

Little By Little, But For Sure!

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Father in Heaven we just want to thank You once again this morning even as we are here in Your house, Lord, we've already worshiped, Lord, You have heard our worship, You've heard our prayer and now Lord we want to listen to You, we want to give You our undivided attention, not to the words that man speaks, but to the words inspired by Your Spirit. For You said that all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, God breathed, inspired by the Holy Spirit and it is profitable doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that a man of God will be thoroughly equipped and ready for every good work and therefore this morning Lord speak to us, equip us, Lord strength us in our faith, empower us in Your Spirit, anoint us to hear, to listen, to obey and Lord, to overcome. We thank You Lord, we commit this time into Your hands and we want to exalt Your holy name, we want to exalt Your Word and we want to declare that Christ Jesus would have the preeminence in all things. We thank You, we praise You, we give You glory. For in Jesus' name. Amen.

We have been looking at blessing and curses and this was one truth, one which I took considerable amount to understand because I was of the misconception that the moment you are born-again you are already out of the curse, I mean it's all done for you on the Cross you don't have to worry about curses. You see if you look at the New Testament, I was listening to one man of God, he made very interesting observation. It says - the New Covenant is like precepts, ordinances, and doctrines that have to be lived out. For a believer to walk in victory, to walk in obedience, the necessary truths that he has to understand are the New Covenant for a new covenant believer who has entered, who is born-again.

If you look at the Old Covenant and we look at the Old Covenant from the New Covenant mindset, it has got to do with diagnosis. You will see different characters, Jesus Himself says, "All the scriptures point towards Me." So if you read Scripture we need to have this paradigm, it is talking about Jesus, it is talking about His work, His work of salvation and He is talking about a believer who is in Christ. Both are applicable and if we look at the Old Covenant it gives you the specifics and it give you the diagnosis because everyone comes from different back grounds. It gives you exactly where you are going wrong, or we have one of our teachers who is in our school, she does what is called as 'scoring violation' okay. And her husband is a doctor, so she has got a prescription slips and whenever she does the scoring she writes a prescription slips on the PACE and gives to the student. I found that very interesting, you know what? She is doing a diagnosis and telling you where all the mistakes are. So that's how God also is. I mean if you read the Old Covenant He gives you a diagnosis, diagnosis and when you look at all the characters in the Old Covenant according to Scriptures, it says in Romans chapter 15 verse 4,

Romans 15:4

⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

All these things have been given for our leaning so that through the patience and the endurance that the Scripture gives us we might have hope. Patience and endurance that Scriptures give us we might have hope. That's the ultimate aim. So when we read through the Old Covenant, when he is talking about Scripture of course he is talking about the Old covenant, the Old Testament rather, and when we read through Scripture we see different paradigms, we see different people and through their lives we see and when we relate ourselves we see what their problem was. What was a spiritual problem that they were going through? and how they overcame? or how they have defeated? and we learn from both.

So when we come to the instruction of the Word therefore, whom are we instructing and what is the primary target of the instruction of the Word of God? I mean I have been in the church for a while, before I was even called to share the Word. If I am in the middle of the congregation, I mean if I am among the you, I want to understand when I am coming to the ministry of Word, what is a primary target? What is the focus? To whom is the Word spoken to? Whom is he addressing?

So let us look at some Scriptures and I want put this in perspective and I want to go the specifics today. It's in Ephesians chapter 1 verse 3, this is what our position in Christ. Look at what it says,

Ephesians 1:3

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Where? In Christ. That is what the believer has been given; the moment you're born-again and you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross you have potentially and positionally, I want to use this words positionally and potentially you have moved out of the realm of curses into the realm of the blessing, both spiritual and all, primarily spiritual and also which is going to be manifesting itself in the physical as well. Look at what it says in Ephesians chapter 2 known verses verse 4

Ephesians 2:4-6

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

But God who is rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us. What love? Great love, you know he looks at, Paul when he is writing this epistle he falls short of language because he wants to express God in some magnificent ways but then you know he is not able to do it. 'Now unto the one who is able to do more than we can ask or imagine' see it's like superlatives upon superlatives he keeps using. ***Even when we were dead in our trespassed made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved*** and it goes on to say and ***raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ*** where we have all the blessings. This is positional and potential. The potential of every believer, the wildest offender who truly believes that moment from Jesus the pardon receives. I love that song the wildest offender or the wildest person who has been defeated in his life, who truly believes, can overcome the wildest and the most wicked temptation, the wicked sin, all the problems that he is facing through, because he is in Christ and God has him, what? All spiritual blessing in heavenly. This is potential.

So the instruction of the Word to whom it is addressed. Okay whom am I talking to? Or whom is the Lord talking to? Who is person who is going to receive this instruction and what is he supposed to do? Look at what is says in Ephesians chapter 4 there are two people inside of us, okay. Biggest problem is not the devil, nor the world, there is one guy who is there, he is called the old man, he is very old, like pastor says, he is born recently but old Adamic ancient blood flowing through his veins old man. Okay that old man. The Message is targeted to the new man, so that he can crush the old man, that's the whole point; he can overpower, the Message is targeted to feed the new man so that he can be strong enough to overcome the influence of the old man. You understand? That is how you have to look at. All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, inspiration meaning it is God breathed, it's been given by the Holy Spirit and it can be only received by those people who are born of the Spirit, and who is that person who is born of the Spirit? He is a new person who's born-again in Jesus Christ, by the Word, by the Spirit and that person receives, it's like sweetness, its' honey. He enjoys. That's the reason why it says in 1 Peter chapter 2 he says,

1 Peter 2:2-3

²As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Like a new born babies crave for the pure spiritual milk so that you may grow up in your salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good, okay. The old man doesn't like God. The new man loves God, he's like Ezekiel, right. Ezekiel is given the scroll to eat and what is in that scroll? Lamentation, woe! I mean how many of you love to eat Lamentations? On both sides of the scroll. and He say, 'Son of man, I've placed before you. Eat it!' What is there? Promises, blessing, prosperity? No, no, no, no, Lamentations, woe and then he starts eating is and then he says, 'Boy! It's honey to my lips. I am enjoying it. How can this become so sweet to him? It is because he is the person who signifies a new covenant believer who enjoys the Word of God and then He say, 'Son of man eat what I have given to you, digest it and now go and prophesy to those people. If they will hear or if they will don't hear, it doesn't matter. You go and preach, simple. You see, that is the reason why, why am I saying in the context what we have heard over the last two week? You have blessing and curses, blessing are not upon the old man. You need to understand that. It is not upon the old life. Somebody said, I think it was Rajkumar Ramachadran who made this fired up statement. He said, 'A lot of believers have a new birth but old growth. New birth, but old growth.'

So entire Word is given to the new man so that he, by the Spirit, can put to death the deeds of the body. *As many as are led by the Spirit to put to death the deeds of the body are called the sons of God*, these are the people who are born of God. So the entire teaching is given to the new man to strengthen him, to boost up his faith and strengthen him spiritually so that he has got the authority to now to speak to the old man and shut him up. You know, once and for all, hopefully every day, yeah. So Ephesians chapter 4 this gives you this contrast,

Ephesians 4:20-22

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

But you have not so learned Christ, who is this 'you'? The born-again you. Whom are you learning? Christ. What are you learning? Christ. And the Word for Christ is very interesting. "Christ" means "the anointed One" "Messiah" the "One who is anointed". Okay and therefore we have an anointing which is teaching us. So *all of my children will be taught of the Lord and great will be the peace upon our children*, right and all of God's children will be taught of the Lord. So that anointing, ***if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him***, so I am not the one who is teaching you, even the words that I am speaking to you hopefully the Spirit is taking every word that I am speaking to you and making it relevant to every situation. See that is how I have been trained in my mind: problem, solution, result; problem, solution, result. So when I come to church - these are the problems that I have, what is the solution that the God is giving? The solutions that God is giving me let me go and apply. And you know what happens? When I apply, it works. You see? And when you don't apply, you see?

You can know a lot of theory, but lab is a different ball game all together okay. If you come to our lab there is lot of waste compared to the things which are working. You come and see, it's like a bunch, a pile of debris. What is that debris? All robots which didn't work, okay. Sometimes we get robots from outside, we don't know how to run it. So we construct the whole thing, we have our own theories and then we try to apply, that fellow will be flying in all different directions. So we have a theory and we apply it and it is not working. What happens to it? Arey, this do not work and we just threw it aside. So, a lot of believers are like that. You have been given theory, and you take that theory, but the problem is that you are not applying in your life and therefore you don't see the results and you're not actually excited to see that these things of faith actually work in your life. And of course it doesn't happen in a day. But eventually it has to happen.

So that is how I've been trained - problem, solution, result. I mean I not saying that you should always have this kind of paradigm. I am saying that this is how I come, so that I examine- 'Okay this is what I am going thorough, this is what the Word of God says and it is absolutely logical.' Do you know there is a logic of the spirit? Very logical. The Bible is the most logical work in the entire history. I mean I believe there's nothing like the Bible and in the Bible the highest echelon of the logic is a book of Romans, the epistle to the Romans. It's remarkably logical. So you take the theory, you apply it in your life and you see the result and you know what happens? Your faith increases.

