

The Spirit And The Bride Say, “Come!”

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Even as we sang, yes, Lord, our eyes are upon You. Speak to us, O Lord, and we will obey. You have always brought us through, Lord. Speak to us. Give us hearing ears once again and always understanding mind, believing heart and a will that obeys and the best of Christ will be our portion. For Your Word says if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best of the land. You are our provision. You are our possession. You are our reward. You are our life. Help us to hear, Lord, every day of our lives. For in Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.

Even we as go through these days (I think today is the 10th day, we are in 20th meeting), you go to a theater and you pay through your nose for 2 hours of junk; this is free. You get 5 hours of worship and Word. You don’t have to pay anything. If you look at the screen, there is no account number coming at the end. So absolutely enjoy yourself, sit back. By now you would have got the discipline of having set everything (dinner), probably had your dinner early so that the kids don’t have to have dinner at 10 but they can straightaway go to sleep after hearing the Word. So, by now, a discipline should be set in 10 days. But continuing, like we continue in a process, I would probably give you the larger picture and Pastor Vijay would go into the smaller picture in detail and we are working together. When you look at these things that are happening and will continue to happen, you call it pandemic, you call it judgments of God and we will see that in the Bible, these things are called judgments. But I want you also to look at as God’s children, all those who are watching. I don’t think others will have the strength to endure 2 hours of teaching.

If you turn with me to *Hebrews 12:5-6*, I want God’s children to see differently because it really makes the difference. If you look at something that is happening and the world sees it one way, we see it a different way.

Hebrews 12:5-6

⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

See the nature of God never changes. God is good all the time. He is holy. He is righteous and He is good and when He spanks the daylight out of us also, He doesn’t change. He is loving. So, Scripture says in verse 6, ‘*For whom the Lord loves He chastens*’ and if He accepts us as His sons and daughters, what does He do? *He scourges every son He receives*. That’s what He does. You have to see this in that light. Also in verse 11, God shows us the purpose behind it.

Hebrews 12:11

¹¹Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful;

Like right now, the chastening is not joyful at all around the world. It’s really, really terrifying to the world and even to the God’s people. But what does verse 11 say?

¹¹Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless,

In these 10 days, in these 20 days, in these 30 days, we don’t know how long it is—

nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Not automatically! There were ten judgments over Egypt and three over both Israel and Egypt. Israel should have been trained by it but you know the judgments (disciplines) of God, they saw it with their own eyes but 40 years of wilderness showed they were not trained by it. So they did not bring forth the peaceable fruit of righteousness by it. But their children who walked with them and saw it all (the judgments over Israel in the desert also), they came out and they brought forth, they enjoyed the peaceful fruit of righteousness. That’s why Scripture says, *God gave them rest from all their enemies*. It’s there in the book of *Joshua*. So it’s not that we go through something, we need to see God’s hand there, God’s purpose there and be trained by it and in due season, it will bring forth fruit. I am praying for the Church, during this season, you will learn above

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all the discipline of hearing, the discipline of listening, the discipline to be able to listen to the Word for 2 hours for those who are not and be trained by it and have a spiritual discipline at the end of it, which will bring forth incredible harvest. So we will go today to *Matthew 24* and we will read from verses 3 to 13. Again, signs of the last day!

Matthew 24:3-13

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?"

The disciples are coming to Him. The disciples, whom He has trained all these years and they have walked with Him and learned of Him. The first warning is given to the disciples. It's interesting! It's not to the crowds or the Pharisees, it's to disciples.

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

So, there are so many things that are going to happen, which will affect people outside and inside. Everything God says, the man of God has to endure all of these. The outward- all the nations, the system and the earth, the things that will happen, what effect will happen upon society, lawlessness increasing and love of many growing cold and what will happen personally- people betraying each other within Church and within families. You are going to be tormented outside and inside. Deception like no man's business! But the man of God has to endure it all. God has given a warning there. *He who endures to the end will be saved.* When we go through this, please remember, first thing God is warning us: 'see that you endure'. So one of the lessons, we are teaching you in these days of lockdown is to endure the Word. Learn at least to endure teaching. Why the Church is in crisis is because you did not have to endure; it was more of an entertainment than actual teaching. Now God is saying, endure. Learn to sit and listen. Learn this practice. The first thing you will see in verse 4, the first thing you and I have to endure is deception. Verses 4 and 5 will say, endure deception. '*For many will come*'. It's not just a few, but many. Saturated! *Many will come.* In verse 11, He will say the source of deception.

Matthew 24:11

¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Prophetic voices! That's what, today's world loves prophetic voices. I don't have to endure all these. I don't to wait and listen. I don't have to study the Scripture. I don't have to spend time fasting and prayer. Just prophesy into my life. Many prophets will come and deceive many. In verses 23 and 24, they will go beyond deception, beyond prophecy. Three times He warns about deception. That's the one He warns the most.

Matthew 24:23-24

²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive..."

So it is not only they will prophesy, it will be accompanied with signs and wonders.

...to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

If you go to 2 *Thessalonians 2*, the portion we had looked some time back, God will say,

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

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So, he will preach, he will teach, he will prophesy, accompanied by signs and wonders.

¹⁰ ***and with all unrighteous deception...***

At the core of it is deception leading people to unrighteousness. Remember there is a righteousness that comes by faith and faith alone. So the purpose of the deception is to take us into unrighteousness.

...among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

There is teaching or prophesying and there are signs and wonders. If you go to *Mark 16:20*, in the real Church also, there are signs and wonders, but these are disciples of Jesus Christ.

Mark 16:20

²⁰ ***And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word through the accompanying signs. Amen.***

So they are preaching the Word, the true Gospel and God is accompanying them and He is also confirming with signs and wonders. So remember, in both ministries, there could be signs and wonders. What differentiates is the teaching. One teaching will lead you to unrighteousness and one teaching will lead to righteousness. There is only one righteousness that is acceptable before God. *There is a righteousness that is apart from the law*, a righteousness that is only from God, that is from faith unto faith. So be very, very wary. We have the discernment. That is why if you don't understand the truth how God works, how the Kingdom works, even the elect themselves can be deceived. That's what the Bible says! That is why it's important to learn the truth. So endure, brothers and sisters and my little children- I don't have to tell them, they are so well trained, the little ones in the Church. They will happily endure. I don't think they call it even enduring; they love it.

So, let me ask you this question. All that is happening around the world has been prophesied for years. It's all there, in the Old and New Testament. Then why is there so much confusion in Christendom? The reason is because of the multitude of false teachers and prophets. That's where the confusion is. If all the teaching and prophecy were according to what the Word of God said, everybody would know and see what is happening. Everybody's prayers would be same. There would be no panic or confusion within the Church. Please remember this thing. For every true teacher in the Word of God, there will be so many false teachers. Look at the pictures.

1 Kings 18:19

¹⁹ ***Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."***

Look at the ratio. For one true servant of God, there are 850 false prophets. Meaning, if there are 850 channels broadcasting lies, there is one channel that is broadcasting truth. How will you tune in and find it? How will you know the wavelength unless you are constantly seeking truth and have surrendered your life to Christ? How will you find it? In one click, when you are searching on internet for something, the results are like 2 or 3 millions. How do you know which is true? You need to realize what is happening. The pictures are given in the Word of God. For one true man, Elijah, there are 850 false prophets. In *1 Kings 18:40*, you will see at the end of that context—

1 Kings 18:40

⁴⁰ ***And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.***

So all of them were executed. So that's what we have to do. As the Word of God keeps on coming, what are we doing is that we are taking all the lies that have gone in and we were born with and came with and grew up with, we are destroying them one by one. Don't leave them alive; execute them. But you need to realize this is the time of king Ahab. 850 prophets of Baal have been destroyed. If you come to *1 Kings 22*, a little later, just a few years later, now Ahab, king of Israel is with Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. So they are sitting together and they are planning something.

1 Kings 22:5-8

⁵Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the Word of the Lord today." ⁶Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?"

