

# A man after God's own Heart

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Hallelujah! God is good; all the time and all the time God is good. I am so glad you all came. The weather report was very bad. Two things I asked of the Lord, early in the morning: Hold back the rains and give me fifty pastors. In the morning the young men, who do the registration, were there. I asked them, "Have any pastors come?" They said, "No one." They asked me, "How many are you expecting?" I said, "at least fifty." God is faithful, He stopped the rain and; more than fifty! So we will believe the God who brought us safely will also reach us home safely. That's His promise- He watches our going out and our coming in. Not only that, it is written, 'we are blessed when we go out.' You (Pastors) came out and I pray you will be blessed today. And when you go back home, you will be blessed when you go. We just thank You father.

Now that we are inside, forget what is happening outside. Ok? Now we are inside, like good students in a classroom; though you don't have your pastor's uniform, it's still ok, we will listen because we have a God who speaks. That's the difference. We serve a God who speaks; a living God. We have come to hear Him.

## **Prayer**

*Father, this morning we just come to You. We just want to thank You Father, for staying the rain, bringing us all here safely. Now, as we come to the ministry of Your Word, speak Lord, Your servants listen. Speak to us Lord. Thousands of years ago, one little boy called Samuel, he said, "Speak Lord, Your servant listens. And because he listened, because God spoke, the Word of God of Samuel never fell to the ground. Help us to forget everything. We are here for one Person, one Person, the Lord Jesus Christ. Spirit of God, speak to us what Your Son has to say to us today. Hearing ears, mind that understands, a heart that believes and a will that obeys; to that end we surrender ourselves, anoint us afresh this morning, all of us, anoint us afresh. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Last month if you were here, we looked at the will of God, understanding the will of God. Ultimately, when we stand before God, the only thing that matters is - the will of God. Did I fulfill the will of God? We saw that in *Matthew*,

## **Matthew 7:21**

***<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.***

He who does the will of God!

## **1 John 2:17**

***<sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.***

The world is passing away, the desires are passing away but he who does the will of God abides forever. So it is not a small thing, it is the biggest and the most important thing in our life. That's why Paul says, be careful how you walk, walk circumspectly because the days are evil. Redeem the time, walk like those who are wise; not foolish, redeeming the time." Then he uses a term there, 'understanding the will of God'; to know the will of God, to understand the will of God and to walk in the will of God.

The whole will of God can be divided into two major parts: the unconditional will of God and the conditional will of God. When it comes to the unconditional will of God; the will of man is not involved. God loves us, whether we love Him or not; He loves us. It is an unconditional will of God.

The Bible says that when we were enemies of God, when we did not know Him, when we were weak, when we were sinners, God loved us and He gave only Son for us; that is the unconditional love of God. The unconditional will of God. Jesus came, nobody could stop Him, unconditional will of God. Jesus will come back again; and nobody can stop Him. The Kingdom of God will take over kingdoms of this world; nobody can stop that. These are all part of the unconditional will of God but there is the conditional will of God where your and my will crosses the will of God then it becomes the conditional will of God. It is not God's will, it is not God's desire that anybody should perish but many will perish, most will perish because we do not choose Christ the offer of mercy, the offer of forgiveness, the free gift of life; we will not receive it, many will not receive it though it is the will of God.

Second will of God, it is conditional. Those who accept God's mercy, those who are saved, it is the will of God that we should be separate from the world and from the worldly people. It is God's will. 'Come out of her!' was the cry of God, out of Babylon, come out of her. Final cry of God: Babylon is going to be destroyed. The world is not just passing away; it is going to be destroyed; and He tells us to come out, many will not come out. Come out of worldly people, come out of them, separate from them; many will not separate. They are like the children of Israel, when they came out, a mixed multitude came out with them.

In the last days, Daniel saw a mixed multitude - iron and clay mixed, a mixed group. God says, "Come out!" but many will not come out though it is God's desire that we should come out, among Christians, many will not come out. So they will create a church, a very large church, called Laodicea. It is mixed because they refused to come out. And for those who come out, who are saved, who are separated, it is the will of God that we should be sanctified. He cannot sanctify unless we come out. You cannot be in the world and be sanctified, you have to come out; but those who come out, many will not be sanctified. They have come out but they will not be sanctified, they will not be sanctified. All of Israel, who came out, was not sanctified. It is the will of God but you and I have to agree. The Bible says, He is willing but am I willing?" If a man cleanses himself... The question is: am I willing? This is the conditional will of God. So you are saved, you are separated, you are being sanctified. It is the will of God that we serve God only. But many who are being sanctified, are serving self in the name of God and not serving God.

If we go to some restaurants, they will say, "self service" and there are many ministries which are self service, in the name of God. They look for a name, they look for a reputation, they look for numbers, they look for honour, they look for money. So if you look for these and say, 'I am serving,' you are not serving God, you are serving self in the name of God. So everywhere there is an issue. Then it is the will of God; those who are saved, those who are separated, those who are being sanctified, those who are serving Him should suffer for His name sake, for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of righteousness. But when it comes to suffering many will say, "Bye bye. I did not ask for this." Maybe it's because of fear. Even good people fear fear. The fear's affliction. Timothy is a good man, true believer- saved, separated, sanctified, wants to serve but he is afraid. This is what Paul says:

## **2 Timothy 4:5**

***<sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.***

Endure afflictions! How many times he (Paul) has to tell Timothy, "Get up Timothy, get up Timothy." Why? It is because he sees his mentor, Paul. His 'guru' (teacher) is Paul, he loves Paul, he enjoys Paul's teaching but he is afraid of Paul's beatings; because he hears that wherever Paul goes, he gets beatings. So his prayers might be, "I want my pastor Paul's life without Paul's afflictions. But he says, "Endure afflictions Timothy, it is the will of God," and God says it is His will. For Christ name sake, for the Gospel's sake, for righteousness sake, that we suffer affliction. And the Bible actually says, "If we don't suffer with Him, we will not reign with Him." You can be saved, you can be separated, you can be in the process of being sanctified, you are serving Him but you run away from affliction because of the Gospel; you will still not fulfill God's will and we may lose our crown – these are conditional will of God.

And then the Bible says, those who are going through the five steps– saved, separated, sanctified, serving and suffering for the Gospel. How do you suffer? Not with the long face

## **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

***<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.***

Three things, when you are going through this (when you are going through sufferings especially) rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing and give thanks to God in everything. When the six things come together; we are in the will of God. Paul is saved, he is separated, he is sanctified, serving God and he is suffering affliction. And in prison, in Philippi, he is rejoicing, he is praying, he is giving thanks; he is fulfilling the will of God. So get this clear because we see this pattern. God gives us a principle and He gives us His pattern. Not just principle. God says that this is the doctrine of Christ, this the principle of the Kingdom of God and you have the pattern– "My Son! The pattern of My Son, the pattern of My servant Paul." He gives us this pattern, so that we have both the principle and pattern; examples to follow. This is called the walk of faith.

## **2 Corinthians 5:7**

***<sup>7</sup>For we walk by faith, not by sight.***

We shall not walk by sight, we shall walk by faith. What does it mean to walk by faith? What does it mean to walk by sight? (Simple things and then we will go into the message)

## **Hebrews 11:1**

***<sup>11</sup>Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***

Things not seen. Sight looks at things that can be seen. Faith looks at things that cannot be seen. Sight looks at people whom you can see. Faith keeps his eyes on God whom you cannot see. What you can see and what you cannot see.

