

Bride Adorned And Ready

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Father in heaven, we just want to once again thank You Lord for this time that You have given to us. Yes Lord, there is none like You. Father, there is no God like our God! God who became man, so that one day man could become like Him, like You, in Your nature. Lord, this morning, we just want to thank You Father for every time that You give to us, to come to gather as Your children to listen to Your Word. I pray this morning that You will speak to us in a special way, Lord cleanse us little more by the washing of water by the Word, sanctify us little more. Lord, and cause us to walk in Your ways this morning, teach us Your ways, show us Your paths, and leads us in the way of everlasting life. To that end, I pray that You would anoint the speaking and the hearing of this morning's Word. we thank You; we praise You; we give You glory for in Jesus' name. Amen!

Ephesians 5:25

²⁵ **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,** then he doesn't stop there, it's punctuated with a comma and goes on to say ²⁶ **that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,** ²⁷ **that He might present her to Himself a glorious church,** the other translations will use the word 'magnificently appareled' okay, **not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**

So, when you especially on wedding days nobody cares about how bridegroom looks? All eyes are on the bride okay, that dressing gown etc. All gowns everything okay eye are there. It says the glorious church fantastically glorious apparel church and how does he define this glory? How does he qualify it? Not having a spot, not having wrinkle, absolutely holy and without blemish.

Last time, when we looked at the picture of the tabernacle, I said the tabernacle is a picture of Christ and the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. In order for the priest to enter into the Holy place constant thing that they have before they enter into the Holy place one of the things that they are supposed to do is to wash their hands and their feet and that's a picture of the Word. And the Bible says, the priest who enters, one of the characteristics of the priest is that he should be without blemish in the old Covenant if you read the entire Leviticus, you should not have anything on his body he should not be lame, or they should not have squint eye, or I mean absolutely without blemish in his body. Only those people are allowed to serve as priests even though they are born of the tribe of Levi that don't automatically qualify to become priests. They should be absolutely without blemish in their body a picture of a priest or the priesthood in the New Covenant where we called as royal priesthood, that we should be without blemish in our spirit and in our soul before God. So, the whole purpose therefore of the ministry of the Word of God is to prepare a glorious Church.

And that's essentially, what thousands and millions of pulpits all around the world authentic ones; their main objective is to prepare a bride for the coming of the Lord. It says in Revelation chapter 22, this is what it says in verses 14,

Revelation 22:14

¹⁴ **Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.**

Revelation 22:14-15

¹⁴ **"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.** ¹⁵ **Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that's interesting isn't it this is the NIV translation blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have the right to the 'Tree of Life'. And that they may go through the gates into the city and who are outside? Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts etc. But what are these people? These are people who washed their robes okay and in NKJV translations it says, these are the people who do His commandments, okay. These are the people who do his commandments, and then it says you know in the last days there'll be two kinds of people in church and also in the world okay. In the world and in the world where the

churches are part of the world, meaning if we are in the world, but we are not of the world. Even as time passes, they'll be a set of people who will be continuously cleansed, sanctify themselves. Bible says in first Thessalonians chapter 5 verses 23.

1Thessalonians5:23

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The God of peace Himself sanctify you completely how? Spirit, soul and body and preserve you blameless at His appearance. He who began as faithful, and He will also finish it, that's the faithfulness of God. But the whole purpose is to prepare a bride and you will see in Church or even in the world there will be a set of people who are serious about this; they want to be a part of that Bride who will be taken away, who will be raptured and what are they doing? They're cooperating with the Spirit of God and surrendering themselves to the Word of God and continuously cleansing themselves and becoming even more sanctified in their thoughts and in their actions and in their attitudes. And then if you look at all the warnings in the book of Revelation. The book of Revelation has got so many warnings and so many promises and ultimately there's a word in which you know the way it signs off is powerful. It says in Revelation chapter 22 verses 11,

Revelation 22:11

¹¹ He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

So, we're coming to the end of time. I was talking to Pastor on Tuesday; we were thinking about certain things and that happened to all these past months since the last time met for the watch night service things are actually going worse around the world there are not going any better especially for believers but in this kind of a climate the Bible says in the same kind of environment where the wheat is growing the tares are also growing and the harvest is the end of the age. And therefore, whole purpose is to prepare us prepare ourselves to be to aim to be that city which is going to come down the New Jerusalem in the Revelation chapter 21 verse 2

Revelation21:2

² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband

A bride adorned for her husband, and this is not what we're talking about. Spiritually adorned for her Husband, prepared. So, how does a bride adorn herself? And if you really want to be in, if you aim for that you know sometimes somebody said no if you aim for the clouds, sky you will at least get something that trees you'll get the trees here okay something you'll get no but if your aim itself is 'just pass' you'll have lot of tension when the exam result comes. So don't aim for that, aim for the skies okay. I want to be a part "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there" okay really be a part of that, right?

So how does one prepare for yourself, prepare himself or herself to be part of that people? Who has that assurance? We will just be the way He is and all those who have this hope? What do they do? Purify themselves, faith is the substance of the things hoped for, what is the hope? That I'm going to see Jesus one day, and what is the faith? You're purifying yourself, that is the act of faith that you're doing right now so that one day you will have the courage, or let me say, the assurance that when you see Jesus, you will not be ashamed.

In Revelation chapter 14, I mean this is a picture, there're so many interpretations of this who this 144000 are but we'll just look at the principle, let us not just go into the details of who this 144000 people? Are they people who come through the tribulation? Are they Jewish believers in the Messiah so many so many connotations and interpretations that people may have, but there are certain principles which stand throughout every interpretation. Let us look at Revelation chapter14 a few verses as to who this people who are with the Lamb? A part of the Bride,if they are of the part of the Bride and what are the characteristics of such people who are with the Bride? Who are ready alongside Him? And that promises given even to the Laodicea church, He says,'If you overcome just as I overcame and sat on My Father's Throne, I will also give you the right to sit on My Throne.' And that is a most compromised church, where Jesus is outside and not even inside. So let us look at certain characteristics. I mean I've mentioned it some time back in one of the studies, but I want to look at it in some fresh light.

Revelation 14:1-2

¹Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.²And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

Then I looked and behold a lamb standing on Mount Zion. I love this word on 'Mount Zion'. Zion highest peak okay it says in *Obadiah 1:17* On Mount Zion will be Jacob a house of Jacob will be possess their possession on Mount Zion okay it's a place it's a spiritual position where you're positioning yourself to inherit the inheritance that God has already given you. Okay! And then within with him are 1,44,000 could be number symbolic number or could be exact number, we don't know having this his father's name written their fore heads and these are the people essentially who have refused to be part of the Anti-Christ beastly system who refused to take mark of the Anti-Christ on their foreheads or on their forearms but they have that means they rejected the pressure of the world they have overcome the pressure of the world and they have come through this time of intense testing and that says I heard the voice on Heaven like the voice of many waters like the voice of loud thunders then I heard the sound of harpists playing their Harps and it goes on the same then,

Revelation 14:3-5

³They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.⁴These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb.⁵And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

And it's very interesting that you'll see some very important characteristics that have been highlighted. As to who this 144000 people are, we are not talking about we don't look at the number but look at the nature that they have, the characteristic that they have, that they have mastered and practiced because the Bible says he who practices righteousness is born of God okay. And devil is the one who practices the evil or unrighteousness, but the one who is born of God is one who practicing righteousness okay so what are these characters? Let us enumerate them in order to understand a picture to get a picture as to what these are the first thing is, they were people who were **Redeemed** the word redeemed occurs two times" they were redeemed from the earth, and they were from among men" they were purchased they were ransomed okay goes on to say, they were **The first fruits to God and to the Lamb!** that being first fruits for the God Forgotten to lamb is mentioned in the last and the third thing is mentioned is that they are **Undefiled!** Okay they kept themselves pure. Fourth thing mentioned is that they were **Virgins!** Fifth thing that is mentioned is that they **Followed the lamb everywhere!** He goes. Sixth thing that is mentioned is that they had **No deceit in their mouth!** And seventh is that they were **Faultless before God's throne!** Okay, remember that song on "Christ the solid rock I stand clothes in His righteousness alone faultless to stand before the Throne". So, these are the people who are faultless before God's throne, and these are the people who are following the Lamb wherever He goes, a part of the land the one who were with Him so the first thing that we look at is here is that these are the people who are redeemed first thing what does redeemed mean okay? Some of the things that you have learned over a period of time but let us look at it in some fresh light. What is redeemed? First Peter chapter 1 verse 18 will say,

1Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Says knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Christ, who are these people? These are the people who have been reconciled to God by the death of His Son, okay. They were redeemed, they were purchased. Redeemed means purchased they were owned by somebody else okay by some other, but they've been purchased from that owner, from that person, by paying redemption price on the price of redemption is the precious blood of Lamb. Colossians chapter 1 verses 13 says,

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness that is Jesus and that is the God of the Father and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption how? Through His blood and that is the reason why we celebrate Christmas the reason for the season is in Mark's gospel chapter 10 verse 44,

Mark 10:44-45

⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

It says at 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life the word for life his soul, His blood as a ransom for me. That's the purpose, the reason why the Son of man came is to give His life as a price for redemption. So, in John's gospel chapter 1 this is what John the Baptist has to say about Jesus look at what he says in verse 35,

John 1:35-38

³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?"

Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" who takes away the sin of the world the Redeemer who redeemed you. The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Him that's it. I mean Zac Brown and one of his teachings makes a very powerful statement he says on my Epitaph this is what I want to be written okay don't write he fought the good fight finish the race etc. Okay just write – 'They heard him speak and they followed Jesus' That is what I want to sign off my life with, 'they heard him speak and they followed Jesus.' That's exactly what they did I mean the two disciples this is the disciples of John. They heard him speak and they followed Jesus, okay. So, He was the one who gave His life as a ransom from many, so they heard him speak and they followed Jesus. And what was our previous condition? Our previous condition was, you need to understand, we don't appreciate these things because we heard it so many times. Paul gives a very interesting picture as to how this Redemption happened look at what he says in Romans chapter 7 about himself I don't know if this is true about you this is about himself,

Romans 7:14-15

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, how sold under sin that was my previous condition. What is the picture that Paul is trying to convey or rather trying to depict or show here? He says, you know what those days when they went for war and after soldiers won for what they used to get a lot of loot and alongside with the loot they were given you know a lot of prisoners of war as slaves okay. So, what they used to do is bring all the slaves, some strong, some girls or some old, some new. I mean different kinds of people and they were sold in the slave market in under different categories so for example if you had a very strong body and a physique, they would I mean if you were a soldier and you were captured as a prisoner of war they would be kept under the banner called you know you go to the market under this 'All gladiator.' Gladiators being sold over here so you're being sold under category called Gladiator, so the person comes, and he purchases you now, all you can do is you are at the mercy of your owner, whatever your owner asks you to do you should do it. You don't have any rights over your life. What you do, you're a Gladiator you will fight for me and die for me there'll be some people who had some skill as farmers so there'll be category called Ex-farmer from Israel giving an example, so they'll come okay so this is a good farm I have a huge farm okay this guys experienced under farmer he is an experienced farmer. Now what is he going to do? He is going to work for me and whatever I ask him to do he will do, and the worse is the women. They will come this category they look at the women and they will say okay and young beautiful now she is going to sell her body, and whatever I ask her to do she will do.

And Paul is having this picture he says you know what, there was a banner called 'under sin' and I was like this under sin and whatever sin is asking me to do I am doing, and who is my master? Sin is my master, I was powerless and that is reason why it says 'Cain, Cain why are you angry? If you do well, will you not be accepted but if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door and his desire is for you,' notice the pronoun which is being used not 'its' desire, his desire is for you, and you shall not master it. But you should master him, it is a person. It's actually brought out beautifully in the KJV. So, he says under sin, you are under sin, and you do not have so some people are addicted

to let say pornography, so what are they? They are sold to fulfill their lust. So, they cannot just help themselves but fulfill those addictions. Some are sold for their labs they're workaholics and alcoholics, all are licks, Horlicks. They have no capacity in themselves to save themselves, they are sold under sin. So what are you going to do? You are going to do what your master sin is going to ask you to do, you are absolutely under the command of sin.

So, sin will ask you to get up maybe right in the middle of your, I remember one of my scientists from DRDO brilliant Scientist Sardar Singh is probably the best Robotist in India okay. I've worked with him but a man who had no control over his senses, every 15 minutes he needed to take a smoke, so when he needs to work and code his legs and hands would be restlessly trembling, brilliant guy you should see the kind of work that he did. I mean you'll be stunned. But every 15 minutes, "Vijay, I need to go," what is calling me? Sin, sold under sin that is my condition.

See, when you say redemption, this is what the picture is, and you should see the way he used to shake, I used to think about the kind. I'm telling you some of the coding that I did for my research, I learned it from him I said boy! What brilliance! Not married like Paul dedicated his life for robotics. And he said, 'I wished that all men were like me, roboticists and not married, but every man has his own gift.' That's what he said, a man, think about it no! But the man is completely controlled by his desires, and he vices, he can't give it up. He starts shaking after a while and you can smell gutakka from a scientist's mouth, whatever I'm not sure what the DRDO scientist is that category he is, but you know what he's sold under sin. Sold. Look at what the picture of this in Hosea. Hosea by the way Hosea comes from the Hebrew word which means 'salvation' a prophet is asked to do something incredible.

Hosea 3:1

¹ Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans."

Then the Lord said to me by the way if you really want to get a complete picture and the rendering of this, I would really encourage you to go back in 2021 if I'm right Pastor James preached a message called 'Crazy Love' okay thereon you tube just go back enjoy. It's powerful. Okay, *then the Lord said to me go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery.* I liked the word 'committing' meaning it is committed to sin, it's disposition is towards sin, it cannot help but sin, it's bent towards sin. And then go and love her is what God is telling Hosea, just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, look at the comparison just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans. What cakes? What season? Okay, understood no! Okay they love raisin cakes of the seasons of the pagans. They're sold, they're committed to these gods and you Hosea which means "God is my salvation" "Yahweh is my salvation" you know what you should do? Go and love her.

But how are you going to love her first of all she's been sold on the block in the market? So go and redeem her. Hosea goes okay, think about prophets of those days. People have these titles 'Prophet so and so', they have no idea so what it means to be a prophet of God. So, Hosea goes, he goes to the marketplace and there is a marketplace where all the slaves are there in the market and he finds his own wife Gomer, there in the marketplace and then it is said *-so I bought her for myself for 15 shekels of silver.* So, he's going and bargaining, 'I want this lady. How much?' For her? 25 shekels oh! Silver is the price of redemption and you oh! he goes to the pocket yeah, 'So sorry I only have 15 shekels,' what else we have, 'Ah! 1 kg of barley,' anything else, 'Nothing all my bank account over,' okay, take her. He literally emptied himself of all the treasure that he had to buy a useless lady.

You know what happens? Picture is this, what did you do, Hosea to bring back this wife? I emptied my bank balance to get this wife. You know what God did? God had only one Son, the entire bank balance of Heaven. *In Him what the fullness of God dwelt.* You know what He did? It is not the Prodigal son; it is Prodigal God. Literally he wasted his entire money called Jesus and He purchased us. That is redemption. So who are these people who are redeemed? These are the people who have realized, you know what I'm being sold under sin. I was helpless like Pastor was talking about from Romans chapter 5. I was what? without power, I was what? ungodly, I was a sinner, I was enemy of God, but God commended His love towards me that He sent His Son to die for my sins, that is redemption. So, who are these people, who are a part of the bride? These are people who are Conscious the price of the redemption. They say you know Lord I know what it took You, what it took You to have me as Your son, as Your daughter.

