

Romans Chapter 12 Verse 1

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We will go back to *Romans 12*. Till *Chapter 11* we dealt with all different kinds of people; God looks at different kinds of people, how He deals with different kinds of people is there in *Romans 11*. *Romans 12* is the turning point for a believer. You get *Romans 12* into your head, into your heart; put it into practice and everything starts changing. Overcomers are people who have got *Romans 12*. Get *Romans 12*, it works and *verse 1* we looked at it says,

Romans 12:1

¹ ***I beseech you therefore brethren***, he is requesting you, now this is to the brethren, this is to the believers, those who are already in Christ, I beseech you, I am begging you he says, 'requesting you brethren', ***by the mercies of God***, by the mercies of God you have got into the Kingdom, you are part of the body of Christ, you are the children of God now ***that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God which is your reasonable service***.

He says, '*Present your bodies as a living sacrifice*.' Two terms used over there, one is living the other is sacrifice. So sacrifice was what was offered in the Old Covenant. In the Old Covenant sacrifice was offered, so, let's look at the conditions associated with sacrifice in the Old Covenant to understand,

Leviticus 21:17

¹⁷ ***Speak to Aaron, saying 'No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, who has any defect, may approach to offer the bread of his God. ¹⁸ For any man who has a defect shall not approach a man blind or lame, who has a marred face or any limb too long. ¹⁹ A man who has a broken foot or broken hand. ²⁰ Or a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch. ²¹ No man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the Lord, He has a defect, and he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.***

We are looking at *Leviticus 21:17* onwards. This is talking about those who serve in the Lord's house, the priests who come, if they have any of these defects in their flesh, God says, 'You cannot come and offer the sacrifice.' Each one of the defects is a different message. In the spiritual realm what is a man who is blind, what is a man who is lame, who is the one who has marred face, who is the one whose limb is too long? We are not looking at that at all. But each one is a different thing in the spiritual realm. So we are offering a sacrifice and God says here when you come to offer a sacrifice these categories of people in the Old Testament were not allowed to offer a sacrifice and then again

Leviticus 22:21-24

²¹ ***'And whoever offers a sacrifice of a peace offering to the Lord, to fulfill his vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle or the sheep, it must be perfect to be accepted, there shall be no defect in it. ²² Those that are blind or broken or maimed or have an ulcer or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the Lord, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to the Lord. ²³ Either a bull or a lamb that has any limb too long or too short you may offer as a free will offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted. ²⁴ You shall not offer to the Lord what is bruised or crushed or torn or cut nor shall you make any offering of them in your land.***

There are two things over here, the one who is offering the offering, 'the person'. The other thing is 'offering'. God is setting conditions for the person; God is setting conditions for the offering. This is what has to be offered. Now in the New Covenant we are asked not to bring any of those offering, we are not asked anything. But God says, 'I want you to come by the mercies of God and present your bodies as a living sacrifice.' Now we are the priests and we are the offering. And that is the problem. If God had not used the word *living* over there, then we are in big trouble. All of us are disqualified from coming to God, we cannot be a priest; we cannot offer ourselves as an offering. There is a word *living* comes over there. When the word *living* comes over there, we go to

Hebrews 10:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Now we have to put this together the Old Covenant is being fulfilled in Christ Jesus. His body, I have to be in His body and then in Him I offer myself as a sacrifice. So, when I am in His body, there is no blemish, there is no defect, there is absolutely nothing. I have to be in Christ and when I offer my praises through Christ then what happens, my offering is perfect in God's eyes. In other words, a simple thing is that nothing of flesh is acceptable in the sight of God. That is what we have been studying for, it is interesting how it is all falling into place, Revelation, Romans and Kings what we are doing at different days in the week, all falls into place because God is now specifically ministering to us as believers. And interestingly that is the call in my life. I am not called to minister to the unbelievers, I am called only to minister to believers, to help believers, to teach believers, how do we become overcomers and become priests and kings in God's Kingdom.

And God says over here 'I want you to present your bodies a living sacrifice.' If we want to be a living sacrifice I have to be in Christ, and if I have to be in Christ my flesh has to die. Nothing of the flesh is acceptable before God that is why *Romans 12*, I said, the only way the flesh dies is when I obey the Word of God; there is no other way. And the enemy once he cannot stop you from getting saved cannot take you away from your salvation the next thing he does is to see that you do not function as a priest and you do not function as a king. If you function as a priest He knows you are going from the Holy place and you are going to the outer courts and outside the courts and you are ministering to people. You are a dangerous person for him in the Kingdom. The people in the outer courts are not dangerous for him, because okay they don't do much ministry, outer courts ministry is not very powerful. It is a ministry that goes from the Holy place, and the ministry that goes from the Most Holy place that is very powerful. Because the ministries from the Holy place goes and gets more people from the outer courts into the Holy place. So you are now developing more ministers to go out and get people from the enemy's kingdom into God's Kingdom. So he will try to attack you to see that your ministry in the Holy place is not powerful. And the only way he can do it is that by allowing the flesh to project. In the Holy place like we saw on Sunday and on Wednesdays, in the Holy place there is only one life. The minute you get through in to the outer courts there is plenty of life. Because the outer courts is not covered. That is why we see the dimensions given are three, for the third dimension doesn't matter because there is no outer court, so you will see it is 150x10 will be 1500. So the outer courts dimension is basically the Law. 1500 years of the Law.

