

*Father, this morning we just come to You, we just thank You, we just praise You, we just worship You, Lord. Thank You, thank You Father, thank You, Lord. We commit ourselves this morning into Thy hands: the Author and the Finisher of our faith. We look to You, we have come for life, we have come to identify, through Your living Word, the strongholds in our minds that needs to be demolished, before we can truly-true see and understand the Kingdom better and better, every block that is within us, which we may have carried with us for years together, it was never showed or never revealed because we were not ready or willing for it. Therefore, every day is a day of deliverance, every day is a day of sanctification, every day is a day of victory in Christ Jesus, for Your Word is a double-edged sword, it cuts through and through beyond anything that man can do—the division of the soul and the spirit. It reveals the hidden motives and the intends of the heart, that even the man himself may not be aware of, only You can do it, Lord, through Your Spirit. So, we surrender ourselves first, before the Word comes. Cut us open and heal us, remove everything in us; doesn't matter how long we have held to an opinion, how much we have nursed it and loved it; if it is detestable in Your sight, let it go from us, today – not one more day, not like what Pharaoh said about the frogs, "tomorrow," no Lord, today, today, today. Anything that is unacceptable, unclean in Your sight; let it go today, Lord, reveal it to us. For in Jesus' name we pray, Amen!*

We have been looking at Elijah, like I said on Thursday; we have been stuck in that mountain for a long time, but it's a good mountain to be stuck at. Mount Carmel does a lot of stuff, it reveals, it opens up, it demolishes, it cleanses, it sanctifies, and then it gives us the power to destroy the powers of darkness. So, there we have been looking at—the altar. It all begins with, at the end in the evening when Elijah making a statement, "Come near me," and the people move towards Elijah. We have to take a move towards God. If we do not take a move towards God, that is *1 Kings 18:30*, he said "Come near to me." Please understand this – you can move in the body, like next Sunday, you can move in your body to the church without having ever moved in your mind. So, it is not talking primarily about physical movement. If you turn with me to *Luke 15:17-18*,

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***<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!"***

"But when he came to himself," so, you see, he moved first in his mind and in verse 18, he moves physically.

***<sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,***

The movement first takes place in the mind. Unless we change our thinking—that's what repentance means—a received pattern of thinking concerning anything, and we hear something else which contradicts what has been accepted and has become the norm for us and the Word of God comes and contradict what we have received, we have to put it away and receive that, that is the first movement that takes place—he came to his senses and that's what is happening, okay. That's the first step of salvation; we come to our senses.

So, they moved towards Elijah and then he said, "Come near me," they came, then he started repairing the altar. And we looked at altar in so many ways in detail, different kinds of altar, we didn't look at all the altars in the Bible but we looked at the altar in *Genesis 3*; we looked at the altar in *Genesis 8*, that is Noah's; we looked at the altar in *Genesis 12*; then we came to the altar in *Genesis 13*, where he moved to Hebron; then we looked at the altar in Moriah; then we looked at the altar in Beersheba; then we looked at Shechem, that is the first altar, and we see where Jacob goes wrong. But when we come to the New Covenant, the physical

pictures are given in the Old Testament—the Old Testament is the shadow; the substance is the New Covenant. One is the shadow; the reality is found in Christ Jesus.

So, in the New Covenant, it is the Cross- that is the altar, okay. Remember, there are two crosses: one is the cross of Jesus Christ and then is the cross we are personally called to carry. It's the Cross of Jesus Christ that brings salvation; not the cross you carry. If you haven't encountered Christ and His cross and carry your cross, you will only become self-righteous, you do not become righteous, okay. At the Cross of Jesus Christ, you become righteous — His righteousness is imputed on you and then when you carry your cross and then you learn to walk with Him, you grow in that righteousness; not in your self-righteousness, in the righteousness of Christ that comes by faith and faith alone.

So, we looked at it, the cross has two beams—those who did not, I would request you, go back and listen to Tuesday and Thursday messages because it will change the way you live, it will change the way you deal with God and deal with one-another, because the cross has two beams: the first beam, the vertical beam is the important beam, not the horizontal — horizontal is almost equally important but the vertical one is what is important, and the vertical one is that, Christ makes peace with God for us and what is the way? We looked at *Proverbs 28:13*, three things are mentioned over there: uncover, confess, and forsake. The Holy Spirit will show in us, the first thing is that, we repent of all sin – not sins; sin, Christ saves us and then Christ's Spirit will keep showing us as we progress, because these things become blocks in the way.

So, first thing – He uncovers, and when He uncovers, He is bringing something that in the dark—sometimes, even the very person himself might be in the dark, He brings it to the light, once it is brought to the light, you have a choice, will you confess it? Now He is not showing to the whole world, He is only showing to your own conscience, will you confess? Acknowledge it?

I remember, during a season of fasting many years ago, it was a spiritual battle because you want to move another step ahead and you are realizing there is some block somewhere in the past, what is it! The Holy Spirit showed me which I had never remembered in the years before that. This had happened to me when I was in class 2 or 3 – one of my schoolmates in Bhutan had died in the river, he had drowned in the river, so, his body was never found. Because it's a Buddhist country and Buddhism is the religion - that week, they had a prayer in the church with the Lamas and all the chanting and everything—that's the way, with everything going on with full day prayer and all, and I was part of it, I was ignorant, I didn't know but Dad was the Principal and I had to be the part of it. The Lord reminded me, "You were part of something which was connected with the occult, with or without knowledge, you were part of it. Now, confess it and forsake it, so, they don't have any hold over you." Okay, because when you are a child, you recite what they say, even now I know those things how to say in their language. So, you were part of that group, you recite also, and the devil acknowledges it.

Let me ask you one thing, like we talk about Sarah or Joan, or Abigail, or Amy, they are six-seven years old – if they say, "Jesus, I love You, I want to serve You" does God take that child seriously? Yes, absolutely. So, a six-year-old child or seven-year-old child speaks something to another god, does that god take you seriously? If this is right, that is also right, right? So, these are things we are talking about. That doesn't mean you are unsaved but as you are going forward, God is showing you blocks that are there in your past that impedes your progress.

It's like, you join any team, the coach doesn't show you all your faults in the first day, but as you go further; if it is cricket, as you go further and further, he will tell you, this is the stand, or the way you are leaning, or you are swinging too fast; he will start showing you little by little, it's not that on the first day he will tell you everything, you will not be able to handle it, you will be so depressed and say, "I am not fit for cricket," you will go back to home. So, God doesn't show everything at first day, or the first year, or the second year, He takes you through the process. That's what we are talking about, but the way it is, when He uncovers, we

accept, we confess and we forsake and the Bible says, “The blood of Jesus cleanses us of all unrighteousness,” and don’t walk under condemnation because *1 John 2:1* says,

**1 John 2:1**

***<sup>1</sup> My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”***

So, run back to the room of grace, room of mercy, you have a righteous Advocate, He will intercede for you, He will speak on your behalf, He is not an accuser, the Holy Spirit is not an accuser, He convicts you and Jesus pleads your case before the Father. Look at how They work together: The Holy Spirit brings conviction and when you act according to the conviction, Jesus works as the Advocate and the Father hears the case and He says, “Not guilty,” because the Advocate has paid the price (which usually never happens). An advocate actually charges you, but here is the Advocate who pays the price, that’s the beauty of our Advocate. So, you look at that, that’s the first thing. This is a continuous process where you get the vertical beam right, okay. Then, there is the horizontal and the horizontal is where people again get tripped. Remember, we looked at *Matthew 23:18-19*, about the altar,

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***<sup>18</sup> And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.’***

That’s the Pharisees doctrine.

***<sup>19</sup> Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?***

So, when you come to the altar, you need to remember, what sanctifies the person – because we are offering ourselves as living sacrifice, it is not our offering that sanctifies us; it is the altar that sanctifies us. We are not automatically sanctified because we offered ourselves, the altar sanctifies us. So, when we come to the altar, to that prayer closet, to that place we encounter God – God will show us stuff that is in us, we put it away, then He will start dealing with the horizontal beam and the horizontal beam is what we looked at, right?

**Mark 11:24-25**

***<sup>24</sup> Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*** He says, pray with faith, then He says what is the block for many unanswered genuine needs— not carnal needs— genuine needs go unanswered. The reason is, <sup>25</sup> ***“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”***

How do you know you have anything against anyone? The Holy Spirit reminds you. Remember, it is the Holy Spirit, *Ephesians 2:18* will say, “Pray in the Holy Spirit.” *Jude 1:20* will say, “Build up in your Holy Spirit and pray in the Holy Spirit.” Every other prayer is a carnal or soulish prayer, it is the Holy Spirit prayer which is actually powerful and one of the things that the Holy Spirit does is, when you stand praying, He will show whether you have offense against somebody, whether we are an offended person, did we get offended; other person may not know, this is the case where other person doesn’t know at all, he or she has offended us but what happens is, we know they offended us and we are holding resentment in our hearts. It’s like Ahithophel: you can be a perfect actor, for years together; David had absolutely no clue that this man has got murder in his heart, yet, he is close to him and serving the king with counsel. He is a trusted counsellor and his counsel never goes wrong, he doesn’t even err in his counsel because he is biding and waiting for his moment to take revenge, he has got something against and does not mean that Ahithophel never went to temple, he probably went to temple many times, offered sacrifices and all, but there is no conviction in his heart at all- the Holy Spirit is not able to speak to him.

For many people Christianity becomes a religion; they never encounter God, they are never able to go ahead with God because they are holding something in their heart, and the problem is, devil is waiting for it, and you don't deal with it, heart gets harder and harder and demonic starts working. Ahithophel never knew he had a spirit of death over him, the spirit of suicide over him; Saul did not know he had the spirit of suicide over him, he also committed suicide and he was offended with David, though David did him no wrong. It's a misunderstanding, he was offended. These are real things, real things why people trip and people go and they say, "I am giving up faith, I am giving up on church, it doesn't work for me," but the problem may be inside you, I mean, when the Holy Spirit shows those things, deal with it. So, this is where somebody has offended you, you are not acknowledging it, you are pretending it is okay but it is the wound that is festering inside. And we look at other case, that is *Matthew 5:23-24*, again the altar comes there.

### **Matthew 5:23-24**

***<sup>23</sup> Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, that is: praise, worship, offer tree, anything, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.***

Now, this is not you having something against your brother, but your brother has something against you, this also the Holy Spirit reminds, you may not be aware or you may be aware, you may have neglected it or taken it lightly, but the Holy Spirit says, "Do you know this person is upset with you and you are the reason?" You didn't intent it that way but he or she has taken it that way. It can be intentional or unintentional—you know there are offerings for that in the Old Testament. So, this is all New Covenant practice—Old Testament, you had to kill something, something had to die or something had to be given—but God says what do you need to do is: "*leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*" You don't have to stop giving or you don't have to stop praying or praising, just go and make reconciliation.