Think about that guy, you know, in Lystra. Paul is preaching and preaching and preaching and preaching and there is one guy, who is that guy? A man who was lame from childhood, preaching, preaching, preaching, preaching, they were a bunch of the people over there in the congregation and then Paul looks at this guy and he say, after the preaching is over he looked at this guy and he says, 'You know what, this guy I am able to connect to him. He has the faith to be healed.' What's his name? Yesupadam, meaning padalu basically his feet are gone, but he not definitely not Yesupadam and he looks at him and he says, 'In the name of Jesus rise up and walk,' and he gets up and walks. You see what has happened? The entire preaching was to generate faith and the moment he acts upon the faith the miracles happened.

So when you come to Church and you are listening to the Word of God you should say, 'Lord, I want faith. It is through the hearing of Your Word faith comes.' Whatever be the situation, I know that You have the best intentions in Your heart for me and therefore when I listen to the Word I want to listen so that when I got out I go out by faith. I go out in faith, my faith is strengthened.' We will come to that little later. So, ***if indeed you have been taught***. So what should you do? The moment you have learned all this, immediately what should you do? ***You should put off the concerning your former conduct the old man***. Immediately, you heard this truth, what should you do? Take off that fellow, that Adamic old man, who tries to bring all kinds of lust into your life. That's what Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. John Bunyan in his book Pilgrim's Progress, do you know how he defined old Adam? 'I saw this man old Adam, he had three daughters - lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life. And they trapped me and I fell for

those three daughters.’ Old Adam, the old man, put off that fellow. That fellow who is an unbeliever, he is a rebel, he is of the serpent, and that person has to be taken off and you receive. And what is that person? This old man is, what? Look at this, what does it say? **The old man which grows corrupt**, he doesn’t stay corrupt. It’s interesting, he grows corrupt. It is not incremental, it is exponential, **it grows corrupt according to** what lusts? **Deceitful lusts**; desires which are gone, which have been hijacked by Satan to do his will now. And then what should we do?

Ephesians 4:23-24

²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. That word ‘spirit’ is also translated in some translations called ‘the attitude of your mind’. You know, everyone has an attitude when they come to Church. Where is your attitude? In your mind. Some people have this Vivekananda post, I told you know, ‘What is this Pastor going to tell me?’ There are very, very, stoic okay. That is the attitude with which they come. And some people come with an attitude. That’s the reason why it says **receive with meekness the en-grafted word which is able to** what? **Save your souls**. You know everybody should come with an SOS when they come to Church, ‘Save my soul Lord! Save my soul Lord! Save my soul!’ Do you understand? I want to come like this now, because I understand, you know why, where are the curses working? In Adam. Where are the blessing working? In Christ. So if I have to take the instructions, if I want to walk in blessings I have to strengthen the person who is in Christ and put to death the Adamic nature. Otherwise what will happen? All the things that I have heard will not benefit me; I will continue to be enduring curses like the Derek Prince says, when I am supposed to be enjoying the blessings. Understand. I mean this is not one place that he mentions this. Romans chapter 13 and verse 14 also

Romans 13:14

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and do not make any provision for the flesh, provision, you know right? In provisions, we have in our home a track, ‘Dal is over’ okay, so what will you do? We go to our rack and see over there, ‘Dal is there, one and half kilo dal is there. Okay.’ That is for my stomach, that is okay, that provision is fine. ‘Oh baby is not coming,’ trying, trying, trying, trying 10 years in the Promised Land, no baby coming. Provision is there – ‘Hagar’ in the closet – take Hagar and produce Ishmael. What is that? Provision for the flesh. Do not make any provision. And you know Paul uses some interesting language and says, ‘Abstain from every appearance of evil. Wow. Very difficult no, but it is possible. And then again, another place, not just one place.

Colossians 3:8

⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these things. And what is the old man? He is an angry fellow, he is full of wrath, he is full of malice, blasphemy, he is got filthy language, sanskrutham only comes out, right? Like Zac Poonen says, ‘Tongues in church, and mother tongue at home.’ I mean is it interesting, we all people who are studied in English medium school. How many studied in the English medium school? But when we want to use the language, which kind of language did we use? Comfortable Telugu, we do not know grandhikam Telugu, we know the other Telugu.

Colossians 3:12

¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

You see therefore as the elect of the God, holy and beloved put on tender mercies. You see? This is what the Old Covenant talks about - putting off, putting on. Another interesting, what do we say, metaphor Paul uses, he uses in 1 Corinthians chapter 5, it talks about of our new nature and our old nature.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7

⁶ Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that little leaven leavens the whole lump, little, okay one chinna and you will just leave it like that and then what happens over time? It grows, and grows, and grows. Do you know what actually it does? It puffs up. Remember, you know that, puff, you know 'puff' means haava hai andar. What is there inside? Nothing, just nicely it has become big. It gives you an appearance as if lot of thing is there, but when you put it in your mouth it immediately melts. It's like candy cotton. Candy cotton is like huge. Oh my goodness so much of candy cotton, the children get all excited, 'oh so much candy cotton,' they take and bite it. That's it! It is gone! Half of it is gone in one bite. You see? It says - **therefore purge out the old leaven,** look at this, **purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump. Purge out the old leaven that you may be new lump, since you truly are unleavened.** That is your actual position; you are actually unleavened. The old man is dead, the new man who is born of God, he cannot sin. He is unleavened, he has no malice, he has no hypocrisy, he has no pretence etc., but the old man has got lot of leavened. He says, 'Purge out. Remove that old leaven.' Do you know why? **Christ our Passover has been indeed sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast not with old leaven.**

So you know that is how Paul, I believe, when he studied, when he is writing his epistles he is just not writing from his head, you see it's very difficult to write a paper if you haven't got the results. Okay what should you do? You should doctor. I mean you should see when I wrote the first paper, when I wrote and I gave it to my Prof, he looked at it and he said, 'Vijay, you just wrote what you did.' I said, 'Yes sir I wrote what I did.' 'Let me just add few lines just here and there, okay.' He added one line over here, another line over there, another line over there, the whole paper changed and I look at my paper and I said, 'Oh! This is what I did?' You see? But Paul was not like that, he never tried to write to impress; he wrote his life. And you know one of the statements he makes in the book of Romans, he says, **"I dare not to speak anything that which Christ Jesus has not worked in me."** What a statement! 'I dare not to speak anything other than which Christ Jesus has wrought in me.' And when he is writing he is writing with conviction and this is his experience. Look at what he says in Galatians chapter 2 and we have looked at it in different, different context. One more context. This is how he applied his teaching to his old nature and he also had an old man. That is the reason why he despairs in the book of Romans, in the epistles to the Romans. He says, **'Oh! Who shall deliver me from this body of death?'** And look at what he say this is what he has experience is, we know this verse very well,

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

I have been crucified with Christ. The first step, he says, 'I am completely identifying myself with the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. I am crucified, with whom? With Christ.' Then, **I do not live nevertheless I live, yet not I,** what is this 'yet not I'? I am buried, I am crucified, I am buried. Second step - I am crucified, I am buried. This is application of the Gospel in his life; this is the Gospel he preached. He says what? He says, 'You know what Christ Jesus was crucified according to the Scriptures, right He was buried according to the Scriptures and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,' and therefore he is applying the same truth to himself. He says, 'I am crucified with Christ, according to the Scriptures. I am buried according to the Scriptures. Now I live.' Who is living now? I don't live. Who lives? **Christ lives in me.** That is the resurrection life; that is the life which is now born from above. That life lives but how is that life strengthened? That life lives by, what? **By faith in the Son of God.** And what is the foundation of that faith? Love of Christ, the love of Christ; He died for me and He gave Himself for me, that love.

That is the reason by he says, Paul says in 1 Timothy chapter 1 – 'the end of our instruction is this: love from a pure heart, clear conscience and of a sincere faith. So that faith. So this is how he lives out his life. So these are truths in the New Testaments. But how do we apply? So Jesus Christ has given us all this promises, every promises 'Yes and Amen in Christ Jesus,' the blessing of God He has blessed us with all spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And if therefore I have to walk in, what is called, these blessings and not endure curses in my life, if that is my reality, if that is my position, if that is my potential, how do I live it out? Now this is the truth which is given, doctrine which is given, in the New Covenant and the diagnostics specifics are given in the Old Covenant and we have seen the both. The paradigm here is Israel is brought out of Egypt. Remember, Israel is brought out of Egypt. It's the picture of our salvation, baptism they were baptized into Moses, okay and then they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Okay, they were fed with manna, they drank of the spiritual water. That's a type of a church. All this, to do what? So

that you can enter into the Land of promises; for us it is the promised life in Christ. So all this has been given to you, and in Deuteronomy Chapter 7 verse 1 this is what he says,

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ ***“When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,***

This is to the generation which is about to enter into the Promise Land and Moses give some very interesting, he shows us how this is going to happen, how this is going to play out. This is what he says in Deuteronomy chapter 7 verse 1.