So when you go into the Holy place it is 20x10 or whatever it is, it will come too basically, you will see it is the ministry of the Holy place. While there it goes into 10x10 that is 1000 years, it will go into 1000 years. Where? Here in the Holy place, when man enters through the door into the Holy place, there is only the light of the menorah, the seven brass candles, there is absolutely no other light over there. You go into there, there is a table of shewbread, there is the incense that is being offered not the sacrifice outside, the incense that is being offered and the light of menorah. Meaning nothing of flesh is accepted in the Holy place. In the Holy place it has to be of God's Spirit, Jesus the shewbread, the bread, Jesus the Light of the world, and Jesus the High Priest is forever interceding prayer intercession. It has to be all in the Spirit nothing of the flesh. If anything of the flesh happens it is not acceptable. You have brought something that is crippled, or of defect into the Holy place and you are trying to offer it to God. God says, 'it is not acceptable.' So if you and I have to minister in the presence of God we have to die to our flesh and dying to the flesh is simply by obeying the Word of God. We have to obey the Word of God. We have to obey the Word of God. If we don't obey the Word of God then it is a ministry of flesh that takes place. And the ministry of flesh is not acceptable to God, because what happens in the ministry of flesh? We have raised something that is of the flesh of our thinking above the Word of God. In the place where Paul talks about pulling down the strongholds, the actual word he uses is casting down imaginations. And most of the things are our imaginations, we are imagining things but imagination doesn't take place in the vacuum. Imagination takes place because of information that is the seed. We take little information from the world and we start imagining about it and we continue our imagination. When God's Word comes in, when we think on God's Word it is not imagination, it's a vision, it is a revelation. Because it is connected with the Word but when it is outside of the Word whatever we take and we dwell on it, it becomes our imagination. And we start imagining and usually we start imagining the worst. Or we start imagining, now the pressure cooker is going on, and its smell will start coming in, and it will go into the nostrils, it will set up a whole set of signals in our mind and we start imagining. We will start imagining good food and then the mind can okay. It is a stream. The funny part how our mind works is that it can go in different tangents.

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Like you get a smell and suddenly the mind is working and it will tell you when is the last time you got this smell. Which restaurant you were in? And suddenly you are in that restaurant back in time say 2003. And in that restaurant 2003 suddenly the mind will project what was the thing that affected you most in 2003? You can actually put a graph and you see that you started on something that is so ordinary, so simple and you reached somewhere so far away, absolutely not connected with it. And that is how the enemy uses to keep our flesh in place. And we have to keep that bringing it down, and say, 'No, it is a Word of God.' Because the enemy doesn't want you to think about the Word, because if you think upon the Word, What happens? Your flesh starts dying, the more you think on the Word. And what God's Word is talking about. It's a practice, it's a habit, and you practice it more and more. You know what happens? The more you practice thinking the Word, the more you are acting on the Word of God and you become more and more obedient. And the more obedient you are the more dangerous you are in the enemy's world. Because there is a very little of you that the enemy can touch in your life. And that is what *Romans 12* is talking about.

Romans 12, is basically talking about do you want to be an overcomer or not? And to be an overcomer, I have to start beginning my ministry. I have to start being a priest of God. And the priest of God offers sacrifice, he offers intercession, he offers praise, he offers intercession because in the Holy place is the ministry. And Scripture says, 'Offer first your bodies as a living sacrifice.' We have to offer our bodies, because the body has to come under the control of the Word of God. Otherwise what the enemy will do is that, he will use something of our body to pull us down. So this is a progress, which we are making. And we saw that, how Abraham, his body had pulled him down. That is why last Sunday when we looked at the end, I told them Abraham had Isaac only when he was 100 years old. Isaac is the perfect son; Abraham had Isaac only when he was 100 years old. Because hundred in the Bible is talking about the perfect fruit, 100 fold. 30 fold, 60 fold and a 100 fold.

At 100 Scripture says, we did it in Romans, Abraham's flesh is absolutely dead. There is absolutely nothing he can do in the flesh to produce an Isaac. Isaac is a gift of faith. He is a produce of faith. Now that is what God wants to give to Him. So when he reached 100 years, his flesh is absolutely dead. There is nothing Abraham can do, all he can do is take this dead flesh and offer it to God as a living sacrifice. God comes and works through that flesh and produces an Isaac. That is the only child acceptable to God from Abraham; Ishmael is not acceptable because Ishmael though he is Abraham's son is a product of Abraham's flesh and not of Abraham's spirit. Ishmael is a mighty nation today, might be great. The works of the flesh may be great, may look big in the world. But God says, 'It is absolutely unacceptable and that child will never inherit along with Isaac.' Meaning all the works of our flesh will never inherit the Kingdom of God. It will never be counted in God's Kingdom, only the work of the spirit will be counted and that becomes very difficult for us; we are so trained to work in the flesh. We are so used to working in the flesh and that is why the Psalmist says, 'Be still'.

It is not talking about the children as such. Though they are used as symbol. If Ishmael believed he could also have made it into the Kingdom of God. It is not talking about children as such. It's basically talking about Ishmael being a symbol of our work 'a product of our work' I can do something in my flesh, any act within the Kingdom. Even in the Kingdom I can do an act in the flesh. The act might go out and bring a harvest. But that act will never be counted against my name. Because God says, 'It is your flesh, I never asked you to do that.' And if it is bringing a result, it is because of My blessing upon it. I didn't bless you; I am blessing him. I never sanctioned your act. God never sanctions Abraham's act with Hagar to produce Ishmael because Ishmael is a product of man's flesh in collaboration with the world. Hagar is an Egyptian handmaid and Egypt represents the world. So when the world and the flesh get together you have an Ishmael. Ishmael might become a mighty nation and today Ishmael might be bigger than Israel. But Ishmael will never be accepted. Meaning in the flesh as a priest, as a minister of God, if I use something from the world and produce a big thing in the Church God says, 'I will never accept it because I will accept only that My Spirit does through you, for that your flesh has to die. You have to die to your flesh and allow Me to work through you. And you have to listen to Me and obey what I tell you'.

That is a test of fire. We are talking now about believers and overcoming. That is the test of the fire when God says 'all works will be tested with fire'. And He says, 'only that gold and the precious ones will survive, all the big ones made of wood and hay will get burnt away'. But wood and hay will be noticed. It will be noticed, if you have one huge hay stack and big building built of wood and a small gold coin lying over there, everybody will notice this, even from far away also this will be noticed. So, there is a whole lot of work that goes in the name of the God, which is noticed because it is big in the world. God says, 'I don't see that at all, because it has not been tested by fire. When it is tested by fire all these will be ashes but

the small little thing, which the world never noticed will still remain.' Because God says, 'That was My work.' And the difference is that the works of the world and the works of the flesh will always mock the works of the Spirit.