How many? They had killed 850 and they thought they are all finished. But the problem with false prophets is that they multiply like rabbits. To birth a true prophet, it takes God years in the wilderness but false prophets just multiply and come out like that. To get a John the Baptist out, God had to shut him up in the wilderness. To get Moses out, God had to shut him up for 40 years in the wilderness. For an Elisha to arise, he had to follow with nobody even knowing who he is and what his purpose is; they only recognized him as a servant of Elijah. Nobody probably even knew his name. Then he came out and they recognized the spirit of Elijah was resting upon him. God's own Son came out only after 30 years. So prophets of God do not arise just like that of a factory line. They don't come out but the prophets of Baal come out of the factory line. Like nobody's business, they will come out, one after another. If you notice them, they are all similar. They dress similar, they act similar, they talk similar and they want the light on them. Another 400 of them are there. All of them said the same thing-

...So they said, "Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king."

But one man of God, that is Jehoshaphat has experience of God. So he has a little doubt.

⁷And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of Him?"

He knew 'something is smelling in the land of Denmark here' (that's from 'Hamlet'). Something is smelling over there. Something is not 'kosher' over here.

⁸So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

I don't know because Elijah and Elisha have all just disappeared. They are in incognito somewhere being trained and mentored so they are not to be found. This is what prophets will do. Sometimes they just disappear. They are not moved by the plight of the world; they are moved by the voice of God. This is what we need to understand. We think the prophets are all moved by the plight of the world. No! They are not moved. That is secondary. They are moved by God. If God says, go and shut down. They will shut down. People may be dying outside. They will not move until God tells them to move. The drought was there, the famine was there, Israel was in this, but nobody saw Elijah. He was just shut up by God because he didn't hear from God. Only when God told him, now go to king Ahab, he came out and went. Please understand men of God in the Bible how they function because we need to get these things. We are not moved. Of course, we have compassion and all. We are not more compassionate than Jesus. We have to wait because He is the one who has real compassion, the real power.

So when we hear from Him and move, then the work of God will be not only the rain and blessings, (but also) the repentance of people and destruction of evil; all will happen in one line. The fire comes, people repent. The demonic is destroyed and the rain comes. But what will we do? We will have no fire nor destruction of evil, we will just pour rain over people. That's the problem with false prophets. What are they doing? Just pouring blessings over people! There is neither repentance nor there is destruction of evil. But when men of God wait and hear from God, there is a process in which God leads His people. There is a fire that falls, people turn back to God and there is a destruction of sin and evil and deep repentance over there in the valley of brook Kishon and then you will see rain will come. But even when the rain comes, there are some people who will take the blessings and never change. That is Ahab. "Is there not one?" He says, "Yes! There is one." So the Bible is very, very clear. Beware of deception. Over and over and over God warns.

All my brothers who are used to watching Christian TV channels- 5 to 6 one slot, 6 to 7 another slot, 7 to 8 another slot, 8 to 9 another slot- you are watching like 10 or 12 programs a day because you are quarantined and 11 of them sound the same. One sounds different, listen to that man, the one who is different because there is something wonky when everybody speaks the same thing unless all of them are speaking the truth and they are able to prove it with Scripture this is what God is saying.

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I am not saying that all of them cannot speak the truth but you have to be very, very wise when you hear these prophets. Peter in his final epistle also says (in New Covenant or Old Covenant, nothing has changed)—

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,

Be very careful. False prophets and false teachers, they will very quietly bring in destructive heresies.

...even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

That's what they do. They will use the name of the Lord but if you listen to their teaching, the teaching is a denial of the work of the Lord. That's a difference! Be very, very careful. What is their motivation? What motivates them? That's how you distinguish. Verse 3, look at how he teaches motivation. We have been talking about faith, we have talking about life of faith (*the just shall live by faith, walk by faith*) and we are looking at all those things that kill faith.

2 Peter 2:3

³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words...

At the core of their hearts, it is money. They are money driven ministries. They will always advertise their great need. The great work they do and the great need they have! They are very smart. They are very wise. When Moses had this great need of feeding 600,000 men and women, children, cattle and flocks and everything, all he had to ask was God because God led him. God kept on providing for him all those 40 years. No ministry, no Church has ever had to meet a need like that. So with very deceiving words, they will deceive you but their motivation is greed. The example is given from the Old Testament. A very powerful example from the Old Testament is given.

2 Peter 2:15

¹⁵They have forsaken the right way and gone astray...

What is the right way? The way of righteousness, the way of faith! Whose way are they following?

...following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

So, he also was a prophet but he was willing to sell his prophecy to the highest bidder. He was a prophet for sale. There are so many like that- worship teams for sale, teachers for sale, Pastors for sale, prophets for sale, apostles for sale and all- and they are willing. They are available for the highest bidder and you have to be very, very careful. Balaam is kept over there. He is put to us as a personal example. He was hired by a Gentile king called Balak to actually curse God's people. The satan has hired so many people. They don't come and curse directly but they will bring secretive, destructive heresies.

2 Peter 2:2

²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

That's what has happened. People mock Christianity in the western world when they look at it and many will follow their destructive ways. So be very, very careful. Guard your heart. From what? Covetousness! *You cannot serve both God and money.* You cannot stop these teachers from coming. They will keep on coming. They will pop out like these insects that come before the rain comes but remember their motivation. If you do not have that in your heart, their words cannot appeal to you. Why does God allow all these? Scripture says, God allows. Why does He allow? He allows this delusion to take over because people did not receive the love of truth. So, you need to realize God allows false prophets, it's a judgment upon our own hearts. "Is your heart really sanctified, sold out to Me?" in *Matthew 6:24*, Jesus said it very, very clearly.

Matthew 6:24

²⁴"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

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Mammon, we translate as money, but basically it means 'gain'. Mammon is a Syrian word, which means what profits you- yourself or your body. Mammon is not a Latin or a Hebrew or a Greek word. If my memory is right, it's Syrian word, which means 'gain'. So, you can't serve God and money. Balaam is trying to do both- serve God and money. Ultimately, he will prophesy according to money but God controls his mouth and he prophesies. So, his heart is for money but his mouth opens and he realizes he has no control over his tongue. But you know he will get judged! God changes his words but God doesn't change his heart. So please remember this. Deal it the way Jesus did. Deal with money the way Jesus taught us.

Luke 16:9

⁹ "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home."

He says, in this life, you will need money, you will get money. It's unrighteous. Don't serve money but use money to serve God. Do you remember the old example I said? When the day of rapture takes place, when we go up, we should go upside down, so if there is any coin left in our pockets, it should drop. "Nothing left, Lord! By the time I go, I have to see I have spent everything for You, for Your people and for Your Kingdom." Mammon is unrighteous but the purpose you are using it for is righteous purpose so that when you go up there, you will receive an eternal reward. This is how we use mammon. Mammon is unrighteous but it can be used for righteous purpose. That's the problem with the rich man. He says, "You were not rich towards God. You hoarded up for yourself. So you fool! You are going to die today." So be faithful in this one major area. That's why God has shut down the economy. People are even scared to take notes because they are thinking the virus will come through the notes. All the people who used to kiss the notes don't want the notes anymore. God is telling them, really, literally.

So please understand deception because the most precious gift you and I have received from God is a gift of faith (Post-salvation, I am talking about). Salvation happens through faith but the greatest gift God has given us is the gift of faith. It is through that gift we access everything from God. You talk about anything you receive from God, it is accessed by faith and it is called grace. Grace is like a huge ocean. Whether it is love or mercy or kindness or resources or healing or deliverance- you name it, it all comes through faith. God has given us this greatest gift, which is called faith. Faith, God says, is supposed to be used to access grace and in the grace of God, everything is met. The false preachers understand faith very well but they will take faith and instead of accessing grace, they will say, access mammon. They are using the same principles of faith and say, "Name it, claim it and have it!" So suddenly you realize grace has become mammon. Grace actually manifests itself in everything. All are manifestations of grace, even the requirement- money, which you need.

Remember, Jesus had to pay taxes? They came and asked Him. He answered them and then He told Peter, "let's give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. You go over there and there is a fish, put your line in, get it, there is enough money in its mouth." So that was grace providing what He needed. So we will see all we may need actually is hard cash to pay for something but there is a God who will provide for it. You are not substituting mammon for grace. It's the grace of God that should provide you for that. Please remember. Why do people want money? The deception! Money is the access to this world. Anything you want to get done in the world, you need money. I am not repeating it but in US they say, 'money talks and everything walks'. That's why God tells the rich, through Paul's letter to Timothy,

1 Timothy 6:9-10

⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare...