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ ***“When the Lord your God brings you into the land, (promise life) which you go to possess, (in other words you have to possess it, okay) and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations (how many nations? Seven nations) greater and mightier than you, stronger than you,***

These seven nations are, I mean there are a picture of the old man, who is occupying that promised life, who has to be delivered completely out of these seven spirits, if you will, and these fellows have been there for a long time; they are not going to go, you have to get them out. And these are, what? Stronger than you. Let me tell you something, it is impossible for you to overcome, even your flesh, in your own strength. How can you overcome flesh with flesh? Impossible. It is by the Spirit if you put to death the deeds of the body you will live. Seven nations stronger than you. Now, but what is the modus operandi he is going to use? What is the modus operandi that Moses, or rather God, is going to give to the children of Israel, so that they can receive or rather enter into this Promise Life and enjoy the blessing and not endure the curses? Look at the modus operandi that is given in Exodus chapter 23 verse 20 onwards,

Exodus 23:20-22

²⁰ ***“Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. ²¹ Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. ²² But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.***

Behold, I send an Angel before you kya baat hai! Who goes before us? The Angel. Who is that Angel? Jesus Christ. The Malek, the Angel of the Lord, the word for Angel here is Malek, the Messenger. He is going before us, He is gone. So how do we overcome the world? By keeping our eyes fixed upon Jesus. That's the first step, okay. ***Behold I send an Angel before you in the way to bring you into the place which I have prepared.*** God has already prepared a place, but you have to follow this Angel of the Lord. So now if you want to enjoy the blessings there is only one life. 'Follow,' he says, 'walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ,' okay to enter into this land of promises. How do you do that? ***Beware of Him,*** okay first beware of Him means have reverence for Him. Do you want to overcome? How should you overcome? ***First step,*** have reverence for Him, acknowledge for Him, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. First thing, beware of Him. Then ***obey His voice.*** What is it? Not just obey His Word, but obey His voice, we heard that. ***Do not provoke Him,*** don't test Him. Okay, don't try to provoke Him. This is a completely different teaching which I am going to share in another context may be, God willing. ***for He will not pardon your transgressions.*** What does it mean? We will see that later on. ***for My name is in Him. But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and be adversary to your adversaries*** and goes on verse 23,

Exodus 23:23

²³ ***For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.***

So what is the modus operandi? Follow Jesus, beware of Him, that means reverence Him, obey His voice, don't provoke Him and live in the fear of God. What will happen? He will bring you into the Land of promises and you will start and begin to enjoy the blessings. Okay fine but how is He going to do it? Let see again the modus operandi is very important,

Exodus 23: 29

²⁹ I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

I will not drive them out from before you in one year. When are you expecting success? It is not quick. What is it called? Long term. How many people know, long term? You know Chaitanya, Narayan has long term. In one year IIT? No, it's not going to happen, okay. This is not long term not one year IIT kadu, this is not long term, what is it? ***Lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.*** Meaning when the unclean spirit is driven out of the man, it goes and searches for dry places but finds it empty and what does it do? It brings out seven demons more powerful than him. How is he going to do it? Everybody verse 30. Arey! You are not very convincing when you read the Word. I know somebody was asking me, 'How do you read the Word?' Until I get faith. How do you read? Until I get faith. How is he going to do? Now let us read it out loud with conviction, okay.

Exodus 23:30

³⁰ Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.

How is He going to do it? Little by little, Oh my goodness that is painful, isn't it? When you go to a clinic what does the doctor call you? Patient, meaning, be patient. It's easy to get the disease but this is going to take a long process to get rid of the disease. That is the reason why you are called 'patient.' What is the name of the patient? 'Baba, this is Dr.Vijay Ethakota.' No! You are patient. Okay. Little by little, one step at a time. You see? You need to understand this little-little steps; this principles of little things in the Kingdom of God. I mean it took a long time for me to learn these things, you know. You burn your hands and your fingers and then you remember, 'Okay, baba, I should have done that simple little thing.'

The Kingdom of God is built on little things. ***It is not by might, it is not by power but by My Spirit.*** 'Great! Come on Lord! Give me the Spirit.' ***Do not despise the day of small beginnings.*** Let's start small, start small; little by little, one step at a time. Do you want to make a grand slam champion like Roger Federer, who is retiring? Yes, he is retiring. Nadal's record is safe okay, all right. See? Do you want to a make a grand slam? Little by little, one step at a time, little things. For example, for example, 'Pastor, I am going through a financial crisis, pastor. Please pray for a breakthrough.' Pastor will say, 'Okay I will pray for a breakthrough, but come to Church on time.' 'Pastor, but what has financial breakthrough got to do with coming to church on time? it's uh...' 'Do it!' What is that? A little. See?

You cannot become a mathematical genius in a day, Little by little by little, little by little. And you know what, God already knows the end. He sees the end result. It is like, you know, when I go to my class I already know where this is leading. So my students will ask me a question, I am looking at the question from there. You see, I mean I am looking at the end from the beginning, you know. Or rather the beginning from the end. I know, wait, okay you are struggling here but that is there where you need to go and you can't struggle here. And this is where all these little things, small, small, small, little, little, things and finally when you go there you will understand how these little things have actually made you who you are. Little by little! That's what pastor was talking about yesterday, he says, 'The process of becoming a believer; to make a believer a convert is one day, but to make a disciple is a life-long process. Covert one day; boom! You got saved, you heard the Gospel and in one day you got saved. But to walk in blessing, to get out of curses and to continuously and consistently walk in the blessings of God is a life-long process. It doesn't happen in a day. It's a little by little. This is the modus operandi of God.

So, pastor says, 'Get up in the morning, spend time with Jesus,' difficult thing. You see we make a mountain out of it. We want a huge breakthrough, God says, 'Huge breakthrough?', He says, 'A large ship is turned by a small rudder.' That is the principle of a little things; the doctrine of little things. Understand! Students understood? Very good.

"Little by little I am going to drive it out." Little by little, little by little. Understand these principles. And then let's see, what are these little things? I mean, what are these big things that have to be driven out of our lives, little by little? It has to happen progressively. What are these big things? Seven things I have been mentioned and we have heard in different context but every time I read now because every year I try to go through the Bible at least once, and then when I read I find something different, God is teaching me something new, it's always fresh.

So Deuteronomy chapter 7, verse 1 onwards, there are seven nations which are mightier and stronger than you.

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ ***“When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,***

When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you... The first thing He mentions is a *Hittites spirit*. Okay, who is the Hittite? The first Hittite, who is this Hittite? The person who has been crushed down by fear, fear okay. Person who is crushed down or completely broken into pieces because of fear. Another rendering of it. He is the person who get discouraged easily. Okay, dismayed. A person who is always afraid of the unknown. He doesn't like something to surprise him, 'I don't want any surprises.' But you know what? Life is full of surprises, said Forrest Gump. You do not know what you get. Some of you are laughing, yeah. 'Life is like a bunch of chocolates, you do not know what you get.' Dismayed; he is afraid of the unknown. Then because of fear he is confounded, he is confused all the time. What am I supposed to do? Confusion mai hai, confusion mai hai, behari okay. He is always confused. I mean, in another words, because of fear he is not able to think through clearly.

I remember, I am telling you know, this is what I can relate to this a lot, one of the games that I hated the most was chess, I loved it and I hated it because I did not like to get defeated. One of the things I was afraid of is a fear of failure. Okay. I loved it and I hated it and if I had to defeat somebody okay I made a blunder, let's say, in a game, I would go home and go through the game, every moves in my mind and next day, I am just calculating every game, I am going, I want to defeat the opponent. This is a kind of an attitude with which I grew. I don't like failure, I am fear of failure. And you known what happens? The first time when I gave my PhD, ah, what is we call as a qualifying exam. Boy! I got all A's in my course, but the viva, you wouldn't believe it I was petrified to face four professors. One guy from Princeton, one guy from MIT, one guy from another place and I am like, 'My goodness! What are these guys going to ask?' You wouldn't believe when I went into the examination hall, the simplest of the things I did not remember. Do you know why? I was crippled by fear. I was confound and confused; he is asking me a question and I am totally confused, confounded.