So Ishmael was mocking Isaac. Are you getting it? Ishmael was always mocking. So whenever you are trying to do something, which God tells you do in the Spirit there will be a lot of mocking and opposition by the works of the flesh and the works of the world. There will be lot of mocking, they will try to mock you, and they will try to persecute you, so that the work of the spirit is not manifested. Because the flesh will always fight the spirit and we have to know this and understand how. Even within ourselves, whenever we are trying to rise in our levels of obedience to the Word of God, we will see our flesh will fight it tooth and nail. God tells you 'I want you to increase your praying time'. We will feel so sleepy more sleepy than ever before. Then God says, 'I want you to get into fasting and prayer'. Maybe we don't need a break through. But He says 'I want you to fast because the food is actually controlling your senses and you are not able to hear clearly from Me because your mind is always on the next meal'. And we will see even more hungry we are now. Think it as small thing. This is got nothing to do with our salvation. Salvation is a free gift from God. But after that overcoming is our total cooperation. Okay, after that everything is in our hands. We have to obey the Spirit of God, we have to obey the Word of God and we overcome on a day-to-day basis, daily. That is what Paul meant by, 'I die daily'. We are not talking about this (Dyeing the hair).

Pastor Valson Verghese was joking with me says 'how regularly do I dye?' I said, 'Once a year.' He said, "You can dye daily because Paul said, 'I die daily.'" But Paul was talking about a different dying altogether. Why is he saying I need to die daily? Because our flesh is there that is what *Romans 12* what you are looking is talking about, a living sacrifice. It's not talking about the physical death. It is talking about a death, which I re-live everyday. Morning I wake up, I have to die daily, Scripture says, "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice." In the morning the moment you wake up you get back before God and you offer your body back to God. You have to offer the parts, the instruments of your body back to God as instruments of righteousness. That is what Paul says "to offer each member of your body as instruments of righteousness saying 'Lord, here I am. I am offering You my ears let what I hear through this should be according to Your Word. I might hear a lot of information; help me to disseminate that information according to Your Word. And whatever is not from Your Word, Help me O God, to reject it.'" There is a constant giving our ears to the Lord. There is a constant giving our eyes to the Lord "Whatever I see O God, let it be approved in Your sight. Help me not to look at things that You don't want me to look. It will mess up my Spirit because then when I come before You, as a priest and to offer a sacrifice. You know what, unlike the Old Testament, I am the priest and I am the sacrifice. If I have taken something that is unclean O' God and dwell on it and I come before You, this priest is unacceptable before God because he has messed it up."

Leviticus 21:17

¹⁷ And also the offering is made crippled or has got eczema or a scab or whatever.

God is looking at the Spirit. For there is a constant coming to the Word, allowing ourselves to be judged by the Word, a constant coming through the living way that is the body of Jesus Christ and being cleansed by the blood. And then God says, "You are standing before Me and functioning as a Spirit, as My priests in the Spirit. You are there before Me, you are accepted." Unless we go through this process, though we may say this 'boldly come to the throne room of grace', we say all that, the fact is that we are not able to get into the presence of God. We are not able to get into the presence of God because you know what? God has put Scriptures over there. And if I try to bypass these Scriptures and enter into the presence of God, the only thing I will face is judgment. I will face judgment because God has to judge. Therefore God said, "I had to put a living way over there, the living way is the body and the flesh of Jesus Christ." Are you getting it?

That is why He said, "You must partake of My body and My blood." The blood is for cleansing, the body is so that I cast every imagination, every thought, everything and allow His Word. The body is His Word which we partook; He says 'you partook of it I am the bread from heaven'. He says, 'your fathers ate that bread and they died, but whoever eats of this bread will never die'. He is talking about the Word of God, so every time I wake up in the morning and I take the Word and say, 'Lord, I am choosing to obey Your Word today, I have partaken of His body'. And then the Word shows me 'this is unclean in Your sight, you can't go before the God with it.' And I repent and I allow the Blood of Jesus to cleanse me now the body and the blood have worked. You know why here I am; I am in the living way. I am in the living way, which is Jesus Christ. And because I am in the living way my flesh is dead. How is my flesh dead? I choose to believe His Word, over and above my thinking and my imagination. Now I am in the living way, I am there, flesh dead spirit alive; God says, 'You can

come to My presence. You can come into My presence and you can seek whatever you want.' But there now what is going to happen? Now because my flesh is dead and I am alive in the Spirit, in the Word, what I seek from God is in line with His Word and His Spirit. Are we getting it?

Otherwise, though we are saying all these things, much of our prayers are there from the outer courts. Where the flesh has not been dealt with, we are asking God 'I want this, I want that.' God listens. But it is all a ministry from outer court because in the outer courts there are two things. There is bronze altar and the bronze laver where judgment takes place. Without judging we are asking 'God, give me, give me.' It is all prayer from the flesh. And then when we get the answers we feel so good, we feel so wonderful saying 'God is with me and He has answered.' We don't realize that answer has no sign of God's approval on our lives.

Yet the man who crosses this, and crosses this, when he stands before God He says one thing 'Lord show me Your way'. We will see the prayer changing of the man, Moses who has gone through, and is encountering before God he is able to stand there. You know what he is not standing in the Most Holy place he is standing in the Holy Place in the Spiritual realm. And he is saying 'Father show me Your ways that I might know You'. God is pleased with him and He says, 'Ok I will show you My ways'. The minute He says 'I will show you My ways, how to function as a priestly in the ministry'. The next thing he says is 'show me Your Glory'. He says, 'I am not satisfied with that; I have come to the Holy place, to see Your Glory'. God says 'okay, there is a problem. I will show you My Glory, but if I show you My Glory you will die. So I will hide you in the cleft, and I will cover you and then I am going to show you My Glory. I am going to protect your flesh'. The cleft into which God is putting Moses is Jesus Christ. The rock that was cleft for us He says 'you can perceive My Glory only when you are hidden in Christ Jesus. If you are not hidden in Christ Jesus, Moses you will be judged, you will be in trouble so I will hide you in the cleft and I will make My Glory pass before you'. You know, and that is what God is calling people to. He says 'I want you to come to Me but you can only come through Christ and if you want to come through Christ you have to pull down these strongholds.' But that is where we struggle. I will put it across simply: In the beatitudes Jesus said, '*Blessed are the pure in the Spirit for they shall see God*'. Now seeing God in all the beatitude is given to only one category of overcomer, those who are pure in the Spirit.