So, you need to understand what repairing the altar means in the New Covenant, we repair our lives at the Cross, that the vertical and the horizontal are functioning properly, and you know what? Then you are on the other side of the Cross and you start hearing well, now, what you have to deal is with your flesh, now you pick up your cross. So, there are two crosses working constantly in your life: one is the Cross of Jesus Christ and the other is your cross. By the Cross of Jesus Christ, you have been redeemed, you have been forgiven, and the world is crucified to you and you will not listen to the opinions of the world-- "No you don't have to forgive, he deserves it," die to that opinion; the world and its opinion dies at the Cross of Jesus Christ and you died to your self will at the cross and start hearing from God and serving Him. Otherwise, what will happen? It will be a life on earth is totally wasted. There is so much God could have done through each person but hardly anything gets done; everybody sits in Church with that disease which is worse than which is worse than COVID 19, which is the pew-monia which you get from pews; they sit there, live there and die there in the church.

And there is no other way, that is the only way. So, unforgiveness; real or perceived offense—one of the ways, like, now, we have all these setups over here, next Sunday when somebody comes in, what do we check first? The temperature. Temperature is only a symptom, it can be of anything, but it's a symptom. And you need to realize, when you are offended, which leads to unforgiveness- offense, immediately doesn't lead to unforgiveness; offense become unforgiveness when you are not willing to deal with your offense but, offense's first symptom is anger, it's anger, that's why first question asked outside the garden, "Cain, why are you angry?" First response. Now turn with me to *Ephesians 4:26-27*; this is not a message, this is just recapping, so, people will work on their personal life during this season.

### **Ephesians 4:26-27**

***<sup>26</sup> "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give place to the devil.***

So, how long should you hold unforgiveness? Maximum, till evening; before evening, settle it, don't take it to the next day. It's a prescription from the heavenly physician; it is not good to carry anger unto the next day, do not let the sun go down on your anger or on your offense, whatever it is, don't carry it over; make peace with your brother; make peace with God before the sun sets. You know, Jacob runs from his father's house without making peace with his brother—brother is offended and is angry, and he hasn't made peace and he runs and the Bible quotes, "The sun set on him," the sun does not rise on him for 20 years, spiritually. It's literally written there, the sun set on him. Twenty years later, once God has encountered him, he is right with God, the sun rises—next day you see, he makes peace with his brother. The Bible is very-very clear about these things, don't delay. These are most important things in our life. We have our priorities which is according to the world: it is not breakfast, it is not lunch, it is not dinner, it is not our job, none of these are on the priority list, there are certain things that are high up in God's priority list, that is: peace with God and peace with man, and that's how God puts it. Let's read from 30-32 also.

### **Ephesians 4:30-32**

**<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

Why? Because He is the One who will tell you, He is the One who will tell you; "You are angry, you are upset, your brother is upset."

**<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.**

These are all got to do with other people, this is how you deal because outwardly, you can deal very nicely but inwardly all these things could be there and the Holy Spirit knows.

**<sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.**

How do you want to forgive your brother? Exactly the way God forgives you. Let go, no holds, nothing, let go. So, these are important. Understand, there are no shortcuts in the Kingdom of God. Even in math there are shortcuts—I know there are shortcuts because I was the shortcut fellow in math, I didn't have the patience to learn the whole steps, shortcuts were there, okay. But with God, these matters, there are no shortcuts. Remember, Saul of Tarsus! How he started.

### **Acts 9:1**

**<sup>1</sup> Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, see, Christ was called the people of the way; it is the way to salvation, it is the way to life, **whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.****

So, he was so angry, so jealous, "these people are messing up Judaism," and God encounters him, then you realizes; "My gosh! It's Christ, this the true way, they are on the right way, I am on the wrong way," and he is blind for three days. In three days, God is showing him where he has gone wrong with God, showing him everything where has gone wrong with his brothers. But what you see in verse 10-15 is interesting.

### **Acts 9:10-15**

**<sup>10</sup> Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. <sup>12</sup> And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." <sup>13</sup> Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.**

Now, logically think for a minute, why does God have to do it this way? He heard Saul prayed, he knows his prayer is genuine and He could speak to him and say, “You are healed, arise and go,” He did it deliberately to one representative of the set of people whom he has harmed to go there and lay hands on him as a sign that he is forgiven, “Receive your sight, I have forgiven you; now receive forgiveness from man too, you will be able to see clearly.”

You know when we have the clarity of vision? When the Cross works; our vision is very-very clear, we are able to understand the ways, the purposes, the plans, the power, everything of God—and everything is clear; his eyes are open, he receives purpose, he receives power, and before you know, he steps forward with the same zeal and preaches Christ, he realizes Yahweh is Yeshua and he preaches. That’s what the Bible is talking about.

So, there stands Elijah on Mount Carmel and we know Elijah will win that day. But remember—now we are taking a turn—every victory we learn from Biblical history, we win, is just a temporary reprieve, because when one man fell, the world had already been set on the way to destruction, in between there are seasons where Israel gets reprieve, the church gets reprieve but it is sliding, there is no reprieve that is permanent. The world is already set towards destruction, the prince of the world has already been judged; the fire is already ready, Jesus just wants to kindle it, everything is ready. So, every reprieve in history is temporary, don’t take the reprieve and say, “Oh, Hallelujah! This is salvation!” God says: it’s just a temporary phase. So, even the reprieve Elijah brings is temporary, it will be sustained for a little while by Elisha and after that nation will go – kings like Josiah, Hezekiah may arise but none of these things will last, don’t get excited. Samaria may have a time of peace for a season, after that persecution will arise.

During the time of peace, what we are supposed to do is; fortify our faith and not take it as the norm, no! That is not the norm, the world is hurdling towards destruction. That is where Jacob goes wrong. Jacob has peace with God at Peniel, makes peace with God, God has set him free – next chapter you will see, he has peace with man. See, when you have peace with man, God will also start working on your brother who is angry and offended with you. Twenty years what he could not do, in one day God did.

#### **Genesis 33:4**

***<sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.***

They have peace with God and peace with man, Jacob is fine.

The problem is, we see, he goes and settles down in Shechem. We think this is salvation: I am good, I am okay; you are okay – it’s not the title of the psychological book but that is the way Jacob is behaving: I am okay, peace with God; you are okay, peace with my brother, this is the place to settle down and he settles down in Shechem, and after that what you know is – let’s go there, verse 33:18,

#### **Genesis 33:18**

***<sup>18</sup> Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city.***

But the problem is, that city is not a good city and not only that, he went and bought a land which will become a graveyard later. The problem is, if you buy a land in the wrong places, it will just become a trash heap, it will become a graveyard –that’s not the place to build your life, you have to move, like Abraham, further. Shechem is where he had peace with God but from there you have to move to Bethel where you are in the house of God, where God will teach you His ways, and His purpose and His plans, everything, but he doesn’t go there, he settles down there. The guy who settles down outside Shechem and looks into Shechem is a man who is compromised. This is what twenty years in Haran has done to him –he is still a man of double minded, okay. This is what happened with Lot too –Lot also lifted his eyes; he saw the plains, water, the

valley of Jordan and it was like Eden and Egypt—a double minded man. He sees Eden in Egypt, and Egypt in Eden, double minded man. What does he do? He also pitches his tent towards the Sodom, just like that.

When you are double hearted, remember, even though you have an experience with God, because you are double minded and your flesh is stronger than the Spirit, you will pitch your tent toward Babylon and not towards Jerusalem, because everybody is making only two choices: either towards spiritual Jerusalem or Babylon. And these two guys; both Lot and Jacob, eyes are still on Babylon and Babylon will always take its price. Like we say in Shakespeare's "A pound of flesh" –it will take your pound of flesh. Babylon gives nothing free; it will promise you the world then take your soul.

So, what you see is, Dinah is defiled, that's the woman in the house; the only daughter he has, the girl is defiled. Because Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom, what happens to him? Both his daughters get defiled. Because Jacob pitched his tent towards Shechem, what happens to him? His daughter gets defiled. The daughters of woman, spiritually signifies the church—the church gets defiled. When the Pastor chooses to pitch his tent towards the world and preaches about the world and about the prosperity of the world, the church gets defiled. The Pastor is supposed to pitch his tent towards Jerusalem and preach about Jerusalem, the church gets sanctified. So, the daughters get defiled in both cases, and we never hear about Dinah after that and we know what Lot's daughters produced: Amon and Moab.

So, we should realize every action has spiritual implication, it will have repercussion; either evil or it will bring a harvest of righteousness because we don't realize we are sowing. So, God comes to the rescue. You know what happens? Not only on that—look at Genesis, we know once Dinah is raped, the sons go the father's way; they deceive the prince and man of the city and then Simeon and Levi go and kill all the men. Look at that—before; Levi, in the history, the priesthood is upon his shoulder, before he has offered even a single sacrifice to the living God, his hands are already dripping with blood. Now the enemy sets you up. Your future, your destiny, is already messed up before you have even started, because Levi is going to be the priest of Israel, out of him will come Moses, Aaron and all the Levitical priest, but how did he begin his ministry? With innocent blood and that too through deception, okay. That's how devil sets you up. And where did it come from? Because the father was compromised, he didn't move to a place of stability. So, God comes to his rescue and in chapter 35 verse 1, He says, "Move."

### **Genesis 35:1**

***<sup>1</sup>Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."***

At least, Jacob does that. So, Lot also goes to captivity in *Genesis 13*, but he is rescued by Abraham and he goes back to captivity. He had a second chance, he had a wonderful chance, he saw the actual effects of living in Sodom; he, his entire family was taken captive, Abraham fights for him, rescues him, but when he is given a choice, he goes back to Sodom and God leaves him alone after that. He has already seen, he has already heard, he has seen his uncle's life, he has seen his testimony, he fought for you, he has brought deliverance into your life, and if you want to go back, it's your choice. That's what Peter would say, "After having known the way of righteousness, if we go back to our old life, you are just like a dog who goes back to its own vomit. You should have never known the way of righteousness."