We all saw yesterday and today also, morning, the weather report was red alert. It is what we can see. It is raining, warning; but there is somebody you don't see— the One who is in control, He is in control, every rain, every place, He is in control. Weather is in His control. So there is something we can see and something we do not see. We can look at what we see, cancel it (the meeting), distribute the food to the poor or look at the One who is unseen and say, "Lord, we are gathering in Your name, can You hold it (rain) back? Will people come? I don't know but I am trusting in You that they will come. You had twelve and I am asking for fifty." And the Bible says that He gives us more than we ask. So there is what is seen and there is what is not seen. We cannot live by what is seen, you will never please God. We have to live by unseen to please God and to fulfill God's will we have to look at the unseen. So there are two wills – my will and God's will.

What is my will? That is called sight. What do I feel? What do I think? What do I want? That is my soul. How do I feel; my feelings. What do I think; my intellect, my reason. What do I want? That is 'my will'. Then there is faith— what does God feel? What does God say? What does God think about this? What does God want? God has feelings. Look at

## **Genesis 6:6**

***<sup>6</sup>And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.***

God has feelings, we have feelings. So we need to ask: what do you feel about this? Go to 1 Samuel and read that portion,

## **1 Samuel 15: 10-11**

***<sup>10</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying, <sup>11</sup> "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the Lord all night.***

God is grieving. God says, "I grieve I made this man a king." He told it to only one person— a man who had anointed him. Do you know what Samuel did? He cried all night. We talk about God being touched by our afflictions, we have a high priest who sympathizes us with. Why? It is because he understands our feelings. And here is a servant of God who understands the feelings of God. What does God feel? What does God think about this? What do You (referring to God) want? I know what I want. "Father, take this cup away. I know what I want, very clearly, I don't know what to go through. But what is Your will? Ultimately Lord, not My will but Your will be done." So faith asks, "What does God feel about this? What does God think about this? What does God want in this situation? So there is man's will and there is God's will; and it is he who does the will of God enters into the Kingdom of God with power, with authority. As Peter says who receives a rich welcome into the Kingdom of God.

There is a man in the Bible, in the Old Testament mentioned in the New Testament, his name is Enoch. We don't know anything about him but it was written. He was the first man to be taken alive; and it says that he had a testimony that he pleased God. One thing that is written about him— He walked with God. So Enoch stands there - a man who pleased God. We all talk about Hebrews eleven six but it actually applies to Enoch. It is impossible to please God without faith. Any man who comes to God, must believe He is and is the Rewarder of those who seek Him. What was Enoch's reward? God just took him. He said, "You just live with Me forever." That was the reward of Enoch - a man who walked with God. So we don't know what Enoch did but we know he walked with God.

These are all patterns. Enoch fulfilled the will of God in his life and we don't know what he did. Do you know somebody's history is written in here (Bible) and we don't know anything that he did and we know from evidence that he fulfilled the will of God? It is because he gets the highest reward possible: he is taken alive. Get these pictures. So the Bible says, "We look unto Jesus."

### **Hebrews 12:2**

***<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.***

Simple thing is this: if you walk by faith, you will fulfill the will of God; the only way we can fulfill the will of God is walking by faith. So let us look at Jesus, because the writer of Hebrews says –'Look unto Jesus.' We have so many witnesses but let us look at Jesus. Let us look at what Jesus says and what He does.

### **John 14:6**

***<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.***

He says something here: He says, 'I am the way, I am the truth and I am the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me.' So He says something, He is saying something, He says, "Do you know why I came? Two purposes, there is a block between man and My Father. Big block called 'Sin'; you cannot do anything about it, I have come to take care of it so that through Me you can come to the Father." Don't forget that, the purpose is that we go to the Father– the entire purpose of redemption is that we have an intimate relationship with the Father. All the work of the Son and now the Holy Spirit is to take each child to the Father so that the child will have close relationship with the Father. That's the purpose of salvation. We were born by the will of man but we were born again by the will of God; because there is of no way anyone could save ourselves. God saved us! It was the will of God.

### **James 1:18**

***<sup>18</sup> Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.***

Of His own will He begat us. What is the primary purpose at the end of it? That we will walk with Him; that one day we can live with Him forever and ever. This is about a relationship, it is not about work. See, you can work without a relationship. Now there are many people who are sitting here, mostly older people, young people and also many people from other churches but I gave instructions to only my church. Why? It is because they are my children. So I expect you to sit down. You go out and go in. I am not going to say anything. But to my children I will tell them I expect this from you: when the Word of God is being preached, sit down because there is a principle in the Bible– the multitudes were many but Jesus had bread in His hands and He tells one thing to the apostle, "Make them sit down." You know the Bible says, 'All those who sat down were fed.' We have to learn to sit down so God can feed us.

The Bible says that all ate, all were satisfied; what did they do? What did the people do? Nothing. Except for one thing, they sat down. One thing He asked from them, He didn't ask them two things, He asked them one thing: sit down. And those who sat down were fed; and we have to learn to sit down. It is a spiritual discipline that when you are all alone early in the morning with the Word of God, in your spirit, sit down. You have to separate a place and a time to spend time with God alone; switch your phone off, forget everything else, sit down and He will feed you. Nobody who has sat in His presence has gone hungry. He feeds them. And then when you come into church, you have come for one purpose that He will feed me. He will feed me today. So we have to learn to sit down.

So we were born of God, by the will of God but how did He do it? Exactly how He did with Jesus. How was Jesus born? By the Spirit. It is the Spirit of God who birthed Him and we are also born by this Spirit of God. Now we will come to the mystery of the New Covenant.

### **John 14:15-18**

***<sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.***

This is the mystery of the New Covenant. First thing, if you are born again, you can never be alone again. It is not possible. God is in us. You can't get Him out. He is in us and He is with us. The first mystery of the New Covenant, when you are born of the Spirit, the Spirit of God is in us. You will never be alone again. You will never be an orphan again. There are no orphans in the Kingdom of God. God becomes your Father. Second, you will never be helpless again because the Helper has come; it is what the Holy Spirit is called. "I will send somebody just like Me, a Helper, He will always be with you." So you cannot say, "I am helpless." You may not ask His help, you may not seek His help but that does not mean you are helpless. You will never be alone, you will never be helpless; that is the mystery of the New Covenant because He dwells in us. The Third person of the Trinity, not that He is the third, but He is the third Person. He brings the Father and the Son into us. So a third Person; Person of the trinity and we can know the Father through the Son by the Spirit. This was Paul's desire.

### **Philippians 3:7-9**

***<sup>7</sup>But what things were gained to me, these I have counted as a loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup>Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;***

If you ask Paul, "What do you want?" His entire life is, "I want to know Christ." It is out of that desire, we have all the revelations. He had this desire: I want to know Christ; and God satisfied his desire. Out of that desire, out of that intimacy, out of that relationship, came his work. We are so focused on work but we are not focused on the relationship. God did not save us to work for Him first. God saved us so that we would walk with Him and know Him and out of knowing Him our work will keep changing; because now it is not about work, it is about a walk. This is the mystery of the New Covenant. And this desire can be only satisfied by the Holy Spirit.