As I study the Word of God this is how I understand, Salvation everybody enters into the Kingdom of God. Now if we have seen children who are mentally challenged those who have Down syndrome and all different kinds of problem. You will see somebody stopped growing at the age of three. He might be forty years old, but that man or a woman act like a 3 years old child. Some of them will be a little better. They stop growing at the age of eight, now they are forty-five but they act like an eight years old child, different levels you will see. Now God is talking about this, now get this clear. This is why we really need to get this into our heart. If I do not die to my flesh constantly and by the time rapture takes place or my death takes place (I do not die completely to my flesh), whatever stage I have reached, I will understand God only at that stage for all of eternity. My revelation of God will stop there.

Now supposing I have five children, and let us say one is normal and four are mentally challenged. Their understanding of me, my understanding of them is not going to get affected. But their understanding of me will be always limited. The only one who will get to really understand me is the one who grows normally to a normal adulthood. To that one child I will talk face to face like an adult one day. Yes, I will talk like friends, we will have common conversations but to all the other kids I will come down and be with them at their level. Now God is saying 'when you are pure in your Spirit, your flesh is dead, 100% you will see Me', therefore, Jesus said, 'the one who sees Me, sees the Father'. Because you know what He was pure in the Spirit, though He came in the flesh, His flesh had absolutely no hold on Him. We will keep asking how He could walk like that, if He came in the flesh. How could He talk to His Father all the time? How could He walk in the will of the Father all the time because there is no flesh? The flesh is absolutely dead, therefore, He knows the Father the way He should be known and Jesus is telling 'this is the overcomer'. The overcomers are symbolized by 144 thousand, who shall follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Why? Because the Lamb can reveal Himself to them wherever He goes, however He wants. That number is 144 thousand who will walk with Him. And to this is what God is calling 'all those who have entered His Kingdom overcome and come.'

So, when Revelation is talking about the promises unto the over comers. And we need to think that what we have to overcome is our flesh and the world. The enemy has already been defeated, you don't have to overcome satan, he has been defeated already. So what satan knows is, he uses deception to the overcomer us. That is why Jesus in *Matthew 24*,

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He keeps on warning us 'beware of deception.' Why? It is because the enemy will use deception. What is the deception? Deception is wrong information. Basically when am I deceived? I am deceived when I act on wrong information. And God says, 'This is right information.' And He says, 'this (Bible) is the only right information. Every time you choose to believe something that doesn't agree with this you are defeated.' And you know what My Spirit gets a little more messed up and I see God a little lesser. I understand God a little lesser. So God says, "I am looking for people who will look into this (Bible), and will say 'doesn't matter my daddy said it. I don't have to understand, I am going to obey because daddy said.'"

The fact is that we want our children to deal with us that way but we want our God to deal with us differently. When my children were small and I kept on telling you need to brush your teeth morning and evening, I didn't give them an explanation. I didn't go on to the net and show them all how the bacteria, no need, do it. "Why should we brush in the night?" I said, "Because I said, that's enough. You don't need to understand." Even if I try to explain, they are not going to understand what bacteria and none of those things. Dad said it, it is enough, but now when they are grown up they understand. Now they don't have to be told. But now when God is telling us things, we stand up and say, 'No, You have to explain it clearly to me then only I am going to obey. And you also have to tell me what the benefits of obeying.' God says, 'really? Do I have to tell you? Even if I were to tell you, you won't understand. Because you in your spiritual state, in the same state when you were child you told him or her to brush your teeth. Even if I were to tell you, you don't understand. I am just asking you to obey and when you obey you will understand. You will understand why God told Me to do that'.

That is what God is telling Mary and Martha *'If you believe you will see.'* 'Lord, we know that if you would have come here, my brother wouldn't have died.' He said, "I am the resurrection and the life", and He said, "if you believe then you will see the glory of God." In the God's Kingdom it is all about believing. I have to believe first. I see I have to believe. And then when I have to believe, I act on it, when I act on it I will see. And so He says, 'Take of the rock', immediately they say, 'he is been in the grave for four days.' For the fourth day, corruption begins in the flesh. Jesus was in the tomb only for three days. He was not allowed to be there for four days. "Four days he has been inside", they said. He said, 'Take the rock off', He said, 'I will not take it off; you have to take the rock off.' He says, 'unless you take that rock off that is blocking your vision then only I can deal with the corruption inside.'

There is corruption inside and I have to deal with that, I have to deal with that corruption. How long has that corruption been there? The corruption is been there for four days. Why? 4000 years of human history, corruption of sin - 4000 years. Now He says 'I want to deal with you, take the rock off. Takes the rock off and He calls him out, 'Lazarus come out' Why? Because after 4000 years, Jesus comes and He deals with the corruption that was caused by sin and the Spirit of God calls Him back to life, Jesus is called back from life. But when we are called back from life we don't come out the way we should come out. We come out with all the funeral clothes are wrapped around. So He says 'loosen him'. You know what is happening over here. We all sitting here are here because we have been called back from corruption by Jesus Christ, we are called back. Now He is loosening those things off. That is what we are struggling with because four days we were bound up nicely and we got so comfortable with that. We don't want to be unbound because we got so used with that and we got so used with the corruption of that grave. The world is the grave. We are very comfortable with it; God says, 'No, now I want to loosen you. And as I loosen you, you are going to breathe in the freshness of My Word and My Spirit'. 'I don't like it God, I like the corruption better I was so used to it.' God says, 'No, do you want to stay there?' It is up to us to decide how much of those things have to be removed.' And if they are fully removed God says, 'you are free.' And when you are free He says, 'You will hear from Me. You will hear from Me clearly, loudly you will hear from Me and you will know what to do'. And the key is that you will have peace at all times. That is the key. It is not that I am right 100% with God and suddenly I see 2000 years into the future. He is not talking about that I become like God and all. He is saying you will have peace at all times. That is the fundamental difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