Jesus said: On the day of judgement, He would have more mercy on Sodom but Lot's family is not going to get any mercy because they had known the way of righteousness, Sodom had not known the way of righteousness. So, if Lot and his family had not known the way of righteousness, in eternity, probably he would have found more mercy. That's what the Bible is talking about. These things are fundamental, these things are important in eternity and like I said, our minds have to come back to things that are eternal and we cannot live in the temporal; if we live in the temporal, after hearing all the Word, keep on going back to

the temporal, we are setting ourselves up for destruction. So, Bible uses that term, *“If you are raised up with Christ, then think about things that are above.”*

Why did these people fail? Why did these people bring so much destruction into their lives, into their homes –if you look in terms of pastors, into their churches –what was their sin? It was a sin of compromise, they compromised; they looked at Sodom and saw Eden; they looked at Eden and saw Egypt, they come to church and their ears are all waiting, “What is it in for me?” and if the preacher doesn’t tickle your ears, you go find a place where they will tickle your ears. And we don’t understand the nature of the world – the world system looks so beautiful, glittering, everything, but it is built on a platform of ideas that will destroy your soul; the ideas behind it will destroy your soul and we don’t even realize how nice it looks, how beautiful it looks, and how innocent it looks. Now, it’s of course because of pandemic lockdown—otherwise, you see all these advertisements of eating out, new dishes, new place, discount, if you have a credit card and this is platinum; 10% discount for you, if it is gold; 20 % discount for you –every offer under the sky looks nice and the food is tasty, ambience is great but it ultimately leads to the breaking down of the house because supper is the meal where you have fellowship and your mother’s food will always aim – I mean old mothers, not 21<sup>st</sup> century ladies – it’s aim towards the health of your children and not the appreciation of your children.

We grew up like that, my father looked at me and suddenly things which were distasteful disappeared in record time, like Trump’s warp speed – I come down from Bhutan to Kerala, everything that is set in my grandfather’s house, I don’t like, I don’t like any of those; all Mallu stuff, they are all very healthy but I don’t like them, so I am sitting there, fidgeting, and then my father stares at me and immediately all the eat disappeared. You look at it, such an innocent thing but we don’t realize, behind all these, there are philosophies. Hotels and inns were always in history for travelers, not for people who live in homes. So, you know what the enemy has done with a subtle ploy, he has made us all travelers and a home doesn’t exist, even if you have a home, you are a traveler. And we do not realize, *James 4:4* talks about the world very clearly.

#### **James 4:4**

***<sup>4</sup> Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.***

That doesn’t mean you shouldn’t go out and eat, okay. Take your wife, take your family once in a while, pick a decent place, not an expensive place and not fancy food but healthy food. See, if you know children, if you train them well in the beginning, they just want a good time, we are the ones who like eating; not they, unless we train them. I could take my kids to the same place once in every month and every month, leave it to them, they order the same things because I never gave them a second choice and they would be so proud about it: I will order, I will order; I said, “Go ahead, order,” and I knew what the order would be. After two months, three months, four months, the waiter also used to smile, they knew what the order was. We think food, they don’t think food but the problem is, we make them to think food. I am not saying you shouldn’t go out, but the reason you go out is different; to have a good time together outside the different or usual settings.

But, ***“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?”*** That is something which you need to understand, “Am I in the ways I have received ideas in my mind and enemy of God?” Think about the prodigal son –when he was leaving; thank you daddy, thank you so much, I never thought you are so kind, I never thought you would give me my inheritance, thank you daddy, thank you mummy; and he is going but he doesn’t realize, in his mind he is an enemy of his father because the way he thinks is exactly against the way his father thinks. Outwardly, he doesn’t realize, but inwardly in his thought life he is an enemy of God and sometimes people don’t realize the ideas we have received makes us friends of the world and friendship with the world is enmity with God, and that’s why first deliverance is in your mind. If you are delivered in your mind; deliverance in the body is much easier. The deliverance in the mind is very difficult,



to cast out a demon from the body is very easy, to break down received strongholds is so difficult, it is so difficult, and we don't realize, in the process what happens is we become enemies of God in our mind. Look at how enemy sets you up, *1 Peter 5:8*, familiar verse.

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

***<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.***

Though he walks around like a roaring lion, he doesn't act like one, he acts more like the python and python is also mentioned in the Bible –the girl who had the divining spirit is actually the python spirit–what does it do? It coils around you, slowly squeezes the air out of you and then he will swallow you even though you may be bigger than the python, little by little he swallows you, that's what the devil does, he uses the world, slowly takes your life away; one step, another step, another step and then he starts swallowing you. Where is it happening? It's in your mind. Because it is spiritual, we are not aware; if it is physical, we are aware, but because it is spiritual, we are not aware. We are being squeezed out of the image of God and being confirmed in the pattern of the world –that's what the Bible says, *"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice and do not confirm to the pattern of the world but by the renewing of your mind,"* this is the battle. And we have to understand that Satan is the enemy of Jesus Christ and the god of this world. He is no friend of the christian. He is not your friend, satan is not your friend, the world is not your friend; we have to be consistently reminded and meditate upon the words of Jesus Christ.

### **John 17:16-18**

***<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.***

How are we not of the world? Just as Christ is not of the world, there is no other comparison. See, comparison makes whole lot of difference. Jesus says: we are not of the world, just as He is not of the world. Just separate them from the world, sanctify them from the world. How? By Your truth; Your Word is the truth – that is why preachers cannot preach about the world, they have to preach against the world.

***<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.***

We are sent into the world, but we are not of the world; we have to go into the world, why? Because we got a purpose. That's why our prayer should be always, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, Your name be hallowed." It is not that we are isolated from the world, we are sent into the world but we are not of the world. In *John 18:36*, He makes it very clear to Pilate.

### **John 18:36**

***<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."***

Jesus says, "The Kingdom of God is within you," and you are waiting for the physical manifestation of that Kingdom and we are not of this world. That's what the first thing salvation does; it takes you out of this world in your spirit, you are not of this world. Then, if you go into the world, you go into the world as a witness of the Kingdom and not as a friend of the world, and if you go as a friend of the world, you become an enemy of God. And that's what God is talking about! This is the issue. Why is the church weak? How does the devil weaken the church? The devil is not attacking the world, because that's his place, but he is attacking the church by trying to get the world in: ways, ideas, patterns, behavior. You see, after David, Solomon becomes king –for a season Solomon did well and it reaches its peak of glory and then after that, Israel started going down. You know why? Because the king started receiving the world into his heart. He thought that because he is so wise, he could dabble with worldly ideas and it wouldn't harm him, in his search for wisdom.

This is the problem: we think we have come to a point now sin doesn't harm us, we are exempt, and Solomon went that way and Israel's downfall began –downfall began during Solomon's reign, it didn't begin after Solomon's death. During Solomon's reign, you will see Israel's downfall. So, you learn from history, you learn from pattern. After the apostolic age, the church did not go up; it started coming down, coming down, finally, it went to what we call, 'Dark Ages,' and in the dark ages, a priest called Martin Luther had to stand up; again, it started going up and then Darwin came in, Marx came in and again it went down. We will say the pulpit is not a place for politics, but the pulpit is the place for politics. This is from where you confront the ideas of the world. What is politics? The ideologies. Politics is based on ideas and ideologies and we have been given something—don't get into petty battles with each other. Goliath represents an ideology; the Kingdom of God represents an ideology, and there your brothers are mocking you, he turned away. Don't waste time fighting with them because the cause is bigger than this. You don't have time to waste fighting with your brothers and trying to justify, "No, I am not proud, I am not arrogant, I am humble," you don't have to prove, just don't waste your time over there. People pick up petty-petty issues in the church because they forget the bigger cause; the bigger cause is the Kingdom of God.

So, that's what he says; he turns away from his brothers and he says, "Is there not a cause?" what is the cause? You are fighting for the wrong cause; the cause is the Kingdom of God and here, there is Goliath standing up to devour the Kingdom of God and I will not allow it to happen. So, ideas are powerful! Goliath versus David is a spiritual battle, meaning; your size doesn't matter; the power of ideas matter and what has been given to us is the Kingdom of God and it doesn't matter who you are, which culture you come from; if you believe and you portray it, that idea will demolish every idea. You don't need a PhD, if you have, good for you –like CS Lewis, Derek Prince and all that who came from Cambridge and Oxford, good for you if you turn it towards Christ, otherwise, bad for you but you don't need that, you don't need any of those things. All the people Jesus used in the 1<sup>st</sup> century were unlearned men but the power of their ideas dazzled the world, they had no answer, they had no answer to this.

So, please remember this, we are dealing with ideas and what happens is, after Solomon's reign, the kingdom split into two: one is Rehoboam, the other is Jeroboam. If you look at both of them; both of them led both Judah and Israel into further compromise and look at them, both their beginnings – *1Kings 12:1*, this is Rehoboam, Solomon's son.

### **1 Kings 12:1**

***And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.***

He begins from Shechem, he didn't go to Hebron—his grandfather was made king at Hebron, his father was made king at Jerusalem—where did he go to become king? Shechem. He starts from Shechem and he will never recover. Look at verse 25—the other fellow who was given ten tribes, Jeroboam, you will see where this fellow also starts.

### **1 Kings 12:25**

***<sup>25</sup>Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel.***

Where did this fellow go? He also went to Shechem and dwelt there. Did you see how these places have spiritual significance! Both guys began from there, and from there they didn't progress further, from there they fall apart, they don't move further. So, God says: there are places even in your spiritual walk where there is safety, there is no safety in all places; Shechem is a place where your great grandfather—the father of faith, encountered God first but don't dwell there, there is no safety there. That is the edge of the Kingdom of God, that is the edge; don't stay at the edge, move further, otherwise, what will happen? You will be

destroyed. You know what happened to this guy? You see from verse 26-30, how he brings compromise, this is Jeroboam.

**1 Kings 12:26-28**

***26 And Jeroboam said in his heart,***

It all begins in the mind. See, you don't fall in your actions first; you fall in your mind first, you entertain, you nurse that idea and then you act it out. Nobody falls into sin in an instant, you nursed an idea; if you don't nurse that idea, then when the temptation come, you have the power to resist it. Joseph never nursed that idea in his mind—he must have seen her flirting, but he never nursed that idea, he cut it off, so, when it actually hit him, he just rejected it.

***“Now the kingdom may return to the house of David:***

it's contradictory to what God has told him; so there are two opinions: God has spoken something, that is the truth, now you are nursing an idea which is put in there by devil and his downfall begins. You have two opposing ideas: now, you will exalt this idea which is against the revealed truth, that is how people fall away; the Word of God is given, it is set, it is closed and they will receive an idea which is contradictory to and their fall begins.

***27 If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.”***

***28 Therefore the king asked advice,***

So, there are lot of people if you ask for an advice, they will give you very nice worldly advice, ***made two calves of gold, and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!”***

What did they say? I will make it convenient for you. That's what they use. What is the reason? They make worship convenient. Now, next Sunday we are going, because now there is no time limit, we didn't go early, the church was still there and fifty people could gather but they said, “Only one hour.” Now, if you went there, 500 people would have been willing to come there for 1 hour because it is very convenient for people, because I was a person like that before I came to the Lord. There were two Catholic churches in my town: one was a Syrian one and that's where we used to go but it was two and half hours, the mat was coir and you are wearing shorts and all-in those days, and kneeling down; it used to hurt –get up, kneel down, get up, kneel down and there was another one, the roman catholic church, that was only forty minutes. One day, I asked my grandfather: “Can I go there?” he said “Go.” After that, life was easy. What a difference between forty minutes and two and half hours and that too without a carpet! We all came through that, right?