We talk about *Psalms 91* and it talks about 'the fowler's snare'. The fowler is the devil. The devil's snare is there. What does it cause you through this preaching? He causes the desire to be rich.

...and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Perdition means eternal perdition.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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This is the truth. So you know when the devil came and tempted Jesus. What does the world have? The world has glory and pleasure, ultimately. Glory in a name, glory in numbers, glory in achievements! Glory, glory, glory! The world offers lot of pleasures. You can access these both with money. The world offers glory and pleasure. God also offers glory and pleasures forevermore. One is eternal, the other is temporary. If you read the book of *Corinthians, as stars differ from glory to glory, so will the saints differ*. That's for eternity! Who are these superstars or megastars today? Most of them I think will end up in hell. Heaven was always the same size but the Scripture says, *hell has enlarged itself*. Those who were mighty on earth are coming down- superstars, megastars, emperors, kings; all these people are coming down. What did they seek? They lived a life seeking glory and pleasure. But God's people lived a life seeking eternal glory and eternal pleasures.

Please we need to understand. Get this very, very clear. The devil is imitator. He has created a false world imitating God's world but here everything is temporal and temporary. People don't even realize that. If we use our common sense, we would realize; any man, you don't even have to be godly. The Bible tells in *1 John, the world and its desires pass away*. Isn't it true? Have you seen 80 years old man eating like he wants to eat? Do you see a 90 years man, who pursued sex having sex? Do you see the glory of those actors when they were young and what they look like today? You look at anything connected with earthly glory, it is right before your eyes. People still pursue it. It's passing away. You look at anything connected with pleasure or glory in this world, right before our eyes, we see it passing away, even in ourselves passing away. So God says, seek what is eternal. The devil will deceive you by creating this false world, which is absolutely false and cause us to pursue it and then we look at that glory, we look at that pleasure, you realize you want money.

So even if you don't have money, you can be trapped by this inside. Only thing you didn't have money but you are no different than others. So don't think the poor man sitting in his hut is not desiring glory and pleasure. That is why in India, even the fellow sitting in the hut, when the proposal for his daughter comes, he will ask, "what caste?" He has been trodden in 5000 years, down to the bottom of the rung but he knows there is one below him also. "Are you from that? Because it doesn't attach my glory!" This is the deception of poverty. It's a very, very subtle deception.

Remember, Balaam is mentioned three times in the New Testament. A fraud in the Old Testament is mentioned three times in the New Testament as a stark warning. Like Jesus mentioning (though her name is not mentioned), He brings her up and says, "*Remember, Lot's wife!*" How many wives are there in the Bible? We don't know Abel's wife, whether he was married. We don't know Cain's wife. We don't know Seth's wife. We don't know the wives of all these people. We don't even know Ezekiel's wife but He says, "*Remember Lot's wife!*" It's a stark example standing over there. So Balaam is mentioned three times.

Jude 1:11

¹¹ Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain...

The way of Cain is a way of rebellion.

...have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

When they hear this preaching of gain, people run into it because it meets the desires and lusts; your flesh loves it. It offers you a life, which is carefree. Health, wealth, no suffering! Then they will put you, "Remember, you are the son of a King." They forget to tell you how the King came and walked among us. That they won't tell you. They will use Scripture very nicely. He became poor so that you should be rich. All that they will use. They are very good. Don't underestimate wisdom of the serpent. That's the problem! You need to be wise as a serpent. Serpent knows the Scripture very, very well. God's people do not know Scripture.

I thank God when I got saved, I had no Church, I had nobody but God mentored me through books. I am going into a country, I have no Church and there is tiny little bookstall at the gateway of that country. I go into it and there are some old dusty books. Nobody had bought it for years and I go, pick it up- Watchman Nee, Richard Wurmbrand for 2 rupees or 3 rupees. I pick all these books and then for the next 2 years this is what framed my thinking. Then I come here and I am blasted with all these prosperity preachers but it wouldn't move me because God in His mercy had framed me with people, who were true servants of God. All true servants of God! My daily reading was Martyn Lloyd Jones and 'a table in the wilderness' by

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Watchman Nee. Imagine a new believer who hardly knew what Scripture was! It's like going to Sunday School and reading Watchman Nee. It was supernaturally by God. It was entirely a work of God. So it framed me so that I was very, very careful about it. So they will tell you the error of Balaam for profit. Be very, very careful. They will lead you to a lifestyle.

Revelation 2:14

¹⁴ But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

Money, idolatry, licentious living- it goes together. This was the trap Balaam set before Israel. Before going, he couldn't curse them because God controlled his tongue. He gave a little plot, advise to Balak (Pastor Vijay preached about it)- invite them, release the women on them and before he knew Israel was gone.

2 Peter 2:15-20

¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

Look at it. The madness of the prophet! Look at the Words used.

¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

That's what I was telling a couple of days back. Servants of God, who betrayed their mandate and deceived God's people, the judgment they receive will be worse than anybody else.

¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness,

How eloquent they are! Incredibly eloquent! But actually if you listen very carefully, there is no Scripture, that means it is empty.

they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

You know very well what is the lust of the flesh. They will allure you. How easy it is to go to the bank, stand outside and say, "I believe the wealth of the wicked is kept for the righteous. Let there be a transference from this account to my account"! How easy it is! You think that poor Hindu or Muslim, who must have been a very righteous, hard-working man, who worked 8 hours a day shift, he puts money in the bank and you fellow, lazing out on the road, is asking his money to be shifted into your account and you think our God is an unrighteous God? The kind of junk they talk about! They make our God look like 'Belial'. That's how they make Him look like.

¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

They promise liberty. What is the liberty? Liberty from the world! You are free. That's the liberty of salvation. You are saved. I said, you cannot be married to the world and Christ at the same time. So you are saved from the world. So they promise you liberty, but actually their liberty is bondage. You go back to the world and you are double into bondage than before.

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

That's how you have to be very careful. They will take you back to the world. The problem is once you have received wrong doctrine, it is very difficult to handle those people. Very, very difficult! That's why I always look back and say, "Lord, supernaturally, how did you protect me?" Because if I had got the wrong thing in, anybody would have tried to mentor me and teach me, I would have struggled to change my thinking because the wrong thing had gone in. But I was kept alive. He

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just protected me. You need to realize this is what happens. So they take them, they preach this what appeals to their flesh, they go into the way of Balaam. But you need to cover it, right? Because we are New Covenant believers. We are not Old Covenant believers. You have a life that has gone into the works of the flesh. So in *Jude 1:4*, how do they cover it?

Jude 1:4

⁴For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men,

What do they do?

who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

They also speak grace, different kinds of grace- radical grace and whatever grace! They talk about grace, grace, grace, grace! But what are they using grace for? They are using grace to cover the lifestyle. "This is the age of grace. So we need to live like kings, eat like kings, dress like kings, travel like kings. This is the age of grace!" Some of them you will see in Africa and all, getting bodyguards, heads of states giving them parade when they bring them into stadium. Have you seen that? Guard of honor and all! These are prophets of Christ, getting guard of honor. Jesus also got a guard of honor. He was beaten back and blue and led down the streets by the Roman soldiers. That was His guard of honor. If somebody were to give you a guard of honor, you should tear your clothes apart like Paul and all did. "Men, we are just men like you. What are you doing to us?" They were willing to give them a guard of honor. We have to look at it. People don't even look because they have already been framed with false doctrine. When they read Bible, they read it with those eyes and they cover it all with grace. So, when people fall and fall, they say, "It's okay. God understands." And they hide the truth, the real truth about grace. What is the real truth about grace? *Romans 6:14*. This is the truth about grace.

Romans 6:14

¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

They actually use grace to sanction sin, while the Bible says, "Grace gives you victory over sin." They don't teach what grace teaches, so they hide. If you come to *1 Timothy 6:6-8*, God tells about the life in New Covenant.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

⁶Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

Mammon means what? Gain. What is gain for the servant of God and the children of God? Godliness with contentment is great gain.

⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

How did they change this gospel? I'm not saying God will not give you more. Yes, but God will give you what you and I need for our specific calling and task in this world. What we need, He will give it to us. If we need a thousand rupees or ten thousand rupees for God's purpose in your life, He will give you. If you need ten million for God's purpose in your life, He will give you that too. But you don't have to appeal to that. I don't know how much Moses, if you calculate in modern terms, needed for each day of his ministry. But every day it came. He never asked the people. Only one he asked the people because God asked him to ask the people to give something for the tabernacle. Other than that, he never asked them. He never made an appeal. And Scripture says, "God touched the hearts of the people to give freely." And the servants of God who are listening have to learn to get into your closet and appeal to God for your needs. And every child of God has to learn to go to God and learn to say, "Daddy, I need this." And let Him provide in whichever way. He may touch the hearts of people, but this is the way. You have a Father in heaven, and like it happens in your house, your child comes to you. It doesn't send a letter to all your friends or take your phone and go on the father's WhatsApp group and say, "I need money, will you please send it?" They don't do that. They come to you and God says, "Why don't you come to Me?" This is how deception works. I've said it earlier, day before yesterday, the gentiles are blinded by the god of this world. The Jews have a veil before their eyes. Therefore, they can see a shadow but they can never see the substance. But it's the substance that gives life, not the shadow. The shadow may make you feel cool. But there's no life in the shadow. Life is in the substance. Let me give you an example. Now, I'm here. There's a lime juice here in a cup and there is a shadow also. Can I drink from the shadow? Is there life in the shadow?

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No, the life is in this. If I want to quench my thirst, there is no life in the shadow. The life is in the substance. Please understand this. That's why Jesus warns His own disciples. We'll always ask this question: why didn't Jesus warn Judas? He knew he was stealing. He knew he was following Him for money. And He knew he was taking money. Why didn't He warn him? Let me ask you this question. If Jesus is teaching the crowds and the Pharisees, but Jesus is living His life before the disciples, does He have to say? That's the first question the disciples ask when they start following Him. Where do you stay? He said, "Come and see." When they came and stayed with Him that night, they looked at His life, they went out and said, 'This is the Messiah!' Judas has walked with Him all these years. He's seen His life. Does He have to tell him? No. So, I will explain it again to the people. In the gospel of John, it goes all the way to chapter 13, chapter 13 is the last days of Jesus' life. Let's put it in days and hours of His life, the last supper. So, you have chapter 13, 14, 15, 16 and then by 17, He goes. He's arrested and then His death. So, in chapter 13 they're all sitting together and having their last supper. And Jesus talks about betrayal and He does one thing. John is the one who asks the question. He's the one who's closest to Jesus. Go to *John 13:27*. Chapter 13 is the last supper.

John 13:27

²⁷ Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

This is Judas' last supper literally. After all this teaching and after everything, he's sitting there. He dips the bread and gives it to him. He takes it and Satan entered him. And Jesus said, "What you do, do quickly."

John 13:30

³⁰ Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

Satan entered. He went out and it was night. Look at verse 31, something Jesus says which He never said in His entire life and history.

³¹ So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

When the spirit of mammon leaves God's children, that's the only time God is glorified in their lives. Till then we're glorifying mammon and self. That's our problem. That's why all this big-time prosperity preachers need that setting and those costumes. They always use costumes. Brothers from abroad who are listening, I'm not talking about drama costume, but they dress like that. Why? Because they need that setting. This is mammon and the world so they have to put this picture across. The only time and the first time Jesus actually says, look at the construction -- So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him." One, mammon has left and the fellow who took mammon is gone to betray me and in his betrayal, I will die and I will be glorified, and God's work will be completed. So, for God's work to be completed in Jesus Christ the fellow who loved mammon had to be there. So please understand its ramifications. For the Church of Christ and the bride of the Christ to be glorified, the other Church also has to arise and that Church will betray this Church and that's what He was talking about, the betrayal at the end. The very ones who love mammon in your families will hate you and betray you, because you refuse to be compromised. The very Church who loves mammon will betray you because you refuse to compromise. So, what happened to Jesus will happen to His body too. And that's when the body gets glorified, because the head and the body get together glorified. The world is run on mammon. The kingdom of God is run on faith and grace. So be prepared for these things. Jesus warned about a second deception that God's children need to be aware of. One is using faith to mammon to grace to licentiousness. World, gone. The second is the other one. If you are not touched by mammon, you know about mammon. You got your training very well and you are very righteous. You are very careful about mammon. Remember, two days back we had talked about this.

Let's go to,

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Very few find it. There are very few who find it. So, this way is very narrow and very few find it. Please understand this. Very few find it. I didn't say it. He said it. Because both sides are trap doors. One is that grace becomes licentiousness. Then this side is another which will take you back to the law. And you have to skirt very, very narrowly, very carefully and very wisely.

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The way of life is only one way—the just shall live by faith. And it is faith unto faith. So, what does the enemy do? If he sees a guy or a man who will not go into the world, he has a second fold or second line of attack. Look at *2 Peter 2:19*. Let’s focus on one word.

2 Peter 2:19

¹⁹ While they promise them liberty...

The key word is this – liberty. Every preacher who comes including me will always promise you liberty, because that’s what people are looking for, liberty and freedom.

...they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

So, we are also preaching freedom. In the midst of this pandemic, in the midst of this storm, how you can free and that freedom is only, we say, found in Christ. Walk by faith. Hear and do what you have to do, you can still be free. Liberty is what Christ came to die for. The key word is liberty. They promised liberty whether you go on to this side or that side, the key is liberty. But true liberty the Bible says, is found in only one place.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

The minute you hear the voice of God and understand from Scripture it is God who’s speaking and you obey you’re free. You’re free inside. Liberty is inside primarily. You are free. Not only that, you keep on hearing. I said on Sunday, “You hear and you keep on hearing.” There’s a walk of faith. In that walk of faith, you have to keep on hearing. What does Scripture say?

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Translate it, as you hear, as you walk, you’re moving from liberty to liberty to liberty. That’s the glory of the New Covenant walk. You’re experiencing more and more. The situation outside is becoming worse and worse. But you’re actually inside and becoming more and more free. That is liberty. But watch out for liberty killers.

2 Corinthians 3:15

¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

So, if law came through Moses and grace and truth came through Jesus Christ and we have come to the truth, what are these people doing? They are taking you back under the veil. Now when I came in, I could see clearly. Now if I put this veil over my face, my clarity is gone. That is what is happening to people who are being taken from truth to the law, from the substance to the shadows. Very subtle, but it’s a big teaching all over the world. Very big teaching all over the world and we saw that in Galatians 5. And we have to guard our heart, because we preach the truth, people should not ever think we’re legalistic. Because the problem is that the law and the truth both come from the same book. But one kills, the other gives life. Therefore, when you present the truth, you have to be very careful, because Jesus and the Pharisees read from the same book. But the way they presented it was different. One brought death. The other brought life.

Galatians 5:1-2

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

What is the yoke of bondage he’s talking about? It’s the law. the law was the yoke of bondage. That’s why he brings circumcision over there. Be very careful that somebody does not take you back to the law, because the law makes you feel very good. There’s a whole circle around the world in different languages where they have gone back to the law. They are believers who have gone back to the law and they celebrate all the feasts of the Jews. Which is easier, to celebrate the Passover outwardly or is it easier to celebrate Passover every day in your conscience? Outwardly is easy. The other one is difficult. So, they’re showing them the easy way and saying, that there is liberty there. That’s what happened to the Catholic

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Church. Which is easy, to confess to God and allow the Holy Spirit to speak or go to the priest every week? Which is easy to study the Word, read the Word, hear the Word and go to God through Jesus Christ, the only mediator or put five hundred saints around and pick your saint. This saint is for the hopeless. This is the second hopeless. This is for miracles. This is for the seafarers. This is for the epidemic. That's where they go. Now the bishops are all going to the one saint for epidemic. What is the difference between them and the other religions? See how easy they make it for people, the trap in which people are caught. And what are they promising? Liberty. Everybody is promising liberty. And these people will talk a lot about visions and dreams and angelic visitations and all.

² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

In *Galatians 1:6-8*, Paul warned us.

Galatians 1:6-8

⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ...

What did He call you into? The grace of Christ, not the law of Moses.

...to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another...