In the Old Testament they didn't have that kind of peace. Even Moses did not have that kind of peace. Elijah did not have that kind of peace. You look in the Old Testament nobody had that kind of peace. In the New Covenant you see men of God standing up in the most difficult situations, which those patriarchs never went through and standing there in absolute peace. Paul and Silas in the prison, absolute peace they are singing and having the merry time over there because you know what? The flesh is dead; they are alive in the Spirit. Paul towards the end of his life everybody has abandoned him, he is cool no finger pointing, no blaming, nothing. He says 'no problem, I know I am not alone even if everyone has abandoned me, I am not alone because the Lord Himself is standing near me and strengthening me'. He is able to see the presence of God beside him, in the Spirit because the flesh is dead. And that is what God is saying, 'your flesh can die only when you

become a living sacrifice. And you will become a living sacrifice only when you obey My Word and die on a constant basis to what you see, what you imagine and what you think all the things which are come from the world.' And it will be a constant process, once you have come to one level, immediately next thing starts popping up. See that, sense it is not from God, it is from the world, it is from the flesh, die to that something else pops up. Each time you are able to kill it, you will see God is becoming more and more real. You see that as you read the Word of God it becomes clearer and clearer. You are able to see it much better; because you know what Scripture says it is there in,

2 Corinthians 3:15-16

¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

The veil, see what happens is that when Paul is writing all this you need to realize all they have is Old Testament. And in the Old Testament is almost everything of the New Testament is already there in the Old Testament. The reason most Christians don't read the Old Testament is when they read Old Testament they are not able to understand what it. Does it apply to you? But God says, "if you turn to Christ in obedience when you read the Old Testament He will also take the veil from your eyes, and you will see the spiritual truth in the Old Testament because in Corinthians Paul says 'they are our examples. They have been put there as examples to us.'"

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

¹ Moreover brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea. ² All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ All ate the same spiritual food. ⁴ And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them and that Rock was Christ ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in wilderness. ⁶ Now these things became our examples to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play". ⁸ nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did and in one day twenty three thousand fell. ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Are you getting the something over there? **Upon (us) whom the ends of the ages have come** meaning, if it was true for the people of Paul's time; it is even true for us who is the end of the age. We are the ends of the age. The ends of the age has come upon us and he is putting the whole set of things about. We all have come through the same institution, we are out of Egypt same. Nobody did anything to bring them out of Egypt, God who brought them out of Egypt. After that they went through their different baptisms of water and cloud the Spirit, two baptisms. They ate their manna morning and evening, three times a day they got their manna. They drank the water that is Jesus Christ the Word and the Spirit. And then what happened? But with most of them God was not pleased and He says their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. And he tells them why God was not pleased, why? Because we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. Just think about that, what did they lust after?

If you ask any person from the world call them up and give them the portions about the children of Israel what they asked for? They will say they 'is mein kya problem hain' they asked for meat, they ask for fish, they ask for cucumber, they ask for garlic. What is the big deal about it? And compare to what other things we ask from the world? All the things they ask from were part of Egypt. That was not what was let's say wrong in it. But by asking for those things they were also saying and they also said they were tired of the manna. You know what God's people say? They were tired of living by the Word. 'I am tired of living by the Word, let me go out and have a rocking time of my own. They are forever making us miserable all the time they will tell us obey the Word. They are joy killers, let me go out and have a good time'. Basically that is what they were also telling Moses, 'Why are you giving us this manna all the time; we would like to eat something else for a change'. And God's people also say 'we also would like to go out and do something for a change'. And God says you know what they did something else for a change and their bodies are scattered in the wilderness. Because you need to realize so many things will destroy you. You will not eat fish from Egypt once and get over it. Once you have eaten the first fish you would want a second fish, you would want a third fish, and after some time you realize your diet has changed, fish is a regular part

of your diet. 'No, Pastor I will only watch one serial.' From one serial it goes to two serials to third serial and after some time you see, watching T.V is a regular part of your diet.

The problem is all those ideas are getting in and it is opposing what God is trying to tell you. There is a clash, you are not able to handle it because these things have got in and you are watching. Each of the things in the world we tasted once, we tasted twice, we tasted three times and we see what has come it has become a pattern in our lives. Complaining has become a habit. We complain first, God says, 'Are you not happy with what I have given you?' A little later we complain a second time. This time God's voice is little gentler. Then we complain a third time, complain a fourth time, we see every day we get up only thing we do is complaining. 'You are not good, why can't you be like my mother? Why can't you cook like my mother? Children why can't you be like those next door children?' Suddenly we have found that we are complaining about everything in our life. Our whole day without realizing is going in complaining because we are not content with what God has given to us. God says, 'I gave you a wife, are you not happy with her? I gave you children, I told you they are children, and they are gift from Me. You are not happy with what My gift, you are not happy with the provision I gave; you are not happy with anything in life and now complaining has become a habit.' And we will get very spiritual and say, 'Lord, we are not complaining its only petitions.' Petitions, God says sometimes sound very much like complaint. Look at the order in which God puts over there.