I remembered I gave you that example of the child who made this beautiful boat, and he wanted to try this boat and he took it to the Sea. And the tide came crying, he took them away and he started crying and he went to home, and then the tide went down, and the boat came back onto this onto the seashore. Another guy was walking by, he was

going for his jog and looked at his beautiful boat and cleaned it up. And he went to the local souvenir store, and he sold it to the souvenir guy and that guy painted it and made it beautiful and he put it on the display. And one day this boy was walking down that street, and he looked at his boat and he said, 'That's my boat! How come it reached this shop?' and he went to the owner, and he said, 'Sir, sir, sir Please sir, don't sell it to anybody sir I want it sir so take guarantee sir five dollars, how much sir? This is 25 dollars. Within a few days, I will get the rest of the money, please give it to me,' and then you know what, he goes, does odd jobs, gets the rest of the money, goes back to the owner, he gives 25 dollars and takes the boat. And he hugs it, and he says, 'I made you; I bought you; I made you; I bought you; I made you and now I redeemed you for myself.' Redemption, that is the reason why we celebrate Christmas. So, what did God do therefore? He just did not just redeem us, you know what He did? He made us first-fruits to God and to Lamb. That is interesting, isn't it? What is that? Let me explain what that is. In James chapter 1 this is what God has to say?

James 1:17-18

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Every good and every perfect gift, who is a good and perfect gift tell me? Everybody Jesus, everybody say, 'Jesus' unashamedly, 'Jesus' the good and the perfect gift okay, the good and perfect gift comes from above and comes down from the Father of, what? Lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning or what we call in physics parallax error, okay and then, of His own will, okay, He brought us forth by the Word of truth, in order that the Word, that means in order that we might be a kind of, what? First fruits of His creatures, kind of first fruits of His creatures. What He has done? He has not only cleansed me, He has not only purchased me, you know what He did actually? Before God He justified me first thing, okay by faith we are justified, He not only is declared me righteous, He also gave a new nature inside of me because of the love that is showered upon me He gave the access to be called the children of God and He gave me new birth,

1 Peter 1:3

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Pastor was talking about mercies, look at how God has introduced over here an expression of this mercy, what is the expression of His mercy? Blessed be this the English standard version ESV I'm sorry I didn't put it there ESV all translation except mentioned are in NKJV otherwise I will mention. Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the God the Father of whom, of our Lord Jesus Christ! Okay, according to His great mercy, I love that. What did He do? What was that expression of His mercy? He has caused us to be what born again, beautiful isn't it? That is the reason why, behold what manner of love that He has bestowed upon us that what 'we' emphasis where let take away 'we' let us put Vijay you can all say Vijay all say Vijay so that we will not get offended. Behold what manner of love the Father has showed upon 'Vijay' 'that Vijay' should be called, what? The Son of God. I told you, no, you're working for **Microsoft**? Fantastic. **You** are working for Microsoft? fantastic! Both words have two different kinds of connotations. You're working for Microsoft? fantastic, You ahah! I mean, you know what I'm talking about. How much did you get? first in class? you got first in class!?!

That's exactly what it is, what are you? Son of God, 'you Vijay, son of God? What is that? Great mercy and what did they become? They become the first fruits; you know what first fruits is? When you get the Harvest, you know what they do? The Bible says, Honor the Lord with your substance, ah. Fill in the blanks my dear children okay. The children who teach who are being taught problems every day okay honor the Lord with your substance and with the _____ of all your increase. It's a no-brainer right, 'first fruits of all your increase' What does it mean? These are the people who said you know what, 'This is my life,' it is the kind of first fruits if His creation. Who is the first born of all creation from the dead, from the resurrection, from the dead, 'Jesus' He's the kind of first fruits. Now you are the Jesus: kind, you're born again according to, now you have the nature of Jesus in seed form at least, minimally, in you so :what you do offer it to God. That is the reason why if God has given you such fantastic great mercy and redeemed you from that horrible condition of 'sin', what is the minimal that you are supposed to do? What is the logical thing that you're supposed to do?

Romans 12:1

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

I beseech you therefore brothers by the, what of God? That's exactly what Pastor was taking about this morning, I said, 'Pastor why do you take my message? I wanted to him to stop, but you know it's interesting that he is actually reiterating what God has already spoken to me in the morning. Mercies of God, the mercies of God, so many mercies my dear brothers the fact that you are alive today is a mercy one mercy, that you have a job another mercy, that you have a house another mercy, that you have a health another mercy, incredible, count your blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Mercy and what did you offer your bodies upon which the Lord showed mercy and keep as a, what? A living sacrifice and what is this? It is your logical act of worship that is you reasonable rational, everybody likes logic no, the algorithmic we are, what is the logic? This is the logic, if He has shown you so much mercy, what you should do? The minimal that you should do is that you should deny yourself, it is the minimal that you should do, pick up your cross minimum and follow Him. So, first thing what are they? They were redeemed from the earth and from among men, second, they are the kind of first fruits of His creatures. Then it says next one they are undefiled this is where the difficult part comes? Everybody likes justification, not many people like sanctification but without sanctification there is no glorification. What is the hope of your glory? Christ where? You are not sure about the answer when you okay because if you are sure about the answer. Christ in you is the hope of your glory.

So therefore what must a believe do? In order to become undefiled, cleanse yourself of all defilement, so that you can become undefiled that's very simple. How do you do that? There is a question - what is the attributes or the characteristics that you have to practice? So that you can continuously cleanse yourself of all the defilement, is the question, right its very serious stuff here. Please buckle your seat belts okay 2 Corinthians chapter 6 this is what Paul said if you are upset me, please don't be upset I'm only quoting Paul Okay I'm giving you the citation also it is there in the Bible second Corinthians chapter 6 if you think I'm quoting from the wrong Bible please convert you can double check with your Bible okay. If you get upset, please get upset with him, not with me and not with me I love Paul. I don't know about you.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

¹⁶And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." ¹⁷Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." ¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters,

For you are the temple of the Living God, what are you? Your body is the temple of the Living God like Pastor was talking about on Monday if he said you know what that God where you had the most Holy place on the day of atonement the high priest was the only person who had access to the most Holy place and once in a year he could go. That very God of the most holy place comes and makes us His abode. Now if He has made you His abode, what are you supposed to do? Previous verses says, don't be yoked to yourself with your unbelievers what agreement has light with darkness? what agreement has sons of God with Belial and etc etc etc so many things which are mentioned and then it says because why should you separate with unbeliever why should you do that because you're the temple of the Living God okay. As God had said, 'I will dwell in them and walk among them. What will God do? I will dwell in you, and I will walk among you I will be their God and they shall be My people this is one of the promises from the Bible therefore come out from among them be what separate says the Lord and do not touch anything which is unclean okay and I will receive you then it goes on to say I will be a Father to you and you shall be my sons and daughters says he Lord the three promises which are given first I will walk, I will dwell in them and I will walk among them. Please come out and be separated and then I will be the Father and you shall be my sons and daughters. So, what you do, what you should is this, this is the message of separation right,

Acts 2:40-41

⁴⁰And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." or a crooked generation, in other translation ⁴¹Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 2: give you an example just to ensure that it is consistent with the apostle doctrine,

They gladly received. If you are NIV positive gladly is removed in NIV okay, reluctant received the NIV people will just joking okay and NIV will reluctantly receive but the KIV will gladly receive okay alright. And those who gladly received this word what is this word be set apart from this perverse generation isn't it interesting Luke is saying he what he wanted to write down what all Peter said okay. Peter was going on and on and on and on and on and on and on Peter was not stopping now okay and said okay fine. The gist of the matter is this with many words we saved from this perverse generation. So, if these are the promises that God is telling you that I will dwell among you, I will dwell in you, I will be among you, I will walk among you, and you shall be My sons and daughter and I should be your God. What are you supposed to do? 2 Corinthians 6 does not end there Corinthians doesn't end there it goes on to chapter 7 verse 1 continuation,

2 Corinthians 7:1

¹Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Therefore, having these promises what are these promises? Come out from among them, be separated, etc, etc. What you should do beloved, let us, what? Cleanse ourselves from all the defilement or the filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, but how do you so that perfecting Holiness, where, in the fear of God. So, what is that one characteristic that we have to practice and cultivate is what? Everybody says this, 'fear of God?' Okay let me tell you what fear of God is. I'm giving you a picture, Sundar Krishna and one of his sermons talks about this he talks about 'The Splendor of God's Holiness,' it's a series of sermons in that he says he went to Grand Canyon okay. When he went to Grand Canyon, he looked at the beautiful scenic beauty of the canyon okay and there was a precipice over there and even close to the precipice he took his camera put it on panoramic view okay so that he could get a complete view of this, and he said, you know what the view was so breath taking it was so attractive it was so awesome to use his user's language that I said you know what I have to capture it in my camera I have to talk about it. It's beautiful, it attracts you to it. You cannot just run away from it, you cannot stop describing it, but you know what if I take one step closer, you know what going to happen to me, sure death that is the fear of God. God is incredibly awesome, incredibly attractive, incredibly beautiful you are beautiful beyond description etc, etc, etc, etc.