Meaning it's not even a gospel he's saying. They are calling it a gospel, but I'm telling you it's not a gospel. Gospel means good news.

...but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

And all these people will talk about angels. All the time they will talk about angels. Please don't think if you preach the law you don't preach tribulation. They preached tribulation. They all preached tribulation and judgements and everything, but the answer to judgement and tribulation is go even more under the law. Go into the minute details of the law so that you can escape God's judgement. And they will start from Exodus 15:26, you don't have to go there, 'If you listen to My words and do all these things, then all the plagues that I brought upon Egypt I will not bring upon you.' Can anybody keep it? And did anybody escape any plague or receive any healing in the old testament because they kept the law? No. It is because they looked unto Christ and asked by faith for mercy and they received it, because in the old testament and the new testament when God looked and saw that the law was fulfilled in Christ Jesus and when we looked at the complete work of Jesus Christ on the cross and believed it and cried out for mercy, you received your healing whether you were a gentile like Naaman or a believer under the old covenant. It didn't matter. You have to understand the traps that are being set. Why am I saying all this? Because there are a thousand channels that beam all these things.

In *2 Corinthians 11:3-4*, this is what Paul is saying.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

They use the name of Christ but it's a difference Christ. They say they are preaching the good news but it's not the good news. They say you're receiving the Holy Spirit, but the spirit you're receiving is the spirit of this world not the Spirit of God. Warnings, and warnings and warnings! So, if you have to endure, the world where evil will reign and the deception that will be beamed upon God's children who listen to the Word outside and inside, God says, "Endure." That's what this lockdown is for God's people. Sit and listen. Hear, hear, and hear. Paul warns in his final epistle,

2 Timothy 4:1-3

¹ I charge you therefore...

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He's saying, "I charge you therefore before God." Can you imagine? this is God telling Timothy. If I were to tell that to Pastor Vijay he will get scared. I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ

...before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom...

He's bringing judgement over there.

² Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering

Meaning: even if you have to teach that same thing over and over for two hours every day for the next twenty-one days with long suffering teach.

...and teaching. (Why?) ³ For the time will come when they will not endure...

This one thing they will not endure. God says, "You have to endure till the end." One of the things you have to endure is sound doctrine, because all the teaching of the enemy aimed at the Church is against sound doctrine.

...sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

So, everybody has their favorite teacher on television. That man is not accountable to anybody. And there are people in our own Church while this is going on, they're listening. How do I know? Because when the message is going on, they're sending forwards. That's how I know. You can't be listening and forwarding at the same time. What do you have to say? People all around the world so many are logging in and listening. What happened? Because they're not able to endure sound doctrine. They're not able to endure teaching. And this is what the Bible is talking about. So, Paul is warning, Peter is warning, James is warning, Jude is warning, everybody is warning that judgement is coming. Judgement will come, endure and endure! Be very careful about it. This is the reason we're coming. When God's children hear about judgement, please remember everyone God receives as a son or a daughter He disciplines. Step one is discipline. Step two that is called scourging. Scourging is what Jesus got from the roman whip, meaning, He will put you through the ringer, because you are His child and He wants you to share in His righteousness otherwise you'll be disqualified and may be even move to perdition. So, you need to understand. John was the apostle who knew Jesus best on earth, the closest to Jesus. He leaned on Jesus. He was a young man, but when he saw Jesus Christ on the island of Patmos in his vision, he was overwhelmed. Remember, he had walked with Jesus for three and a half years and he was very close to Jesus, one of the three disciples who were close to Him. He had seen Jesus on the mount of transfiguration in His glory. Post resurrection, he had seen Jesus on and off for forty days, but in *Revelation 1:12* onwards when he sees Jesus as He is.

Revelation 1:12-17

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

This is Jesus whom John sees. Remember this is what happened to Paul also. He just fell like one dead over there. Why am I saying this is that, today if you watch the internet on YouTube and see the Christian news and all these things so many people of so many cultures and different languages will talk about seeing Jesus. They saw and Jesus came and sat with them. I'm not saying, "You don't see Jesus." I will not negate anything that is already there in the Bible. That's not my business to tell God how to do. My question is if somebody has seen Jesus, post ascension, there are two people in the Bible post-ascension who saw Jesus. One was Paul and the other was John. Both fell like they were dead. And these people don't fall like one dead. They have coffee with Jesus. I'm not saying you cannot see Jesus, but I look to Scripture always, if you saw Jesus and that Jesus was the Jesus of the Scripture, then your reaction would be this and I don't see that reaction. After that whatever you

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say I’m going to take with a pinch of salt. Remember yesterday we saw, we’ve forgotten so many hours and days of teaching, right? Jesus sitting on the great white throne and heaven and earth fled from His sight. That’s Jesus. So, don’t take it lightly. And Revelation is all about judgement. The whole book is about judgement. And He doesn’t judge the world. The first few chapters of Revelation, in chapters 2 and 3 He judges the Church. And *2 Corinthians 5:10*, what does Paul say?

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

So, there are only two categories of deeds that God accepts—good or bad, not neutral. All of us before the judgement seat of Christ, this is talking to the believers, and for believers it’s a different judgement altogether. All of us will appear before the judgement seat of Jesus Christ and give an account of all our deeds. This is Paul. You know what the next verse says? This is Paul who went to heaven, to the third heaven in the Spirit. He heard things that could not be uttered and he doesn’t come back and say that he had coffee with Jesus. He had a vision and he saw and he’s saying:

¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God...

Don’t think that God does not know us. We are well known to God. And we also know God very well and you know what our reaction is when we think about judgement? It is terror. Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men.

...and I also trust is well known in your consciences.

Revelation 1:17-18; Jesus tells John, “Don’t be afraid.”

Revelation 1:17-18

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

He says, “Don’t be afraid.” And He introduces Himself as the absolute, complete, total victor. I’ve won everything. You don’t have to be afraid of Me. Let’s look at verses 19 to 20 and see what Jesus says, because we also need to tell people why we are taking this effort to teach five hours a day every day. It’s been ten days. Three languages and soon Telugu also will come. I’m looking at you Pastor Vijay. So, Telugu also will come. So, it will be four languages. Don’t ask me to preach in Malayalam. There are plenty of preachers in Kerala. There’s no need at all. Tough ones too.

Revelation 1:19-20

¹⁹ Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place...

So, the *Book of Revelation* is three-fold. Please understand. Things which you have seen, things which are and things that will take place. Please be very careful. It’s different.

...after this. ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven Churches...

If you look at the Word angel over there, it is one word used as angel which is not used anywhere else in the Bible. It’s the term which means minister or Pastor. The seven stars are the seven Pastors of the seven Churches.

...and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven Churches.

So, He says, “The Pastors and the Churches. (The shepherds and the Churches.)” This is the mystery. So, God says, “I hold the Church and the shepherd in My right hand.” I hold them. That’s what He’s saying. Now if you read very carefully, after that He’ll begin with the Churches. It is a fourfold application. Local, addressed locally to the Churches, that is the Church of Ephesus first. Addressed as admonition to all Churches for all time. Addressed to every individual in that Church and every

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individual for all time. How do you know? "He who has hears", so it's an individual. Pastor of that Church and Church of that time. Pastors of Churches and Churches of all time and every individual then and every individual now.

