Exodus 4:22-23

²² Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Israel is My son, My firstborn.” ²³ So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.” ’ ’

What is the purpose? That you will serve Him. In Hebrew, the word for ‘serve’ and ‘worship’ is the same. It's the same. The both words are used interchangeably in the narrative. “Let My son go that he may worship Me, that he may serve Me.” That was the purpose behind the ten plagues. Ten plagues over Egypt was to let them go. The sign behind the plagues for Israel is – “You will go and you will worship Me and serve Me.” So, the signs of this world is one thing; the signs for us is different. For them is – “Let them go.” For us, is, “Worship Me and serve Me alone, if you come through this.” And it is not that. He qualifies it further in *Exodus 7:16*. He says, “Worship Me, serve Me,” and,

Exodus 7:16

¹⁶ And you shall say to him, ‘The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness”; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

Is this world, after this epidemic is over, a wilderness for you? Are you a sojourner and pilgrim? Will this make you a sojourner and pilgrim? At least, will this make this world a wilderness? He didn't say, “You can serve Me anywhere.” He said, “You will serve Me in the wilderness.” That's why He took them into the wilderness. This world, after this, should become a wilderness for us. “You will serve Me, you will worship Me and you will worship Me in the wilderness.” That's the question. Will we?

Do you remember Jesus' three temptations? Now, you go to *Matthew 4:8-11* and look at the temptation of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4:8-11

⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain...

This mountain is a spiritual mountain. It's not Everest. It's a spiritual mountain.

...and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world...

His kingdoms. He is the prince of this world.

...and their glory.

There's a kingdom and the glory. Everybody is after the kingdom of this world because there is glory. If there is no glory, nobody will. If one letter changes from here to there, there is no glory; the mothers wouldn't be beating their children. Have you ever seen a mother beating their children for ITI coaching? IIT coaching, yes? IIT makes you a big engineer. ITI makes you a plumber. But the poor ones in the shanties, living in those gullies, say, “At least, be a plumber.” Because she's not looking for glory; she is looking for sustenance. So, there is a kingdom and there is glory. That's why I have issues with lot of today's

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modern Pastors. It's all glory. Oh, the light is upon them. As they are walking, they are superstars; they are megastars and they wear these (not dresses) costumes. You have to look at it. That's what Jesus asked the people, "Why did you go into the wilderness? What did you see? Those dressed in fine garments?" That was the Pharisees. No, there is John the Baptist. What is he dressed in? A leather belt and a skin coat. Prophet and more than a prophet. How was he dressed? But crowds were going into the wilderness to hear a one-line message – "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is here." They don't look at his costume. They looked at him and they went into the wilderness and in the wilderness, a man is standing in the wilderness and he is dressed like the wilderness, saying that, "I am in the world; I am not part of the world and my message is not about the world; my message is about the coming King and the coming Kingdom. I and my message are the same – *repent for the Kingdom of God is here*. Look at me. I and the message are the one." So, there is an intention. There is a purpose. He took Him up and showed all the glory.

⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Jesus never said, "Hey, wait a minute! You are lying. This is not yours." He never said that. "It's yours. I gave it to Adam. I gave it to you. It's yours. I understand succession. I understand it." My father died; he gave me the property. It's mine. It's written in my name. Nobody is going to come and claim it. It's mine. It belongs to me. Paperwork is mine. So, there is a Heavenly paperwork given to Adam, "Subdue, have dominion." It was handed over. The devil says, "I subdued him. So, I have dominion over him. I have dominion over this world. Now, I will use him to create my world. I will use man, whom I have subdued and have dominion over, to create these fantastic structures." That's why you get these videos from BBC, showing all these structures are empty. "O devil, where is your glory? Where are your people whom your subdued?" God says, "All it will take you, o man, to see this glory of this kingdom – one virus will empty it." Highways, biways, hotels, tourists, Burj Khalifa or this tower or that tower or Charminar – everything is empty. Without man, there is no glory, right? You can have Taj Mahal but if no tourist go, what's the glory of Taj Mahal? There are many Mahals in India but people don't go. So, you don't know it. Why do we have Taj Mahal? Because people go and pay through their nose to see it. One virus; God emptied it all. "I will give you this glory." Listen to what Jesus said.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

He understood why Moses was sent to Egypt. "Let Me people go that they may worship Me and serve Me." Why were we set free from the dominion of the devil and the power of sin? The first two promises in the Bible – "You shall call Him 'Yeshua' for He shall save you from your sins and you shall call Him Emmanuel because He is God with us and He will deliver you, daily, from the power of sin." You are no longer under the dominion of Satan. Instead, you shall, now, start exercising dominion over him. Behold, I give you power over all the power of enemy. You shall trample upon snakes and scorpions and they shall, by no means, harm you." Grace to reign in righteousness. Not in this world; in righteousness because the Kingdom of God is connected with righteousness. Not this world. That's how all these preachers have taken all these, misinterpreted it through Old Testament eyes and people don't realize – they have been deceived. They have been totally deceived. Some of them are absolute crooks. Some of them are nice men, godly men but blinded because they went back to the law because Scripture says, "If you go back to the law, immediately, you are blinded." Even till today, Jesus says through Paul, "When they read Moses, there is a veil over their eyes." And some of them, I know, they are nice, gentle, godly people but they have gone back to the law and they are blinded. They are bringing more people into blindness because that's what the law does and they are not even able to see. How will you see? Get back under grace and suddenly, you will see. Then, Scripture says in *verse 9*,

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ***¹¹ Then the devil left Him...***

You want the devil to leave you? Worship God and serve Him alone.