### **John 15:26-27**

***<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.***

*He shall testify of Me.* What will the Holy Spirit tell us? He will tell us about Jesus. If you are not interested in Jesus, you will find many things in the Bible, you won't find Jesus. If you want to find Jesus, you have to desire Jesus. If you desire Jesus, the Holy Spirit, He will testify of Jesus, He will show you Jesus in the Bible, He will reveal Jesus from the Bible onwards in everybody. "He shall testify of Me."

### ***<sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness,..***

Who is the witness? Witness is somebody who gives evidence about somebody else. When you go to court, you have to swear by whichever book you believe: "I will say nothing but the truth and only the truth. So help me God." What are we? We are supposed to be true witnesses of Jesus Christ. Who can give us the true witness? Only the Holy Spirit! Only the Spirit of God can give the true witness about Jesus Christ. It comes from the relationship. When you desire to know Jesus, the Holy Spirit will start speaking through the Word. He will reveal Jesus and when He reveals Jesus, you will become a true witness. It does not mean you are a pastor, you can be a simple person in the church; but they will know that you know Jesus. This person knows Jesus because he or she has a revelation that is not from the head it is through the Spirit who reveals Christ. Turn to one John

### **1 John 2:12-14**

***<sup>12</sup> I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup> I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. <sup>14</sup> I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.***

There are three categories: children, young men and fathers; these are spiritual categories, not physical categories. About fathers only one thing is mentioned— you have known Him from the beginning. How did you become a father? How did they become a father? Because they sought the Father. "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one can come to the Father"; you have known the Father from the beginning. Children have also known the Father, how? Forgiveness of sins. Young men also know. How? Fighting the devil. What do the fathers know? They know the Father, they are not fighting the sin, they are not fighting the devil; they have gone beyond that. They know the Father. So that's what the whole Bible is for. It doesn't happen in one day but it has to happen in one day that is the

ministry of the Spirit of God: to reveal Jesus so that we can go to the Father. So when we are born again, what does the Holy Spirit do?

### **Ephesians 1:13**

***<sup>13</sup> In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,***

### **Ephesians 4:30**

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

So the first thing God does is that He seals us with the Holy Spirit. He seals us with the Holy Spirit. So this is the Holy Spirit. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit. It's His name, it's His honour, it is His security. When we are saved and He says not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God? How do we grieve the Holy Spirit? What grieves the Spirit of God? So we have to ask: "What pleases the Holy Spirit. If you go to the Holy Spirit and tell Him, "Lord, every day I want to know Jesus", He is very pleased. He says, "That is what I am here for to reveal Jesus to you, to conform you to the image of Jesus." That is what pleases the Holy Spirit. But when we are not interested in Jesus or going to the Father it grieves the Spirit. He is there in us but jobless. We don't allow Him to do anything. So when God says, "You will never be an orphan, I am sending you somebody who will be in, who will be with you forever and you will never be helpless; He is your helper."

So this morning, can we stop for a second, can we please sit down and ask the Helper to help us. Let me tell you; I am not a great teacher of the Bible, I don't study the Bible twenty four by seven, I never went to Bible college, even to listen to another Pastor, even if it is on Youtube, or read on the internet, I ask my Helper. I don't want to listen to somebody You(Helper) don't want me to listen to. I don't want to read about somebody whom You don't want me to read. I am dependent upon You. Can we go like that every day and say, "Lord Jesus, You sent Your Spirit and You said He is the Helper and He will be with you forever"? What did He say? He will be with you forever, forever. So what is the simple thing— get used to Him forever. He is going to be in you, with you. Don't try to escape Him; get used to Him. Lean onto Him. This is the call of God: He gave us His Spirit and Jesus is our pattern because we all can start that way and fall away, back to relying on ourselves.

### **Galatians 3:1-3**

***<sup>1</sup> O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? <sup>2</sup> This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?***

How did you receive the Spirit, now He is talking about the Spirit, how did you receive the Spirit? By the works of the law? or the hearing of faith? How did you receive the Spirit? So the entire New Covenant is a Spirit-based life. Now you are hearing but how do you know you have heard? Did you see this (a cup)? If I keep on filling the cup with water, the level will go up. If your hearing is of faith the Spirit in you goes up. The Holy Spirit goes up. That is the strength of God. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or did you receive it by hearing of faith.

### **Galatians 3:3-4**

***<sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? <sup>4</sup> Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?***

We all get into this trap. We start in the Spirit and after that we run in the flesh. God says that's not the way. Start in the Spirit, you run in the Spirit and you finish in the Spirit. It is only work that is available; it is the work of God's Spirit through us. Our Helper is in us and with us.

### **Galatians 3:5**

***<sup>5</sup> Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—***

How did a miracle happen? What was I ministering? What am I trying to minister? I am trying to minister faith that through faith you will receive the Spirit, more of the Spirit and the more of the Spirit you receive the more comfortable you become because you know I am not alone, I am not helpless. The ministry of the Spirit! That's what God is talking about. Jesus was born of the Spirit and for thirty years we don't see Him. Let us practically get into

what the work in the church is. What is the work that the Spirit does? Did we see Jesus for thirty years? No. So what was the Spirit doing with Jesus?

### **2 Peter 1:5**

***<sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,***

What is the Spirit's first thing? You are saved. By faith you are saved and as soon as you are saved what does the Holy Spirit want to do? He wants to add virtue. That is the nature of God because we are called by His virtue and glory. His glory is His virtue and His virtue His glory. And the woman, with the issue of blood for ten or twelve years, touched Jesus' hem of His robe; what flowed was His virtue. God's virtue is His glory and His power. The devil offers power without virtue. God says virtue first and power will flow. Add to your faith virtue. What is the virtue of God? Go to Galatians

### **Galatians 5:22**

***<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,***

This is all virtue, this is the virtue of God it is called the fruit of the Spirit. This is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We will come back to it later. For thirty years what is God doing with Jesus? Born of the Spirit, building the virtue of God in Him, fruit of the Spirit; and when we see Him, He is fulfilled with the Holy Spirit. We say, 'Lord, fill me with the Holy Spirit.' And two verses both,

### **Matthew 4:1**

***<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.***

### **Luke 4:1**

***<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,***

Read that very carefully. Pastors, read it very carefully. How do you know you are filled with the Holy Spirit? You can be led by the Holy Spirit. Anywhere! He is not taking Him into the city, He is taking Him into the wilderness. He is not taking Him for ministry, He is taking Him to be tempted by the devil. Why? It is because He is filled with the Holy Spirit. Simple example, buy a balloon, go to the petrol pump where they fill it with Helium, fill the balloon then leave the balloon. What happens to the balloon? Why is it going up? What is causing it to go up? Is the balloon going up or what is inside is causing it to go up? If you are filled by the Holy Spirit, if you are led by the Holy Spirit, wherever He wants to take you, you don't decide, He decides. That is the proof of the filling of the Holy Spirit. So the more you are filled by the Holy Spirit, the easier it becomes for the Holy Spirit to lead you; but when you fill with something, something else goes out.