And second or the fourth one, there is prophetic pattern, history repeats itself. What happened in Ephesus has been repeating itself. So, the fourfold application. Please be very careful. And the Bible says, "He's standing in the midst of it all." Why is this important? It's because God's primary concern is the Church of Christ. It's not the world. That's why we should not read what is happening in the world with the same eyes. God will be telling something completely different to the world if they can read and hear and completely something else to the Church, because His concern is the Church. What does the Word Church itself mean? 'Ecclesia', it means somebody who has come out of the world. The world is here and somebody has come out of the world and something is happening over both, the message is not the same. The message is different. So, people have to learn to read the message differently. Don't sit in the world and read it. Like if I were to preach to the world, I have only one message to the world, God loves you and He loves you so much that He gave His only begotten Son for you. Repent, believe and be baptized. I have no other message for the world. Even if there is healing, it's just a sign of His salvation, receive it. You got healed? Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, because the healing in your body is the sign of healing you can receive in your soul. Everything that happens is that basically. That's why Jesus said, "These are all signs." The signs are following the big work. Finally, when they kept on asking for signs, he said, "Enough, I'll give you only one sign, the sign of Jonah, and if you believe in that sign you don't need any more signs. Then signs will follow you." So, what He's telling the Church and what he's telling the world is different. So, to the world I only have one message and you should too, that is the message of salvation. The rest is all for the Church. The question is how can you say that Pastor? The question is can I go outside Jesus? Let us look at Jesus. Jesus praying to His Father. Please understand the purpose of salvation. I am the way, the truth and the life and don't stop there. We all stop there. I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me. He is the way that takes us to the destination which is to the Father, that is the reason why at the end He will subdue all kingdoms and give it to His Father. Understand, the destination is the Father. In *Revelation 21*, what you see is not Jesus Christ, it is the Father coming down and wiping everybody's tears and saying, "Now I am your Father and you are My children." So, Jesus has fulfilled His purpose. The Father has got all His children and Jesus is the eldest one. In *Revelation 21*, what you see first is the Father, don't forget. He said, "Pray in My name, but pray to Your Father. I'm going to your Father and My Father." The whole thing is about the Father and the Son is doing the Father's work. He knows the heart of the Father. The Father loves His children. He wants to us all to the Father. So, don't forget. Even if you stay with Jesus alone, He gets hurt, because He said, "I love you. You love me, but my whole purpose was to take you to the Father." You know the Father through Me. The whole thing actually is about the Father. So, Jesus is praying to His Father in *John 17:6*. First thing He says is,

John 17:6

⁶ "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world..."

Daddy, you gave me these eleven, and I have manifested Your name to them.

...They were Yours...

Though He called them, He says, "I didn't call them. You called them through Me. They were Yours."

...You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

Wow! Look at that! That is one loaded statement. This is the life of faith. Jesus is telling us, "This is how I walked on earth. When I walked on earth, I was not living My life, I was living My Father's life. My Father lived through Me, because I heard, I believed, I obeyed and I received grace for that day so the Word was His, the power was His, only the body was mine. Therefore, everything is His." That's the only life God will accept, not the life under the law or the life of the carnal or the worldly. He will not accept it. And then come to verse 9.

John 17:9

⁹ "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world (How unkind! It's not fair.) but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

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I don't pray for the world. That's why we pray for the peace of the world so that we can preach. Pray for the leaders, but you should read Scriptures carefully so that we should have peace. Why do we need peace? To preach the gospel and get them all in. We have no other purpose here. I pray for them, I don't pray for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

Come to verse 20.

John 17:20; One more thing He adds and He includes all of us into it.

John 17:20

²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone (the eleven who are here), but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

So, He prayed for us also. He's still praying for us. He makes intercession forever. So, in heaven, Jesus is making intercession and you know, Jesus still doesn't pray for the world. He still doesn't pray for the world. He doesn't. He prays for His Church. He doesn't pray for anybody else. Only thing is that He knows the end from the beginning and who'll get saved tomorrow and the day after. He knows that. But He only prays for the Church. He doesn't pray for the world. So, the Church has to read and see everything differently and that's what we are trying to do in these ten days and the coming days is trying to get us to move further in Jesus, to get to know the Father, to get to know the ways of God, to get the understand the Father, to get to understand God's order. The question I ask you is remember *Revelation 1*, we don't have to go there, but we saw: shepherd and the Church, the message is given to them. The message was given to the last apostle who gives it to the shepherd and to the Church. It's not given to any evangelist. It's not given to a Christian organization. What if you did not belong to a Church? Imagine when this letter was actually written down and the seven Pastors come to Patmos to visit John and he gives them all a scroll and you did not attend Ephesus Church, but I'm a believer I don't have to go to Church, you would have never got the warning. You would have never got the warning. Even if it was a nonsense Church like Laodicea, even if you still attended and this letter reached there you would have got your warning. You've to understand why we talk about Church, because there are a lot of people who never go to Church. I'm not talking to people who can go to Church and don't go to Church, I'm not talking about many brothers who are listening, I know God will speak to you directly, because you cannot go to Church. If you go to Church you'll get killed. I'm not talking to you. Yours is an extraordinary case. I'm not talking to you. I'm talking to the others. This is the issue. So, every shepherd also needs to be tuned in and every person in the Church also need to be tuned in, especially to your shepherd and what he is speaking. God has His own order, first of all, apostles. Only one apostle is left. Even though he's the only one left and he's very old, still I will go through him. The final word will come through the final living apostle. It comes through him and give it to the shepherds. God doesn't change order. His order is very important. He will not change His order. That's why people have to understand, there is order in God's courts. He does not break His order. So, every shepherd must be like Noah.

Hebrews 11:7

⁷ By faith Noah...

He was a shepherd, shepherd of his family, because that was his Church.

...being divinely warned...

Yesterday or day before yesterday we said, every one of them heard. What if they hadn't heard? Noah found grace in God's sight. What is the proof that he found grace in God's sight? He heard about the judgement. That's the proof of finding grace. Judgement is coming upon Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham heard. Lot did not hear. Abraham heard. God said, "Can I do this without telling Abraham?" Judgement was coming upon Egypt, Moses heard. If you don't hear, what will you build? So, the Church in Ephesus is getting a letter. As soon as the shepherd gets the letter, he's go the warning. My construction is good, only one area is not right. I need to fix this. God said, "This is good. This is good, but the door which you came in through, remember in the beginning, that door is gone. Go back and fix that door." So, he heard. He could put it right if he wanted to and encourage the people to put it right if they were willing. So, Noah heard.

...of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear...

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That’s what is missing! Paul fell off his horse. He was blinded for three days. John was so close to Jesus, and he fell on his face like one dead. Noah moved with godly fear. And what did he do? Not the fear of people or the applause of people, but the fear of God and he built. What is the purpose of his building? He built it for the saving of his household. Now the Church is God’s household. That’s what we are building. We’re building something that will save God’s household from the judgement that will come. We have to be very careful that when the judgement comes God’s children are saved. Let’s leave the others aside. That’s a different message altogether.

...prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Now, John heard. If you hear, go back to *Genesis 6:14-16*, incredible, specific and clear instructions are being given. If you read the seven letters to the seven Churches, the instructions are all different. Common words are there. Common challenges are there. But instructions are all different. Noah heard very clearly.

Genesis 6:14-16

¹⁴ Make yourself an ark...

Not a house or a castle, not a palace, not a convention center. Make an ark of teakwood? Redwood? If you like good smell, sandal wood? No. Gopher wood! Did you see? God is giving specific instructions and it is so important that Noah hears clearly. Don’t make it into one big large hall.

...of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark...

He’s telling very clearly to make rooms. I mean what I’m talking of is how clear the instructions are and how clearly, he has to hear.

...and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

You’ve heard it over and over again.

¹⁵ And this is how you shall make it: (Length is given.) The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, (Width is given.) its width fifty cubits, (height is given) and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, (everything is given) and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

Everything He said. There shall be a door. And He says, “You shall have a lower deck, middle deck and upper deck. It’s a three-storied building. And when you put this thing up, till the top, and then one cubit from the top, leave a gap over there. Leave a gap, at the top.” Everything is absolutely clear. Now, the question is: we are building a spiritual ark. Seven times in that seven letters Jesus tells the shepherds and through the shepherds to the people, “Repent!” I think He tells five Churches to repent and repent of different things. Unless we know we hear and need to know what we need to repent of. That’s why we come to the hearing of the Word, when we hear we repent and we are even more sanctified.

And then, seven times, He tells something and that is the scary part. “I know your works.” Imagine God comes and tells, “Raj, I know your works”, “Roshan, I know your works”, “Sammy, I know your works”, “Vijay, I know your works.” That’s what He is telling, “I know your works!” There is no argument with those kind of statements – “I know your works.” Are we hearing clearly? He says, “I know your works.” Unlike Noah’s ark, this is a spiritual entity. In Noah’s ark, animals got in; in the Church, men and women and children get in. Those who have free will, unlike animals. It’s easier to get an animal into the Church than a man to get into the Church and keep him there.

Genesis 6:7, 10

⁷ So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

¹⁰ And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.