Doesn't your students and my students all -- “Sir, don't give all these lectures, just give us the answers,” every week: “When will the notes come?” notes will remain in my pockets itself. “When will you give the notes, that class, that sir gave the notes.” I said, “Then go to that class, go to him, go copy that notes but don't write those answers in my questions.” I am teaching you how to write the answers on your own, be original, “No, we want notes.”

Everybody wants convenience, so, ultimately, we started naming our stores also as convenient stores. The problem is—the convenient stores are still okay, what about convenient churches? What happens when churches become places which are very convenient for you? That is what has happened in U.S. “Seeker friendly,” “Seeker sensitive,” and they will have great names: “Elevation Church,” and all kind of names they will give you but the whole idea is to make them comfortable. I will always tell this thing, not all of them, I am telling to those who are listening; young people listening, not that is a fix rule in concrete—if you see a pastor on a Sunday, from the pulpit, dressed in casuals, don't listen to him because the attire reveals his heart. There is something very-very serious! Like we have this rule: “Don't attract; don't distract” be sober, because the message from the pulpit is the most sober message that you will ever hear, don't take it lightly, don't put it across lightly. Just to the new kids; not that every one of them may be, but you usually have

noticed, they compromise and you will not know if you have not worked on the Word, you will not be able to discern the traps that is set over there, very slowly they bring the standard down and down, before you know they will say that anybody could get into the Kingdom of God. So, the Bible is very clear.

### **1 Kings 12:29-30**

***<sup>29</sup> And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. <sup>30</sup> Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.***

What does he do? He put up two calves: one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. And you know what! People fall for it. Jerusalem is forgotten, the temple is forgotten, convenient worship has been brought in over there. This is how compromise comes, this is how you receive ideas; everything is made comfortable for you.

What is that you want, they will give you papers also with questions: Did you like today's worship? Was the sermon too long? Were you upset by anything? Please, we want your feedback!

Why do you want their feedback? That pastor should get into the closet and ask God, "Are You pleased with me?" That feedback they are not interested, they are interested in the feedback from people. They should go into the closet and say, "Lord, can You give me the feedback?" then many of the churches would change and you wouldn't have the mess in that country what you are seeing. The mess is not because of the people there; the mess is because of the churches that compromised. Everything is permissible in a so-called Christian nation. You know why? Because this was the sin of Jeroboam. How did he bring? He brought in compromise. Now, look at the other fellow who has been given Judah and Jerusalem and the temple,

### **1 Kings 14:25-28**

***<sup>25</sup> It happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.***

***<sup>26</sup> And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house; he took away everything. He also took away all the gold shields which Solomon had made.***

Egypt came and took away all the treasures from the house of God.

***<sup>27</sup> Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house.***

Now, if you know about bronze and gold, they look alike outside, the color is the same. So, people will not know gold has gone, it is bronze.

***<sup>28</sup> And whenever the king entered the house of the Lord, the guards carried them, then brought them back into the guardroom.***

The people have no clue the gold has disappeared, the treasure has disappeared because it has been replaced with bronze. That's exactly what has happened in the 21<sup>st</sup> century church: true grace has been replaced with cheap grace and is sold across as gold. So, both sides you will see what has happened, because this is the picture of the Church, what has happened? You made worship, Word, life, everything very convenient, very convenient for people: how many minutes do you want? You tell us, we will do it for you; tailor-made services we will have for you.

And this side, what did they do; they took the true things of God and replaced with cheap imitations. The treasure is gone from the house and people have no idea at all, and the gold has been replaced with bronze. Here, worship is going everywhere, what has not ceased? Worship has not ceased and you look at the songs you hear today, it's bronze songs; gold has been taken away from the lyrics, it is how to keep the person so happy! Not convicted, happy. This is what happens when you stay at Shechem and as Israel was destroyed and went into captivity later, we see the same thing happening in history in the Church.

So, learn from the scripture; pattern after pattern is established in the Word of God, learn from Scripture. The stupidest thing people do is that, they never learn from history, they just repeat it –that's why Isaac is a

smart guy, he did not repeat his father's mistakes, he didn't go into Egypt, he did not marry a concubine, he waited the double the number of years of his father and he had a son but probably what his father was disciplined in, he became indisciplined; his father was probably very disciplined in his eating habits but the son, indulged in it. That one thing was enough. That's why sometimes, when we tell, people get upset but I am saying this has got to do with your crown. The devil will always look for one point in your life, that's why stay hidden in Christ Jesus.

In Greek mythology it is called the 'Achilles heel.' Achilles, when he was born—it's a myth—his mother took him and dipped him in the pool of invincibility but when she did it, she did it by hold his heel, so the heel alone did not get wet in the pool; so, when the battle Trojan war was taking place, he cannot be killed, he is defeating everybody and somebody told him, this is the secret—you want to kill him shoot him at his heel and that's how he dies. So, Achilles heel in English means a person's weak point, nobody will see it but the devil sees it, he knows this is the person's weak point. Therefore, you have to be double careful in this area. This is my weakness—that is where Isaac didn't guard himself; Moses did not guard himself, he should have known from his experience of forty, "I got a short temper, I need to watch my temper," and you know, for forty years he was in the wilderness, kept a hand along it but in the next forty years, he lost it once but he lost it at the wrong time, at the wrong place, with the wrong person -disqualified. And the devil was waiting.

People do not realize it. Six hundred years of righteousness was lost because he planted a vineyard—Noah – six hundred years of righteousness, of fighting for this cause, of holding on when everything fell apart and then you come through it, you built an arc, you built an altar and then you planted a vineyard, then he got drunk, gone – cursed a generation, and that's your history. You lived for almost 900 years, but the next 300 years, there is nothing mentioned about you. You know why? Is he unsaved? No! They are all saved people; the problem is, they goofed up at the end and this is what compromise does! And the devil, if he cannot steal your salvation, he will definitely give everything to steal your crown because he knows you are in a race. So, please learn.

How did the Israel go to captivity? Simple, very subtle, they tolerated the world around them, they just tolerated. That's all you need to do; just compromise, tolerate. There's re few kings, in between, who will come, and there is a state of revival, it will last for few years, 10 years, 20 years, and once they are gone, immediately default setting – Israel's default setting is no longer righteousness; its default setting is unrighteousness. The righteous king dies, his son comes, he takes his father's phone and goes back to factory setting, he resets the clock -he doesn't continue where his father left. It's very strange if you read the history of Israel and Judah; they never continue.

So, God will only have one reference point, He says: "No one was like My son David who served Me with all his heart." God also has this nostalgia, we have nostalgia and we say, "The good old days." And if God as a Father has nostalgia and looks at all the kings of Israel and Judah as His sons and He says, "I loved the days of My son David." We look at David's life and say, "What is there so much about it?" but God says, "That man loved Me! That man even when he fell, he came back and when he came back, he came back with all his zeal, he is a guy who sought righteousness, who sought My face with all his heart. I love that guy! And I miss that guy." So, every king you will see, reference point is David.

And where does the church fall – you learn from Israel's history; you learn from church history; what is it? It is compromise. We make compromises with the world system, their ideas, their ideologies and *compromise lead to tolerance of evil* – what God calls evil, you start tolerating it and without even realizing, in your mind you have become God's enemy. The world is not what you see, the world is the ideas behind it, it's not just what you see, it's the ideas behind it and because you get very friendly with those ideas, because we have tolerated it, what happens? The church slowly goes in the way of the world.

There is an old Russian parable or story: A hunter with his rifle was going to jungle and he encounters a Bear, and he was about to shoot the Bear, but the Bear said, “Wait, wait, wait, let’s talk: what do you want?” The hunter said, “I want a fur coat, that’s why I came to hunt for a Bear.” And the hunter asked Bear, “What do you want?” he says, “I want a full stomach.” So, the Bear said, “Let’s sit and talk,” and after they finish talking, the Bear got up and left and both got what they wanted: the hunter got the fur coat and the Bear got a full stomach, now the hunter is inside the Bear. So he got the fur coat and the Bear got a full stomach. That’s exactly what happened to the church. The church was supposed to go and destroy the powers of darkness and trample upon snakes and scorpions—so, devil comes and says, “Hang on, hang on; what do you want? Let’s sit and talk.” Nobody had the heart of Jehu, not even had a conversation, “Who is there? Throw her down.” No conversation with the spirits of this world, “Throw her down.”

Now, we sat down and had a dialogue, “Chai pe charcha” (discussion over tea) and we have paid through our nose in universities to receive those ideas. That’s how the church was swallowed and ultimately what do you see, the state of the church is – the church has no clue. If God does not come and encounter you, the church will have no clue at all that it has been swallowed up by the bear. Now the Russian Bear, but the bear.

### **Revelation 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> ***“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot.*** Who says this? Jesus. But what if Christ does not speak to a church?! So, this church, there is an encounter with the living God; He meets John, John sends the letter to Laodicea.

<sup>15</sup> ***“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.***

Meaning; you are sitting between two opinions, you are compromised person, totally compromised church.

<sup>16</sup> ***So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.***

So, if God doesn’t tell you that, you will not even realize that you are at the end of the line, you are about to be cast out from God’s presence. He spoke to them but what if He doesn’t speak to a church?

### **Revelation 3:18**

<sup>18</sup> ***I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.***

They do not know that they cannot see because they are looking at the degrees their pastor has: Trinity, every Ph.D., doctorate, whatever you want. I told you an experience I had many years ago: sitting with fifty priests and the bishop and I was preaching from the Gospel according to John, and I looked at, after some time I realized they don’t know their Scripture because when I was mentioning Scripture, they did not know where to find those portions in their Bibles and they all had large congregations, including the Bishop. Think about it! All these, they don’t know that they are naked; they don’t know they are blind! And what does God say?

### **Revelation 3:17**

<sup>17</sup> ***Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.***

That is the judgement of the church about itself: “I am rich, I have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” but you don’t know your actual state. What is your actual state? you are wretched, you are miserable, you are poor, you are blind, and you are naked. Look at the two completely different viewpoints of how you look at yourself and how God looks at you. Why do you think you are rich? Because of the ideas you have received from the world. You think you are very tolerant, “we are very tolerant church, you see, people have so much trouble in life, so we don’t want to trouble them when we come, we want to give them hope,” you know who says that? The guy with the biggest church in America. “Hope, I have been called to give people hope.” You cannot give people false hope until you confront people with their sins.

Elijah did not call on Mount Carmel to tell them, "I don't want to trouble any one of you, I know you had so much trouble with Baal, I just want to tell you how much God loves you, please come near me, let us have a party," he didn't say any of those things. That's what He says, "*You are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.*" This is what happens at the end when you become a compromised person, you receive the ideas of the world. Every advertisement is an idea and it is a lie, almost every news broadcast is a set of lies because only thing that matters to them, is ratings, because your ratings will decide your advertisement and through advertisement, your money comes. If your ratings are very high and they hate what you say, still they will keep you, like they will keep Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham because they are the top three rated, they speak the truth. They hate them but if they leave them, nobody will watch FOX News.