Another thing, 'afraid' it's a one notch up. In another words, you do not want to take risks for God. But one of the things I have learnt after I came in to the ministry is that it is a risk, ministry is risk, life is risk. If you go onto the road now, do you think it is not risky? Walking on the road is a risk. Who can give you guarantee for your life? Insurance policy? Nothing like that. That is the reason why you take LIC and Max life insurance and etc., right? All the insurance companies, why do they become more and more successful? The other day Max Life insurance fellow called me, 'Sir, you have become a valued customer now, we want to discuss certain things with you, about certain things in our policy, please can I have you time? I said, 'Please I don't have the time now.' He said, 'No, no, no, sir I don't want to sell anything new now.' 'I don't want to know.' How do we insurance people? What if you die now? What if? What if? What if? The fear of the unknown. You are crippled by the unknown. Lot of people, they are defeated before they go to the exam. You see, certain nerves are good. When you go before the exam some nerves are okay. Tension, little tension is okay. But fear, you will never able to perform. If the nerves are not there, that means you don't care. Right? That means you did not prepare; it's like, 'Ah! I didn't prepare. Let me just go and right it - a b c d e, a b c d e, a b c d e. And they say, basically in exams if you want to randomly write an exam, how should you choose? Priyanka! You nailed it. You know, how do you choose? Put all 'A's, don't write randomly a b c d, all will go wrong. At least some of will be 'A'. All these techniques we learnt.

You see, they are crippled by fear, and the first thing God says is, 'What I am going to drive out of you is fear.' And one of the biggest fears is a fear of not being accepted. That's the orphan spirit. That's exactly when Adam, when he was driven out of the Garden of Eden, what engulfed him was the spirit of fear. He was craving for acceptance and acceptance and acceptance. Let me tell you the result of the fall, the result of the fall are dynamic. When Adam fell, the first thing that happened to him he went from the realm of immortality into to realm of mortality. What kind of mortality? Just now physical deaths, that is temporary, but there is a second death which is eternal; he went from the realm of immortality into the realm of mortality; from the realm of incorruption into corruption. Everything is corrupt in his life now, everything is corrupted. That is the first result of the fall.

The second result of the fall, the authority and the position that God had give him he betrayed it to Satan. Now Satan becomes a prince of the power of the air, and when Adam or Eve listened to the voice of Satan, now he doesn't have to come to us and tempt us like the way he tempted Eve, all his desires are already in us. Now all he

has to do is send an enticer; one carrot he will dangle, now the desires are already in us. That's the reason why he says, 'Every man is tempted when he is driven by his own lust and enticed.' It is already there inside, the corrupt. Now what has happened is because he became the prince of the power of the air he uses that authority to entice us and take us into sin.

Third, Adam became the target of the demonic oppression, target of demonic oppression. That's the third result of the fall. The host of the demonic was sent against Adam. All his evil enterprise, Satan's evil enterprise, he sent against Adam to cripple them with all kinds of spiritual problems.

Fourth, everything Adam touch became futile; vanity, vanity, vanity and the entire creation is subject to corruption now and it says - creation itself is groaning with birth bangs so that they can also be liberated from this vanity. And when are they going to be liberated from this vanity? When the son's of God are liberated then they are going to be liberated from this vanity. So everything that you touch will be, what? Futile. All the exercises and the enterprises that you do without Christ under Heaven, like Solomon, you will say, what is the key note address, starting point statement of Solomon? "Vanity! Vanity! All is vanity! I say everything is vanity," five times. Vanity, youth and childhood vanity, righteousness vanity, wealth vanity, success vanity everything became vanity. That's the fourth.

And the fifth one, yesterday when you were there you should have listened to what pastor was talking about. He says, 'There are goats and there are sheep, sheep are blessed of the Lord,' right, sheep are what? Blessed of the Lord. Goats are cursed of the Lord. And the goats will be sent into everlasting fire, prepared for whom? For the Satan and the fallen angels. So the judgment which was for Satan also came upon man because of the result of Adams fall. Five.

What is the first thing? He became corrupt and he became mortal. Second thing the realm of authority that was given to him was betrayed to Satan. Third thing he became the target of the demonic oppression. Fourth thing, everything that he touched became vanity. And the fifth, the judgment which was due for the fallen angels and Satan now comes upon you. And therefore you know what Satan resists? He resists the preaching of the Gospel. Do you know why? Remember? Joshua the high priest. Remember Joshua the high priest? He is standing with filthy garments and he wants to be, he is like desperate to be justified. Who is resisting? Next to him, who is resisting? Satan. And what does God say? The Lord rebuke you, Satan. Because the only way he can prolong his reign on this earth is by hiding behind the mercies of God, because he knows that God is merciful towards man. Put that in your spiritual pipes and smoke it. Five; the curses.

My dear brothers and sisters, you need to understand. Do you know what? I was learning this over the last several weeks actually, several weeks. You wouldn't imagine the kind of demonic oppression I was going through just to prepare a message. I had to write down statements to concentrate hard. I mean, for me it's like four hours sitting before a computer and studying is not a big deal, consistently. I mean I can do it, no issues. But for this one thing. You became a target of the devil. You need to understand that we are in a real battle, there is a conflict in the heavenliest. It's against us, from not getting saved and if we are saved, to steal from us the God-given destiny that God has desired for each one of us. The enemy comes for, what? To steal, kill and destroy. And the first thing that cripples us is fear. Do you know what God says? 'I am going to deal with that first.' And therefore Hebrews chapter 2 He says - ***who through life long from the fear of death were under the bondage of Satan He defeated death.*** First thing He defeated the fear of death. The first thing He does is He liberates us from the fear of death. Fear has to go. Luke's Gospel 21, why is this important?

Luke 21:25-26

²⁵ "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations..,

Do you see the distress of the nations? Which nation is peaceful tell me? Oh I will go to Canada and I will be successful. Abba! Do you want to go to Canada now? Sir Trudeau is leading Canada. My brother-in-law, he just recently immigrated to Canada. He said, 'Vijay I came to Canada I realized what a wicked fellow this fellow is, the Prime Minister. What a wicked fellow! I am looking at all the schools in the Canada,' he says, 'I don't want to send my children to these schools.' So they had to move from Montreal to Ottawa to find Christian school, so that they know that at least they are safe.

Distress! Every nation that you go to, it is under stress. And then what happens? It says - *men's hearts*, what is happening? **Failing them from fear**. That is the reason why the first person who goes to hell is, what? Those who are fearful. Do you see that? And finally, all liars. In the middle, sorcerers are there, adulterers are there etc all those people are there but the first people are fearful and the last people are liars. Where will they find themselves? In the lake of fire prepared for, whom? Satan and the angels, cursed. You don't want to end up there. Therefore the first thing God says, 'I am going to deliver you from the spirit of fear.'

And therefore he says you know what? I have not given you the spirit of fear, which will take you back to bondage and slavery, but a Spirit of adoption by which you cry out 'Abba Father.'" Okay, let's move on. 2 Chronicles chapter 32, how do you overcome this spirit of fear? 2 Chronicles chapter 32 verse 7

2 Chronicles 32:7-8

⁷ "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him. ⁸ With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more who is with us than who is with them. That is the reason why he says that the One who is inside of you is much more stronger than the one who is outside of you. Understand this. And then with him is the arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God. So the way you overcome fear is when you have the assurance that all your sins are forgiven and you are no longer walking in condemnation and guilt. ***The righteous are bold as a lion but the wicked flee when nobody is pursuing them.*** He says, 'First thing, understand this. Be strong! Understand this, don't walk in condemnation and guilt. Pastor was talking about it, every sin that you confessed today, do you know what God has done? He remembers everything but one thing He has forgotten is all the sins of yours which you have. It is gone! It is over! It is done away with. Did you say thank you after that? I said, 'Oh Lord thank You Lord, thank You Lord.' He took it just like that. So immediately enemy comes and says, you know what?

2 Chronicles 32:15

¹⁵ Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you like this, and do not believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?' "

Do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you. The enemy comes and says, 'Don't let him deceive you, you cannot overcome this.'

Let me tell you something, how many of you want health and healing? Show me your hands. If you definitely want it, raise both hands. Okay good. So he says, 'My son,' okay everybody say, 'My son', okay you can say, 'My daughter,' also. How many of you wanted to be a son and not a daughter? Ah you want it, okay. When you go to Heaven everybody is son, okay. Do don't worry. So it is applicable to you, daughters, also, okay. ***My son, attend to my words***, everybody say. What is attend to my words? In our IIIT we have what we call is 'Attendance policy', what policy? Attendance policy, if you miss three classes, one grade cut. Four classes, two grades cut. Five classes fail. We have how may lectured in a semester? 28 lectures that means you can only you have to at least attend 23 to pass, okay? That is for IIIT. Ah! Spiritual things? 'Now we don't have to come to church, attendance is not needed. No compulsory attendance.' Go to all the universities which don't have compulsory attendance and I will tell you, you cannot recruit those engineers.

So, what do you do? Attention, how many of you come and attend? See this very important to attend. Class attendance is very important. Proxy attendance don't work okay. Now God knows who's come and who's not come. You cannot say proxy, 'Hello sir' 'present'. You can fool me, but not God. First thing - ***attend unto my words***. Second, ***incline your ears to my saying***. Everybody say, 'Incline my ears to God's saying,' everybody say that, 'my ears to God saying.' How many ears do you have? Two ears, meaning with one ear faith comes, and with one ear unbelief comes, you are canceling one another, by the time you go out faith hits you and unbelief hits you, you are in the same position. So how do you hear? Until you get faith. Otherwise you are faking.