And He's so attractive but if you cross one line that is the reason why in Psalms 2 it says Rejoice with trembling what is that how many of you rejoiced, "*rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice, rejoice in the Lord*". Can you see can you sing that something like. That's what he says in Psalm 2. Rejoice with trembling, serve the Lord with fear. I'm just warming up okay I'm going to talk about this a little more Acts chapter 2 and they continue steadfastly in what in the apostle doctrine. What is it continuing in? In the apostle doctrine, not the teaching of the Apostles and fellowship and the breaking of the bread and in prayers and what happened what came as a result of all this fear came upon every soul and signs and wonders happened through the apostles. So, that's the order okay, first should first fear come then what should happen wonders and signs should happen because even Antichrist will show a lot of lying signs and wonders, but they will not have is what? Fear but let me look at the first I want to show you the desirableness of this what whenever we talk about the fear of God a lot of people get upset but if you ask me what my favorite topic in the Bible is? Fear of God, I've studied it so many times and I want it because there are so many blessings. I don't have the time to go into the details of it but I'm going to show you the sample of the blessing that one enjoys if you have the fear of God. Look, first of all what God calls the fear of God? God when He redeemed us, He emptied His treasure that was Jesus and He redeemed us look at what it says about the fear of God in Isaiah chapter 33 verses 5 to 6,

Isaiah 33:5-6

⁵ The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. ⁶ Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure.

The Lord is exalted for He dwells on high He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness okay. Wisdom and knowledge that is 'Zion' okay, Mount Zion that's what we're talking about right wisdom and knowledge and stability of times what will be stability of your time? Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times and the strength of your salvation. So what is the strength of your salvation? Wisdom and knowledge will be the strength of your salvation and the stability of your times and then it says the fear of the Lord is what? It is the Lord's treasure.

I mean if you have to really understand how spiritual you are how rich you are in your spirit? Just evaluate and measure the fear of the Lord that you have inside of you, that is His pleasure. But unfortunately, we cannot

manufacture this, it has to be given to us by God and that is the reason why the order is very important you have to be born of God first because a natural man is incapable of the fear of the God. Look at what it says in Romans chapter 3 about the natural man the unregenerate man Romans chapter 3,

Romans 3:10-12, 17-18

¹⁰ As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." ¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

It is written as it is written there is none righteous no not one, there is none who understands there is none who seeks after God they have all turned aside and the way of peace they have not known and verse 18 there is no fear of God before their eyes. This is about all of us in our unregenerate condition and what is the expression if the man who does not have the fear of God? Out of abundance of your heart what will speak? Your mouth will speak.

Romans 3:13-14

¹³ "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; ¹⁴ "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."

So, look at what it says their? Their throat is an open tomb meaning the complete, see when you know the speech of certain people you know whether they have the fear of God or not. Okay we'll come to that a little later. With their tongues they have practice deceit the poison of asps is under their lips whose mouth is full of bitterness and cursing and about this, about this people it is it says that they don't have what? They don't have the fear of God before their eyes. So fear of God has to begin somewhere, now you will say Vijay you are talking about so much about love. Pastor James has been talking about love and faith expressing itself through love. But why are you bringing fear suddenly this seems to be totally it tangential to the topic that we are discussing. I beg to disagree it is absolutely in keeping with what have been studying in all these days. The ultimate expression of God is the Cross, of His love is the cross, that is the ultimate expression of love. How do you know that God loves you? Look at His Son hanging on the cross for your sin, He who did not know sin did not do sin or did not know sin He became sin for us. That's the Cross that's the expression of love, that is the reason why God commands His love for us that while we were yet sinners, He died for us on the Cross that is the expression of His love but look at a man's realization when he sees the expression of this love, okay let us see in the Luke's gospel chapter 23.

Luke 23:39-41

³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." ⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

This is the two criminals one side and on the other side then one of the criminals, who are hanged blasphemed Him says, if you are really the Christ save yourself and us, look at what it says? But the other answering rebuked him saying, what is that? Do you not even what? Fear God seeing that you are under the what? Same condemnation. Think about it if the one person in this entire universe who could commend sin to God was His Son, you understand what I said? Who could say, 'Okay it's, okay it's My Son. He's absolutely righteous,' the one Person who could have commended sin to God was His Son, but you know what? When God made His Son into sin you know He did? He turned His eyes away and He poured out His wrath upon Him. And this man looks at that and he says you know what? I am unjust, I am unholy, I not only deserved to die on the cross, but I also deserved to be condemned eternally in hell. That is what I deserve.

This Man (Jesus) does not deserve anything of this, look at what it says? The next verse.

Luke 23:41

⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

He says and we indeed justly for we receive the due reward for our deeds. But this man has did nothing wrong. And I was thinking about this, what was the revelation that this man had? On the cross he had the revelation of two things. He had the revelation of the love of God, and he also had the revelation of the fear of God, the requirement of the fear of God. Let me tell you what it is? I just made a statement you can if you for whatever it is worth, I wrote it down "The revelation of the expression of ultimate love is the beginning of ultimate fear" let me explain that to you,

what is ultimate fear? Jesus said don't fear those people, what is that? who will only hurt your body but fear Him who has not only power to hurt your body but also power to put your soul eternally in hell. Fear Him.

This guy is exactly at the doorstep of hell jaws of eternal death. He looks at that love, and he said, 'You know what I'm not fearful of these people who are only hurting my body but one thing I fear, my soul might eternally go to hell let me believe at this moment,' and he believes, at that moment he believes and you know what he says immediately? Lord remember me when You come into Your Kingdom. You see how the fear of God starts; you know what Jesus says? "Surely, today you shall be with Me in paradise," you know what I've done? I literally rescued you from hell. In Hindi bal bal bajgaya. Your death this is only temporary, this is nothing, my goodness if God did not spare His own and only Son when He became sin, what about me? He started fearing.

Is what you're feeling. He saw the ultimate expression of God's love, and that was the beginning of the ultimate fear and what is the ultimate fear, not only fearing the person he is not just fearing, we are not fearing the people who have the authority to kill your body, but you are fearing the Person who not only has the authority to hurt your body and also your soul eternally in hell, okay. Forgiveness is the God's expression of love; fear is our response towards God. What is that? Forgiveness is God's expression of love, fear is our response to God, let me show you that verse okay. Only by grace can we enter okay Lord if you mark our transgressions who can stand that is where Petra stopped their song unfortunately look at what it says the next verse.

Psalm 130:3-4

³ If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

Lord if you mark iniquities who can stand? Look at the next verse everybody let us read verse 4 okay but there is forgiveness with you ah, that you may be what? Fear, what is forgiveness? Expression of God's love. What is response? I wrote this statement again "Born-again saint's life, a truly born-again saint's life is characterized by the fear of God" and when I say life, I mean the choices that he makes, the choice of his career, the choice of this life partner, the choice of this university, every choice that he makes, the choice of his Church okay, because that is the reason it says in Proverbs chapter 1 you should choose the fear of God, it's a choice. I set before you what is life and death, blessing and curse, choose what? Life and a saint's life is character that means in every choice that he makes okay, what he characterizes? What he makes is based upon the reverence and the respect and the fear that he has toward the God. Okay, let me show you why did I used the word born-again? Galatians Chapter 4 verse 28.