You need to realize, everything is based on a lie, they will sell you anything for a rating. So, there is nothing that is true anymore. Most of the advertisements you see is a lie, there is hardly any truth in it. The problem is – let the newspaper lie, let the advertisement lie, let the news channel lie, but what happens when the pulpit lies? We are not worried about the world, let them do what they have to do, because that's their nature but what happens when the pulpit lies? That's the only place where there is power, that's the only place where the life is supposed to come, it is from the preaching of the Word, people have the knowledge to make choices that either lead to life and eternity or death and hell; you don't get it in the world, this the only place from where every pulpit on a Sunday or other days people get the information.

That's why God tells the priest of Israel, "My people perish because of lack of knowledge" and He doesn't indict the people, He says, "Since you priests rejected knowledge, I will also reject you as My priest." You started preaching 'seeker friendly,' 'feel good gospel,' you priests of Israel! And you know what? People have gone to death and captivity cos you did not give them the knowledge of God, you did not teach them the difference between the clean and the profane, you should have taught them all what our God is, and what separation means, what righteousness means, what holiness means; instead, you kept them happy because you were more worried and concerned about the offerings. Oh, about the offerings, you are very jealous, you told them, "It is not the altar that matters, it is the gift that matters. Doesn't matter, bring the bigger gifts, you are alright, it doesn't matter. "You fool and blind, don't you understand that the altar sanctifies the gift and not the gift the altar? You messed up the altar of God where people should have been sanctified."

They made the altar of God into the altar of Baal. "Send in your offerings. Send in your offerings. We will pray for you; we will send a blessing; we will send you a kerchief, we sell this, we sell that." They became, merchants of Babylon. You cannot serve God and mammon; you cannot serve God and the world; it is impossible and don't even try it and don't even teach your children that. Lot tried it, he fell in the between; Jacob tried and Dinah got defiled and Simeon and Levi had blood on their hands –before Levi, like I said, could make one sacrifice for the Lord in future, the original Levi's hands are already dripping with blood; of vengeance, of anger – this is the guy who is supposed to bring peace between God and peace between brothers, he is the one who will make all the peace offering but how does he begin? His hands are dripping with blood of vengeance and anger and wrath. This is how the enemy set you up. You know why? Because you choose to live a compromised life. So, when the world comes, you buckle under pressure and you fall for the world.

Let me tell you: 1973 this happened – a man tried to rob a bank in Stockholm but the police trapped him in there; he had four hostages for 5 days, it was 3 men and a woman. He terrorised them, he fired many shots, he put something around their necks, he did all this but he didn't harm them. Then finally after 5 days, after so much negotiations, he surrendered, but the thing is that, the way he dealt with the hostages; the hostages refused to be angry with him, they were actually more afraid of the cops than the fellow who took them hostage, they refused to testify against him and one of the ladies even got engaged to him. This is what they call it 'Stockholm syndrome,' that's where you get the term in Psychology. Under stress, the hostage starts

to transfer his hatred, now instead of hating the one who has captured him, he begins to hate the one who would rescue him.

That's exactly what the devil has done to the Church; instead of hating the world that is holding you hostage, you start hating Christ who rescued you and the preachers who preach the truth. You know what? The entire church in the world is going through a Stockholm syndrome, they love the world and they hate anybody who comes and preaches against the world and tries to move them from their comfortable compromised life. And we don't realize, the displaying in the history – this happened over and over again, in Beirut also, one of the hostage cases-that's the same case that happened. The radical Jihadist, who also happened to be Muslims, took this set of people captive and they were also harsh and kind -ultimately, they gave them entire good feast and all, after that the hostages were very sympathetic to the terrorist causes. Do you see all around U.S, how the Christians are so sympathetic with the causes of the world? How sympathetic they are?! Ultimately, what happens? The world becomes the good guy and the Christ becomes the bad guy, that's how the world will be prepared to receive the antichrist who is the 'good guy' and they will reject the Christ, who is the bad guy.

That's how the church began, fifty days before the church began, they said, "Crucify Him, release Barabbas." The cross on which Jesus was crucified, it was not made for Him, it was made for Barabbas but the people said, "Release Barabbas." Barabbas becomes the hero; Christ becomes the villain. You know the Church is caught in Stockholm syndrome -The real Christ is the villain. If you preach the actual true Christ who redeems you and saves you from the world to the uttermost, people get upset: "You mean to say that, I need to leave all these? But it is so nice. What's wrong with this idea? I don't see anything wrong with this idea." That's what the devil does. Jesus came to rescue us from not only the penalty of sin but also from the world. The power of sin lies in the world that's why world will be burned one day. The power of sin lies in two things: one in the world, the other in my flesh, that's where the power of the sin is. If I have to be saved from power of sin, I have to die to the world, I cannot live for the world and live to the world, I have to die to the world, only then power of sin over my life is broken. What does the devil do? He uses well qualified or very qualified preachers to teach compromise, like, Rehoboam and Jeroboam did: either have two cause, mix worship and religious Christianity, very convenient or changes gold for bronze; preach a cheap grace. *Romans 11:22* and all, they will never touch.

### **Romans 11:22**

***<sup>22</sup> Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.***

How many meetings in these years, in how many countries, how many churches, when I showed people these verses, they had never seen; neither the pastors nor the congregation, never seen these verses. And one of the most astonishing verses for every pastor I have met in the world was *Psalms 138:2* – they said, "We have never seen this verse," I said, "Read it again,"

### **Psalms 138:2**

***<sup>2</sup> I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.***

I said read it carefully, some translations it is wrong – it says, "I have magnified Y our Word and name," they changed it, why? Because everybody uses His name, so, they would prefer that translation because Jesus did not say word, He says, "Many will come to me in that day, saying, 'Lord! Lord! In Your name...'" why they were counted unrighteous? Because they compromised on the Word though they had miracles in their ministry, in His name but when it came to the Word; they were compromisers, they used miracles and signs to entrap crowd and deceived them with the Word, made them compromisers. And that's what the Bible is talking about. This is the deception. And one of the ways by which it happens, let me tell you, one of the



primary ways because these are the things I cannot teach in a regional language because I don't even have the words to teach these things in a regional language. One of the ways this happens, look at *John 17:17*,

**John 17:17**

***<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.***

Now, I am speaking to you, so, that's how you perceive, understand at whatever level the truth; what I am using to put the truth across, it is called language, what is the Word? It's language. And the Word of God is also put across in language. So, on the day of Pentecost, people from every part of the world had come and God did a miracle. Each one heard the truth in their own language, that is why this entire 2000 years, 500 years history of trying to translate the Word in their own languages, so, people can hear, read, understand the truth in their own language. So, what does the devil do? He uses language. Devil is the master of deception but to deceive, he has to use language. If you look at how subtle he is *Genesis 3*; it's a play of words in language, "Did God tell you?" you go there, it is a play of language.

**Genesis 3:1**

***<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"***

Look at how he is using language. If you were to say, it's actually 'yes,' or 'no' answer: "Did God say you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" you should have said, 'No.' You know how he phrases the question – it's like those interviews which President Trump has and Joe Biden has. For President Trump it was fireball after fireball; how to set him up. Joe Biden; nice bat, 'How was breakfast today?' You have to look at the questions, any dummy can answer but he still needs a teleprompter to answer it and the people are not able to see the game that is taking place – the lie and the deception that is taking place right, like if it is a white house press briefing, like that girl—what is her name? I forgot. She is smart. Every press secretary under him is better than before. She and President Trump, it is not white house press, it is white house oppress. They are so hostile, they are so anti, they actually say—after the press conference is over, they are all nice people but something happens to them in the conference hall, it's almost like demonic; they have been programmed to act in such a way towards him. Okay, I am using the word which they understand; they are set up, they are triggered and they are programmed to act this way.

You know what they are all using? They are using language and they will edit, cut and paste and put it up on twitter to set him up. It's all manipulation of language. You know who learn all this? From where? The devil started this. This was the first twitter message from the devil and Jack Dorsey did not flag it. Did you see what's happening? It's a play of language. Like I said, language is used deceptively. Language has been weapons in the hands of the enemy: one is what we call the tyranny of the language; the other is the deception of the language. Tyranny of language is that, you use language as a force to oppress people, so, whether it is the Bible which was available for centuries only in Latin and the common people did not know Latin at all. Catholic church translated into Latin and only the priest knew Latin and the people did not know Latin, so, nobody could read their Bible or understand. That's the tyranny of language. Quran was available only in Arabic and nobody knows how to read Arabic, only a few sets of people and the Hindu shastras were available only in Sanskrit and only the Brahmins could learn Sanskrit – this is called the tyranny of language, to see the majority of the population does not have access to any religious truth. They don't search on themselves and understand, then, we will lose their hold over them.

That's what Martin Luther did – one of the first things is they all started translating the Bible into the regional languages and they took the Bible, they burned it in bulk, everything they did because they knew this was dangerous. So, there is the tyranny of language and the other is the deception of language.

If you look very clearly - because if you tweak a little, everything changes. So, they will not talk about compromise, they will change the word compromise and make it mean something else but it is the same thing; they will call it tolerance. I look at Peter and say, "Peter! You are very compromising person," he will get offended but if I mean the same thing and tell him, "You know Peter, you are very tolerant," he will feel so good. What is compromise? You are compromising with evil. What is tolerant? If you are tolerating evil but I call you very tolerant.

Now, Pastor Vijay, let us say, stands up for truth and I call him, "You are very intolerant." You see, this is how they play games and people don't realize this is how they brand people, preachers, ideas and suddenly the church becomes very intolerant, narrow minded; they start labelling you – this is the deception of the language which began in the Garden of Eden. Very deceptive. "Did He say you shall not eat?" he knows exactly what God said. If you have really wanted to be honest, he should have directly said, "God said you should not eat from this tree," and she should have said, "Yes," question over, answer over but that doesn't work, you have to trap them, right? So, we call disobedience – freedom; superstition – faith.

Really, look at many Christians. They randomly flip the pages of the Bible and say, "I got the promise for today. Hallelujah, Lord, I am believing!" you know that is superstition, that's not faith. Some guy in the T.V whom you don't even know who he is, where he is from, suddenly you switch it on, he prophesied over you and you receive it and run – you know, that is not faith; that is superstition and lot of people are running on superstition; they have never sat before God, they have never prayed, they never had a discipline of reading the Word of God or learning to hear from God, they pick up stuff and they run with it, saying, "I heard from the Lord." How did you hear? Where did you hear? Who spoke to you? If I ask the question, you will realize there is no faith here at all, absolutely no altar, no faith at all; this is superstition. And you know what these pastors – superstition in churches? It's pastor's faith and you call it superstition, they get offended, so, you have to say, "Oh, your faith is great." And you know what you call lack of self-control? "I am relaxing," isn't it? That's what I said – lets go to *Psalm 32:1*.