...and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

You want angels to minister to you? Worship God and serve Him alone. Aren't angels sent as ministering spirits to those who are being saved? You want the angelic ministry in your weak hour? Worship God and serve Him alone. That's the key.

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Everybody worships God; everybody serves Him but not Him alone. You cannot worship two entities; you can only worship one. You cannot serve two. You cannot serve God and mammon. You can only serve God or mammon. This Broadway is trying to say that you can do both. God says, "No." So, it's all about worship. What's the pandemic all about? It's about our worship. It's about our serving. Who will you worship? Who will you serve?

Remember Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman? "A time is coming and has come where true worshippers will arise and will worship Him in truth, in Spirit." In Spirit. They understand the Spirit of the law. The letter of the law kills. The Spirit gives life. And they understand, "This is what my whole life is about. I am serving God." In the city or in the countryside, when I go out or when I'm coming in. I'm serving God. Whatever I do, Lord, I want to do it unto You so that You are glorified.

So, Moses went to Pharaoh and said, "Israel is My firstborn. Let him go that he might serve Him." And he needs to talk how many days' journey? A three-day journey. A three-day journey into the wilderness. So, let me ask you a question. It's interesting. 1000 years of Jesus Christ on earth. Perfect rule. People enjoy their life but most of them were deceived at the end. You know why? There may be a remnant among them who did not get deceived. You know why they didn't get deceived? Because even under the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on earth under the saints, they knew, "This is still not my destiny. My destiny is somewhere else." So, they saw even that life as a wilderness. Three days in the wilderness. Two days are over. Third day is coming but they even saw that day as the wilderness because that life is also not the sum. The sum total of these. "Then, I saw a new Heaven." This is still the old earth, contaminated by the fallen Adam. Maybe Jesus is ruling but the system is still messed up. He is restraining sin by two things. One – by locking up Satan; two – holding the sceptre of iron. He shall rule with the sceptre of iron, tough laws. So, they are restraining sin and the new earth, there is no sceptre of iron – Satan, sin, flesh – everything is destroyed and what is happening? People are freely, lovingly, happily worshipping God and serving Him. So, even the third year will be kind of a wilderness. They will lead you for three days. The sign of Jonah for three days. *The Book of Joel*, "The third day, I shall heal you." Then, the fourth day begins, that is, the eighth day of creation. It's a new beginning. Seventh day, the land will have rest because Christ is in charge. Man's work has stopped. It's Christ's work now. Understand all these. So, when he says all that, our Pharaoh, who represents Satan in this *Exodus 7:25* account (not in the *Genesis* account),

Exodus 8:25

²⁵ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."

Just a little compromise. A compromise. "You want to worship, right? Big deal. What's the big deal? Worship here. Why do you have to go to the wilderness? Three days. Why put all that effort? Why do you have to go so far and take all that trouble? Look. You are for worship; I am also for worship. We are all worshippers. You can do it my way. I will make it easy. I will build a podium also, for you. If you want, we will do it our way. Do. Worship your God in our land." Isn't that what has happened in all the Churches, modern Churches? They look like pubs, bars and theatres. And it is a psychedelic color, light and smoke show. "Worship in this land." Cartwheels on the stage. Girls doing break dance. Boys doing break dance. Then, what is God doing? "Worship in this land." You know, all these Churches, modern Churches, they swallowed the first lie of the enemy. "You can worship. Let's do it this way. You know, it will attract the young people. They love music. They love lights. They love color lights. They love big screens." So, the new Churches have these huge big screens and there are lights, sound and music. Psychedelic. They are all excited in their emotions but when they go out, nothing is there. It's gone. It's fed nicely in the flesh, soul and spirit. It never goes deep in. Pastors come in like super stars because that's how Pharaoh was dressed. Pharaoh was dressed like a superstar. Moses was dressed like a shepherd with a staff. So, you have two ministries going on side by side – Philadelphia and Laodicea. One is a shepherd; the other is a king. "Worship in this land."