Galatians 4:28

²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

And we who are this we? Brothers and sisters, born-again brothers and sisters, like who? Like what Isaac are children not merely physically descent like Ishmael, but are children born of the promise, born miraculously or born from above. Isaac was a person who was born of God, born from above, born of promise is a type of a believer who is born of God, a type a saint who is in Christ. Isaac is a saint who is in Christ, right that is like Isaac, now in the Bible God has several names. God had how many names? Several names okay several titles we can say Jehovah okay Yahweh Shalom, Yahweh Nissi, ah Yahweh Tsidkenu, Yahweh Rapha, Yahweh Kanah oh! So many titles for Yahweh, Yahweh Sabaoth, okay so many, so many, so many titles for God, and the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob ect, ect ect.. But something about the God of Isaac is mentioned. Notice, what are we? We are like Isaac, born of what? Promise and what is the statement that I made a born-again saint's life is characterized by the what? Fear of God. Look at how Isaac's God is mentioned in the Bible okay, Isaac's God has mentioned in the Bible let me give you this picture and I will try to explain how we can apply that in our lives?

Genesis 31:42

⁴² Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night."

Unless the God of my father, okay the God of Abraham the God of my father okay he is, he is actually describing the God of my father, whose father? Isaac right? The God of my father is actually the God of who? Of Isaac. And what is he? The Fear of Isaac, He is the God of Abraham. Okay let me tell you what it means? Arey! who is that person? Who is that God Vijay worships? Okay, for example it is the God whom my pastor fears. Who is the God that you worship?

It is the God that my father fears. Okay, who is the God that you Children's worship? It is the God that their father fears, what is that mean? Isaac, can you do this? Let me tell you, let me just go and consult the God, okay, I don't know pray about this. He goes to God, and he says, 'Lord should I do this or not? Okay fine every time I have to make a decision, let me consult with God. I fear Him, I respect Him, I honor Him,' and you think about it, church. Which God you worship in your Church? It is the God that my pastors' fears, think about a church like that. You know why? Whatever you fear is your God ultimately. If you fear security, money will be will become your god, financial security. Not once but twice the same chapter verse 53,

Genesis 31:53

53 The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their father judge between us." And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac

The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their father judge between us." And Jacob swore by the what? By the fear of the father of his father Isaac and who is the fear of the father Isaac? God, he feared God. You know why we are a generation who are careless about anything? Because we don't have, our God is not fear of Isaac, who is your God? The One which I fear, I consult Him every time, every decision I make I go to Him only when I hear from Him, will I make a decision, can you imagine a life like that? My father fears the Person, that is God, it doesn't matter, what happens in the house? We don't do anything until God says 'yes' in our house. Can you think about the house like that? Think you, think about the young people like that, anything that I do I will only ask God if He says yes then I will do it otherwise I'll not do I, because you know why? I fear Him. Why? Because we like Isaac are what children of the promise and if we are like Isaac, what should we have? We should have the fear of Isaac. Do we have the fear of the Isaac? That is the reason why I said the born-again saint's life if characterized by the fear of God. And why did Isaac fear? Tied to the altar by his father. Think about it. I don't know what was going on through this mind, 'I don't know what did I do to deserve that I don't know may be I might have sinned, I don't know,' and father is taking his knife and is about to kill and he hears a voice "Abraham, Abraham stop from killing your son," and you know what Isaac said? 'Haa! Bal bal bajgaya!' That is Isaac. He just surrendered to the altar and the knife. "Stop!" I don't know what was going through his heart. Think about a guy, you know, he was being tied by his father and his might be thumping in his chest da da da da da... after that he's raising his knife like this and he's about end hears about him and his father, "Abraham, Abraham" I didn't say that,

Genesis 22:11-12

***11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."
12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."***

The Angel of the Lord called him and said, 'Abraham, Abraham,' so he said, 'Here I am,' and He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God. That fear of God on the altar when Isaac offered himself he heard it and he said, 'You know what? In my place, what is dying? The ram. Prince, when I survey the wonders cross on which the Prince of glory died, that Glory glorious Prince, He took my place I was spared and what do I do now? I have the, what? Fear of God and God is called the Fear of Isaac. Who is this God? The Fear of Isaac.

Can you imagine who's your God? The one who am I fear, the fear of Isaac. Can you say, the Fear of Isaac is my God? Think about it I mean you should really be able to say it from the bottom of your heart. I was thinking about it when I was preparing, I said, 'Lord think about my life, Lord, my own life can it be characterized - this man fears his God, the decision that he makes, when people look at him and says, 'You know what, this man fears his God, he will not do anything without consulting from his God and he respects his God, he reverences his God, he always consults Him and he does whatever his God ask him to say, ask him to do no questions, no ifs no buts. Think about it. I mean you should have it the same kind of respect for your father and your mother, if you make a decision in your life, we should first thing as children one of the things that you should think what will my father say, boy! It'll save you a lot of trouble, lot of trouble. What will my father say? You know that is the reason why even Isaac's, how old are you, Isaac? 40 years. All your peers are getting married what will my father say whoever my father ask me to marry I will marry what will I do? I will meditate yeah kya baat hai, kya baat hai. Think about it, this man need not do anything, 'I will not do anything until I have the consultation of my father and my God because I fear Him,' the Fear of Isaac.

And what is he doing when Rebecca is coming? Meditating. Young people can take it as a challenge - you know you are doing the work of God and suddenly God brings the person whom you are supposed to marry into your life like

that. That will be an awesome sight, isn't it? You know what a person who fears God is a trophy for God, he will boast about this man to the entire demonic host look at what it says about Job.

Job 1:1

¹There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; Job means the word what Job means the who is hated obviously people who fear God will always be hated and persecuted okay and that man was what blameless upright and the one who feared God and he shunned evil and who is this God who is the God that the children of Job worship? It is the God their father fears and then he did this. God is looking at the entire the world, okay, if I have to take an entrance exam on the characteristics of the fear of God, who will come top in the class? The eyes of the Lord are in to and fro scanning all the Earth 2 Corinthians chapter 6 to see whose man whose heart is stayed on God and one Job fear God, feared God. Satan, come here, what have been doing? Same job, up down up down up down railways. Railways job, right, what is it? Godavari up, Godavari down; Falaknauma up, Falaknuma down. What is your job? Satan up, Satan down, travelling left right and center to just get all the details about the saints of God and **God says, 'Have you considered Job?'** The trophy of God. **'Look at this man there is no one like him on the earth.'** boy! What a statement! I'm thinking I mean you should read it and you stop there - in all the earth there was a man Moses who was a meekest, where? Not just in Israel, what is it what is his name? Nathaniel was the man who was guileless in Israel. Moses was meekest where in all the Earth. Think about it. What a challenge!

Young people think about it, if God were look at you in your class and then He says, 'You know what, look at My daughter, look at My son in this class, there is none like this in My church who fears God like this.' The fear of Vijay, the fear let's say fear of Hephzibah, the fear of Kruthika, who is our God? The Fear of Kruthika, think about that statement. Can God associate His name with you, my dear brothers? Who is that? The Fear of Vijay. He's not God of Yahuwah shalom, He is the God He's the Fear of Vijay. He is associating His name with you. My God! That gives me a challenge, it says boy! What a challenge for me in the new covenant! Because I have just not the Spirit of God, He is called the Spirit of the fear of God. You know what this reverence where we learn from? We learn from His Son who in the days of His flesh you know what He did loud cries and tears He was praying, "Lord I know the thin line, Lord, let Me not become presumptuous, Lord, let Me not just say anything or take anything for granted, Lord, if I even sin in my thought life, even for a moment, I will be useless. I will be a Man with blemish and I cannot be sin offering for the this entire world. Lord, keep Me from sin, keep Me from sin," and He was heard, why because of His godly fear.

Are we the Jesus kind? Are we the Jesus kind, my dear brothers? We are entering into another year, can God say this is the fear of Vijay? Can my daughters come and say, 'You know what, my father's God, He's the Fear of Vijay?' That should be a challenge, isn't it, and Job, why, why is Job is he commended so much? Look at the attitude of Job. Okay, so it was when the days of the feasting had run its course okay, they had a course timetable, they used to eat according to their timetable okay, everybody is invited to their own respective homes, then Job would send and what do they what, what do you do them? What is that? Sanctify perfecting holiness what? Cleansing yourself from all the filthiness of the flesh and the spirit what perfecting holiness what? In the fear of God so then what happens, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all you know why? Because Job said, Job said it may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God, where? In their heart. I don't know, I don't know. The fear of Job. God was the fear of Job. There is a direct correlation within sanctification and the fear of God. I'll show you some verses Isaiah chapter 8.