⁶ Now these things became our examples to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

You know in nothing or there is no thing as such things. The word used over there is 'things' and have you noticed most of our prayers are always for things. No, thing in itself is evil as such. Thing doesn't have any, what do you call any character. Everything takes the character of the person who handles it. When does a thing become evil? It is talking about evil things. So there was a neutral thing that became evil. A thing becomes evil for me when I am not satisfied with God. When I am not satisfied with God and I am not satisfied with God's provision in my life and over and above that when I have a longing for something then that thing becomes evil because I have taken something now from the world and attached it to God and saying that 'when I get this plus You I will be happy.' That is when that thing becomes evil. Why? Where did this come from? It is because we are partakers of that thing which gave us the knowledge of good and evil. We have now knowledge of good and evil and now we want to be partakers of all those. Yet the one who is content with God, God is able to give him anything, because that thing is subservient to God. The final test of Abraham was only that.

The final test for Abraham is 'take your only son meaning take your only thing that is left there in your life which is so big for you. And take him to the place I tell you and offer Him as a sacrifice'. You have no idea what the poor old man must have gone through. From Beersheba to Moriah it must have been like a 1000years for that old man. But Scripture says he went the next day in the morning. And then he comes to the last point of killing that one thing in his life. God says, "Stay there you don't have to do that I understand.' From that day the revelation is, the understanding is that Abraham owned all things yet possessed nothing. And that is the freedom to which God is telling us, 'all things are yours with all authority is given to me in Jesus name and therefore I am sending you, yet nothing should possess you other than Me'. And suddenly you realize Gosh I am free, I am no longer controlled by this world or my flesh, I am free to walk. God says, 'Give away, give it away.' 'No Lord! That is my car, how can I give it away?' 'Really?' Now the car has you, you don't have the car. You don't have the car anymore. The car has you; you don't own the car, the car owns you. Because I am telling you the minute God tells you 'give it away' and you give it away you are free. I am not saying how God deals you never know but usually I have understood in life is that the minute you give that away, He sends you a better model to your house free. Because He knows that the thing doesn't own you anymore. But for us how difficult it is to let go of those things. Now that doesn't mean if you let go of your husband whom you are trying to chase. He will send a better husband for you. That is not what God is saying, but He is saying that if you let go of him and try to change him, and leave him to Me. I will send him back to you as a better husband. That is what basically God is talking about. He says, 'Release, don't try to change, you die, you personally die, I will give you freedom.' I want you to look at the whole lot of things over there, which He said.

1 Corinthians 10:7

⁷ And do not become like idolaters as some of them were. Idolaters, what was their idolatry? As it is written the people sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to play.

What is it written? They drank; they ate. Where is it connected? What is it talking about? What instance is happening in Israel's history? When they made the golden calf and they worshipped it, and after worshipping the golden calf they sat down to eat, to drink and to play. And God is asking, is that the end of your worship? At the end of your worship on a Sunday or any day, does your worship end up with eating, drinking and playing? Or are you still walking in My presence? Or has your worship ended up into something like that? Abandoning all these things to flesh, let us now go out. Sunday Church is over, let me drive to Bawarchi and I want to feed up till my gills on Biryani because I worshipped and now I need to eat. Or will you listen to Me, and as soon as you walk out of the Church hungry after three hour long service. God says, 'now I want you to go back home straight, get on your knees and pray for next two hours.' Will you do that? Or you will say 'no my worship is over now it is my time.' God is saying 'you have no time, you are Mine'.

As soon as Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit drives him to the wilderness. You know why? Because Jesus says, 'I belong to My Father.' Driven to the wilderness for forty days He had been fasting, forty days He has been hungry and the Father says 'Great Son! I am very happy with You, I am pleased with You, You have done a great job, You've fasted for 40 days, and You've done a great job in the house, You've got a real testimony in the house. Now take a break have a lunch.' No, the Father drives Him into the desert and Jesus doesn't give into the flesh. He goes into the desert. And in the desert immediately temptations comes. "Hey hang on, why don't you eat?" And Jesus says, 'I will not eat. I am not going to listen to your voice. I am going to listen to My Father. My Father is telling Me to still wait in His presence and eat My Word.' And He says, 'I will not eat. I will eat the Word of God.' And each of the temptation comes to Him and He overcomes and then the principle I told a little earlier happens. As soon as He has overcome the flesh and the world, the angels come and give Him enough to eat. Does it say angels came and ministered to Him? What did you think they gave Him to eat? They gave Him manna. When Elijah was in Horeb the angels gave him manna. When you deny yourself it doesn't mean God will say 'okay now you are a good man, keep on going hungry'. He will not do that He will send His angels to minister to you. You know why? It is because that you have proven that you belong to God and not to anything of this world or the enemy. It is written there that the angels came and ministered to Him, even in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He denied Himself, it is written the angels came and ministered to Him, meaning God says, 'when you die in the flesh and obey Me immediately angels will descend', and God says, 'I will send them to minister to you, because you are My child.' And Hebrews will say, aren't angels ministering spirits sent to those who are being saved. Doesn't that say that and idolatry begins that way, we don't realize we are caught in the idolatry; we will not surrender our flesh.

Even after wonderful Sunday of worshipping as soon as the service is over, we get out, we think my time is mine; I finished my work with God. God is saying as soon as you step out and you are walking out of the Church, do you ask Me, what do you want Me to do Lord next? I am here Your servant, what do You want me to do next? You might be so surprised when you hear the Spirit of God saying, I want you to take your vehicle, go to Bawarchi order two biryanis today and have a good time. We don't ask this question because we are always scared God will say "don't eat, fast."

God wants to show us, to the enemy, who is his master. Is God the master of my life or my flesh is the master of my life? And He wants us to be sons of obedience. In the spiritual realm, I told you because of the angels, angels are watching, the demonic hosts are watching always, and God wants to show off his children to them. Like every parent will say 'you know my children, they sing so well.' There was a super market in Tarnaka and one day when I went to that guy's place, saw all certificates put upon framed. He is a Marvadi who has never gone to school now his children has come with first rank. And I could see the father's pride, my mother never did it, I never did it, now my children have come with their first rank, proud. Now you need to realize our Father would like to show off His children in the spiritual realm and He shows us as children, when we obey. When our children disobey we never tell it to others, we will bring it as prayer request but nobody will tell. God says that is what you have been doing all the time. All the time you never listened to Me, you never obeyed, but I love you, you are My children.