Okay first thing, 'My son,' everybody say, 'My son, attend unto my words. Incline my ears to your sayings. Keep them in the front of your eyes. Everybody keep them in the front of your eyes, everybody say that. In other word give to

God your undivided attention and focus okay. That is the reason why we have in Sanskrit - Guru mukhasya vidya labyaday.' Guru mukhasya vidya labyaday meaning watch, focus, listen; do not take your eyes off the preacher, don't! Lock your eyes on the preacher, because he is not preaching, God is speaking. God hides Himself through His servants, focus okay.

Then fifth one, treasure them in your heart. Everybody say, treasure the words that you receive in your heart. So five things I have already told you. What did I say? 'My son,' first of all that is sambodhana. Second, attend to every class, okay attend every class means we have online prayer, right? How many of you listen to online prayer? How many of you don't listen to online prayer? I mean do you see? Well, that means you are not attending. You are trying to give proxy. Pastor will think, 'I am watching it. After all who knows? Anyways the chat is disabled now.' There is no proxy. **Attend unto my words**, then what? Keep them in the in front of your eyes what you see, you should see it, one of the things you need to understand is that the moment you hear and then you see, you will remember it; what happens is that it automatically goes and it becomes like a treasure in your heart. You keep them in the midst of your heart. And do you know what he says? Everybody proclaim, **'It will be life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.'** This is the process of divine healing. How does it happen? Little by little, we want pastor to lay hands, fall flat, demons gone. And then after several years eight demons are inside now. Understand this, five things. All right, so, what does he say?

2 Chronicles 32:16

¹⁶ Furthermore, his servants spoke against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.

Furthermore, his servants spoke against the God and against His servant. That's exactly what the devil does. What does he do? He speaks against the servants of God so that you don't listen to his words and when you don't listen to his words what will not come? Faith will not come and if you don't have faith, can you walk in healing? Not possible, okay words.

1 Samuel 17:11

¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed. Why? Because they did not have faith. So one guy who entered into the Promised Land. Do you know one guy who entered into Promised Land? Now he is under the leadership and he is not having Moses anymore now okay. He entered into the Promised Land, and do you know what his number one problem was? You know, whom am I talking about? Joshua. Number one problem of Joshua, the person who gets easily discouraged, one failure, gone! 'God, why did You bring us here? God why did You bring us?' Joshua chapter 1, look at how God admonishes.

Joshua 1:9

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

But if God has to be with you wherever you go what are the conditions that you need to fulfill? Verse 6

Joshua 1: 6-8

⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth. So the first thing you need to do is come to church and listen to the Word. Second thing that you need to do, in order to overcome fear. Do you know what you should do? Second thing is meditate upon the Word which was sown into your hearts. Got it? Third,

2 Chronicles 20:14-15

¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵ And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah

and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

In other words, fourth thing is obey the prophetic voice. What should you obey? The prophetic voice. What is that? The voice of correction, like pastor was saying, 'The church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles and the prophets.' And look at what it says in verse 20, we know this verse very well right? What does it say?

2 Chronicles 20:20

²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

So what does prophet do? "Vijay, if you make this decision, if you make this decision, okay, if you make this decision this is going to be your end." I will tell you something - everything in the Kingdom of God is deterministic, nothing is random. The stock market is random; the Kingdom of God is not random. ***I set before you what? Life and death, blessing and curses you choose.*** So prophet comes and says, "These are the two options before you, very simple, choose this. If you chose this, this will be your end. If you chose this, this will be your end. What do you want in your life? Okay, then what did they do?"

2 Chronicles 20:21

²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever."

And they started praising God, *first* thing - listen to the Word, attend every Bible Study, attend; give yourself, give attention to the teaching of the Word of God. *Second*, meditate upon the Word of God. *Third*, listen to the prophetic instruction and correction. *Fourth*, give yourself to praise and worship in the Spirit. So that you will be liberated from that, the spirit of heaviness will go and God will give put on you the garment of praise. Do this consistently. Another one, I want to show you another one.

2 Chronicles 32:20-21

²⁰ Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. ²¹ Then the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. You know, when they prayed and cried out to heaven God moved. So when you just say, 'Lord, I am going through all this things. Five things I will do consistently. If I have to overcome these five things I will do. What is the *first* thing? I will attend, I will listen to the instructions of God. *Second*, meditate upon the Scriptures and the Word that has already been taught and sown into my heart. *Third*, listen to prophetic correction. *Fourth*, live a life style of praise and worship. And *fifth*, prayer; give yourself continuously to prayer and you will overcome the spirit of fear. These are the little things. Okay, first thing Deuteronomy chapter 7 you have to overcome, first thing God says, overcome the spirit of fear,

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites..."

Second thing he will say I will drive out from you the Hittites, the second thing I am going to drive out from you is the Girgashites. And who is the Girgashites? Girgashite is very interesting. Girgashite is a person, actual literal meaning is, the person who is dwelling on a clay soil. Meaning, he is a person who is very earthly. First thing, he is earthly. Okay, secondly he has worldly logic. What kind of logic? Worldly logic. Third thing he is sensual. Fourth thing he is an intellectual; soulish, earthly, very earthly. Okay, so God does not say that you should not use your mind. Don't misunderstand me. ***Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and all of you mind.*** Mind also, soul means mind. You should love God with your mind. But this person is a person who is very earthly, very earthly and this is a very strong spirit. It doesn't go out easily. Look at what it says in Colossians chapter 3. You know this verse very well.

Colossians 3:1-10

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Since then you have been raised with Christ set your hearts on the thing above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, set you minds on the things above, not on the things on, what things? Earthly things. For you died and your life is now hidden with Chris in God. When Christ who is your life appears then you also will appear him in glory. So therefore what should you do? Put to death therefore whatever belongs to earth.

What is Girgashite? He is a person who gravitates you towards earthly things, he takes your eye from eternal and puts your eyes onto the temporal. He takes your eyes from the things of the Spirit and brings your eyes under the thing of this world. That is the Girgashite spirit. And it is very, very, very, strong stubborn fellow. You know when many, many, many, spirits are stubborn spirits? You have to be absolutely determined to crush them out and get them out of your system. Otherwise they will not go. Devil will know; sin and devil know when you are serious. Sin and devil know when you are serious. You have to be absolutely determined and say, 'Lord, I am not going to allow this to take any foot hold over in my life,' okay.

So many things I have mentioned, you used to walk in this ways in the life that you once lived but now you must get rid of all these things. Look at another verse, James chapter 3 verse 13

James 3:13-14

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by their good life by the deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom but if you harbour bitter, envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it nor deny truth such wisdom does not come from heaven but is what? Earthly, unspiritual or sensual or soulish and finally it is what? Demonic. Understand this. So, what is the natural man, the unconverted man, the old man, you know what he does not understand these things. He does not like the things of the Spirit. It is foolishness to him.

1 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The person without the spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. So he doesn't like it, very stubborn. So what does it do primarily? What do these earthly things do? We were talking about blessings and curses, right? We're talking about blessing and curses.

Mark 4:18-19

¹⁸ Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹ and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Still others, this is talking about the seed of the Word of God. ***Like seed sown among thorns.*** What are the thorns a picture of? What is the thorns a picture of? Thorns and thistles, what is the thorns a picture of? It's the picture of curse. You know, we sing that Christmas hymn "Joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her King. Let ever heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing." Okay fantastic. Another verse,

Joy to the world, joy to the world a Saviour reigns. Let men their songs employ, while fields and floods rocks, hills and plains,' and then he say, 'no more let sin, nor sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground,' right? He come to make His blessing flow, how far? Far as the curse is found. What a song! When, now all these songs make a lot of sense to me now. 'No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground,' because when sin came curse came. He comes to make His blessing flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, you know what it the picture of the thorns, it's the picture of the curse. So what are this people? They are people who hear the Word of God but, what is this? Worries. Then deceitfulness of wealth. Yesterday pastor was talking about fantastic idol that everybody has, what is that? Covetousness. And then desired for, what? Other things. What do they do? They come in and choke the word and you become unfruitful and therefore you are no longer under what? A blessing, but under a Curse now. Why? Because you are earthly. One guy who is in the Old Testament who fits this picture so perfectly, who will not listen. No matter how many times God saves them. Genesis chapter 14 okay, look at what it says.

Genesis 14:14

¹⁴ Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. ¹⁶ So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

Who is this person? Lot. He was given a choice, 'We should not fight. You make the first choice.' Immediately he looked, 'Choice ah?' Choice, choices, which college? Which college? This college is too strict I will not go. Oh the professor will give a lot of assignments and teachings. Oh, no, no, no, no. Any light college, any light college?' You know even in our University we have courses called 'electives', elective courses. So in electives we will say, which professor is the cool prof.? Cool prof, who is this cool prof? he will say, 'It doesn't matter, ekka to definitely melaiga, cum seai cum B milaiga, kuch be nahi karai to C milaiga.' Cool prof. So one guy comes to me, 'Sir, I want to audit your course.' 'No audit, only credit.' 'Sir, I want to just listen to the class.' 'No! If you're serious, only then you come. I don't want to waste my time on insincere people.'