Isaiah 8:12-14

¹²"Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. ¹³The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread. ¹⁴He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Do not say a conspiracy concerning all that the people call conspiracy lot of conspiracy theories okay nor be afraid of the threats nor be troubled. The Lord of host Him shall you hallow let Him be your fear let Him be your dread. He will be for you as a sanctuary, you know how Peter interprets in this in the old covenant 1 Peter chapter 3,

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts that is exactly how he interprets us and be ready to give an answer any word how? With meekness and fear, meekness and fear. Fear of God it's not there in our generation, especially in our generation we have to have this respect for authority respect for people in offices, especially when you talk about people, even you're talking about your father and mother, what comes out of your mouth should be reverent. Okay not withstanding all the weaknesses and they may be having by when you think about them, fear, fear God and it will go well with you.

1 Peter 1:17-18

¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

And if you call on the Father who without partiality judges according to each one's work conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay how? How? And fear, why? Knowing that you were not redeemed, you see you are redeemed right. So, what should be your response be? Fear, conduct yourself in fear, don't become presumptuous,

2 Samuel 6:6-7

⁶ And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. ⁷ Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.

And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, this is when they were getting the Ark of the covenant, okay to Jerusalem a resting place okay they put it in on the cart remember the cart and full of dance and all kind of paraphernalia and full drums and all thing were happening and David was full excited. Was his heart right? Absolutely, and what happened? At the threshing floor, you know Pastor gave us very interesting so many years back he talked about the threshing floor threshing floor is the place of judgment, remember what happened? The Oxen stumbled, okay and what happened to Uzzah? He put his hand to stop the ark and the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah and God struck him there for his error and he died there by the ark of God, by the ark of God, you see I'll tell you something very interesting.

There are two arks in the Bible: Noah's ark, that is you in Christ. The ark of covenant, that is Christ in you. Two different things, two different experiences, one is the hope of your salvation, and one is the hope of your glory. And if you are presumptuous what will happen? Uzzah died, I think it was Sundar Krishnan who made this powerful statement you know what he said? He said when Uzzah tried to stop the Ark of the Covenant you know what God was thinking? The hands and the earth, the earth on which the ark was going to fall was much holier than the hands which were trying to stop it from falling and he was dead. The earth on which the ark was falling was much holier because that was a place of judgment, than the hands which are trying it from which are trying to stop it from falling and He struck him.

2 Samuel 6:8-9

⁸ And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day. ⁹ David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

Look at the response of David. Then David became angry because of the Lord's outbreak against Uzzah, and he called he name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day. This is very important Perez Uzzah till this day, and what happened? First, he was angry and then David was afraid of the Lord, and immediately what came? Fear came on the early Church also. They all started in great zeal people were getting added in numbers and all things were happening and you know, and they were enjoying the fellowship and Barnabas sold his property and suddenly little lightness was entering into the Church they were becoming a little more presumptuous about things of God. Fear of God so slowly departing, God did one act of judgment he struck Ananias and Sapphira dead and what happened as result? Fear.

I told you, what you fear is your God? What you fear is your God? You fear God, He'll take care of you, if you fear any other god, they don't take care of you, you have to take care of them. Exactly, if you fear your manager what you should do? He will not take care of you; you should take care of him. Am I right or not? That is what you call as perception management. I mean I'm just stunned with these terms what is that? How does your manager perceive you? Hardworking, always there, always on call, 'Yes sir, yes sir, yes sir.' So, what do you do? You're serving him. He will never take care of you, if you fear God, you know what? He will take care of you, that is our God. The gods in the world when you fear them, you have to carry them. Our God carries us He says, 'Just fear Me, don't become presumptuous.'

John 12:42-43

⁴² Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Nevertheless, even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue. What did they fear? What did they fear? Whom did they fear? God or man, what did they fear on man bring? Snare, what is the fear of God bring? A fountain of life. You read the book of Proverbs, fear of God and life go together if you have the fear of God, you have life. He who has a son has life, he who has a son has a fear of God and therefore he has life.

John 5:44

⁴⁴ How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

How can you believe? Who fear one another and don't seek the fear of that comes from the only God. Did you see that? Not from God only, but from the only God. So what you fear or whom you fear is your God. If fear your husband he is your god. That's the reason why you know Bible says – submitting to one and other in the fear of God. So, what is the attitude the fear of God brings? Submission, respect, reverence. See that is how I know when you talk to elders when young people talk to elders, the attitude towards the older people shows, this is a small, you know, representation of what is there in your heart. The casualness with which you enter, the casualness with which you address men and women of God, for example. I'm not telling you I'm not exalting any churches or anything, you should see how in Pentecostal churches how they honor the men of God. My goodness, you should see how they honor, I mean they're very sometimes it's too much, it's too legalistic. But I'm not talking about that. I'm just talking about the attitude that they have. Counted worthy of double honor, they are given double honor. See Isaiah chapter 29 and verse 13 it's commonly used attitude of the heart right look at what it says in Isaiah chapter 29 verse 13,

Isaiah 29:13

¹³ Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

Therefore, the Lord says "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and they honor Me with their lips, but have what? removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, their heart is not there, and you know what therefore He says? Look at what He says in the book of Deuteronomy look at this heart the cry of God in Deuteronomy look at this in Deuteronomy chapter 5 and this is what Moses has to say in Deuteronomy chapter 5 and verse 28 and 29.

Deuteronomy 5:28-29

²⁸ "Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. ²⁹ Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

'I have heard the voice of the words of these people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. And verse 29 Oh, that they have such a heart in them that they would fear Me. You see, such a heart. So how do you know that you have the fear of the God? 28, 28 easy to remember Job 28:28 okay Deuteronomy 29:29 the secret things belong to God,

Job 28:28

²⁸ And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.'”

And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom, and to depart from evil that *is* understanding. You see that, that is understanding to depart from evil. The fear of the Lord, don't be wise in you we will come to that don't be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil. Think about it now, if people were to ask your testimony if somebody were to ask what do you think about Vijay? That Vijay, he fears his God. He has got the fear of God in his life. I mean loving kind very thing is okay, but if me it's fear of God, if he has got that, everything else will follow. There is a man who fears God. That is the reason why he says, take care of this people who are weak in your community and fear your God. What did Cornelius do? He was giving arms to the poor, you know why? He has the fear of the God. What was fear of God making him? Making him kind toward others, but the source of this kindness is fear of God. You want to live long and not die before your time, how many of you want to do that? How many of you want to live long, full of years? Show me your hands, you don't want to live long bro come on, come one yeah, I want to live a full life okay. Some people are saying, 'What is the use of this life?' No, no, I want to finish God's purpose in my life full life. Look at what it says,

Psalms 34:11-14

¹¹ Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you, what? the fear of the Lord. It has to be taught and then He says, 'Who *is* the man who desires life?' You desire life we taught the fear of the Lord. And loves many days, that he may see good? You want to have a long life? A life in which you have fulfilled God's purpose, like David who fulfilled all the will of God, who fulfilled God's purpose in his generation? Today in the morning I was, I was praying Lord, complete, I want to have a full quota and I want to finish Your purpose. And for that what do I need? The fear of God, because it says the fear of God is the fountain of life which is causes you to escape from the snares of deaths, and what brings death? Sin, and what did Joseph have? The fear of God. He did not fear man. How many of you want a health? No, it's just not healing, just not healing everybody wants healing, but how many of you really want health? Look at what it says oh! Sorry uh in proverbs chapter 3 and verse 7.

Proverbs 3:7-8

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; what should you do? Fear the LORD and depart from evil and what will happen to you? It will be health to your flesh actually it's very interesting it says it will be marrow to your bones and health to your belly, okay, soundness to your belly because you know why? Out of the belly shall flow rivers of living water. So you really what to have health? Not just healing yes you get healing, but you want to have health, fear the Lord and depart from evil. That is the reason you know why what was happening in Corinth, why were they so slack? Because they were slack at the Lord's Table, they were not judging themselves, according to the standards of God you know what God and Paul warns them he says many among you are, what? Sick, many are weak, many are sick, many are, what? Fallen asleep, dead, you died before your time. You know why? You don't have the fear of God in your midst. I say, 'Lord, whatever it takes I don't want to slack.' Delight in the fear of God ,like Jesus. What was His delight? It says, He had the Spirit of Lord, the Spirit of counsel, Spirit of might, Spirit of knowledge, Spirit of wisdom Etc and the Spirit of the fear of the Lord, and what, what does next verse say? His delight was in the fear of the Lord. His delight was in the fear, meaning what? Every place where He smelt that there's no fear of the God, He would depart from that place.