The Word of God doesn't need props. We need sound. So, whenever I look at you, it's because the sound is going. The clarity. This is so the message would be heard clearly. It's a simple ambience. There is nothing. Everybody says, "It's such a cute place. It's like a home." It is a home. The Church was always a home because God is a family Man. That's why He shut everybody in the home. The whole family on earth gets its name from God the Father. The Church was always a home. Look at the whole *Book of Acts*. There is no building. They always gathered in homes and even if you gather in a building, let the building be a home. Homely. Not thirty-five thousand people who don't know each other and the Pastor to be seen through a telescope. Break it into hundred Churches and let the shepherd know his sheep. Otherwise, the sheep bleeds and the Pastor will hear about it two years, if he manages to open it. "In this land, let us worship the Lord in this land." First compromise – worship God our way. Serve God our way. You cannot serve God in the ways of the world. Broad is the way; narrow is the way. You

want to serve God? You have to serve God in this way? What was Moses' first prayer? "LORD, if I have found favor in Thy sight, show me Your ways." Didn't he know all the ways of Egypt? He was a man, mighty in words and deed, trained in all the wisdom of Egypt. That's what Stephen says in Acts 7:22. Yet, this trained man, in all of the ways of Egypt, realizes – this God is not the god of Egypt or one of the gods of Egypt; this is the God of Israel. He can be served only in His ways. So, He says, "You teach me Your ways, I will teach them Your ways – to move them from point A to point B." If I have to take you people from here to there, I need to know His ways and never change His ways. In *Hebrews 3*, God says, "You know why these people went astray in heart? Because they never knew My ways." You know why Churches have gone astray? Because they never sought His ways. They looked at the world and said, "Okay, let's gather over crowds. We'll make a little compromise." And whenever they speak about the success of their ministry, it's all about the crowds and the buildings. That's Laodicea. "Look at us. We need nothing!" Pastor Vijay talked about it – unseen reality and seen reality. Seen reality – I am rich. Unseen reality – you are poor. Seen reality – "Look at my three-piece suit." You are naked. "Look at me, I'm prosperous." You are wretched. "I see." God says, "You are blind." To the Church that is going through tribulation, called Pergamum, He says, "You are poor but you are rich." You know what is the other Church He commended, Philadelphia, "You are weak but you are strong in the Word." Unseen reality. Seen reality. Seen reality, it is irrelevant. What matters is the unseen reality of our lives. And you know how the unseen reality comes? The unseen reality comes when God starts shaking up everything. What is unseen is revealed. How do you do it? Forwarding about Corona or sitting in your closets and praying, "Lord, let this plague not pass over without multitudes getting saved, Lord. There is a purpose behind it. I should come out purer and let more people get to know You, Lord. Nobody can go out. Nobody can preach. Even those who are searching on the net, O Lord, let Your divine..." That's how we got all our subscribers. Did we advertise? No, we prayed, "Lord, You divinely guide their eyes." We never advertised. We never, ever did it. Ours is one of the simplest websites in the whole world. No picture. Nothing. Not even a donate button. How did we get a 14, 000 subscribers? Nothing. All we pray is, "Lord, You guide them." There are people who are searching. "The God who searches the heart of man, lead them to this, O Lord." That's all we asked. We have to believe in the unseen, right? The unseen is controlling the seen and you need to believe His hand will guide people. That's all we did. We don't need ambience. The Word of God can stand on its own. It doesn't need props. Okay, the background needs to look good because it should not distract us from the Word. If it is all black over here, half torn curtains and all, people will get distracted. So, we don't want distraction. That's why we tell people in the Worship Team. What do we tell? Three things; one – no attraction, no distraction. Don't attract attention to yourself. Worship is not about you. It's about Christ Jesus. Don't come in costumes. I come in costume; you call it something else. But I'm saying, "Don't draw attention to yourself." Second – don't distract. Don't attract; don't distract. Our problem, through our worship, we turn focus to God. That's all. The focus is Christ. The attraction of Heaven is Christ and on earth, the Church lifts Christ up because Jesus said, "Lift Me up and I will draw men towards Me." That's all we are doing. Even now, what are we doing? Lifting Jesus up. Nothing else. We are not lifting anybody up; we are just lifting Jesus up. We can leave the rest to Him. I can only do the things which I can. I cannot do the things which I cannot. I have to leave it into His hands. What can I do? Lift Him up. I cannot attract people to Christ. I can lift Him up. Each one of us can lift Christ. That's all we can do. We cannot attract people to Christ. That's His job. He said, "Lift Me up." That, we do. And then, what happens? "I will draw all men." Our problem is – with all these props and all these things, we are trying to draw men. But what happens at the end? We draw men to ourselves. We don't draw men to Christ and therefore, we have a generation, a time in human history. The Bible is available in every format possible. And we are the most Biblically illiterate generation because men attracted people to them and not to Christ. Compromise. "You want to worship God? You want to serve God? Let's do it here. Let's do it the way the world does it." *Exodus 8:28*. Moses disagreed. He said, "No. That won't happen. We will not worship in this land." Pharaoh said, "Okay, fine. If you are so rigid about your worship. You are a fundamentalist." I consider that a compliment. If they call me a conservative, fundamentalist, it's a compliment.

Exodus 8:28

²⁸So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."