### **Psalm 32:1**

***<sup>1</sup>Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.***

He is absolutely, brutally honest with God. He doesn't play with words with God, that's what David doesn't play with words. He says, "Blessed is the man when he is actually coming to God and confessing his sins, he calls it as it is." He doesn't play with God, he doesn't use language with God, there is no deceit, he doesn't call lack of self-control as, "I was just relaxing on my rooftop," he can't say, "I was just relaxing," no you were not relaxing, it was a dereliction of duty; you should have been with your armies up there in the battlefield. "Lord, I didn't do what I was duty bound as their leader, I should have been in the battlefield, I should have gone and fought," instead, you call it "I was just relaxing when I fell." No, you were not relaxing, you had no self-control. We don't want to call it.

As long as you don't address it by what it should be, you will not be set free from that stronghold of the enemy, you have to call it by name. That's why people move from the prayer hall to the cinema hall without any guilt because what do you say? "Oh, I had a long day, I need to relax." You go from here to here to relax?! Or from the prayer hall to the mall? And everything you heard, and all the anointing you received, everything is gone by the time you have reached that place and come out of that place. What do you always sanction it under 'I am relaxing,' 'This is the way I relax?' Question is not this is the way you relax – is this the way God wants you to relax? God says, "Come to Me, I will give you rest," 'No! I will go to the world where I find rest.'

See, this is all got to do with language, how we soothe our consciences with language. We call prayerlessness (because it says pray without ceasing, right?) as escaping legalism, "Oh, they are very legalistic, they want you to pray all the time," but they didn't say, God said. That's the way you stay away from world, away from

the trap of devil, the deception of evil; continue to keep praying, keep praying, occupy your prayer closet. They call godlessness or ungodliness as liberation. That's how you play with language! This is a Shechem effect. Whether you live under Rehoboam or Jeroboam; whether your pastor is pastor Rehoboam or pastor Jeroboam, you are doomed. One of the funny things you have to see is, look at the YouTube videos of these protestors, they are all from liberal universities and all, you have to look at the interviews some of the conservatives do with them – they will call them and say, "What are you protesting about?" they will bring a litany of words which makes no sense or meaning.

So, you will see a white man or a white woman, hardly dressed, pointing at a black police officer and telling, "You do not know about systematic racism, whiteness..." and this lady is white and the other one is black and they have memorized everything, the junk they have learned in the universities, it is language pouring out which makes no sense or meaning. You have to ask each one – I watched some of these videos, it was very funny; one whole set of protestors and these things and they call all these four-letter word against Trump and all, so, they will finally ask, "What is that about Trump that you dislike?" 'Ahh... he did this,' "No, it's wrong, he didn't do that," 'he said this,' "No, wrong, he didn't say that," "Why do you dislike him?" 'Well, we just dislike him,' 'We just hate him,' but what did he do? The funny part is that, they are talking about, "Oh, he has got one hundred and eighty thousand deaths in his hand," really? Are you willing to bring out the real figures of actually how many died of COVID? Let me simply ask you a question: okay, if Trump wasn't president, you were a president, what would you have done differently? Just give the answer, what would you have done differently? "No, we should make mask mandatory!" Didn't Joe Biden say last week that to actually make mask federal mandate is unconstitutional? Didn't you agree? Yeah, you agreed. So, you want President Trump to do it so that you would go after him for that. He shut down the country for 15 days, right? You tell me what would you do differently? Just tell me two things, three things, that you would do differently! Okay, he listens to Fauci, he listens to Berg, he listens to Eric; we have to look at something and say, what would you do differently? What did your blue states do differently? That you can say. The governments, the mayors have absolute powers to do anything – look at what they are doing in California? What did you do differently that you can say, "Our method worked"? But actually, two thirds plus deaths are in the blue states, not in the red states but you can use language so deceptively.

The problem is not with others, the problem is with the Christians because Christians buy that lie, the way language is used. We are seeing it unfold before our eyes, all unfolding before our eyes, how devil uses language and the problem is, we buy into this language and then we wonder, why we do not have money. Because every advertisement is selling and we buy that, even if we cannot go down, Amazon says, "Don't worry. Pay it, we will deliver it to your doorstep. And we will take all the necessary precautions to see that you are not infected but we will deliver it to," and we buy it.

And they use labels to destroy people: "You are a homophobe!" Really? I am not a homophobe, actually I love homosexuals, I want to save them from the destruction that they are going in; when I look into the Word, my God loves them, He died for them and He says, "Everyone who practices that will go into darkness." I love them that's why I preach the truth to them, I don't hate them, if I hate them, I will hide the truth from them. Imagine, there is a pit over here and it is covered nicely with a rug by Sammy because he wants Peter to fall, and if I am also upset with Peter, I will say, "Peter, come here, come here," so that he will fall but on the other hand, if I love Peter, I will say, "Peter, stop, stop! You have no clue where you are going, don't do it, don't do it."

But what do they do? They will label you and the labelling is very deceptive, very-very deceptive. They call you 'Islamophobe,' "Look at that! Trump is Islamophobic." Really?! That guy did something which nobody could do for 50-60 years: he brought peace between UAE and Israel, now Bahrain and Israel, now Kosovo-Serbia's war that is being going on and everything; he has brought them unto the negotiating table, and now because he has been nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize, the Atlantic Magazine, who did a hit piece

on him says, "Nobel Prize should be discarded for peace." Obama, before he actually sat in the chair at the Oval office, was given a Noble Prize; still he doesn't know what he got it for.

Do you realize in three and half years, President Trump has stopped almost every war in the world? Almost every major war in the world has been ceased, every war in the world has ceased. North Korea was simply shooting-shooting, that also stopped. We don't know what this guy tells them when he meets them personally. I will tell you what he told Buhari, the Nigerian president; he actually testified, he said, "I won't tell my response, but this is what he told – one on one with President Trump, no aids, nothing, he looked straight into my eyes and said, 'Why are you killing the Christians in your country?' Straight away looked into my eyes and asked me this question, 'Why are you killing Christians in your country?'" And he said, it's there in the news, he said this is what Trump told me when I met him one-on-one in the White House. We don't know what he told Kim Jong-un II, he would have told, "Calm down, man, otherwise, I will wipe you out and I mean it! Just calm down! Shoot few bullets here and there once in a while but don't try anything, I can take you out. Like I did with ISIS – ISIS was a piece. Like I wiped ISIS out, I will wipe you out too." And everybody calms down.

They don't like him because he speaks bluntly, he won't mollicoddle people – I am not saying that everything he says is right; he should not say it that way; he needs to tone down here and there but you know, once he put a label and you actually look at it, he is not an Islamophobe – actually, he has brought so much peace in Middle East. You go to any country in the world, check with moderates in any country, they love Trump, you have to look at his YouTube things, from every nation under the sky, they are saying, "President Trump, we are praying for you." You know what. American Christians haven't seen Christians around the world, their eyes are open; this man is for us, we are praying for you. And why is America blinded? It's the deception of the language. This is all playing before our eyes and they will put labels: "Racist!" he is not a racist, he is not a racist at all. Once you put a label and you keep on repeating it, the problem is, this is what the devil does with the church. He is just a symbol over there, but this is what he does to church. He has every true, conservatives, Bible-believing, Bible preaching church has been pushed against the wall by labelling it, ultimately, preaching of the Gospel will be made hate speech.

### **Isaiah 5:20**

***<sup>20</sup>Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!***

Just think about it! How does these things happen in a society, like I said: the city on the hill is U.S, think! Think! You people honestly have to think. How did Berkeley, the birth place of free speech end up banning free speech? Free speech, the movement was started in Berkeley and that Berkeley has banned free speech because it doesn't fit in with your narrative. How did American Civil Liberties Union justify evil as liberty? Justify banning of conservative movements and speech, as right? Where did they start and where they have ended, think about it, how did it happen in a lifetime? Ultimately, true believers will become the most endangered species in the world. Listen to Jesus in *John 16:1-3*, because we have to tackle with ideas otherwise, we take these ideas and it's in our head and we don't realize pastor's name is Rehoboam.

### **John 16:1-3**

***<sup>1</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. Jesus spoke to them, when? After Judah left and then began – if you want to call it – real indoctrination, teaching of the truth. All these things are going to happen, don't stumble. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. That's what will happen to the Christians. <sup>3</sup>And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.***

They will do these to you and they will think that they are doing God a service. Think about it, because we have to look at ideologies, because this is all where it is coming in, like I said, you could be comfortable

Christians sitting in the church for years and actually be a socialist or Marxist in your thinking. Marxism, Socialism or Radical Islam: these are unglobalism, they are all the same in the fact that they will not allow true free speech, that's why Twitter will take you out. They are all globalist. Socialist and Marxist will not allow free speech in their societies. China believes what the communist party says, they will not allow free speech. When Nazis they call everybody a fascist, but fascist are the fascist.

You know this is what they used to do in Hitler's youth movement: the brownshirts and Mussolini and all; in classrooms and all, anything that they don't like, they will shout you down, that's what you see, they will shout you down, they will not allow you to speak. The movements are the same, nothing has changed. And always remember, these people are always not the majority, they are always a small group of people; they were only 850 prophets of Baal, there were tens and thousands of children of Israel, but the problem is, they were compromised. When a majority of the population is compromised, the devil needs only a core group to take over. That is the way all these revolutions took place. Everywhere, the majority of the people were compromised.

It's very funny that people are not able to see it. Do you know radical feminism will not condemn radical Islam, when under radical Islam women have suffered the most? So, Ilhan Omar will come with that scarf and sit there; she is a radical feminist and radical Islamist, she will never speak a word against radical Islam. And people get deceived by the picture and they will label you, they will abuse you using language. Language is supposed to be the vehicle of truth, when it is in the hands of devil, he uses the same language and makes it the vehicle of lies, deceptions and programs your thinking through lies and deception and you start seeing through that prism, without realizing, you are right in the middle of the church, faithful to the church, but actually very worldly in your thinking because the world is a set of ideologies. 850 prophets of Baal but tens and thousands of children of Israel, but no use. You know why? Because all are compromised but to stop the slide, it takes only one man; God doesn't need two people, only one man.

That's why we need to understand the power of ideas. The Kingdom of God is based on truth, and truth is so powerful, like India's freedom movement, it took only one man and it was not Nehru, because he was a socialist; not Patel but Gandhi because Gandhi received an idea which was true: Civil disobedience without violence, it was straight from the teaching of Jesus Christ and it was powerful. That idea framed the whole movement. There were other leaders but Indian freedom movement will be always associated to Mahatma Gandhi because of an idea he received – not any of the other ideas, just one idea changed the whole movement because it was from the Kingdom of God.