You see whenever I go to the class, when I come to any place when I want to teach I want to be a person who gives the gospel; meaning gospel in whatever I am doing when I go to robotics I am going to exalt robotics for sure so that after you finish my class you should fall in love with robotics, okay. That is what has to happen because I am very passionate about what I am doing. So I don't want much people in my class 15 or 12 or 13 people will be there and after the course is over one guy will come and say, 'Sir, I want to work with you.' 'You want to work with me? Absolutely! Work with me.' And that guy will do whatever it takes to get a paper. I collaborated with one guy, just like that. I finished a lecture on robotics, we had all these guys who came from different, different, IITs, they had a lecture on robotics on campus, I finished the lecture, in 25 minutes the lecture is over, when I came into my office 15 students standing outside in the line, 'Sir, we want to come and see what problems are there so that we can work on these problems.' That is how it has to be. Serious.

So this guy is not serious he wants easy things, 'Which college, which professor is cool?' You will become a big fool at the end of it. We have an exam, even if the student does many mistakes, do you know what I do? I sit with him. First of all I will give him the marks, but you know what I am going to do? I am going to sit with him and correct the entire paper once again and then go to the next exam. You see, cool people make you fools. You should have a person who is going to be disciplined and strict in spiritual things. When you want to make accountability partners, whom do you want to make accountable to? Think about it, a person who will ask you for accounts, right? 'Ah! It's okay, I am also doing, you are also doing. We are on the same boat.' Is that okay? No! This guy Lot, he will not learn his lesson. He has been rescued. He made a decision; he went to Sodom, he got messed up. Now, all the life that he built has been taken away by the enemy. Has he learnt his lesson? No. What spirit? Girgashite spirit; worldly spirit, the lusts of this world, the desires for other things. What has happen to you? You have been rescued by your spiritual father and what has happened, immediately after the choice has been given straight to Sodom. What is happening to you in Sodom? Look at what it says in 2 Peter chapter 2,

2 Peter 2:7-8

⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—

You are living in torment, that's exactly what happens to believers when they are in the world, they cannot enjoy the world neither can they enjoy the things of the Spirit, they are in torment. What is the spirit that is controlling them? Girgashite. So when the angel says, 'Come out! Come out!' He says, 'No master, I cannot come. That plane is there, right. Please send me there. Please don't destroy that plane.' Worldliness. That is exactly the reason why it says – Demas, what has happened? Demas, having loved the present age has forsake me. What a statement! Epitaph on his tombstone – 'Demas having loved the present age forsake Paul.'

Lot having loved this present age forsook Abraham, the only place where there was spiritual security and safety and godly discipline. Where there is war, where there are 318 trained young soldiers who will fight the enemy, you don't want that discipline. So what do you do? Use church for cool profs and cool teachers and cool pastors who will itch your ears. They will not tell you tough things, they will not confront the sin inside of you, they will not confront your compromise, they will not come and say, 'This is not okay' they will always come and molly coddle you. No way! No way! I don't want such professors. I want people who will tell me where I am going wrong, because I want to get rid of worldliness. Girgashite spirit. first is what? Hittite; the spirit of fear. Second, the Girgashite; spirit of worldliness and earthly, sensual, worldly logic, worldly ideas, intellectual ideas, not spiritual thoughts Deuteronomy chapter 7 verse 1

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites

When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess and has cast out many nations before you. First the Hittites, second the Girgashites and the third one the Amorites. But the way, who is our father and who is our mother? Do you know who our spiritual father and mother are before we were born again? Do you want to know? Do you want to know who our father and mother were before we were born again? Let me show you, Ezekiel chapter 16 verse 1, this is our spiritual DNA before we were born again.

Ezekiel 16:1-3

¹ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ² "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, ³ and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

Naturally you are born with two spirits inside of you. What is that? One is the spirit of fear and other is, what? The Amorite spirit. What is this Amorite spirit? Amorite, you know what this Amorite spirit is? You know, it's like you know 'your mama Hittite' that is exactly what it is, 'your mama Hittite'. Do you know the 'your mama' jokes in the US? I never used to understand. 'Your mama Hittite' this is exactly what he is talking about here. What is the Hittite? Person who is fearful. And do you know what an Amorite is? I will show you what an Amorite spirit is, okay. First thing, Amorite spirit, the person who desires publicity. What is that? Publicity, he has got a spirit of boasting, okay. And this boasting and publicity he desires intensely, where? In his heart. Okay. One of the things, like pastor keeps telling, all our children they are cute but they are birthed in sin, shaped in iniquity, even though Abigail Esther has got parents Jacinth Christopher and Vijay Ethakota, mother is Hittite, father is Amorite. Default spiritual position I am talking about. They are fearful.

And the second thing they love is publicity. We also do that, right? Psalm 23 if our child has memorized at the age of one. 'Come, come, come, come, tell uncle Psalm 23.' What is it? Publicity. Come, come, come, come, you solved that mathematics problem. Show uncle, show uncle, your marks. Your marks, show.' I don't remember if my daughter has heard me saying this, one thing I told her, 'It doesn't matter how much success you get, put your mouth in the dust, put your mouth there, humble yourself. Don't try to show off.' Because we are all like, 'Oh! Do you know what my son has done? My son! My son!'

Wait! God did not show His Son for 30 years; so many, for thousands of years He kept Him hidden in Heaven. And when He came to earth we didn't even know. He came to His own, He made the world, He made the world but the world did not received Him, He came to His own, 'No place in the Inn please. Out!' He had to run for His life to Egypt. Like pastor was saying, He was for so many years hidden. What does Satan want? Publicity, that is the Amorite spirit boasting, pride, shaped in iniquity. There are two things we are fearful, that people will not accept us and therefore we always want to boast about our accomplishments so that people will accept us. You know what justification by faith does? It removes all boasting, removes all boasting. Look at where it says. You know this is basically publicity.

Isaiah 14:13

¹³For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

For thou hast said, where? In your heart. Do you know what the word for 'said' is? Amori. Who is the first Amorite? Satan. That is from where we get the spirit of Satan, publicity. You see everywhere, you cannot sell a product without publicity. Publicity means public talk, basically. Word of mouth is also publicity. You like the product, you like the product, you like the product. Same thing goes on like that. See, publicity. Do you know what the Bible say about Son of Man? Look at what it says about the Son of Man. I love this attitude of Jesus and I say, 'Lord, I want this attitude, because everybody deep down inside of our heart we are Amorites. We are like Saul. We will do one little thing and we will boast to 25 kilometers. If we are like Kejriwal, what did he do? Small thing, boasting and boasting and boasting. You go to Himalayas, Himachal Pradesh, you are boasting, go to Punjab, boasting, go to Gujarat boasting. And when in NDTV there was a town hall, they asked, 'Sab aap kiu ithana boast karthai ho?' (Sir, why do you boast so much?) 'Boast karna padtahi!' (I have to boast!) because everybody likes publicity. It's a publicity people now. It's a publicity generation. Social media. 'Aap ithan karthai, ithna boast karthai ho.' (You do very little and to boast a lot.) 'Haa karna padtahi. Publicity karna padtahi.' We don't like that. You see, John's Gospel chapter 7. Look at what it says in John gospel chapter 7,

John 7:2-5

²Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. ³His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. ⁴For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." ⁵For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. His brothers therefore said to Him, depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known publicly. Come on! Show off who you are! Remember when He goes to people He searches that for that guy who is 38 years crippled He comes and heals him and disappears. Who healed you? Who healed you? 'We don't know.' "Please don't say about this miracle to anybody. No, no, no, no, no." I don't want publicity. I am not here for publicity. In fact many people when they saw the miracles of Jesus put their trust in His name. But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to anybody. Do you know why? Because He did not want the publicity of men. No, He wanted them to be witnesses of His resurrection. That's the difference. That is the life of Christ. Not publicity of your gifts, of your talents.

You know, I like what Sunder Krishnan made a statement, he said, 'I asked God for the blessing of obscurity.' Can you say that obscurity is blessing? Otherwise you have the Amorite spirit. I don't want that publicity. What did he do? Oh I did this. Finished! You right pages and pages of advertisement. He says, Jesus said to them, 'My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.'

I loved what pastor was talking about yesterday, when he was talking about you know, 'I thirst' the two drinkings of wine. Until He finished fulfilling the Scripture to the t, He did not even taste wine. What a focus on the work that God has entrusted in to His hands! What a focus! He is not going to be distracted with publicity, nor flattering. See, when His brothers had gone up He also went into the feast not openly but, what? But in secret. That's what. Do you have secret life with God? Do you worship in secret? Do you pray in secret? Do you fast in secret? Do you read the Word in secret? Do you seek God in secret? Do you fall flat your face before God in secret?