There is air in the cup but when I pour water then air goes out. For the water to go in, if I have to be filled with the Holy Spirit, my will has to go out, God's will will come in. Mixed multitudes don't happen. One day they wake up, Your will, Monday morning my will, Sunday morning- Your will, Monday morning my will. Now tomorrow if it rains, Your (God's) will or my will; that's not how it happens. That's not how it happens. If you are filled by the Holy Spirit, you can be led by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "Jesus was led up of the Holy Spirit."

### **Romans 8:14**

***<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.***

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. And the first one we see, in the New Covenant, being led by the Holy Spirit is the Son of God! Let me tell you another thing about the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit leads you, He won't lead you out of the Word of God. He won't take you out of the Word of God because He wrote this (Bible). All Scripture is God breathed. So we are not ignoring the Word, actually when you are led by the Spirit you will cling to the Word of God because you know it is the Word of God. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, what does it say? They are the sons of God! And what is the test? "If you are the Son of God," what does the devil say? "If you are the Son of God, as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God, if you are the Son of God, make stones into bread." So what do sons of God do? Two things. One, it is written. Second, what is God saying now?

Two things: man shall not live by bread alone. It is written man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Who is telling Him that? It is the Spirit of God telling Jesus that. So there is a written Word, there is spoken Word, that is what sons of God do. That's what sons of God do. How do you know that you are led by the Spirit? You have two reference points: what is written, not only that, you will hear, you hear. When you are reading your Word, God speaks. When you are in your prayer closet, God speaks because we have a God who speaks. Do you know what the writer of Hebrews says, when Moses came to Mount Sinai to receive the stones, the ten commandments, the Bible says, "God spoke." What did the people want? "We don't want God speaking." So what did Moses come with? He came with two stones. You don't want God speaking and the Bible says, "Do not refuse Him who speaks." (Hebrews 12:25) Forty days, He (Jesus) is hungry, He did not eat, He hasn't eaten and there is this temptation—if You are the Son of God make the stones into bread. The Spirit says, 'No.' Lord, why? It is written: man shall not live by bread alone. God speaks. Do not refuse Him who speaks.

So the sons of God, the daughters of God, the children of God who are led by the Spirit, they know what is written and the Spirit of God can take them to what it is written; and it doesn't matter how terrible their situation is, they will go by what God says. That is faith. Faith looks at the unseen, not the seen. Hunger is seen; the One who speaks cannot be seen but you will go by what He says.

### **Galatians 5:18**

***<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.***

You are not under the law, why? Because Law produces slaves, Spirit creates sons. That's why he is telling the Galatians: who bewitched you? You started in the Spirit, you started as a son now ended up as slaves; the Spirit makes slaves into sons—that's what the Spirit does. Once you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law because the only produces slaves; spirit produces sons. They desire to know the will of the Father, they want to be conformed to the image of Jesus and the Spirit is able to lead them. Now go back to *Galatians 5*,

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

***<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.***

There is no law! What did the Spirit produce? It produces the goodness of God which the law cannot produce. Take two of your children, fighting each other every day; you put a law: 'Stop fighting!' They will stop fighting. 'Love each other!' You can't make them love each other. Law cannot make you love each other, only the Spirit can do. Did you see that? We are trying to legalize many things, it will not happen in the Kingdom of God. So we are called to add to faith virtue. How do we add? Allowing the Holy Spirit to produce. That's why it is called the fruit. Let us be practical: help the church to learn this. The fruit of the Spirit is first, what? Love. We can't love naturally, like Jesus. We love what is our own and sometimes even our own we don't love them. We don't have it in us but the commandment is love. So the question is how do we love? God says, "I have given you a Helper inside." Our prayer closet will change naturally if we understand what the Spirit will do.

### **Hebrews 5:7**

***<sup>7</sup> who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,***

What is His cry? He is crying to the Father, "Save Me from death." Let me ask this question: what causes death? Sin! What causes sin? Law! What causes death? Sin. What causes sin? Law. What is He asking? Deliver me from the Law. There is only one way you can be delivered from the Law—if you are filled by the Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit. So He is saying, "Father when I go out, I am just like the others, help me to love others. Help me, Spirit of God, My Father who birthed Me, help me to love. It is a Spirit-produced life in the prayer closet.

### **1 Corinthians 13:4**

***<sup>4</sup> Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;***

So we don't understand love because before getting saved we watched too many movies, we don't know what love is and even in our minds we think, when we go to Heaven, Jesus will be running around the tree with the bride. That is not love. What does the Bible say, first thing about love, love suffers long and is kind. Love suffers long and is kind.



So Jesus, think about Pastor Jesus, gave His best sermon- the Sermon on the Mount. Then He comes down, looks at *Matthew 8*, He just finished preaching like we will all we will finish preaching tomorrow morning and what happens?

### **Matthew 8:1-3**

***<sup>1</sup>When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a leper came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed***

Abbaaa! Not a rich man. After your best sermon, who meets you? A leper! Today's leper, two thousand years ago leper. What do you have to do? Hold your nose. That's not Jesus.

### **Matthew 8:3**

***<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed***

Wait a second, He could have just spoken a word, "Go", remember the ten lepers 'Go' but that is not love. Love is kind. It is kind. That's not who we are, but that is what God is and we have to act like God, we cannot act like God consistently unless we allow the Spirit of God to act through us. This is His prayer. He is not asking for more power because the Bible says, "He is filled with Holy Spirit and power." He is not asking for power, He is saying, "Lord, when I go out, when I am with the people, I want to walk in the power of the Spirit and not under the Law because the Law kills, Spirit gives life. And this is the fruit of the Holy Spirit: you cannot work this in the flesh. You can have ten commandments and be unloving. You cannot be led by the Spirit and be unloving, it is not possible because the Spirit is loving. Even when He chastises us, it is because He loves; it is because we are sons. Get the difference.

We have to go to our prayer closets and tell the Spirit of God: "Can You love through me? I don't have long suffering but You have, teach me to suffer long." I am talking to pastors. Some sheep take a long time to change, even if you pray they won't leave, they will stay in the church and they will create trouble; you have to suffer long and yet be kind because if God answered every prayer, "God, send angels to the church, get the goats out." Where is the Spirit of God? Where are we changing? What is our ministry? So the Bible says that the Spirit produces certain things. It is called the fruit of the Holy Spirit. You need a lot of patience, do we have it? Do we have it with our wives? But the Spirit has, God has, till today He is patient that's why we are alive. He says, 'I have not dealt with your iniquities.' When we wake up, the first thing we encounter is the mercy of God. You know why? It is because He is patient.

Can we go and lean on the Helper? Jesus, because it is the Spirit of God it is the Spirit of Jesus or Holy Spirit, this one. I need to be more kind, would You please help me. This one (referring to a person), I need to be more patient. Would You please help me? We have a Helper. He is in us, He is with us and He is the Spirit of God. Lord, I lose my temper, I need self control but my self has no control. But Lord, You have, would You please help me today. Today the ninth of July, help me with self control and if you have a person in your mind, it's ok. With the Spirit of the Father, you can say anything and everything. What you can't tell anybody, even to your wife, because you cannot tell your wife about your wife but you can tell about your wife to God. God is not surprised.