"Pray for me also okay? Where are you going?" "Going to Church." "Pray for me also." I will pray. You want to know what I will pray for you? Really? When people will ask you all these, "Pray for me," wait a second. "Do you want to know what I will pray for you?" "What will you pray for me?" "Repent for the Kingdom of God is here. That's what I will pray for you." "Okay, okay. Please leave it. Don't pray for me. Leave it alone. Don't pray for me." Don't go too far. All Indian parents, "Don't go too far with this Jesus business. You are becoming too radicalized." Radical once was a very good word in Christendom. Today, because of all these terrorisms and everything, radical becomes a very bad word. But we are radical people. Jesus was very radical about His Father and everybody tried to prevent Him from going to Jerusalem but He set His face like a flint. He was

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absolutely radical about His purpose that even His closest disciples said, “Lord, You shouldn’t go.” He said, “Get behind Me, satan. You do not have the heart or the purpose of God in your heart.” Radical. His messages were radical and crowds followed Him. Wow! How we love crowds to follow us, right? We will come like that, “God bless you! Hello, Singapore! Hello, Houston!” Jesus didn’t say any of these things. Then, Pastors become politicians. He didn’t say. He looked at them and said, “If any man does not his father, his mother, his wife, his children, his brothers, his sisters and even his own life, you cannot be.” He was radical. You know what the devil says? “Don’t go too far. You can worship. Don’t go too far. I will provide transportation also.” Don’t go too far. That’s why there are two kinds of Churches in China – one is the underground; one is the overground. Overground are a set of people who never went too far. Government recognized Churches. I don’t what they preach – the Bible or the Communist manifesto. President Xi. I don’t know whether it’s a he or a she. His picture stares at you from the back; not Christ. Christ, He saves. In China, Xi saves. “Don’t go too far.” See compromises? You can interpret it in your own personal lives. Can you ever go too far with God? Imagine when mankind is perishing, the Father tells His Son, “Son, don’t go too far.” Father, the Son and the counsel. Remember *Acts 2*? Peter talks about the counsel in Heaven. The Trinity is discussing about the salvation of mankind and the Son volunteers and says, “I will go die for them. This is Our plan.” The Father says, “Son, don’t go too far. That’s too radical, Son. Going to die for these creeps, these worms? Jacob, the worm? You want to die for the worms?” Think about it. How many of you will actually die for a worm? How many of us will? Worm is a good term. Still a good term. How many of us will die for a worm if we see and we look at these worms and we realize – the only way we can save these worms is by dying for it. Will we give our lives? Isn’t that going too far? If you go tell your father or your mother, “I want to die for this worm,” would they say, “Don’t go too far”? “What are you talking about?” “Don’t go too far.”

Third compromise. The devil still speaks all these things, not to you but to people personally but to Pastors. That’s how the Churches change. Then, something like this happens and they are quarantined in their houses. If they go to their closets and ask God, God will tell them, “This is where you went wrong.” But it is very difficult. When you have gone on the wrong way for a long time and have built this edifice, oh my gosh! How do you go back? Because the structure has been built on name, reputation, numbers and money. I remember the first thing God told me years and years ago. I never wanted to start a Church. I never wanted to be a Pastor. Then, finally, I said, “Yes,” He said, “Three things; one – no name; don’t look at the numbers; three – don’t build it on money.” You know all those who were there for the first time – there were no offerings for the first three Sundays. The message we taught you was how to give and how not to give. These are three things – no name, no reputation (no numbers) and no money. And He said, “You are safe.” Jesus made Himself of no name and He did not have numbers. He died alone on earth. And often, when He had to use an illustration, He had to borrow a coin. He had no money but He lacked nothing. He had no money. So, His ministry was not built on money; it was not built on numbers; it was not built on a reputation. Three things.

Exodus 10:8-11

⁸So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, “Go, serve the Lord your God. Who are the ones that are going?”

Another question.

⁹And Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old...”

Not that the old people will go to Church and the young ones will go for tuition, to Narayana. Father worshipped Yahweh and children worshipping Narayana. Our old and young. For those who don’t understand from abroad, Narayana is the name of a very famous institute and also, a Hindu god. Your young and our old.

...with our sons and our daughters...

“Daughters don’t have to know much about God. Let them just be homely.” No. “Sons and daughters.” *All our children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be their peace.*

...with our flocks and our herds we will go...

Those are your possessions. This is from where Paul understood the revelation, “*First, they gave themselves to the Lord and their money.*” We will all go – old and young, sons and daughters and all that we possess.

...for we must hold a feast to the Lord."