So, it took only one Elijah to stop the slide. On the other side, the devil also has one man or two men, it is enough to take over the whole world. Karl Marx was just one man; Friedrich Engels was just one man! I will tell something about Marx, which most of people do not know: he was a Jewish guy from Germany and he had to flee Germany, found Asylum in London, in England. He lived there for most of his life or almost all his life. So, he was basically a stateless fellow, that's why he needs ideas, ultimately, he will make everybody stateless. England did not receive his ideas, far away Russia did. He lived in England, wrote in England, published in England but England did not receive his ideas, his ideas were received far away in other countries. You know why his ideas which is the most powerful idea ever preached by the devil, after the first lie in the Garden, which has taken over and killed more people than all the world wars put together? Why England did not receive those ideas? Because there was a man simultaneously at the same time, behind the pulpit who publicly rebuke his ideas and his name was Spurgeon. One man stopped Marxism gripping the minds of the British population.

Now, think, if Spurgeon was not there and Marxism had taken over in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when British Empire stretched from ocean to ocean, communism would have taken over the world 100 years earlier; we would have been living under the antichrist now—one man stopped the tide. That's why when they say, "The pulpit is not a political place," the kingdom of Satan is politics, it is about politics, it is about ideas and ideas have

to be confronted with an idea which is powerful and truth is the greatest, most powerful idea God has ever given and people even don't realize these things. How they believe stuff!

That's why the world has come to a standstill now. It's not a virus, it's got to do with November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have to be alert about it. What's our duty bound? We are duty bound to pray for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, which way it will go, we do not know. It has got nothing to do with virus, don't fool me, I am not fooled by it. If somebody should be dying of the virus—old aged people, be careful 65 and above in India, what are you told? To stay inside and not to come out. How old is President Trump? 75. How many thousands does he meet every week? He doesn't even have a sniffle, that's why he doesn't wear a mask, he wears only when he is compelled to wear. Standing and telling, God is using a man who is not even a true on-fire Christian or anything, to tell us, first they will give you the mask of the beast, this is the trial run before you will receive the mark of the beast. Fear has dominated the entire world, fear over a virus which you can't even see properly under electron microscope and they are trying to sell it to you saying that the mask will stop it.

So, the idea was not about the mask, the idea is to bring a servile population through fear and the images were played out – police brutality all over the world, and fear mongering, “It's dying, dying, dying...” how many died?! Shutting down the entire world economy, cops knocking on doors in Melbourne, in Victoria state to see people have stepped out of their house or not, drones watching – over a virus? You really mean to tell me this has got to do with a virus? Casualty rate is not greater than any of the previous flu.

You know what? They are preparing the ground. It's a test run entire around the world, it's a test run for the one world order that is coming, they are testing it. Satan and its forces have to take over and there is only one nation which stands in their way; it is not India, it is not China, it is not Britain, it is not Russia, it is the U.S.A. So, they have to bring the U.S.A down and the Christ can rise only out of anarchy – anarchy is the only thing that will make the world prepare to receive the Man of peace. The goal of anarchy is chaos. You understand how it's working? And the U.S.A is God's fire wall against anarchy, if there is anarchy in this world for the past 50, 60 years, after the second world war, it is because of one nation and one nation alone; that's the firewall against anarchy and now you are seeing anarchy in the streets of U.S.

Radical Islam works out a chaos, out of anarchy, thrives on it, creating fear on an anarchy and socialism; communism thrives by first creating chaos and anarchy; globalism, funds anarchy. Haven't you seen it? All the small business people who put all their savings, they are burnt and looted; Apple and these big stores, they are not bothered because they know insurance will cover them and what are they doing? They are sending funds into BLM because they are all together: the globalist, the socialist, and the radical Islamist; they are all together with one agenda. In scripture terms, we used to call convergence; when three of these things converse together—the globalist, the socialist, and the hidden radical Islamist, you get one person, that person was the President of America ten years ago – Obama, he was a socialist, a radical Islamist, and he was the globalist. They had their man.

Trump was an accident that nobody ever thought he would come in, they were preparing for the woman to ride the beast, everything was stitched, even the gowns were stitched and the hall was booked – a hall with a glass ceiling, then he won and God gave us time. Like is said yesterday, that is a foot at the door; the door of mercy was about to bang, God in His mercy gave us Trump, stopped. That's why they hate him, the radical Islamist hate him, the globalist hate him, the socialist hate him, the feminist hate him, everybody hates him, but if you really ask them, “Why do you hate him?” “what is the reason behind your hate?” ‘Oh, some text...’ Come on! It can't be a text. Other Hollywood guys are calling him filthy names, day in and day out, men, women, everybody is calling out names – you are not upset by it, you are upset by some twitter, so it's not that; it's something diabolic because he stopped your plans to take over this world and bring your master into power. He is there only for a season and the church doesn't know it, and half the church is praying against him, he is not a pastor or a moral giant or anything; he is God's shoe in the way to give us mercy. A

man who is probably not saved, a man who is not filled with the Holy Spirit, where does he get his energy from? Where did he get his determination from and doesn't give up, when he has nothing to gain?

People are not even waking up and smelling the coffee, people are being deluded before their eyes, it's called convergence. Do we get four more years or not? I don't know! Don't get fooled. The whole west coast is burning and the west coast that is burning are blue states. It is because of their radical climate change agenda. Why didn't you practice in your own states? How come it didn't work? Yesterday Pelosi was talking about the climate change at the summit, "If Biden wins, climate change will be one of our priorities and using climate change, dealing with climate change, we can deal with." G8 summit, one of the declarations, "Systemic inequalities in the society can be dealt with climate change," where do they get these words from? They are thinking that people are just dum-dums and they are dum-dums.

We don't know what we are fighting for. We are literally fighting for the right to worship. One poor, 81-years old, John MacArthur is standing alone, I don't know what's happening, we need to pray, uphold him in prayer. Right to worship in a land that was founded for the right to worship, the liberty to speak freely, the right for the unborn to live – think about it! I told you, what happened in Washington last night, right? BLM guys go paint "Black Lives Matter" – police all standing with permission; another place, same city, they write, "Unborn Black Lives Matter," they are arrested and taken, why? Unborn lives don't matter? Black lives don't matter? Think about it! When are people going to wake up? Christians, we are talking about Christians. Like I said yesterday, at least 20 million Christians didn't even register to vote last time and they know it; if Christians, their eyes are open and they come out to vote, they will lose, it will never be blue again but they have compromised the entire Christian population using these 'Feel good' churches.

So, Joel Osteen will march with anarchist for peace in Houston and these are the ones who are portrayed as God's man, though they serve Baphomet in the behind. Compromised. All these big guys and the church doesn't even know. Even Indian Christians do not know; the so-called Indian Christians. You ask any Christians in U.S, "Who will you vote?" Do you know what is at stake? Your worship, your freedom to speech, your unborn child and your born child, because the entire education system is being radicalized where drag queens will come into primary schools and read stories to children about gay, homosexuals and transgenders lifestyle. The bills have been introduced in blue states where your 7, 8 years old child can be given medicine to delay their puberty before they identify their gender; parents do not even know that their children's lives are at stake and you are still voting for that party – while, last week, bill was introduced in the California assembly saying, "If the age gap between a guy and a minor is less than ten years, if they have sex, then the penalty should be lowered," meaning: 18 years old guy molest a 8 years old boy, he shouldn't be penalized, why? Because that law is weighed against the LGBTQ crowd.

So, you are acknowledging you are the guys who molest boys and the little girls, right? Do you people even know what they are voting for? A party that sanctions all these? And if our righteous anger is not ignited, what kind of Christians are we? Not even India, the Hindu nation will do that; even communist China doesn't have a law like that. And you ask a church going Indian Christian in U.S, "Who will vote for?" 'Aiyoo, no, no, we have to vote democrats because migration: momma, papa, chacha, mami, everybody has to be brought, Trump may stop it." So, immigration is more important to you than life and worship? How people are so compromised! They are so blinded, they are not able to see, four years later, you may not even have a country to migrate to. You wouldn't want to migrate there; 4 years, 8 years down the line. This is what compromise does, this is what worship under Rehoboam and Jeroboam prepares you for – for the Babylonian captivity, prepares the way for the Babylonian captivity, Nebuchadnezzar will march in with his armies and God will hand them over. You know where it started? With compromise; ended up with captivity and the remnant will come out.

People do not even know what they are thinking and the church in India has the right - like I said, we are not an organization; we are an organism; meaning: the church is one! So, when the church is America is going

through deception and the church in China is going through suffering, we are duty-bound to stand in the gap and intercede for them and for them, we are duty-bound and speak against the oppressors; we are duty-bound to stand in the gap and pray, “Lord, my brother is suffering over there, persecuted like no man’s business, being crushed in North Korea and Iran, and being deceived in the West,” and we are duty bound to speak it out, because in the time of evil, silence is not accepted by God and we have to get active in our prayer closet, and those of us who are called to preach, we will not be silenced.

See, U.S is standing there at, what we call, the most pivotal moment in its history and its entire game that is going around the world is connected with November 3<sup>rd</sup> and they will try every trick in the book to either steal the election or to create doubt about the election; that is what the mail in vote thing is about. We cannot stop these things but we know God can, we have to pray with understanding, “Lord, let their every idea, diabolical plans be exposed. We are not praying for Trump; he is your man at this point – we are praying for four more years, that’s all we are praying. Hand of mercy, Lord, for the church is not prepared anywhere to handle what is going through, church is not ready.” But – we have to believe! Look though the Scriptures and all, we have to believe there is hope.

### **Ezekiel 37:11-12**

***11 Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’***

That’s the state of the church, the actual church, in the free world; the whole house of Israel, the spiritual Israel bones are dry, our hope is lost and when hope is lost, it is gone. And what is God’s answer? “Prophecy.”

***12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.***

“Can these dry bones live?” he says, ‘You know, Lord.’

“Look at the state of America, can these dry bones live? Look at Britain, can these bones live?” ‘I don’t know, Lord, only you know.’ Everybody’s eschatology, everything is gone out of the window, nobody knows and God’s answer is, “You prophesy, you speak over dry bones.”

What happened on Mount Carmel was a supernatural, sovereign act of God! What Elijah did; no man before him or no man after him ever did.

### **1 Kings 18:32-35**

***32 Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, “Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.”***

***34 Then he said, “Do it a second time,” and they did it a second time; and he said, “Do it a third time,” and they did it a third time.***

There is only one thing he did which is different from everybody before him and after him: he dug a trench and he said, “Bring water and pour it three times.” The church has to get into the prayer altar and wet the altar with tears; that’s the only cry God will hear – unless, we are desperate enough, God says, “I don’t see necessity to stay My hand, I don’t see any necessity to stay My hand from destruction, they are not worried and you are not moved; why should I stay My hand? I got My people inside anyway; why should I be moved? Why should I move for the U.S, or the Western world, they are not moved and you are not moved?” This is one thing Elijah alone did at an altar which no man before him or after him did, he dug a trench and he poured water. God is asking, “How deep is your repentance?”