This is how Jesus prayed- with vehement cries, with tears. What is He praying for? Let me not sin, let me not come under the Law, let the fruit of the Spirit. 'Dad, You know Peter. He talks too much, I need self control. And John and James and I know there mother...' What is our prayer closet like? We have a Helper. Don't try these things on your own. Day by day, 'Lord, can You control my tongue, my eye and my ear.' If you can control these three, everything else will be in control the entire day. Go to your prayer closet, "Spirit of God, the Father gave me You, not only today but forever to produce this fruit. Self control, I have issue with ears. I like listening to things which I should not listen to, about others which are none of my business. I have an issue with my eyes, watching things I shouldn't watch, wasting time; or with tongue." Do you know there is a Helper, my will and His will is met in the prayer closet, there is a Person. You know what happens? Spirit starts flowing in. We have to give permission to the Holy Spirit. That is what it says, 'Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.' Jesus said, 'When the Helper comes, you will receive power.' Power for what? To be My (Jesus') witnesses; we take this and make it into our calling. Let me tell you about calling. There are only five callings

### **Ephesians 4:11**

***<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to***

***the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;***

How many? Five. Only few are called, very few are called into this. Let me put it in two examples: how many people in India? 1.2 billion, 120 crore. How many people are in the army? Less than twenty lakhs. What is India's population? Two million soldiers! Is everyone a soldier? No. So very few are called and Jesus has to call you. Very few people are called but all are witnesses. When the Spirit came, on that day of Pentecost, hundred and twenty were there including women, including the mother of Jesus. Is she an apostle? Is she a prophet? Is she an evangelist? Is she a pastor? Is she a teacher? No, but she is a witness. That's what the Holy Spirit is given for. The Spirit of God is given so people can be the witnesses of Jesus Christ. That's what the Church is supposed to be; simple people, living in and doing whatever jobs they are doing, everyone is a witness of Jesus. Witness of what? His life! That life is produced by the Holy Spirit. Instead, everybody jumps into ministry, very few should be in ministry. Should be in ministry. If you were in ministry, you are called by Jesus. Called by Jesus. Jesus is the One who calls but the Spirit empowers everybody to be a witness of Jesus. The Holy Spirit, understand this, is given to impact people, not to impress people. The problem is that people use the Holy Spirit to impress people, not to impact people.

When the Holy Spirit comes, you shall be My witness. If you put your poster all around the walls along with the movie posters, whose witnesses are you? There is no difference between you and the film star, he is projecting himself and you are projecting yourself. Whose witness are you? If you put a poster, let it be about Jesus. We are His witnesses. But when I put up my poster, He is my witness. Now the witness has changed; He has become my witness. We are supposed to impact people for Christ, not impress people. So the Bible says, "this is what the Church has to know: add to your faith virtue. Allow the Holy Spirit to produce that life." Produce that life; and if you read that letter, every letter, do you know what the letters are? You shouldn't be this, you should be this. Put off, put on. What is it talking about? This is the witness. Any letter you read, it is talking about a life, it is not talking about a ministry, it is talking about a life; that life becomes a witness. And about Jesus, John says this, in Him was life that life became the light of men. The problem is when we see Jesus through the Bible, we are looking at the miracles, but the Spirit will point us to the Person.

We will say, 'Ah! He came down the mountain, He healed the leper.' Spirit will say, 'No, He touched. Do you see the kindness of My Son? You want power, you don't want virtue. My Son had virtue therefore He had power. You want power without virtue.' The Holy Spirit produces. Don't look at power because everybody is running after power because the power is in a Person, Person of the Holy Spirit and what He wants to produce is His virtue. And many people in the churches, whom we don't notice, whom we don't see, because they don't have that power, but because they are allowing God to produce virtue and the Spirit produces fruit. They are loving, they are kind, they are at peace, they have joy, they have gentleness, they have self control; one day, they will be given so much power. While we who had power, power will be taken away because we did not have virtue. So be careful how you handle your sheep. Don't push them toward power, push them toward virtue and not working it on itself but by learning to depend on the Spirit of God, everyday, practically, in their prayer life and in their Word life. This is the will of God, this is our witness, whichever book you read.

#### **1 Peter 2:11**

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

First it talks about separation. Children remember you are a pilgrim, this is not your country, our country is there (in Heaven). You are pilgrims or sojourners. Then,

#### **1 Peter 2:12**

***<sup>12</sup> Having your conduct honourable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God on the day of visitation.***

They may speak evil about you but you keep your witness, you live that life through the Spirit. On the day of visitation, they will glorify God. Why? Because your life was a witness, you produced that fruit.

#### **1 Peter 2:13-15**

***<sup>13</sup> Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-***

For this is the will of God, by well doing you will shut the mouth of the ignorant ones. That is what Jesus did, He didn't answer everyone. What did He do? He kept on allowing the Spirit to flow through Him. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power and He went about doing good. And one day, He is standing before a gentile and His name is Pilate, on the day of visitation. Do you know what the gentile says? "I see nothing wrong, I don't know what your (crowd) problem is but there is absolutely nothing wrong with Him." His life was a witness in front of the gentiles. This is the life you are called to live. This is a witness.

Think about this: you have a small church, you don't think about a big church just think about a small church, fifty people, ten families, you are living in a village, a small colony, ten families in the midst of all the other families. You are at peace with God, with man. There is joy in your house, there is thanksgiving in your house, you are always willing to help others. What they hear in your house is prayer and singing. What will your neighbour say? What do they have to say about you— they are fighting, they have problems. They have problems, you have problems, but your response is different. They see your problems and they hear a cry in your prayer closet. "Lord, I can't do this, but You can do this through me." They hear, they see your joy; even when you have nothing they see your joy. You know what? God has made you a witness, a witness, without speaking a word. This is what our churches are meant to be. God was adding. Let me show you something from Scripture, how we took it all upside down.

### **Acts 2:47**

***<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.***

How did they have favour with all the people? Religious people are not happy, other people are happy. You look at these people, they are so kind, they love each other, they live together as a community, help each other and seem to be always rejoicing. They don't have a building to meet, so they meet in the temple courts or they meet in each other's houses and they have favour. How did they have a favour? It is because of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. What was added to the Church? Only those who were saved! How are our churches? We have made churches evangelism. No, because people stopped witnessing outside, now the pastor has to evangelise inside. If church is a place, only for the saved, half your problem is gone; but we did not teach people to be witnesses.

Pastor is not adding, the apostle is not adding, the Lord is adding. The Spirit of God is adding. Can you as pastors say, "Lord, would You please add people into my church, You add because You know people." When we look, we look for numbers, we look for offerings, we look for so many things. Can we leave it all and say, 'Lord, would You please add people to my church?' Because Jesus says, He (Holy Spirit) is the Lord of harvest. We don't want churches to be full with people who are not added by the Lord, who are not saved, do you know what that is? It is a movie theatre. What is a theatre fellow who shows the movie, what is his interest? He doesn't care who you are, buy your ticket and get in. After you take the ticket, it doesn't matter if you get in or get out. Take the ticket and give me your money. Are we that? Is that all that we are interested in? In the offering? What are we looking for? We have to ask this tough questions.

I was telling my church two weeks back, fifteenth year: in this fifteen years, I asked my church, have I ever asked you for money? My church, I am not talking about you. We have two orphanages, did I ever once, in fifteen years, on a Sunday ask you to put money for my orphanages? Once asked for a special offering for pastors. Did I ever ask you for money? Fifteen years. Ten years after the Pastor's Conference, did I ask you for money?