Otherwise like yesterday we had a question in Q&A everything in a performance, perform, publicity Matthew chapter 6

Matthew 6:1

¹"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Beware of practicing your righteousness before men, I love that, don't practice your righteousness before men. How do you do it? Secret, look at this, this is John the Baptist Luke gospel chapter 1 verse 80, last verse

Luke 1:80

⁸⁰ **So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.**

And the child grew and became strong in the spirit and he went about preaching? No. **and he was the wilderness until the day of his** what? **Public appearance**, where? In the wilderness.

Proverbs 27:2

² **Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.**

Let someone else praise you and not your own mouth, and who is that someone else? Not your friend, if your wife can praise you, that will be an accomplishment for husbands. Isn't it? Come on! Think about it, honestly. If your wife can praise you, 'My husband is a man of God,' and if your husband can praise you, 'My wife is a woman of prayer.' Man! You have come! You have done it! You've attained nirvana only. Otherwise you are just performing. Hidden. Do you have a hidden life?

1 Peter 3:3-4

³ **Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—
⁴ rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.**

Do not let your adornment be external and braiding of hair and putting on of gold jewelry or the clothing that you wear but let your adorning be, the what? **the hidden person of the heart.** I love that - the hidden person; that person who is hidden. **He who dwells in the..**, ah! What place is that, baba? **Secret place of the Most High.** No evil shall come and shall befall you and thousand may fall on your side and ten thousand fall at your right hand. To whom? Not for the fellow who is doing publicity, but for the person who is dwelling in that secret place. So we looked at three. What is that? Hittite - spirit of fear, Gergashite - the spirit of worldliness, third Amorite - a spirit of what? Publicity and boasting. Fourth one, and we know, the Canaanite.

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ **"When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Gergashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites**

This fellow if we don't give him a chocolate he will not do anything. You have to dangle a carrot before him for anything. What will he give me? What will he give me? What will he give me? Can I do this? I mean, I am not saying that we should not give rewards. I mean God also does this, 'If you do this, this, and this I will give you this.' That is good. But like, you know, that motivation is love. Not just a reward. Merchant. Always after gain, even when he comes to church, he is always like, 'What is in it for me? What is it? Naku ekada aim anta? What is it?'

I mean yesterday, I mean Pastor Conference also very interesting things happen. They will come and they will argue with the pastor, 'Sir BJP here, there, full band, so I came late. Give me offering!' O' my goodness! I was having a heart attack. You see? I said how can you even say that? Why did you come for the Pastors' Conference? Gain. Do sou rupai ka gain. (200 rupees gain) Kay baath kar raha yaar tu? Doso rupai? With Judas 30 pieces of silver. The Person who owns the whole universe, the cattle on a thousand hills, everything He owns. How much did Judas betray Him for? 30. Come on! Toda price increase karnata. I mean when he was with Jesus, slowly, you know like pastor was saying yesterday, he was stealing left, right, and center and he bought a plot. What was his agenda? To buy one plot.

What is a lot of people's agenda? To buy one plot, and what will happen to that plot? You will have a noose around your neck, and you will fall and what will come out? Your entrails will gush out. And what is the place called? Akildama. Baba! Raktha boomi. (field of blood) I don't want that. Akildama. You are after the profit for gain? You know, I mean I keep asking myself okay- why am I in the ministry? For gain? I mean whatever you say about Kejriwal okay, some of the statements are like, 'Mai career banani nahi aaya, mai career chodkai aaya.' Mai bola, 'Kya baat hai! Too much! Too much!' If some of our pastors can at least say that, 'Career banane nahi aaya. Career chod kai aaya.' Kay baat hai! Some of the dialogues that he makes, messy they are, okay. He knows the pulse of the people, you know. Kejriwal. Always after gain because he is baniya basically baniya.

Ezekiel chapter 33 look at what it says about Ezekiel. These are the people who love the prophet, they love the teachings of Pastor James, but what are they after?

Ezekiel 33:30-31

³⁰ ***“As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, ‘Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’³¹ So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.***

As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you. Kay baat hai! Publicity kare tere bare mai. Full publicity only. ***beside the wall and the doors.*** Oh! They’re going to from house to house, campaigning kare tere liye. ***Everyone is saying to his brother please come, and hear the word that comes from the Lord.*** Kay baat hai! You think that these people are the most godliest people on planet earth. ***So they come to you as My people do, they sit before you as My people and they hear your word, but they do not do them*** why? ***For with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts are after their*** what? ***Own gain,*** other translations will use the word ‘their own covetous desires.’ Kya chooda thum nai Yesu masi kai leyai? What did you leave for God? Even Peter, see even they when they left, they said, ‘God, we left this and that and this and that for You. What are we getting?’ Kay milra? They had a very clear agenda. This is our credit, this is our debit. It has to balance, at the end of the day. Kay milaiga? Mujai balance karna he karna hai. What is it going to be so that I can balance my accounts? I lost all this, the fantastic catch. I could have started off ‘Peter’s enterprises’. But You asked me to leave and follow You, what am I getting?

John 12:25-26

²⁵ ***He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*** ²⁶ ***If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.***

He who loves his life, will lose it, and he who hates his life, in this world will keep it for, what? Eternal life. See that? This is the Cannanite spirit. Gain, gain, gain, gain. They haggle with God. Not for souls, by the way, like Abraham. But for something else.

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ ***“When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,***

The next spirit that he is talking about, what spirit is this? Perizzites, and by the way these are all there in our heart; they’re not like one by one, one by one. They’re simultaneously existing and they coexist and they are get along famously. They are very good friends. The Hittite is the friend of Amorite. The Amorite is the friend of Perizzite and they support each other and all the friends of the Girgashites because they love the world. Why? Because they have what we call as a Perizzite spirit. What is a Perizzite spirit? It is a spirit of a village dweller. You know what? This is not a villager like a savage. Okay. No. Urodukadu! No. This is not that kind of term. Do you know what village dweller means? When you go to village, for example when you go to a village, why do you love the village? Everything is slow, everything is slow, calm, nobody is in a hurry. Right? Nobody is in a hurry when they want to go to their work. They get up early in the morning, they nicely work in the fields, they come back.

My aunt, she had fields, I mean she is from Andhra, it’s a place called Narsingapally. When I was small boy she took me to her village and she had garnakia fields. Oh! I loved that place. Full relaxed environment only. No pressure at all, okay. Everybody is at ease. What is that position? It is this ease. This is ease of the first order. I mean they can, they are sleeping only. What is this? The one who is at ease. What is this person? A person who has who is slothful, who has no self-control, his life is completely in shambles, the walls are coming down. And he is absolutely apathetic to the spiritual situation that he is in. He will not take warning because he is absolutely slothful. What is he? He is living among broken walls. It’s a Perizzite, is a parasite of the first order. I am telling you. This is what we need to have. We have to have the spirit of leper, that leper that we heard about last Sunday. What did we hear about the leper? “Why should we sit here and die?” If you sit there you will die. If you go back you will die, at-least go front, go to the

enemy's camp, at least the 50% of probability of your surviving. Living among the broken wall they are ease all the time. Look at what it says in Proverbs chapter 24,

Proverbs 24:30-34

³⁰ I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;³¹ And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.³² When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction:³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; ³⁴ So shall your poverty come like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.

What has happened to the stone wall? Broken down, why? **Then I saw and considered it well. I looked upon it and received instruction.** And what is the instruction? Yet a little sleep, yet a little slumber, yet a little folding of hands, you know. Solomon uses very interesting language. He says, like a broken tooth in a mouth, like a broken leg in a feet, so is a man who is unfaithful. Like a person who doesn't like to be disturbed. You know when he's sleeping, like my children, 'Get up in the morning, get up children.' They quickly cover with their blankets and they get in cocoon mode. Metamorphosis is happening and butterfly will come out after a while and I slowly I have to take that cocoon out. Slowly. Then they will start pulling it. I have to get it out. Ease! You know, what I am talking about, right children? Very close to your heart, right? So they love ease. What will come? **So shall poverty come.** And what is the poverty a symbol of? Curse. God will never bless a lazy man. Laziness, no self-control. This is what broken down walls means; no self-control.

Proverbs 25:28

²⁸ Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.

He that has no rule over his own spirit; in other words he doesn't have self-discipline. He is like, what? **He is like a city which is broke down and without** what? **Walls;** no self control.

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of, what? Power, of love and of a self-control; self-discipline. And one man, I mean, when I was growing up, he said, 'Self-discipline is a free man's yoke.' You have a yoke, what is that yoke? Freeman's yoke; self-disciplined.