Have you ever heard me telling often about Andrew and very little about Noella? The reason is that boy is obedient, but it is not that she isn't obedient, her flesh is very strong and these days after baptism especially she is becoming more and more obedient. She is waking up early in the morning every day. The little fellow, he is absolutely obedient, I talk about him to everybody and my daughter will always complain about it? Why are you complaining about it? Why does he have to be so good? That's her only complaint. The fact is that as a father I like talking about my little fellow because he is very obedient. God says you are all my children and I would like to talk about you. I want to talk point to Satan, 'look at My son Job over there, do you see how righteous he is?' 'Oh! That is because you blessed him.' 'Really? You think because I blessed him?'

Okay, you touch him let's see what will happen, I know him. He is obedient not because of My blessing, he is obedient.' That is what God wants to do with us and He says give me a chance. But He says, 'there is idolatry, there is covetousness.'

And then there is a next thing put over there, there is sexual immorality

1 Corinthians 10:8

⁸ nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did and in one day twenty three thousand fell.

He says, 'There is sexual immorality', and we might sit there and think 'thank God! I am not caught in that I am not sexually immoral.' But I am talking about when we talk in the Church, we need to realize people who are not physically sexual immoral but sexually immoral in mentally. Because they are taking in a whole lot of stuff from things they are watching. I know the number of young people who have come and cried out what they have watched and the danger in it when you are watching is that we are taking that what we are watching into our bedroom. That is when the husband and wife, God says, "Keep the marriage bed holy, honorable." You know why did He say to keep the marriage bed holy? When you get on the marriage bed it should be holy, you don't see your husband or your wife as an object which you watched somewhere else. You are not replaying something else over here, which you got from another source and I am talking about married couple even till last Sunday who came and confessed, God is convicting the heart, He is been speaking to us, saying this is wrong and that is wrong. Yes, it is wrong, absolutely there is nothing wrong with a man and a wife but it is wrong if you got your images from somewhere else. Your imagery is from somewhere else and you are bringing it into your bedroom. Then you know what, you have committed sexual immorality because you were not one with your wife and your wife was not one with her husband, you are one with another woman in the bed with your wife. You were one with another man in your bed because you had got those images from somewhere else. And God says, because of that twenty three thousand died.

And you know what Phinehas had to take a spear and drive through that man and woman and then the curse stopped over there. Remember Phinehas in the Old Testament, because there was the Israelite publicly brought a Midianite woman into the camp and the curse of God was going on, people were dying, all the people who committed sexual immorality were dying and to stop the curse, Phinehas put the javelin through the man and the woman and then the curse stopped. God says that you need to put the sword of the Spirit right through your flesh and die to every man and woman that is in you and in her which is not of you, let it die. Every image that you have picked up from other sources die, allow the Word of God to kill it. Then He says, 'you keep your marriage bed honorable and you will love your husband and you will love your wife.' This is the level to which God is calling us, he is calling us and says, 'Be Holy in My sight, be Holy in My sight.'

And then the next thing says

1 Corinthians 10:9

⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted and were destroyed by serpents.

We tempt God; we tempt God! ***nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted and were destroyed by serpents.*** What were they destroyed by? Serpents. You know what a serpent is? A serpent is a symbol of the enemy, demon. What the serpent does is, when a serpent bites, you don't die immediately, but it kills you little by little, and then finally your entire nervous system breaks down, and you are insensitive and you die. Meaning it's a torment little by little. It talks about a whole lot of areas the most specific area God is talking about 'do not tempt Me' is connected with 'Lord's prayer' it says, "Forgive, if you hold unforgiveness in your heart, you are tempting Me, you are challenging Me because I forgave you, you forgive others. You don't forgive them withhold forgiveness; you know what I will do? I will release you. What did Jesus say? 'To the torments', I will let loose the serpents in your midst, in your life and you will be tormented day and night, unable to sleep." And those images the enemy brings and you are mad and you know what physically literally you will slowly start dying. Your diseases started coming because most diseases have a spiritual and most of it is connected with unforgiveness.

Rachel ma'am came and testified last week but before Rachel ma'am went there, the daughter was crying and howling on the phone and she is a believer, committed, got baptized, went without family knowing that she got baptized and she said, her mother stomach is obstructing. And they said, "We have to operate her stomach and it's a very serious operation because some of them big and then it is like my mother, 9 hours operation to go down and find the part in the intestine. It's a very messy operation. So Sis.Susan had to be operated. And she is going to Delhi. And I asked, "Does your mother hold

bitterness against somebody?” and she said, “Yes, terrible bitterness.” I said, “Usually when there is an obstruction in the abdomen area, the root in the spiritual realm is unforgiveness and bitterness. You go back, talk to you mother; tell her to forgive, lay your hands upon your mother’s stomach and you pray, pray along with your mother.” She went and she talked, prayed with her mother and you know what, the operation didn’t take place. Twice it was signed. 3 times they prepared and took her to the operation theatre and 3 times the chief medical officer had cancelled it and she is back home without an operation. But you have to continue walking in that forgiveness because the enemy will replay all what she did.

You have to choose to forgive. ‘I choose to forgive O God; I choose to forgive O God.’ When I do not choose to forgive anybody who has offended me, I tempt God to withhold His forgiveness for me and He releases the serpents into my life. And you know what? They were dying in the desert and they cried for reconciliation. You have to keep choosing to forgive. You don’t hold things in your heart. If somebody whom you have to ask forgiveness, you can go ask. You know people sometimes just hold it, withhold forgiveness. God says, “Release.” You know what, they cried and they cried and God says, “Ok fine. Make a bronze serpent and lift it up.” And everyone who looks on that serpent will be healed. You know what that serpent was? It was Jesus on the cross defeating the power of Satan. And He says, “If you look at that, you will be healed”.