See, you can't be consistent unless somebody else is doing the work, you can't be. You can't depend on God one day and depend upon man or flesh the other day. You have to learn to depend upon God consistently. And you are not worried about numbers. We are worried about numbers, we are worried about reputation, we are worried about money. What is God worried about? Are you allowing My Spirit to something in your church? Only the Spirit can save, only the Spirit can sanctify, only the Spirit can lead, only the Spirit can empower, only the Spirit can do mighty works, without the Spirit you can do nothing. Then where is He? In us and with us! And God says, "Do you ever ask Him?" Lord, what is Your plan with this church? What do You want me to do? There is a real Person. Why is this important? This is the will of God.

Paul will say, "People should lead quiet lives, working hard, helping others, not busy bodies, producing the life of Christ." Look at Titus, every category is here

### **Titus 2:1-2**

***<sup>1</sup> But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: <sup>2</sup> that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;***

See, God even knows, aged men have no self control. So He says, 'Be sober, be grave, be temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience

### **Titus 2:3-4**

***<sup>3</sup> the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— <sup>4</sup> that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,***

What should they teach? The older sisters in the church, what should they teach? We think we all know how to love, God says, 'You don't know how to love.' There is a ministry within the church, those who are older, those who have the fruit of the Spirit, 'older sisters teach the younger ones how to love their husbands, how to love their children,' because they don't know. Everything they have received is from the world. This is the Church and when you teach them, and when they lean on the Spirit and when it starts to happen, you become a witness, you become a testimony, you become a witness among the gentiles. And when the gentiles see, you have a favour with them.

Old men, old women, young men, young women, pastors; everywhere instructions are given and then how do you cause it to happen- that's where the Spirit of God comes. You can't do it by yourself, that's where the Spirit of God comes. Everywhere the Spirit of God is waiting.

### **Galatians 5:17**

***<sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.***

So there is something in me. Don't ask what it is fighting, it is fighting a Person. See, mostly men here, you are not fighting your wife, you are fighting the Holy Spirit; because the Bible says, "Husbands love your wives and live with them with understanding." You know who we are fighting? We are not fighting them, we are fighting the Holy Spirit who will teach us. So stop giving into your flesh. Stop giving into your flesh. Stop fighting My Spirit. If you allow My Spirit, He will teach you how to love your wife, how to love your children, how to love your sheep, how to love your neighbour. You are not fighting them. Actually you are not fighting them, you are contending with My Spirit and you are allowing your flesh to go that way but if you are led by the Spirit there will be peace, there will be joy for righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. That's what the Holy Spirit produces. See, life is made of little, little things and if you listen to the Holy Spirit, He will show us.

### **1 Corinthians 3:16**

***<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?***

When you look in the mirror is that how we see ourselves? Everybody looked in the mirror today at least to shave, you saw your body, what did you see your body as? My body? or the temple of the Holy Spirit? See you can see a body, see first thing you see as you wake up is your body. You can't see your mind, you can see your body. How do you see your body? The Bible says, "Do you know what your body is?"

How do you see your body? He brings somebody there. *This is the Spirit of God that dwells in you.* He dwells, it is a Person who lives in you. So even when we are dealing with our body, we have to be careful how you deal with the body. What I like and what I don't like is irrelevant; what matters is who is in the body.

There is an interesting place in the Old Covenant, when the children of Israel went into the desert- no toilets. So God said, when you go out for the toilet, carry an implement in your hand. Dig a hole, relieve yourself, cover it. Why? It is because I, your God, walk in your midst. That's the reason. Even to the most common thing we ignore, God says even there you have to be careful. You need to know who is living in your midst.

So who is living in us? There is a Person. It is a Person of the Holy Spirit and that Person wants to lead us to the Father. The only way He can take us to the Father is by changing us and making us like Jesus. Look at Jesus and the Fathers say, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." So the Spirit says, 'If you allow I will make you like Him and the Father will be pleased with you.' This is the work of redemption. This is what the Holy Spirit is interested in. And the simple thing is: are we interested in it?

See, in the Gospel according to John; which is different from the other gospels, there are many chapters. In that book which is connected to the last days, last days of Jesus. In chapter eleven, final Passover. We know about Jesus, He washed everybody's feet. Peter said, "Don't wash." He said, "Peter, if I don't wash your feet, you will have no part in Me." After that Judas left and after Judas left Jesus spoke to them. He waited for Judas to leave. After Judas left, do you know what He was speaking about? He was speaking about the Holy Spirit. It was only spoken to the eleven. All our teachings about the Holy Spirit actually come from Jesus' one days teaching. And they (the disciples) were very down cast, why? Because He said, 'I am going. You will not see Me again.' Go to John chapter sixteen,

#### **John 16:7**

***<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.***

It is good for you that I go because after I go, I will send Him; only then can He come. If I don't go, He cannot come. Look at verse twelve,

#### **John 16:12**

***<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.***

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot handle this. But what will happen?

#### **John 16:13**

***<sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.***

He will guide you into all. What is He saying? When the Spirit comes, He will come inside, also He will give you power, then he will lead you into truth. Truth about what? Who God is and who I am. Without the Spirit, we are under the law. The Law only brings death! What does the Law say? Sinner, sinner, sinner. What does the Spirit say? He will convict you of sin and He will show you to righteousness and He will give you the power to change. You will be able to bear it. Otherwise, you can't handle the truth. Without the Holy Spirit, I and you cannot handle the truth. Do you know why people run away from churches that preach the truth? Either they don't allow the Holy Spirit who will help you to change or they are not born again.

#### **1 Peter 1:22**

***<sup>22</sup> Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,***

I can't obey the truth without the Spirit. Who can obey the truth? 'Thou shall not commit adultery' – easy, easiest but I tell you, "Thou shall not lust." Can you do that without the Spirit? 'Thou shall not kill', thou shall not be angry. One is law and the other is the truth. That is where the Spirit comes.

Lord, I am an angry man, I can't help myself but You can help. Obeying the truth through the Spirit; this is the will of God to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ. And what happens? People are not interested. Why are they not interested? It is because we did not teach them the truth. What do we have? We have drama in the church. Light and sound show, we call it worship service. It is not service, it is self service. We are serving ourselves. Ask ourselves: where are we going? I am not saying you are not saved, I am saying, where are you, saved, going?

#### **Romans 8:26**

***<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

Look at every activity. Simple. We don't even know how to pray for. We think we all know how to pray but the Bible says we don't know how to pray. So which is true— what I think or what the Bible says? This simple thing is this. When we go into our prayer closet one on one, not public prayers, do we tell the Holy Spirit, "You know what, I am weak in prayer, I don't even know what to pray for. Would You please help me in my prayer life." The Holy Spirit is a praying Spirit. He is a praying Spirit. Do you know when He prays?