In other words, delight meaning what? Quick to understand, quick to smell; the sense of smell is so sharp. You know some of them in my family, you know some of them they have a very strong smell, immediately they come home and say something is burning and everybody in the house is like what is burning? How come yeah something is burning then they'll go to the kitchen, and they'll find something that's really actually burning. Like Jesus would come and say, 'No fear of God here,' slowly goes off. That's exactly how you should respond when conversation that are happening around a table in your office, okay. When you come, they should stop and if they're not stopping you

should smell and what you should leave, 'It's stinking, let please let me leave.' Even if they're putting sambar and idli over there and it's very attractive to you run away, smell their spirit and not the sambar. You're coming to the end of this year challenge for this year would be, I mean, if you want to end this year well, 'Lord, Vijay's God is a fear of Vijay.'

Fear of Isaac. I mean I'm thinking about that now what is the name of the God? Fear of Isaac. What is the name of your God? Fear of Vijay, kya baat hai what a stamp to have? What a certificate to have? This is God's certificate about Himself. Be in health, all your flesh, practice the fear of the Lord, reverence for God, young people delight yourself in the fear of the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Honestly, you delight in the fear of the Lord you know young people practice it practice it, Lord grant me the heart to be reverent, just not be outwardly reverent. No, that is what a lot of people are like, 'Yes sir, yes sir, yes sir, yes sir, yes sir three bucks full sir,' and after that you turn your head they will start cursing you. It's like when you go to your boss's office, 'Yes sir yes sir yes sir okay sir okay sir okay sir.' Then you walk out cursing him. We're not talking about that; I mean I think I'm just expressing a lot of your thoughts, I don't know. That is what many people think about their boss. I don't know.

Yeah, it's like this no that you'll see the call from boss, 'Arey savakodatadura veedu (Oh no, this man is killing me)' but you answer and say, 'Hello sir, elaunaru (how are you?).' We're not talking about that; we're talking about being without filth and how can you be without filth? Undefined when you have the, what? The fear of God. That's what Daniel said. 'You're asking me not to pray for 30 days? You know what? You're not my God. That is the reason why the King is like, he comes in and he says, 'Daniel, not my servant, servant of the most high God,' my goodness what a certificate to give! 'You're not my servant, I know you work for me. Servant of the Most High God, was your God whom you serve day and night, was He able to rescue you?' Yes, He was, He shut the mouths of the Lions, He sent his angel in a way because I fear Him.

The fear of God is a fountain of life, young people take it as a challenge. All the small children who just got baptized say, 'Lord, from my heart, I want to fear You, from my heart I want to reverence my parents, from my heart I want to reverence my leadership, from my heart I want to reverence the people whom you have ordained in my life to mentor me and to teach me, when I talk about them when I mention their name it should be from my heart, let it not be out of pretense.' Who wants that kind of a love? That is a reason why, that's what he says, that is hypocritical love. That's what He says, 'You hypocrites, Pharisees, you're whitewash tombs you are full of iniquity and dead man's bonds, lawlessness, you stink.' You're not under the fear of God, hypocritical fear, we don't want that. We'll come to that later on in the time that we have.

They are just not only people who are undefined, but their objective is to become virgins, what is this virgins? What does it mean to be spiritual virgin? Meaning it's like this no if you tasted something, the first time if you do not say 'no' the first time, for example somebody comes and says, 'Cigarette, just one smoke. How do you know the taste of it if you do not try? Arey! One puff, nothing will happen. You will feel like a man,' ultimately you will become a dead man. That's later, they will not say that. That's exactly how Satan will deceive you. How do you know what will happen to you if you eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? You will not die, nothing like that is going to happen. Come on! Taste, you think God is so conservative? No conservative, so restricted?' One smoke. If you do not say the 'no' first time, the second time to say no will be more difficult and more difficult after a while you will become a slave.

I'm telling you young people that is a virgin what does she say no I don't want to taste it, I'm telling you honestly, look at what it says, Daniel, purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. Now he's been cleansed, 'Now I don't want to be defiled, so that food from the master's table I don't even want to taste it lest I get used to it. The taste will come and suddenly the mutton and the food and the wine and the "oh my goodness", how can I live?' That is the reason why you know what the software companies, what will they give you? They would give you? In Google, what do they give you? Breakfast, free breakfast, first initially the breakfast will be fantastic, all amenities they will give you and will make it very difficult for you to quit the company. Now what are you used to? You're used to roti, kapda, makkhan, dhoo gadi. How many gadi? Dho gadi (two cars), you know what if you go to any apartment, they need at least two parking slots. one for you, one for your wife. And what happens now to give up that kind of life, Sodexo coupons, ha remember Sodexo coupons? When you went to More Supermarket and you didn't have to pay cash, coupons exchange the coupons for the grocery, everything they will get to used to all kind of luxuries and now you have to quit and come to full time ministry, now that is going to be an interesting giving up. Right? Yeah exactly, sister Elsa will says, she is echoing with my heart okay.

Think about that, it's very difficult. you get used to an exorbitant lifestyle. I'm telling you not let your children get used to ease, I'm tell you, my parents are here. I used to go to my school taking local train, okay and walk from Secunderabad railway station to when I was in 3rd grade, I mean at Emmanuelle's age, nowadays if Emmanuelle goes out to the street, I shout, "Hey, hay hay, don't go," because the other day, three of our children from the school started running on the road on the Kistamma Enclave and my heart sank. I said, "What did you do? Running behind the auto on the road?" and then after a while the Lord told me, 'You remember, how you used to travel? Local train, walking from Secunderabad railway station,' and my mother used to wait, Diana Nagar, I remember, from the window she used to wait for me to get down from the local train, 'Ah Vijay is there,' we were not used to ease and comfort like that. Nowadays, Papa has to come and drop, he has to pick, auto has to come, if there is no auto, you will not go. Think about it, we are used to comforts. Ease. And you know what, Daniel said, 'Baba, I don't even want to taste, you know how the wine tastes? I don't want to know, I don't want to know.' Hey, come on Daniel, don't be so conservative. "No, no, no, no, sorry please I have purposed in my heart, I will not even taste it because lest I get snared by it. Sorry,' and eunuch said he will kill me, I fear my king. You know what Daniel said, 'I fear my King.'

Proverbs 1:8-10

⁸ My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; ⁹ For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck. ¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

My son here the instruction of your father do not forsake the law of your mother. For they will be a graceful ornament on your head and chains about your neck. That is in your house - learn, study, do well, learn the instructions and then you will go into the world. The next verse will says, *when the sinners entice you, do not consent.* What should we say? No sorry.

2 Timothy 2:20-23

²⁰ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. ²¹ Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work ²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³ But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver and also wood and clay, some for honour and some for dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the master, prepared for every good work so what you should do? Next verse flee youthful lusts, flee say no, run I don't want to taste it baba please no, no, no, no. I'm telling you, my brothers, I'm telling it from my heart, I wish I did not taste so many things in my life, so many things which were so difficult for me to give up. I say with a sense of brokenness, how many years I've wasted because of a vice. I'm telling young people don't do that, don't even taste it, it's not worth it. Ask Solomon, what did he say? Vanity, vanity, vanity all is vanity you know what the bubble has crushed that's what it means, they all hype it up they give it a lot of hype they say this, this, this, they make a big bubble and after that it'll just burst and what is there? Emptiness, that is vanity, it's all hype, nothing there, no substance.

Then what happens? Once you did that so what you should do?