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So, for seven days, the door was open. For a long time, God keeps the door of the Church open. But the question is: spiritually, can you stay inside the ark all the days the doors are open and not step out? I'm not about physically. Like physically, the government has shut everybody in; I'm saying, "Spiritually, can you stay in the Body of Christ without stepping out? The door is open." The door was open for seven days but was not closed. Just before the Judgment Day, God shut it and they are all animals and animals won't go out; they will listen to God always. The question is: we have free will; can we stay in?

Genesis 6:16

¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

So, there are three decks – the lower and second floor and third floor. Like there is one window and one cubit. It's like up there is one window and there is one door at the bottom and there are three storied. God only said, "Get in." He still had the freedom to choose where you want to be in the ark. In the house of God, it's your freedom. Everything comes in threes. The temple also had three places – outer courts, Holy Place and Most Holy Place. God also divides the people into children, young men and fathers. God is not stopping anybody. He says, "You can." The question is: are we going up? Outer courts, Holy Place and Most Holy Place. And if you look at *Hebrews 6:18-20*, actually, there is only one place which is absolutely safe.

Hebrews 6:18-19

¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

Where do you go? You go and lay hold of Jesus who is seated in the Holy of Holies. There is only actual absolute security in one place. Not in the first deck not second deck but in the third deck. Where is Noah? Third deck and where is Jesus? In the third deck, in the Most Holy place and that's the actual place. And, "I haven't stopped anybody. You can choose. Now that you are in, you can choose and the door is still open not shut yet." The age of grace is still not over. So, you can still go out of grace and you can fail grace, fall short of grace, leave grace and walk away but the door is still open and God hasn't shut the door yet; it's still open. One day, at the blowing of the trumpet, the door is shut all over the world and we will go. The door is not shut yet but He says, "There is only one place where there is safety and that is where Noah is." That was what Pastor Vijay was preaching today in the morning if you understood. Let's go to what Pastor Vijay preached, *Exodus 24*.

Exodus 24:12-13

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." ¹³ So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

You have heard it and I don't have to tell you anything. Moses arose with Joshua. Now, Joshua was separated from the crowd and that was his choice. But you need to realize that seeing and hearing is not the same. Please understand. That's why we don't have big visual multi colored screens and all that because it can mess up your hearing. Too big a TV can mess up your hearing because our eyes will take over. *Faith comes from hearing* and not always from seeing. Now go to Scripture and listen very carefully *Exodus 24:1-2*.

Exodus 24:1-2

Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ² And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and seventy elders. So, how many of them are going up actually? 74 and Joshua is not even mentioned there. Still, Joshua went and a point had come where God was not seen Joshua separately from Moses and He doesn't have to mention his name separately. The tutor and the pupil have become one and he is not mention separately. Okay? They have become one. The tutor is Moses and pupil is Joshua. Guru and shishu (Master and the disciple) has become one. But He says; bring Aaron and his two sons. These are the guys who will die later and bring the 70 elders. So, 75 people are going up and you don't see Joshua because he is like Moses shadow. Verses 9-11 interesting part.

Exodus 24:9-11

⁹ Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

Seventy-four plus one, one is missing. He is there but it's not mentioned.

¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

So, they had a vision of God.

¹¹ But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So, they saw God, and they ate and drank.

They did not die. So, He knows how to decrease His glory and bring it to our degree so that we don't die. He is a father. Even when a father spans his children, he does it in a way that there is pain but he doesn't kill. Unless, of course, he is drunk. They did not die. They saw, ate but they didn't die. Now, come to *verse 15-18*.

Exodus 24:15-16

¹⁵ Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days...

Now, further separation is taking place. Now, he goes up higher and now, the cloud goes up, covers the mountain and covers Moses and they can't see Moses anymore and he is in the cloud for six days and only on the seventh day, God speaks to him. Six days were absolute silence and God didn't speak to him at all but he sat there. Can we sit like that to hear from God? Six days, meditating and studying. That's the guy like Daniel fasting for 21 days to get an answer from Scripture.

...And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

The seventh day, God spoke. From the time God speaks, chapter 25 will begin. This is chapter 24. So, 25-31 is all about how the temple should be built. Minute details and the law is also bought over there. Chapter 25-31, God spoke. After 6 days of silence, God spoke. Earlier, after 6 days of creation, God rested on the seventh day. First, He make man sit silent for 6 days and on the seventh day, He tells him, "This is how I am going to build My temple," and that's creation which is bigger than all of God's creation because the temple is an image of people God will have for Himself one day. Seven days, seventh day. You have 25-31 all these chapters in building the temple. It took everything inside and now, let's go to chapter 32.

Exodus 32:1-4

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron...

The question is: how did they do it? Did they climb the mountain or did these guys came down? So, they didn't endure. That's the problem – you can eat, drink and see but if you haven't heard, you will not endure. Till you hear, you won't endure. They haven't heard, God spoke to Moses. They came down.

...and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

This is the problem of people who say they have seen God but haven't heard from God. They make God in the images of what the people want. They haven't sat still before God and waited until they have heard and have not moved. This is the difference that God is talking to us about. "When you speak about Me, be very sure what you are speaking about Me whether you are changing My image. You will change who I am." You will change Christ and the Gospel, Church and everything. Did Aaron and

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the gang endure? No! Did the 70 elders endure? No! Did Nadab and Abihu endure? No! That's why we keep on telling, hear from God and press on.

You know how many chapters are there in the *Book of Revelation*? 22 and how many times the Word hear or heard is used? 45 times. And one of the final words in *Revelation 22 verse 17*.

Revelation 22:17

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" (Down on earth) And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Here, it's an incredible combination. So, now, there is total mayhem in the camp. Absolute mayhem in the camp. Go to verse 17-18. Now you will again see the difference. They are coming down, rushing down.

Exodus 32:17-18

***¹⁷ And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."
¹⁸ But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."***

How come they heard differently? Now Guru, shishya (Master and the disciple) there is a difference. Shishya saying its war but the guru is saying its rivalry. How did he know? Go to verse 7.

Exodus 32:7

⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

How did he know without anything being said? He knew because God told him. So, people may be dancing and jumping in the Church but the Shepherd knows because God tells him, that's all flesh and don't even see. Ignore it and preach a tough word today. It's all flesh, it's simple jumping and dancing nothing has changed in their lives. Don't change the message looking at their jumping and dancing. You know the difference? Joshua got it wrong. He endured, he stood there. He didn't come down and go with the people and made a golden calf for people or anything. But still he did not endure the way Moses endured simply because he did not hear from God. Moses heard from God and Joshua interpreted with his own ears and eyes. That is why it is so important, in the Lords day I was in the spirit and I heard. Why didn't the Pastor of Ephesus or Pergamum or Smyrna, Sardis or Philadelphia or Laodicea, how come they didn't hear? Only one man was in the spirit. God could speak to him so that he could speak to them. Though they were all shepherd's and god was holding them all in His right hand. He man and the Church was held in His right hand but God had to find an old man who could hear. Do you understand the importance of hearing? That's what God is talking about. Do we hear? I know your works, He is telling the Church and that that's what God is talking about. Remember, the works He has created for us even before the foundations of the earth was laid?

Romans 14:23

²³ But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

What is a life you are called to do? Life of faith. *The just shall walk by faith and faith comes from hearing*. It only one way and whatever is not of faith is sin. Faith understands the purpose of redemption. Do we understand the purpose of redemption? Paul puts it most beautifully; right now, we are all shut in and not doing anything outside. So, we are allowing God to do a work within us but does faith understands? Paul understands the work of the ministry within the body.

2 Corinthians 11:2

² For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

You may have come as a harlot does not matter, Christ will sanctify you and one day present to you the ministry of the Church should present every male and female harlot who have been saved from the world because we were harlots with the world,

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brought in and present as a chaste virgin to Christ Jesus and this is the purpose within the Church. Outside is a different story but inside, the work that God is doing in us is this – the purpose of redemption.

In *Ephesians 5:23-27*,

Ephesians 5:23-27

²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the Church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the Church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

For what? The key is verse 27,

²⁷ that He might present her to Himself...