### **Romans 8:27**

***<sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

He prays according to the will of God. The simple today is do we ask the Helper to help us and that was Jesus' life, we see that in the Bible. Early in the morning, He will arise, find a solitary place and He will pray and He will hear, He will come with the Spirit and He will go through the day. Whenever something comes, He knows what to do. We know the feeding of the five thousand. So He told the disciples, "let us feed them." The Bible says that it was to test them because He already knew what He was going to do. But they were in the wilderness, people just came like that, how did He know? Is it because He is the Son of God? No! Because in His prayer closet the Spirit told Him, told Him. If there was one man who leaned on the Spirit of God,

### **1 Corinthians 2:9**

***<sup>9</sup> But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."***

Prepared for whom? Prepared for those, not for whom God loves, but for those who loves God. There is a difference. 'All things work for the good of those who love God,' 'all things don't work for the good of those God loves.' *Eye hasn't seen, ear hasn't heard what God is preparing for those who love Him.* What is the Spirit of God? What does He want us to do? Teach us to love God. The more He reveals Jesus, the more we love Him, the more we learn to love the Father. That's the Spirit of God.

### **1 Corinthians 2:10-12**

***<sup>10</sup> But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.***

God has revealed this to us by His Spirit. To those who love God, God says, "I will reveal it to us." There is a Spirit who reveals things. You see it's all the work of the Holy Spirit. Work of the Holy Spirit! But the simple thing is— do you love God? It is not whether God loves us. God so loved the world.

### **John 14:26**

***<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.***

He shall teach you all things. Simple: I don't need to know all this but the things I need to know, everything I need to know, the Holy Spirit is willing to teach me. The question is -Am I willing to learn? He shall teach you all things. We have a Teacher right inside. Let me ask you this question: the disciples were with Jesus for three and a half years. Jesus preached and preached and preached. We all preached. How many years have we preached, can we remember our own sermons? Can we remember anything? Most things we have forgotten. He shall bring to your remembrance, everything that I have told you.

You don't have to worry about forgetting because when we grow older our biggest fear is forgetting. Do you know there is somebody inside who never forgets? Every Word of God you have heard, you may forget but He remembers. Can I lean on to Him? He says, "I will bring to your remembrance." There is a Person who teaches. There is a Person inside who says, 'Even if you forget I remember. I remember.' He is very practical. If you forget your keys, if you forget your wallet, don't accuse anybody. Ask the Holy Spirit. He will tell you where you kept it. You forgot, He remembers.

We have a real Person who lives in us, who lives within us. See our job is to lead God's sheep to the Spirit of God. Teach them the Word of God and allow them to be led by the Spirit. That's our job. We can't lead them, He can lead them. He will be with them now and forever. (Okay, we'll leave that). *John 14:26* we saw remembrance.

### **James 4:4-5**

***<sup>4</sup> Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?***

So we all have a problem with the world. All have a problem with the world. We struggle with the world. So how do you escape this? There is a Spirit inside, zealous for us. Can you tell the Spirit: "Lord, You hate the world because the world's system is created by the devil."

I was telling another congregation, I think it is a Nepali congregation, I was telling them: when Satan rebelled, He said, 'I will ascend, I will lift my throne above God's.' God cast him down. Let me ask you this question— what did Satan want? Satan wanted to be God and receive worship. Did he succeed? Yes. On Earth, the world system is his and he receives worship. This world system is what he has created. That's why the Bible says the whole world lies in the sway of the evil one. That's why the Spirit of God hates the world's system because He says the thief is trying to steal your loyalty, your love which is only for God. So you have to ask the Spirit of God would you please help us. Then the Bible says, "We submit to God and resist the devil." We have to fight the devil but who do we submit to? To the Spirit of God. The Word was there, 'If you are the Son of God..,' which Word?

Thirty nine books are there, Old Covenant, which word. The Spirit of God led Jesus to the right word and the Spirit He said, "It is written." Then the Word becomes the sword of the Spirit. If the Spirit is not there, it is my sword. God's Word, my sword; devil is not bothered. But God's Word, in my hand, by the Spirit becomes the sword of the Spirit. Moses had a stick for forty years, nothing happened, nobody was afraid except a few sheep, and he was careful because it was Zipporah's sheep. He was very careful with the sheep. Then one day the rod was put before God. When He took the rod back, it was called the rod of God. Now Egypt trembles before that rod. Why? It is because the Word has become the sword of the Spirit. Without the Spirit the Word won't work, it won't work. That's what the Word is saying: submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you. So with the world or with the devil don't even try without the Spirit!

#### **Hebrews 9:14**

***<sup>14</sup> How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?***

Who is this? Jesus. How did Jesus offer Himself without a spot? How did Jesus offer Himself to God without a spot? Through the Holy Spirit. How can I offer myself without spot, without the Spirit? Did you see that? The Word of God cleanses us, makes us without spot, without blemish, without the wrinkle but it is not going to happen without the Spirit. It is the Spirit that makes us without spot. The Spirit takes the Word and it becomes the launderer's soap. And sometimes there are wrinkles and the Spirit uses it like fire so that when we are presented to God - no spot, no blemish. So if you are struggling with sanctification, who do you go to? The Sanctifier. He is the Sanctifier.

#### **Acts 5:3**

***<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"***

Whom did He lie to? See we lie to the Holy Spirit. Where is He? He is inside, He knows everything. So when we lie, inside the Spirit convicts you.

#### **1 Peter 2:22**

***<sup>22</sup> "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth";***

How come there was no lie in Jesus' mouth? It is because of the Spirit. He offered Himself without a spot. How do we become people who don't lie? It is only through the Spirit. There was no lie found in His mouth, why? It is because He allowed the Spirit to fill Him, He allowed the Holy Spirit to lead Him.

#### **Acts 5:9**

***<sup>9</sup> Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."***

See this is all personal. The Spirit is there and He is asking, "Why did you test the Spirit of God?" Now go to Matthew.

#### **Matthew 4:17**

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

The Devil is tempting Him. What is the Spirit telling Him? Don't test Your Father. What is Peter asking Sapphira: why do you test the Holy Spirit? What is Jesus telling the devil? I will not test My Father. Who is telling Him? The Spirit of God is telling Him. There is a situation, there is a temple, You (Jesus) are at the top, jump; angels will catch You. How do you know whether it is a test or not? He is saying, "You know, if the angles catch You everybody will say, 'Wow! this is the Son of God! We shall follow His ministry.'" You know what the Spirit says? 'Testing Your Father, that is not Your Father's will.' How would we know? Do we listen to the Spirit of God so that we will know? Jesus listened to the Spirit therefore there is no lie in His mouth. Jesus listened to the Spirit therefore He never tempted the Holy Spirit.

Stephen told the Sanhedrin, "You always resist the Holy Spirit." Jesus never resisted the Holy Spirit. He was always led by the Holy Spirit. The letter to Ephesians,

#### **Ephesians 4:30**

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

Don't grieve the Holy Spirit. Jesus never grieved the Holy Spirit. Why are we saying all this? Because we began in the morning saying 'look unto Jesus the Author and the Finisher of our faith; the Perfecter of our faith.'

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:19**

<sup>19</sup> ***Do not quench the Spirit.***

Quench not the Holy Spirit. Jesus never quenches the Holy Spirit, why? What is written in the three verses before that? Do you know what is written? Pray without ceasing, rejoice always and give thanks in all situations. Look at Jesus, He always rejoiced, He always prayed and He always gave thanks. How did He do that? In the Spirit. Look at that one verse I gave you,

#### **Luke 10:21**

<sup>21</sup> ***In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.***

What did He say? He rejoiced in the Spirit. So He never quenched the Holy Spirit. God is showing us a way. You don't have to rejoice in the flesh, He was rejoicing in the Spirit. Rejoice in the Spirit.