So, what is worship? Worship is a celebration. How can we celebrate? Once you know you have given everything, you can celebrate. It's a celebration. Inside, you know, "I have kept nothing back to God. I have given everything." So, there is a celebration. That is why Jesus never held anything back from His Father when He walked on earth. Yet, He looked at all these people and He loved them. He always grieved because He always knew who wouldn't make it. He grieved. He was a Man of sorrows because He knew, "Judas is walking with Me. He will not make it. This will not make. That will not make." So, honestly, I grieve over the people who have left the Church than the ones who are there because I know you are safe. Stay within the four walls. Stick to this teaching. Walk in that. Lead your lives according to what you are. Once you have fallen away, unless God has moved you for a purpose, you move out; if you go out the wrong way, I grieve over you. The grief is connected with those. So, He was a Man of Sorrows; yet, He held nothing back. Therefore, every day, inside, for Him, because He gave everything to God, it was a celebration. Therefore, God anointed Him with the oil of gladness more than His companions. So, Peter will say, "Lord, we left everything," but in the evening, He will still go back to his wife and his mother-in-law. Jesus would go to the Olivet, the Garden and sleep there because He had given everything. Peter's everything did not include everything. Everything. He said, "I will worship with everything and I will hold nothing back." And that's why the first time 'worship' is used in the Bible is when Abraham goes up Mount Moriah to offer his son, Isaac; not Ishmael. Isaac. All my brothers in the Middle East, it's Isaac; not Ishmael. God did not want Ishmael. He wanted Isaac. Ishmael was born of a slave; Isaac was born of a wife. The wife's child. God counted him only. He was the only son. Please hear this. Don't get me wrong. That is it because Isaac represented Christ. Abraham offered Isaac and God held his hand but when God offered His own Son, He didn't hold His hand. So, when they were going up, he told his servants, "The son and I will go up and worship." In the Bible, when the old man called Abraham held nothing back, that was his entire life. Compromise. "We must hold a feast to the Lord."

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "The Lord had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. ¹¹ Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the Lord, for that is what you desired." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

He says, "What? You want to go there with the little ones? What kind of a father are you? A three-day journey into the wilderness with the little ones?" Very compassionate Pharaoh! "What? You are taking the little ones in GTC to sit through two hours of teaching? They can't sit in class for more than 20 minutes without getting restless. You have no compassion?" This is the unbelieving spouse telling the believing spouse. "No compassion." Unbelievers become very compassionate. "What kind of a man are you, Moses? These little ones? Poor thing. Take them to that Church. 40 minutes Service and everything will be over." Like how I began. Not as a believer but when I came to India to the Church. 40 minutes flat. First, I went to another Church, which is Syrian. There, it was two hours and your knees hurt because your carpet was made of coir. Kneel down and get up. It was hurting. I didn't understand anything. Then, finally, I asked my grandfather, "There's another one here. Can I go there?" He said, "Go." There, I found it was very easy. 40 minutes and it was done. Only problem was, the first day I went, I left my sandals there. When I came out, the sandals disappear. So, when I told the priest; the priest said, "What can you do? They steal chappals from the Church also." The next day, he hardly preached. He preached for 10 minutes. The next Sunday's Sermon was on my lost sandals but this time, I was very careful. Second Sunday, I sat near the door. Like we have to sit on the floor. I watched and prayed. I didn't know that but I watched very carefully if anybody was taking my chappals or not. My entire concentration was on my footwear. That is how I began. So, we always chose the easy way out. We always choose the easy way for our children because we think... like I said two Sundays back, when we had the Service at the HASS hall because we did not have our auditorium and we did not have the place for Sunday School – we will continue the 1900s tradition of the Church. The Church never had Sunday School then. The children sat with the parents and heard the same thing. Like I said, if you think your children can understand calculus, trigonometry and algebra and biology and chemistry, why do you think they cannot understand Scriptures? Why is that you put them in class 7, class 8 and they are doing everything and sitting but when you come to Sunday School, "Father Abraham had many sons..." What do you think they are, idiots? And that is why we have the most Biblically illiterate generation while in wickedness, they are intelligent. They are wise as a serpent because we thought they wouldn't understand. "Oh, no. Your little ones? Three-day journey? You men, go." So, what does the devil do? Through the Pharaoh, he tries to divide the family from worshipping together. Does that happen in your home? Does your family worship together? Father, mother, children, altar and worship together. You know the power of worshipping together? Oh, this tremendous threat came to Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat did not know what

to do. He went there, put everything and how did they stand before God? Fathers, mothers and little children. All of them stood before God and said. It's not the fathers' problem alone; it's everybody's problem. Pandemic is not affecting the fathers alone. It's affecting everybody. It's not the father alone who has to be taught about God and to walk by faith. The children too. And they stood there and immediately, the Word of God came and said, "You don't have to fight. You just have to sing and worship Me. The battle belongs to Me." The whole congregation stood – family by family, clan by clan, they stood before God. And we got the intelligence of the world into our heads and we cut down worship, mothers intervene, fathers intervene, the worship is gone, the altar is gone and before you know it. You break the family altar, I'm telling you – the children will go in the way of the world. You cannot have disunity there. You have to have unity around the altar. "Let the men go." And they were driven out. Another set of plagues and finally, he is starting to relent. Go to *Exodus 10:24*. I cannot stop until I finish this, brothers and sisters. You are quarantined. Nobody has to wake up to go to schools. So, you don't fool me. Because this is a universal law, everybody is quarantined. You are free at home. And at other parts of the world, they are much behind us. So, they have no complaints. They are 2 hours, 3 hours, 4 hours behind; some of the people have just woken up. So, they have no issue with time. India, no complaints.