It's not like today's weddings. In today's weddings, the bride gets ready and ready. Everything is for the people and the camera; not for the man she is getting married to. It's all for the camera. Half the men are happy even if you come in your nightie, "You marry me, I am okay." "Can I have a cup of chai and biscuits and send all these people home? I am marrying you." "No, what will people think?" But Jesus is a different Bridegroom. He is polishing the bride, getting the bride ready. No wrinkle, no spot, blemishless. All this, for what? So that He can present her to Himself. Not only did He redeem her, He gets her ready too. For what? To present herself to Him. Does the Church understand the purpose of redemption? How will we make use of these 21 days? For Himself. This is the key – for Himself. Otherwise, you will hear all the Word that is being preached and apply it for yourself. That's the problem. The prosperity preachers, these preachers preach the word of faith so that you will use faith and spend it on yourself. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will have a big car." For who? Does God want a car? "You will have a big house." For who? Does Christ want a big house? If He gives you a good house, stay in it. That's not the point. What are you asking for? What are you preparing for? Who are you preparing for? And Paul says, "I want the present the Church as a chaste, pure, undefiled." We came in as defiled. God can make you undefiled constantly. Go to *Titus 2:11-15*. Proper use of grace.

Titus 2:11-15

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

That's what everybody preaches, right? What does grace teach us? It teaches us, "No!" When you do youth conference and all, you have to make them all shout together, "What does grace tell you?" "No!" If you can say 'yes' to Sachin, you can say 'no' to these things, right? "No,"

¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Why are we doing all this? Because we have this incredible hope, which is a blessed hope.

¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the (glorious) appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

So, all these things, you will do only if that is your hope and that's what you're waiting for. Other people will say, "Lord, please take this epidemic away."

¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself...

It came again, that word. Purify for what? Not for ourselves; for Himself.

...a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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For Himself. We have to get the idea of the Bridegroom. We have to get that heart, “This is what my Husband wants. This is what my Spouse wants.” So, there is this work that He is doing in us and there is a work that He is doing outside. For Himself. That’s why God has given the Church a pause. We are talking about judgment. It’s true, it’s one of the judgments of God but do you have any idea how the Old Testament prophets saw judgment? *Joel 2:12-17*. Do you know how they saw the day of the Lord and to prepare for it?

Joel 2:12-17

¹² ***“Now, therefore,” says the Lord, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”***

“If you really think judgment is coming and this is one of the harbingers, then this is how you need to turn to Me.”

¹³ ***So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. (How?)*** ¹⁴ ***Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him— A grain offering and a drink offering For the Lord your God?*** ¹⁵ ***Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; (And who all are included?)*** ¹⁶ ***Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes...***

All my Athiras, Evangeline, not excluded.

...Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber...

That’s why all weddings are cancelled.

...Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber. And the bride from her dressing room.

All beauty parlours are closed. Do you understand?

¹⁷ ***Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, Weep between the porch and the altar...***

That’s why all Services are cancelled. Please get into the chambers and weep, servants of God. Did you prepare your people for a time and a day like this? If not, get in and start weeping before God. If you are preaching a sloppy message, preparing people for the world and did not prepare them for a Day of Judgment, now, you see a symbol, a sign of judgment, what can happen to a whole world with one little think; God can bring a whole world into a standstill. Do you know what is coming? Did you prepare your people for that? If not, get in and cry! And what should you cry?

...Let them say, “Spare Your people, O Lord, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

Did you see? You see these prophets in the Old Testament? These was to be their response. So, why are closeted on Day 10, morning and evening? Preparing a set of people for God. We will not change the message. Our message will not change. It cannot change. “I know your works.” Only God knows our works but we should hear Him speak. That’s why we should saturate ourselves with the Word. God is truth and it must become a fact and a reality. That’s why He said, five times to the Church, “Repent.” To two Churches, He did not say, “Repent.” One to Pergamum; the other one is Philadelphia. To Pergamum, He said, “You are poor but you are rich.” To Philadelphia, He said, “You are weak but you are strong.” Yet, the two Churches, He did not say, “Repent.” His response to them, the actual core issue that they were facing is completely different. In *Revelation 2:10*, this is what He tells Pergamum. They are good Churches, nothing negative.

Revelation 2:10

¹⁰ ***Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.***

What does He say? “Endure and die.” So, some Churches, during this epidemic, God may be saying, “I have tested your works. You are good. You are cool. I’m very happy with you but die and come through. 10 days. 21 days. But if you die in this

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pandemic, don't think it as judgment. Think of it as I approved you. You have endured until death. I'm not going to release you from this. Come through. Stand still to your last breath and come through. You have endured." To the other Church, it's exactly the opposite.

Revelation 3:10

¹⁰Because you have kept My command to persevere (which is, again, endure), I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

The hour of trial has come upon the whole earth but you will not die because you also endured. Leave it to the autonomy and the sovereign of God on how to deal and how to speak to our situations. It is not my call or your call. Some may die; some may live. Don't judge them. Both may be equally sanctified. Both may have endured equally. It's not ours to say. It's not ours to decide. It is for God to decide. So, if somebody dies through this Pandemic, "Oh, that Pastor died. The poor man must have been a sinner." God would say, "Shut your mouth. You don't know his works. I know his works." Another may come through untouched. God says, "I know his works. He has endured." Both endured. What did Jesus say? "You have to endure till the end." That is why it is so important to hear because it is not, "One size fits all." He is the Saviour of the Body. The Church is the Bride of His Son, the object of God's affection. And only one life is accepted by God. That's the life of faith. In the life of faith, Christ lives through you. It's very funny, right? You look at it; very funny things. Who is Jesus? Son of God. Born of the Spirit. The Spirit came upon Mary and that was His Body and He got a new body. But He is the Son of God through the Holy Spirit, of the Father. Who are we? Born of the flesh. He is male; we are female. Gender-wise. Father is the same, right? So, He is my Brother and yet, He is my Husband. I am His wife and I am His sister, right? Go to *Genesis 20:12*,

Genesis 20:12

¹²But indeed she is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

Did you know that Abraham's wife was his actual sister but the father was the same? You know why He made it? So that we all would have the same father. Terah was the father of Abraham and Terah was the father of Sarah and, "They both, alone, I called." You know what God does that? We never understand why He does stuff like that. "Abraham, what's your father's name?" "Terah." "Sarah, what's your father's name?" "Terah." "Jesus, what's Your Father's Name?" "Yahweh." "What's your Father's Name?" "Yahweh." "Jesus, who are You?" "The Husband." Who are we, Church? The wife. Who is Abraham? The father of believers. You understand? There are so many things in the Bible. We are just discovering as we go and we realize – Oh, my God, You are really the Ancient of Days, God of Ages. Everything is there. These men of God did not know what they were marrying, who they were marrying. Every one of them was a symbol for us to teach us. *Isaiah 50* will say, "Abraham and Sarah alone, I called." And they were brother and sister. Father was the same. Jesus and the Church are Brother and sister. Father is the same. So, the sister and the brother have to be equally sanctified because the Seed is the same Father. Understood? Father God seed is here and seed is here. So, He says, "Be sanctified so that I can present you to Myself." Understand purpose. Don't waste your time, Church. GTC, Hyderabad, especially, don't waste your time. I still don't know whether all of you are listening or not. Listen because at the end of days, when the lockdown is over and when we come to Church, I will give you a written test to make sure you heard or not. You will have a test. If God will test our faith, I will also test you. Because you have no excuse now, absolutely no excuse. Amen? Let's pray.

Closing Prayer:

Father, we just thank You, Lord. Awesome God! Where can we go from You, Lord? How can we even understand, Lord? We don't even know what it means that God loves us; that everything that You do in our lives, even this pandemic You allow is because You love Your Church so much, that through this, You want to refine a set of people so that they can sanctified and presented to Your Son. Help us to see Your heart. Then only, truly, we will be able to always say and sing, "God is good all the time." In the midst of the pandemic, God is good. In the midst of the darkness, God is good, Lord. Even as we sang, yes, Lord, our eyes are upon You. Speak to us, O Lord. We will obey. You have always brought us through. Speak to us. Give us hearing ears once again and always. An understanding mind, a believing heart and a will that obeys; and the best of Christ will be our portion. For Your Word says, "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best of the land." You are our provision. You are our position. You are our reward. You are our life. Help us to hear, Lord, every day of our lives. For in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.