Five loaves and two fish, thousands of people. He took it and He gave thanks. The smallest thing to the biggest thing, He prayed and asked the will of the Father. Therefore He never quenched the Holy Spirit. This is the life to which we are called.

As I close I will give you fifteen verses; I' just joking. Suddenly the spirit left from you all. Hahaha.

I am waiting for the day when pastors will be like Jesus. When Jesus is talking to one Samaritan, not a crowd, and He is not hungry, you know why? It is because My food is to do the will of God. My food is to do the will of God.

#### **Acts 13:22**

<sup>22</sup> ***And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'***

There is no testimony of any man in the Bible like this. Especially this one thing: who shall fulfill all My will? We are not talking about Jesus, we are talking about an ordinary man. An ordinary man! A man who shall fulfill all My will. Why could David fulfill all of God's will? Do you know the reason? It is because He was a man after God's own heart. He was not searching for knowledge, He was looking for a relationship. If you are not looking for a relationship with the living God, you will not fulfill the will of God in your life. He said: He is a man after My own heart and He will fulfill all my will. There is no man like David in the Bible.

How does a New Covenant begin? Go to Matthew 1:1, that's where the New Covenant began. Do you know what the New Covenant says?

#### **Matthew 1:1**

<sup>1</sup>***The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:***

He is not called Son of Abraham, Jesus is not called son of Isaac, He is not called the son of Jacob. He is not called by anybody's name. Jesus the Son of David. Who is Jesus? The man after God's own heart. Who is David? The man



after God's own heart. Who is Jesus? Who fulfilled all the will of God. Who is David? Who fulfilled all the will of God. You want to fulfill the will of God? Be a man or a woman after God's own heart. There was not a man like that who fell yet he completed the will of God in his life.

### **Isaiah 9:7**

***<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.***

Throne of David. The throne of Jesus is called the throne of David. It is not called the throne of Solomon. It is not associated with any other king; Jesus the Son of David will sit on the throne of David.

### **Acts 15:16**

***<sup>16</sup>After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;***

Tabernacle of David. Not Moses' tabernacle, not Solomon's temple, not Herod's temple. He says, "When I come back, I will be the Son of David and I will sit on the throne of David. And do you know what I am rebuilding? I am rebuilding the tabernacle of David." Tabernacle of David.

### **Hosea 3:5**

***<sup>5</sup>Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.***

They shall seek the Lord their God and David their king. You know why? It is because He was a man after God's own heart.

### **Isaiah 55:3**

***<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David.***

Mercies of David. The mercies of God have become the mercies of David. Think about this— Your mercies are new every morning, we are saved by the mercy of God. Now the Scripture says, the mercies of God have become the mercies of David. He is a man who fulfilled the whole will of God.

### **Jeremiah 23:5**

***<sup>5</sup>"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.***

It is all unto David. It's for David.

### **Ezekiel 34:23**

***<sup>23</sup> I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.***

It's David! Do you know something what's going to happen? (I believe) When Jesus comes back and rules for a thousand years the one who will be under Him will be David. David will rule over Israel. Final verse for today,

### **Psalms 51:11**

***<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.***

Did you see why He has become man after God's own heart? One thing He asked: 'Don't take Your Spirit from me.' Let me tell you this. When the Spirit goes, we are gone. The Spirit is there but if He is silent, we are done. Spirit is there but if He won't speak anymore, you are finished.

Today God is saying, "I have given you My Spirit. It's My Spirit that does everything. Learn to listen to Him. He is real, He is a real Person. You are not orphans, you cannot be orphans. You are never alone, you are not helpless, you are not without comfort, you are not without wisdom because He is the Spirit of wisdom. You are not without revelation

because He is the Spirit of revelation. You are not without power because He is the Spirit of power. He is everything, everything.'

But you know what? We have to give up our will and we have to allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit. It is not one day, it's not two days, you have to learn all your life. We will learn to know His voice. When your phone rings, how do you know it's your wife calling? It's not the number, it's the voice. You will learn His voice and you will learn what He is speaking.

In the last days, God says, 'Do not refuse Him who speaks.' Do you know what He says? If you refuse Him, I will shake up everything so that you will receive a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. All around the world from the individual, to the family, to the Church, to the world, God is shaking everything. You know why? So that we will listen to Him. So there is Jesus and there was the man in the Old Covenant called David; and you look at David and everything was shaken and Ziglag was burnt down, wife and children gone, soldier against him. He asked the Lord, "What shall I do?" When he was shaken, he went back to the Spirit of God. "What shall I do? Shall I pursue? Will I overtake?" God spoke, "Pursue! You shall surely overtake and recover all." David knew who to hear from God.

I am telling you, you read the Old Testament you don't find another man who learnt to hear from God, another man to whom God spoke that way. Do you know why God spoke to him? It is because David really loved God. He really loved God and God loved him back. Therefore God said, 'When My Son goes, He will be called Son of David. One day when He comes and He sits on the throne it will be called the throne of David. And you know My Son, You shall be a shepherd to My people because David was a shepherd to his people.' He was a shepherd to his people. Get these pictures right.

This afternoon, once again we thank God. God cancelled the weather report; it did not rain. Did you see the weather report yesterday? On your phones – alert for Hyderabad. Seven o'clock- hundred percent, eight o'clock-hundred percent, nine o'clock-hundred percent, ten o'clock-hundred percent, eleven o'clock-hundred percent, twelve o'clock-hundred percent, one o'clock-hundred percent; God said bye. You know why? Because He said My servants are going to Jeevan Jyothi. No rain. Ask Pastor Vijay, even last night I asked him, "Pastor, should we cancel?" What do we do? Then I said no we are not cancelling. God is good. We shall thank God.

### **Prayer:**

*Father, we just thank You. we just want to praise You. We want to worship You. We want to glorify You. Thank You, thank You Father. Every little thing we need in life, You will add, if we seek Your Kingdom and Your righteousness. The only way possible is by allowing Your Holy Spirit to lead us. Come to You every day and say, 'Fill us with Your Spirit,' and only those who are filled can be led. Fill us every day, lead us every day; and like David we can say, "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want." My Shepherd. He is my Shepherd. I shall not want. And it doesn't matter where He leads me - green pastures, still waters, the valley of shadow of death or the wilderness or in the presence of my enemies. One thing I know, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." That is what David said. In the New Covenant, God said because My Spirit is in you, you shall be My house forever.*

*Come Lord Jesus live in us. Do what You want to do, be what You want to be. Have Your will in us. We surrender once again, Lord. You brought us six months, now another six months lie ahead of us. Lead us through, empower us through. Let it be all about You. Let it be told about us, 'He was a man after God's own heart; she was a woman after God's own heart and he/she did all the will of God.' that's our desire. Oh Father, we just thank You. I bless Your servants in Your name. May the hand of God rest on everyone. Everyone. Oh Lord that You will bless them, that You will protect them, You would keep them; and above all Lord, cause us to hunger and thirst after You. You Lord. Thank You Father. You brought us safe, we know You will reach us back safely. Thank You Lord. Thank You Father. In Jesus' name we pray.*

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest and abide with us. Amen, Amen, Amen.*