Exodus 10:24

²⁴ Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."

He said, "Go. Father, mother, children – everybody go. But leave your possessions behind." And Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there is your heart." Pharaoh is very smart. It's not the Pharaoh speaking. These Pharaohs are not fools. The devil is speaking through the Pharaoh. "You want to worship? Go. As a family, go. But leave your wallet behind. You don't have to worship God with money." But if you don't worship God with your money, you will worship money. Oh, this man said, "Oh, what a harvest this year! I will buy these new barns, break all of this down and fit." In modern-day terms, "I will merge this corporation. I will buy that one with 500 million cash." That's how corporations are being bought today. "And I will merge this thing and I will make a large corporation." And God says, "You fool! Don't you know your soul will be required today?" Why? Because he merged his corporation? No, because he was not rich towards God. "You were not rich towards God." So, Scripture says, "One day, Jesus was sitting towards the treasury, watching people put a lot of money. A lot of people came. Big bundles are being put like Tirupati. Then, the poor widow came and put her two mites. That was all she had. Jesus said, "She has given more than the others." Why? Proportion. 100% is given. Your giving is never counted by what you gave; your giving is always counted by what you get back. Have you given your everything to God or have you kept something away from God? The first worshipper in the Bible that way is Abraham when he gave everything. He took his son, put him in the altar, tied him and lifted his knife. He has given over everything. God says, "I'm your friend. You know, Abraham, because you gave Me your son, one day, I will give you My Son. You gave Me your son. I won't take him. I will give him back to you but I will give you My Son so that you will become the father of all nations through My Son because you gave Me your son." Because God is no man's debtor. Abraham cannot say, "I gave God my son and He gave me a ram." He will say, "I gave God Isaac and God gave Jesus." God is no man's debtor. So, what do they say? Everybody can go but leave your possessions behind. Now, we know that Corinthian passage. Pastor Vijay has beautifully explained all that. In your poverty, you have given. You know why these things don't bother me at all? Pandemic or the famine that will come? I told my wife two days back, "We don't fear this at all." Why? Because this famine is for the world but we have always been sowing in the famine. We have given and given. All I know is giving, giving. Whatever people say, give and give. So, how can we lack when the real famine comes? We will not. Nothing will happen. We will come through. We will come through this better than before. Why? If we don't come through as a Church, as a people and as a family through this, then God is my debtor. And God is no man's debtor. That's where your strength comes. That's how you understand the ways of God. That's where your strength comes, your assurance comes. And He will come through for you. Why? Because you did not hold anything back. Let your little ones go. "Let your wives go too but leave your herds behind." So, you have to ask this question during this quarantine season (quarantine by God; we have entered into our closet): what have I held back from God yet? Have I held anything back, which the ruler of this world loves? He knows. Satan also is in the unseen realm. He knows where he can touch which you will hold back for yourself. What you keep for yourself belongs to God. Know that. If any man loves his father, mother, wife, children, his own self... "Okay, I don't love my father, mother, wife or children more than You but my self, I love." That belongs to the devil. That belongs to the Pharaoh. That part of you which you love – yourself – it belongs to the devil. It doesn't belong to God. He will use you. That's what we heard in the morning too. Isaac loved God. He allowed his father. He fasted to get a wife. He fasted for 20 years to get the wife to conceive – all that; but he loved a little of himself. You know what that was? That was meat. He loved meat. That was his self. A little. This whole thing, he surrendered to God, except the belly. That, he didn't give. And

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the devil says, “Yes. Isaac’s belly is mine. Feet are God’s; hands are God’s; eyes are God’s; ears are God’s, everything but the belly is mine. I am okay with it. I will handle him through his belly. I will get him through this belly.” And he got him through his belly because he held back a little part of himself. God asks: have we?

Then, finally, Pharaoh, after everything, firstborn is also dead.

Exodus 12:31-32

³¹ Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, “Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the Lord as you have said. ³² Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also.”

He said, “Take everything and go.” If the world were to get to really know that all the judgments that are happening upon the world are because of God’s righteous people, they will say, “Take everything and just go. Leave us alone,” and Christ will say, “Fine.” The Church will go. Nations, systems and dispensations will all rise and say, “These were the problem. These are the ones. They are converting.” That’s India. In the Muslim country, “They are converting.” Liberal countries, “They are against homosexuality! They are against abortion. They are against transgenderism. Away with them.” God will finally say, “Okay, away with you. Come. Then, I will destroy them. Go.” The Church has to reflect at a time like this – what have we become? Where are we standing? How are we using this? We are not isolated technically, from the virus; we are isolated from the world unto God. And how are we going to use this term till 31st or April whatever, how many days; how are we going to use this time? How are we going to spend our time? By defying ourselves? Or sharpening ourselves nicely like Pastor Vijay’s message in the morning – sharpening each other. That’s what we do – sharpening each other so that we can become God’s cutting edge. We can only become better and better in the spiritual realm and not worse, not blunt but sharper. To sharpen a knife, you need to use two knives so that it can cut better. That’s what brothers do – they sharpen each other.