Before you cry out, “Lord, save America’s church from worldliness,” are you separated from the world? You offered yourself as a living sacrifice on the altar, right? You have heard it and said it so many times, but is there a division of water of Word between you and the world? Have you dug such a deep division between you and the world that you will never cross over? Is it there in your life first, before you cry for somebody



else? Or you are just as worldly inside as them? Do you love the same things they love? Do you like the same things they like? Is there a difference between them and you? That's what Elijah did; one thing he did that was different and he made the people do it, dug a trench, "bring it," at the time it hasn't rain for three and half years, not a drop from heaven, not a drop of dew on earth; the most valuable thing in Israel is water – God says, "You want My fire? You have to give over to Me what you value most in your life; pour it and pour it, until it fills the trench, you need to fill it." What is that you value? What is that you have held back? What is that you have hidden? Everybody must have hidden a pot of water in their house, everybody had to bring it, "Bring water, bring water." That's what God is asking; nothing less will do. We have to bare our hearts and destroy our own idols first and only the Holy Spirit can show us the idols in our hearts; where we are attached to the world, the things we have hidden, things that we are unwilling to let go. Nothing less will do and because Elijah did it, and the people obeyed him God, will have His Elisha.

The result of what happened on Mount Carmel is not the rain; the spiritual result of what happened on Mount Carmel is, it birthed an Elisha. If God extends mercy on U.S, the world will see the greatest revival the world has ever seen and it is not going to come from those puffed-up pastors or those casual people, it is going to come from the same set of angry young people who have zeal with no wisdom; God will pour out His Spirit upon them – the drug addicts, the prostitutes who are coming out, He will raise a set of people, these universities kids who are all messed up; He will pour out His Spirit upon them. And you know what they will do? They will do what Saul of Tarsus did: he just turned his zeal, which was against Jesus, for Jesus and there is not a man like him. By the time he finished, all of Asia and most of Europe had heard the Gospel – God needed only one man, He didn't even need two people, but one man. And I am telling you, that's why there is hope.

If you look at, "Will these dry bones live?" All I can say is: Lord, we will prophesy and let Your breath come upon it, let your Holy Spirit fall upon these nations and God will have an army like He has never. There will be final, unbelievable sweep of the Holy Spirit, that is what I believe, and God will take His Church and the end will come. Therefore, deep inside there is still hope that he will win. I don't worry about the polls, I don't worry about anything they are saying, all I have to do is, go into the prayer closet and pray. And every time I get an opportunity, and the subject is appropriate, "Lord, let Your people's eyes be open, let them know what a DNC's dispensation would be!"

See, they don't hate Trump, they hate Christians and they hate Christ, he is in the way. They don't really hate him, they all are from New York, they have all taken his money for their campaigns, they all attended his parties; they don't really hate him, they hate Christ; they hate Christians – only he happens to be in the way. And you know, what the half of the Christians are praying? "Lord, take him out of the way."

Sometimes, God uses people like Jehu – Jehu was a bulldog, like Trump, he was not a smooth-spoken person; no smooth-spoken believer would have lasted the last three and half years; you needed a bulldog, you hit him once; he will give you two back. You are not nice and kind with Satan, you trample upon him and walk all over him because what you are facing is not politics; in politics also, there is some kind of decency, this is a diabolic and demonic – if you look at it, it is demonic what is happening because enemy is giving his push to take over and the church somewhere is praying, "Lord, give us time," and we need to be part of that church and not get fooled. For the sake of the unborn, for the sake of the born, for the sake of liberty to worship, liberty to preach, liberty to speak, coz that's the only nation that has the power to speak into the lives of others; he can make one call to a leader of a nation and say, "Cool down! Calm down!"

Israel makes peace with UAE, Israel makes peace with Bahrain, Kosovo-Serbia come out to the table and makes peace – these are wars over which Europe fought over and thousands and thousands were killed and the news media doesn't even report it, honestly, did not even report it. These are the greatest political moves that has happened in the history of the world for the past 25-30 years in the Middle East. Have you noticed that in the Entire Middle East the radical Islam has been silenced and the Palestinians are shaking in their

boots? One man! One man did it without having any of his soldiers being killed and the nation even doesn't know! We appreciate it but their own nation doesn't recognize it. Think! Just think! This is what we called the deception of language. This is how blindness takes place. Think of 5 years ago; ISIS was bigger than Iraq and Syria, where is ISIS today? It is gone. How many people they slaughtered, executed publicly? All Christians. And the guy who is supposedly Christian and gave such big lectures and all, going in the Arab states and all, bowing and apologizing for America from the university of Cairo onwards, everywhere he went, what did he do? Nothing. What did this man do? Over, he finished them off.

Do you know, in the entire operation, U.S. loss no soldier? Do people realise that it is good for us, that our brothers were killed in Syria, our brothers were being killed in Iraq, our brothers were being beheaded? Did the church ever see? The church is an organism or it's an organization? Does the church see that when they are hurt, we are supposed to hurt; when their wives are made into widows, we should grieve? When that man destroyed that violent people, the church doesn't even see. They are praying against him. The issue is not with the world; the issue is with the church. That's why I said: the Church is not an organization; it's an organism, and if you belong to an organization, you are not saved.

That's the first truth Saul of Tarsus learned on the road to Damascus: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" He didn't say, "Why do you persecute My church?" "This is not an organization; it is an organism, you touch one, it hurts Me, I feel the pain of every one of My children, this is a family, this is a living body – Saul, Saul." That broke him. Three days he sat in darkness thinking, "I hurt the God that I was seeking and jealously serving all these years, I hurt Him all these years" and we don't feel the pain. Our prayer life is not changing, our Word life is not changing, we are still waiting for the pandemic to be over, to return back to normalcy. The Christians after this should never be normal again; you should have been framed in his prayer closet and in his altar in this 6 month or 7 months or 8 months, we should have been changed to never be the same again. The world will go back to its old ways; we can never go back because God in His mercy stopped, literally, time for us. What He did with Joshua was for one day; what He has done with us is more than 6 months – He stopped time, shut everybody in their homes and says, "Come back to Me, learn of Me, understand the end is here; you have very little time left, but when My hand is lifted, the devil will come with all his wrath and rage down on to earth, so I am giving you time to prepare." But what are we doing? Playing games. And God says, "No more My children, no more, come back, come back."

And everything that is happening, you have to be able to read it in our spirit. So, pray! Pray for the church in U.S., "Lord, open up their eyes, they would come out of their compliancy – whatever race, whatever color, whatever tribe, whichever nation they immigrated from, the cause is the same; it is the cause of the Kingdom of God. The cause is that, that overrules every other issue in our life. The Kingdom of God is so close and multitudes are in the valley of decision and they don't know their left from their right. Those of us who are able to see, God says, "Stand in the gap and pray for them, pray for them."

### **Closing Prayer**

*Father, this morning we just come to You, we pray, Lord, we pray, we pray for U.S – the most powerful nation in the world, a nation that can change the direction of any other nation, they have the power, they have the resources, they have the political clout, and that nation's destiny is at stake now. Less than two months, it will be decided and the only set of people who have the power to move the hand of God, is the believing church and we come to You and we plead, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on U.S, Lord, have mercy on churches around the world that they will get out of their pettiness and the simple-simple bodily, physical, material needs when none of these things matter in the Kingdom of God. They will look unto You, like David, and say, "Is not there a cause?" A cause that is bigger than us, bigger than our homes, bigger than our families because the Kingdom of God is so near and the hoofbeats of the horsemen are there in the distance; once they are released, then there is no more hope, than everyone that is meant to go into captivity will go into captivity, says the Word of the Lord, everybody who will die of the sword will die of the sword.*

*Now, there is still time and we pray Lord, have mercy. Let every diabolical plans of the enemy be exposed and his high priest and high priestess, whatever they are called; grandmasters, all be exposed. You know them, You know where they meet and what they do to destroy Your people, the inheritance of God. You endure the shame of the cross because You saw us and Your inheritance, O Lord, is being destroyed through deception and smooth flattering words, both from politicians and false shepherds and prophets. Open the eyes of Your people and destroy the powers of darkness and their servants on earth and everyone of them be exposed; politicians who have joined hand with hand with the devil in the secret places, made blood oaths and covenant, pastors who made blood covenant and oaths with powers of darkness, let them be exposed, let them repent or be exposed and be removed. Because, on Mount Carmel, what was exposed were the prophets of Baal, they were exposed and decimated by You; Elijah was just and instrument. We pray, Lord, the churches will awake and get their vision. This is life and death battle; we cannot afford to lose now. So, we stand in the gap, Lord, and pray for the awakening of churches in India, they will wake up coz if that nation falls, and there is nothing to stop this nation from destroying Your inheritance here, there will be nobody to speak for us.*

*So, we pray for President Trump, we pray for Pastor MacArthur. A 75-year-old man and 81-year-old man, in these last days You found two figures; of political figure and spiritual figure – one 75, one 81. We pray for them both, that they will stand and they will not grow weary; they will stand and others will stand up and say, “We stand with you, we join with you, you are not alone.” We cannot vote your election, but we will definitely cry out God, we can cry out. We join in the voices of all the millions around the world who are crying out, because there is something more powerful than a vote – that is the prayer of a saint. The fervent, righteous prayer of Elijah moved the heart, the mind and the heart of God. That is more powerful than a vote that can be cast. Yes, we cannot vote but we can pray and proclaim and we will do both. We will stand on the gap and we will cry out, for we know, we are crying for our own sake, for our families, for our children, for our grandchildren – all their histories and destinies are connected with this and this virus is not a virus, it is demonic. So, we bind the powers behind this virus, we command it to come out of the way and be exposed, all the people behind this lie be exposed. We will not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord. You will have the generation like no generation before, a Elisha generation will begin in strength and power and not end in fear like Elijah but stand in boldness, and fear neither Ahab nor Jezebel. The spirit that is ruling the world now; the weak masculine spirit and their diabolic feminist spirit, we will face them fearless, we will cast them to the ground and the dogs shall lick their blood, there will be nothing left to bury of them by the time You are done with them. That’s how fierce Your judgment will be on the world. And we will stand shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand with all Your saints and all this country because the saints have seen, they have seen around the world that this election is like no other election, this is different and we will stand with them and have mercy, mercy, mercy on this land, Lord, and have mercy on our land, Lord. Give us time, we are pleading for time. Thank You, Father, thank You. We praise You, we worship You, we lift up holy hands in Your sanctuary, we bless Your holy name, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. For in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen!*

### **Benediction**

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

*Amen.*