2 Timothy 2:22-23

²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³ But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

Flee youthful lust, but pursue righteousness, pursue faith, pursue love, pursue peace with those who call upon the Lord, from where? From out of a pure heart, pursue. Make it your ambition, 'I don't want to go there Lord,' and what did they do? Because they are not used to all this comforts, because they said no to all this lusts, that's the reason why you know what it says about John he was in the in the wilderness and what was his diet? Locust and wild honey. Not, that's what he says, those who feed sumptuously and who are clothed with fantastic fine apparel where do you fine them? In the palaces. What did you see in the wilderness, a man who is easily shaken by the wind? No, why? His diet was locust and wild honey. That is the reason why one day when the Word of God came, it circumvent all the people who are used to comfort and went into the a man who was in the wilderness, who was trained to listen to the voice of God, because he said, 'No' to the legitimate pleasures, understand that.

What happens therefore? Now because you are not used to these kind of comforts, not used to this kind of lifestyle, you're making a deliberate choice not to get used to all kinds of these. That is the reason why pastor made a very powerful statement one of the teachings says, 'Nothing should come easy in your life,' 'easy come, easy go,' and those words just become like they're engraved, engraved in my mind like that. I cannot just get rid of them, they will speak to me even when I'm sleeping, how do you sleep? Bad habits are like a soft bed, very easy to get in and very difficult to get out, said Navjoth Singh Sidu, okay. He can also make some powerful statement, not the vessel but the statement is important. Sidu laughs, but we don't. We take them seriously. Then what do they do now? Because you're not used to comforts you know what you do? You follow the Lamb, where? Wherever He goes.

I was thinking about okay moving to a new house now, AC in children's room. I was thinking those days I was in my railway quarters in summer I used to sweat while sleeping. I'm looking at my children, I said boy! What a different life that they enjoy! I'm not saying we should not give all these things to your children, don't misunderstand me please. But with privilege comes responsibilities, that has to be taught. Followed the Lamb wherever He goes. Hebrews chapter 13 look how he followed follow the Lamb.

Hebrew 13:12-14

¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people you see ultimately what He wants to do? He wants to have a bride for Himself with His own blood He did that suffered outside the gate therefore let us go forth outside with outside the camp bearing His reproach, how are we going? Wherever He is going, wherever He is going we're going. Doesn't matter wherever He takes, 'Lord if You want me to be here, I'm here. You want to send me somewhere I am there, I am going. I have no condition in my life. I have give my life to You. You want me to be here and serve here, I will serve, You want me to go somewhere and serve, I will serve. I have already made up my mind.' Mind is already made up, my mind is made up and I won't turn back. You need endurance for this, otherwise you know what, you may have a gift but you don't have endurance.

Can you imagine, some of the children we teach, think about it, I'll give you this example I'll just I'll quickly wind up in a few more minutes and 2 Kings chapter 13 this is the king who comes to Elisha. Elisha is dying and he says, 'My father, my father, the Chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof,' and Elisha says, 'Okay, too much emotion, come on, come here, you always keep shouting a lot, come here first and take your arrow and take your bow,' he put his hands upon him and he said, 'Shoot!' and he shoots, 'the arrow of the Lord's deliverance.' What has happened now? By the laying on of hands there's an impartation of gift, what is there? Impartation of a gift. Now he says, 'Comes here, come here, come here you want a gift to work in your life? Do one thing, strike the ground,' tak, tak, tak, over stamina over. Over, how many times did he strike? Three times, that's it over. Okay, kithanai bar panda? How many times should I study? You know I will tell my children, you know how many times you have to study? Until it becomes a part of you. How should I study for my exams? As if your life is dependent upon it. That is what we call as committing it to memory, what is commitment to memory? If I don't remember it, I will die.

Think about it, how did he do it? One, two, three, gone, tuss. What about Elisha? God has called me to Gilgal. I'm coming to Gilgal, God has called me to Jericho. I am coming to Jericho. God has called me to Jordan. I am coming to Jordan. God has call me to Bethel. I'm coming to Bethel. Wherever I'm coming, I'm coming, I'm coming till I receive the double portion of your anointing because I want to endure. But the same thing doesn't happen with his disciple. How many times? Three times, one, two, three, gone. How many times? How many times should I come and attend fasting prayer? Till it becomes a part of you. You see, we don't have endurance to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. And in all this preserving one important trait. What is it? It is to be guileless, to be without pretense? Look at what it says in Romans chapter 16 what does it mean Romans chapter 16,

Romans 16:17-20

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹ For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore, I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the what? Of the simple. But look at what it says the warning he gives? For you your obedience has become know to all therefore I am glad on behalf but I want you to be wise in what is good and simple or what innocent in what is evil, preserve that innocence, that child likeness. Not childishness, but child likeness. Look at Vijay, this guy has no pretense whatever is inside is outside, he doesn't pretend he doesn't have to. I don't have to pretend. Simplicity that is the reason why it says in 2 Corinthians chapter 11,

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

²For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. ³But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

I am jealous for you with godly jealousy because I have betrothed you to one husband, so that I may present *you as a chaste virgin* to Jesus Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, the serpent deceived Eve by the craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the what? The simplicity, the innocence that is in Jesus Christ when they looked at Jesus they said, 'This Man is innocent,' but He said, be wise as serpents but innocent, and harmless, and simple as doves. That's what He said, the same word 'simple.' That means don't have any malicious intent in your heart, even when you are doing certain things, you are doing because you love and you care. And all this, because we have what? Without fault before God. You know why, they have only one person, whom they have they are sure they have to answer, it is God and I should be faultless before Him. That's not my earthly master, just not my earthly boss but one day I have to give an account of what I have done to God and therefore knowing the terror of the Lord, what do I do? I persuade man.

So this morning we'll end with the seven characteristics, what are this people? They know that they have been ***redeemed***, they are ***the first fruits of the Lamb*** that means they are born again, they are ***undefiled*** in other words they practice the fear of God, they are ***virgins*** they keep themselves for the defilement of the flesh or in other words they don't want to taste or know anything that is evil, ***they follow the Lamb*** wherever He goes, there is ***no deceit in their mouth*** they are guileless they are simple and they are ***faultless before the throne of God***. What are we today? Are we practicing to be the bride or are we the harlot, is the question.

So, this morning let's all stand up before God. We are going to end this year, but the promise still stands, what's the promise? *I will restore to you all the years that the locusts have eaten but what is the promise for that through these promises you may be part takers of the what? Of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

So let's pray and make a fresh commitment to God this morning right, and say, 'Lord another couple of weeks to go. I want to practice, I want to at least make this a part of my mind at least, I want to think on these things. I want to sanctify these couple of days, weeks, that I have before the year gets over and I want to prepare. I know the days are going to become even more tough, even more difficult for us to the live the lives which God wants us to live. But you know what it says? When sin abounds Grace abounds. When the enemy comes in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord raise up a standard and if you believe that the Spirit of God, the same Spirit of God which rose Christ Jesus from the dead is there in our hearts and He is able to quicken our mortal bodies, so that we not only have health but we also have the ability to please God and to become saints after His own heart. Let's pray.

Closing prayer:

Father this morning, we, as a Church, want to commit ourselves afresh, You showed us seven characteristics of the people who follow the Lamb wherever they go. Lord, we were all people who were sold under sin, but You redeemed us You showed Your love towards us that we were, when we were enemies, when we were sinners, when we were ungodly, when we were without strength You died for us. And therefore, this morning we want to make a fresh commitment to You O' Lord, the best that we can that we know how, Lord we want to take this calling seriously. We want to make our calling and election sure, we want to practice the fear of God. Lord grant us that desire in everything we do in our conversations, in our thoughts, in our attitudes, in our relationship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, may be display that fear the truly when they say his God is his fear, the fear of Vijay that is the God of Abraham, the fear of Vijay is Jesus Christ, that is his God. Thank You Father for Your mercy that You Lord, You winked

at all our days of ignorance but now You are asking us all to repent. You tolerated our presumption but now You are asking us to become serious. I pray Father that all of us will take this to heart, fill our hearts with love, fill our heart with fear towards You, with the reverence and honour, may we be a Church who says Jesus is their God and Jesus they fear. They reverence Him, they respect Him, they consult Him in everything they do. They completely come under their authority His authority, the authority of His Word and the leading of His Spirit. Thank You Father. I commit all of us into Your hands, take us back home safe, be with us through this week and let not the devil steal the words that have been planted in our hearts to that end I pray that You bless us. Thank You Father, we praise You, we worship You, we give You glory. For in Jesus' mighty Name we pray Amen.

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