So, as we close for today, because it’s 10 o’ clock, though I have much to preach; we are not discouraged, we are not distraught, we are not afraid. Life and death is in the hands of God. It’s not in anybody’s hands, not even the devil’s hands. The devil can kill only the unbelieving. God calls His children home. So, death holds no fear for us and should not hold any fear for anyone who is listening. No fear. That’s what David said, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,” the shadow is there. I can feel it. I can see it. Sometimes, I feel the shadow ahead of me. Sometimes, I see it behind me but it is always around me. We will not fear. Then, one day, in his life, he feared that shadow and he ran into the Philistine territory and he ended up serving the god of this world – Achish. For 16 months. He became a slave to the ruler of this world because of fear. And he built a big ministry called Ziklag but God burnt it down to the ground. Three days later, when he reached, Scripture says, “They cried until they had no strength.” The soldiers were crying because of loss but I know David was crying in repentance. Because the soldiers picked up stones to stone him but David encouraged himself in the Lord. He called Abiathar, “Bring the ephod. Ask of the Lord.” Lord immediately answered, “Pursue, overtake, recover all.” Three words. Seventy-two hours later, the shadow of death had passed over; light broke through. He defeated his enemies who had stolen everything. He recovered everything the devil had taken and above all, the enemy that pursued him all these years, Saul was dead in the hands of David’s enemies. He was free. We will not fear disease or death. We will not magnify or glorify disease or death; we will glorify Jesus. It is not by the law anybody was healed. It was not by serving the Lord, not a single man was healed. It was just by mercy and the compassion and the goodness of God and God alone. That’s why when John pointed Jesus out to the disciples of Jesus, “Behold the Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,” and they started following Him. He turned back and asked, “What do you seek?” “Lord, where do You stay?” He said, “Come and see.” When the blind men went after Him, He said, “What do you see?” When Bartimaeus shouted loudly, He said, “What do you seek?” They were all falling at God’s mercy. Mercy, mercy alone. Maybe faith but faith is tapping into the mercy of God. Faith understands the nature, the kindness, the goodness, the mercy of God and it is the mercy of God that heals; it is the goodness of God that heals; it is the grace of God that heals. It is not my faith; it is my faith in God. Jesus said, “Believe in God, believe in Me too.” And that’s why Bible says, “His mercies are new every morning.” Every morning, when you and I arise, what we need is mercy. Only mercy endures forever towards those who love Him. I can always bank on God’s mercy for I love Him.

The prodigal son came back home from the pig’s land. He had sold himself to another man to serve his pigs. He came to his senses and he came under the weight of the law because under the law, you are always a slave or servant. So, he said, “I will go back to my father’s and I will say, ‘I am not your son; I am your servant’.” But when he came, the father did not receive him as a servant; he received him as a son because grace sees only sons; it sees no servants; it sees no slaves. The law only

sees slaves and brethren, if you go back under the law, you become a slave again. So, the former things from which you were delivered. The grace, you are a son, a daughter and mercy is free. Father put his arms around him, hugged him. Scripture says, "The father ran towards the son." The son must have dragged himself under the weight of the law but grace gives wings; grace has strength, grace has power, grace runs towards you even when law drags you. It was not law that saved us; it was grace that saved us. It was not that law took us up; law weighed us down. It was taking us down to hell. It was grace that came down, grace that came down, grace did not only hug him; grace covered him; grace put his sandals on his feet and a ring on his finger and then, grace celebrated him. Today, if there is anybody watching or hearing, you need to come back home. I'm telling you, you need to come back to the Father. Come back. Come back now, back to the Father's house, back to the Father's arms. Do you know the strength of those arms? Do you know the strength that love gives? God never fails. Love never fails. Love has supernatural strength. That's what Mary Magdalene told Jesus whom she mistook for a Gardener, "Sir, where have you buried my Savior, my Lord that I might take him from here?" Because love gives strength. Mary had that strength in her love; then, how much more the love of God? Come back home, come back home to the Father, come back. Oh, my Hindu, brethren, if you are watching, or Muslim brother if you're watching, come back to the Father. Come back. He will put His arms around you and wipe those tears away. All that filth you gathered, accumulated in that pigpen, He will cover it with the robe of righteousness. Your nakedness is forever covered. Your filth will be never more seen. Oh, for the Blood, the Blood of the Lamb washes us pure. The death angel passes over and the enemies that pursued you, will drown in the Red Sea, never to rise again. You can walk in the wilderness with God. Don't complain. Don't grumble. In the wilderness, there is God. You are not alone in the wilderness. Have the heart of Moses and say, "If Your presence doesn't go with me, I will not move from this wilderness. I did not leave Egypt for the Promised Land. I left Egypt for You! I did not leave everything for a good life, I left for a life with You. You are my life. Wherever You lead me is paradise for me. Whether it is in my Father's house or whether as a slave in Potiphar's house, if You are with me, it's Heaven for me. If I am falsely accused and thrown into the dungeon with chains around my neck and my hands and my feet but if You are with me, it's Heaven for me because it is You, I sought; You, I loved; You are the lover of my soul and, Lord, I want to tell You today, 'I, too, am the lover of Your Soul. You are the fairest of ten thousand to me. The Lily in the valley. The Morning Star, the only One.' There's none beside Thee."