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

The Hitties, the Girgashites, the Amorite, the Canaanites, Perizzites and the next one is Hivites. Just one more thing and we will be done. Let me just finish this, I will give you sumptuous seven course meal, okay. Hivite, what is Hivite? What is Hivite? Casualness with consecration. What is that person? A Hivite is a person who is casual with his consecration. He is like who in the Bible, casual with his consecration? Anybody knows? Samson, casual about his consecration. What will he be attacked with? With the hivite spirit. What does it do? It steals your consecration, it steal your purity, it steals your virginity. **I want to present you to one Husband, as a pure virgin to Christ Jesus.** And what does it do? It seals your consecration, it seals your purity, that is the hivite spirit. How do I know it? Look at what it says in Genesis chapter 34 verse 1,

Genesis 34:1-2

¹ Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. ² And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her.

Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had born to Jacob went out to see the daughters of the land. A casual visit, the daughters of, what? Of Jerusalem? Of sisters who are praying? No, no, I just want to see the fashions. I just want to go and sample, 'kya hora yahpar?' and when Shechem the son of Hamor, who? The who? The first time in

the Bible the word Hivite is mentioned. What did he do? Prince of the country saw her, took her, lay with her, violated her. After that you see that Dinah just disappears from the Biblical history. Why? The spirit of Hivite wants to steal your consecration. His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah, 'I love this girl,' 'I love this man.' This love! I am telling you, after several years in your life when you meet all you high school student, college students, you will thank God for the girl whom you couldn't live without, because she is not in your life. That time, in those days you wept with your friends and said, 'I can't live without that girl, rey! She is my jaan jegeeri. She is the kalayja of my life,' all this things you said. Now today you see and you say, 'Thank God! She is not there in my life.'

All high school reunions, 'Thank God, I did not fall in love with this girl. I fell in love, I had a crush,' what did you have? Crush, she would have crushed you. You were enamored by the beauty, you did not see that behind that beauty was the devil himself, trying to steal your consecration. You are bare on Delilah's lap, 'Samson, can you please tell me how can I destroy you?' Openly telling. There is no hidden agenda over there. Like pastor was saying, 'Delilah was not playing with Samson. Samson was playing with Delilah.' Delilah was very serious.

Some of the people, I am telling you honestly, when I was growing in my teenage years I looked at this person and I am not mentioning, I was thinking, 'This is the best, if this girl comes into my life my life is set.' Now I know what she is doing; she is now advocating for gay, lesbian and transgender rights. Think about it. It steals your consecration. That is the reason why let God pick your mate. Say that. Abbo! Very difficult to say, right? Very difficult, it's not coming out of your mouth. Let God pick your mate, sorry. 'But Pastor, you already picked for yourself.' No, no, no, baba! The days of ignorance God has winged and I am in a peaceful situation. Let God pick your mate. Jeremiah wanted to get marry. God said, 'Jeremiah, bad news. What is that, God? No, marriage for you. 'Oh Lord! After several years I thank God that I did not get married, otherwise I would have lamented for children I would have given birth to. Consecration. Be not, it has to come. Sorry, this has to come. It's not me who is saying, but this Bible. If you have an issue and you want to content, go and content with Apostle Paul once you reach Heaven. Okay. If you can fellowship with hi okay.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And 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."¹⁷ Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

What does idolatry bring? It brings a curse. Put to death the deeds. These are the spirits which leave and they will compromise your consecration; casualness with consecration. Boy! It takes a lot of effort and time to get the anointing and to work on the anointing and it takes no much time to lose it. You can just lost it just like; that it's! Gone! And after a while you don't even know that the Spirit of Lord has left you, Samson. The Philistines are upon you and you're gone.

Last one, I want to end this meditation with a Jebusites.

Deuteronomy 7:1

¹ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

Jebusites, this fellows is there in your mind right now. Do you know what he is telling you? 'I don't like this Word. I don't like it. This is too much, I can't take it. I want to put it under my feet and I want to stamp it. That is the Jebusite. What does he do? He stamps the Word of God. Where does he exist? He pre-occupies Jerusalem. What is Jerusalem? A place where teaching happens. **He keeps you in perfect peace when your mind is, what? Stayed on Him.** But what do the Jebusite spirits do? It says, 'You know what? Don't come under the authority of the Word of God. This is the spirit which undermines the authority of God's Word. It undermines the authority of God's Word. And when you do not honor the Word of God, God said, through His prophet, **"Those who honor Me I will honor and those who despise Me I will also likely esteem,"** and what happens in your life? Curses come. I am not saying that, look at what say in Luke's chapter 8

Luke 8:4-5

⁴And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town he told this parable. A farmer went out to sow his seed, as he was scattering the seed and some fell along the path look at the detail over here, it was what was it? It was trampled upon and the birds of the air came and stole it. What happened to the seed of the Word of God? It was trampled upon, you undermined the authority of the Word of God. That is there, now you heard all this and now there is a Jebusite who is arguing with you. He is a messenger of Satan, ‘Ahhey! All this is useless. It doesn’t happened,’ challenging the authority of the God’s Word. Nobody challenges the authority of God’s Word and succeeds.

Look at what it says

Luke 8:11-12

¹¹“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

This is the meaning of the parable the seed is the word of God those along the path are once who hear, and he devil comes and take away the Word. Why does he take away the Word? Because you stamped it under your feet. You, the Jebusite inside of you, undermined the authority of the Word of God and Satan came, took the Word and before you know it is gone, it’s forgotten. Seven spirits and the last spirit is very, very, important spirit. You have to guard your heart against it. Do you know why? There is not blessings for people who do not come under the authority of the Word of God. It’s impossible for you to be under the blessing. ***‘If you obey My voice and do My commandments all this blessings will pursue you and overtake you but if you despise My voice all these curses will also overtake you.’***

So, the seventh fellow the Jebusite, don’t undermine. Don’t take the Word of God lightly. Amen. Very difficult to say Amen. I know but if you believe what you’ve heard let’s all stand up. Others can sit, no problem, okay. If you only believe stand okay. ‘As if I have a choice,’ you’re saying. Some of you are saying, ‘As if I have a choice.’ Sometimes you should, that is also better. As if I have a choice God. I always tell God, you know, if I have sinned, I have done something knowingly; knowingly I have done it, you know what I tell God, ‘I have sinned, Lord. There is no plan B for me. I am coming to You, You spank me, You do whatever You want. I am coming to You, I am going to sit at Your feet. I am going to cling to You, You call me, ‘Dog, or pig, whatever, gadida,’ but I want to stick to You. It doesn’t matter because there is only one place. Annayads sharanam nasty swamyiva sharanam mamaha. All the other places are useless only place I can find refuge is at Your feet.’

So we can come to His feet this morning and let’s pray and say, ‘Lord, I will not allow anything to undermine the authority of the Word of God in my life, so that I can continuously and consistently walk in Your blessings. Let’s pray.

Closing prayer:

Father we just want to thank You, Lord when we see the reality of the spiritual realm and when we see how serious You are about us and about our spiritual success and our spiritual destiny, we want to Lord repent of our casualness, we want to repent of our indifference, we want to Lord become serious as You are serious about us. Lord we don’t want to undermine the authority of the Word of God in my life in our lives, in my life especially Lord. I want to take it seriously, I want to attend to Your words, I want to incline my ears to Your sayings. I want to keep them in the midts of my eyes, in the front of my eyes and I want to give it my undivided attention and focus. And I want to treasure them in my heart and then You said, ‘Oh Lord it will be life to those who find them and health to all their flesh.’ It’s just not healing, Oh Lord, it is health to all of us. I pray Father we will just not be healed, we will be a people who will walk in health, walk in blessing because that is the Abraham blessing that will be blessed to be a blessing to others. I pray Father that all of us we will take this journey seriously, even as we have heard about coming out of curses and into blessings Oh Lord I pray Father that we will go back and do a deep search, go back and we will sit with Your Spirit, with Your Word and we will search in our own lives, what are those things that displease You Oh Lord. We want to be serious and intentional. We know that the devil is intentional. Lord, we want to repent of our lack of intensity Oh Lord towards the things of the Spirit.

I pray, Father, that each and every one of us, in the light of what we have heard in all these days, we will go back home, take stock of the situation, we will work out our salvation with fear and trembling, because we know Oh Lord Jesus that You have plans not to harm us but to prosper us, to give us a hope and future and an expected end, even if we are in captivity Oh Lord, some of us, because You have allowed it into our lives to discipline us, we want to say with David, 'Lord, it was good for me that I was afflicted so that I could learn Your judgments,' and Lord we want to also confess with David and say, 'Lord it is in Your faithfulness that You afflicted us,' because Lord before You afflicted us we went astray we were doing whatever we desire to do Lord Jesus because of the affliction we came back to that straight and narrow path and we want to thank You Father for the affliction that You send in our lives, knowing Oh Lord that You have a plans to prosper not to harm, to give us hope and a future and a desired end.

I pray Father all of us in the light of what we have been hearing in all this days, we will take this to heart and we will walk with You, just not to be blessed but we will be as blessing to our homes, to our church, to our communities wherever we are. To that end I pray that You would bless us all. We thank You, we praise You, we give You glory, for in Jesus' mighty name we pray, and all the God's children say, 'Amen.'

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest on each one of us and cause to come out of the life of curses into God's blessing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen, Amen.