Closing Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus. I see, Lord, people are crying in the Spirit. They are crying. They are on their knees. They are on the ground, Lord. They are crying and You are there with them. Cover them. Heal them. Let the balm of Gilead flow. Heal them. Deliver them from the power of the enemy. I command every demonic entity to leave these children, God's children are there today because they have believed in the Name of Yeshua. Leave now in Jesus' Name. You have no more power over them. Maybe one day, they sold, bent their knee to Baphomet but the power of Baphomet is broken over your life now. Now, every demonic altar will go down now. As I speak, go down to level 13, 12, 11. Go down now. From level 1, you will all go down now. Go now, down now. Everyone who is called in the Name of Yeshua shall be saved. Go down now. There will be no demonic altar in level 1. Everyone, go down and I pray Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, our God, the God of Jesus, You will send the ministering Spirit to them and You will close level 1 and level 2 now. The angel will stand there and will never allow a demonic entity to come up. For whom the Lord sets free is free indeed. You will experience the deliverance of the Lord because He will send His delivering angels. If You could send Michael for Daniel, you will send some angel for Your children now, Lord. Aren't we greater, greater than the greatest in the Old Testament? Cover them. Cover them, Lord. Cover them. I know what I am saying. You are safe, child of God. You are out of the circle. The circle is broken in the Name of Jesus. When you got in, they told you, "You can get in but you cannot get out." But the God of Israel has delivered you. He's broken the circle. You are out, you are free and you have closed the levels. Let fire, fall on the eye of Horris. Burn it. The eye of Horris, Egyptian god, Baphomet's eyes are blinded. He will never see you again. You are free. You are free. You are free. And if you are a pastor watching and you watch now, sometime, and you sold yourself to Baphomet, come out now because your judgement is greater than all the others. He said, "I will cut you into pieces and throw you into outer darkness for deceiving My people." Repent before it is too late. Come out. Your ministry is not worth it. Your fame and reputation is not worth it. There is no fame or reputation in hell. Scripture says, "Hell has enlarged itself." Yes, there is a red carpet there but it is of flames. There are worms that will never die. So, you call yourself a pastor but you are a pastor by day and a master by night. Repent and come out. Come out. Come out. He will have mercy on you. Come out. Leave the circle. Come out. God will set you free. He may take your ministry away. He may give you a new one. Leave it to God. It is not worth it. If you have doubts, ask the rich man, tormented in hell, crying out for a drop of water, for a tongue he doesn't have; caught in eternity, in hell fire. Nobody has to go there. Not a single soul has to go there because Christ has paid it all. He said, "It is finished." For all of you, God's children, who are watching, go forward with God in this journey. Don't go back. Like Paul, renewed energy, renewed in our strength, pressing forward, for what He got hold of

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each one of us. Lord, I am running for a prize and that prize is You. I'm not even running for a crown; I am running for You. You are my prize, you are my prize, I am running for You. Thank You, Father. Thank You! Plead the Blood of Jesus, once again, over all Your children. Wherever they are, Your children. I speak healing into every body. If there is anybody who's watching has been contaminated by the virus, the virus will leave in Jesus' Name. If you have surrendered your body to the Lord, it is written, "The body for the Lord and the Lord for the body." "The body for the Lord", it is written. It is a New Covenant promise; not an Old Covenant promise. A New Covenant promise – body for the Lord and the Lord for the body. It doesn't matter what your illness is. Where it is Corona, hives, Limes' disease, HIV, AIDS, it's irrelevant. It is written and the God who forgives all your iniquities and heals all your diseases – both – you are forgiven and He says, "You are healed." Body for the Lord and the Lord for the body. Arise and walk, pick up your mat! That old life, roll it up, throw it away! Don't leave it there. You will come back to it. Don't go back to it. Arise and walk. For whom the Son sets free, is free indeed. Thank You. Thank You, Father. We just thank You. We are nothing but just vessels. Whatever has flown through this body is Yours; it's not mine. The power is not mine, the grace is not mine, the glory is not mine, the honour is not mine; it is nothing. We are nothing; You are everything. So, Father, all we can do, standing here in this sanctuary in all our rooms, houses and places wherever Your people are, we lift up holy hands, believing the Word of God, the Blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit has sanctified us. We lift up holy hands. We bless Your holy Name. We bless Your holy Name. We open our mouths and we proclaim and we declare in the heavenly realms – Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever! All God's people said, "Amen."

Benediction:

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