For all those who looked at that, they got healed and a little later you will see; now they have taken that thing and made that into an idol and everybody is worshipping that. You know how we do that? Be very careful. We do the same thing. Now we start magnifying our forgiving attitude. We have made an idol of that and say, “I have no problem. If anybody does anything to me, I can always forgive I’ve got a forgiving heart.” Then God suddenly sends something into your life that is so difficult to forgive. You know why? Because you made an idol of yourself, the self has become the idol saying that you are a forgiving person. God is saying, “You are not a forgiving person. It is I, My Spirit who is making you to forgive.” I am the one who is making you to forgive. You will not forgive anybody, he will ask for your pound of flesh. We will lift up a serpent over there and God says, “Don’t do that.”

And the next thing that is out up over there is

1 Corinthians 10:10

¹⁰ ***nor complain, as some of them also complained and were destroyed by the destroyer.***

Connected with that let me see if I can find it and it is 1 Timothy 6:6-8

1 Timothy 6:6-8

⁶ ***Now Godliness with contentment is great gain.*** Right it’s that what it says? ⁷ ***For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*** Do we agree? We brought nothing into this world; we shall take nothing. Ok! So when we complain to God we don’t have enough things, God says, ‘you can’t complain. You brought nothing. So you can’t complain that I didn’t give you anything because you brought nothing anyway. You came with your hands empty. You brought nothing and you are not going to take anything.’ ⁸ ***And having food and clothing with these we shall be content.***

That is something, which God is promising us. He said, “I will see that you have covered and you have food on your table”. He says, “If you are content”, and the fact is that we all can testify that He has given us food and clothing. And God says, “Learn to be content with that then I can give you other things.” That’s the lesson the children of Israel learned in the desert. He gave them clothes, they never wore off for 40 years they wore, their clothes never worn off, and it grew along with them. Along with that clothing comes sandals. It says, “Their sandals never wore off.” And He gave them food for 40 years. He took care of their needs and He is promising us, I will take care of your need. What’s our problem? So many brethren, I am telling you, with the call of God are so scared to get into ministry because they are more worried about food and clothing. They knew that ministry is going to be tough, how will I meet my needs? God says, “I will guarantee one thing – food, clothing will be taken care of. You will never have to beg for food. You will always have a shirt on your back. Be content with that. But we are not content with that and then what happens? We start asking for more and more things. God wants to give us things but He says, “I cannot give those things to you because if I give things to you, you will spend it on your lusts.” That’s what James says. *James 4:2*

James 4:2-3

² *You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war yet you do not have because you do not ask.* ³ *You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

He says, "You want to spend it on your flesh." Now if we can work in that principle of *1 Timothy 6:7*, ⁷ ***For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*** But we wouldn't be so much interested in acquiring things because we are not going to take it anywhere. He says, "Therefore you will be content there". Godliness with contentment is a great thing. When do we complain and murmur? When we don't get things, which our flesh wants. They wanted cucumber, an onion and garlic and you know what they said? "Of which we ate in Egypt freely." They used the term to God. Can you imagine? They told that which we ate so freely in Egypt. God say, "You must be kidding. 430 years you were slaves over there, you got whipped, you had taskmasters over you, you had to make brick and now you are telling Me that you ate all that freely." God is saying that, "if you complain and you run after things, there will be the taskmasters of Egypt who will rule over your life." You will suddenly realize you are not a free man, you are a slave and you are a slave of your creditor because now the creditor owns your life. You have changed everything in your life according to his terms so your diary says, 6th I have to pay this loan, 10th I have to pay this loan, 12th I have to pay this loan, everything is in his hands. Your timetable has been ordered by him and not by God. And you are not able to arrange your finances because your finances, has all to be arranged according to the terms of the creditor. Now why has that happened? Because you were complaining, because you wanted things to indulge in your flesh while God says, "I promised you that I would take care of you."

1 Corinthians 10:11

¹¹ ***Now all these things happened to them as examples and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.***

He says, "We are the last generation." The age ends with us, the New Covenant people and these things God allowed them to go through and it will be written there as our examples telling us, live simply, be happy with what you have, and then when you have overcome your flesh and you are happy and content with what I give you, I will be able to give you more and more to you because you will not be ensnared by those things. And you will know that you are not ensnared by things, because the time I say, give it away, you will give it away. I tell you, "give that away", and you will give it away. Just look back in your life, in our own life, is there anything in our life, which we are not willing to give away. Anything that we have, if God were to tell us today, "Will you give it away?" And the sad thing is that we all practice this without realizing it, we bring our children, teach our children, through example in the same mold, without realizing that the same Spirit passes on to them and they also build their life around these things in the world are more important, it's not God, it's not God's Kingdom, you should have satisfied. And I am telling, all parents, so many parents with children who study, when exam's time comes, don't keep them at home on Sunday. Like the Holy Spirit did, drive them to the Church on a Sunday because they should get to know the lesson, the house of God, God is more important than any success in the world. If you tell your children, "you stay at home and study, I will go to Church and come, you have already made a line for them and they realize going up in the world is more important than worshipping God."

That's why God told them the law in the Old Covenant on Sabbath 'rest', nobody even your slave should not work; your oxen should not work. And on the seventh day even if you are harvesting or sowing your seed it will cease and on the seventh year, the whole year it will cease. What is He trying to tell us? He is trying to tell us 'I am your provision.' And I want you to do this, he says your children will ask you why are we doing this and then we should tell the children our provision comes from God. It is God who brought us out of Egypt; we did not come out of Egypt on our own. God brought us out with a mighty hand. He brought us to this land; he brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

People keep on asking, so many people ask some idiotic questions "Does it really happen in itself milk and honey flows? Did it flow then? No. Milk is the source of your strength, sustenance. Honey is that which brings sweetness to your mouth. God says, 'When you enter into My land obeying My word and you walk through it each day will be sustenance and sweetness in your life.' I will sustain you and your mouth will taste the sweetness of My life. You will be able to go through each day irrespective of what is happening in your life with sweetness and My sustenance. You will walk into a land flowing with milk and honey. Otherwise you can have tons of honey and milk in your house but your tongue will be bitter, you know why? It is because we have taken what is from God and given it to the enemy. God says, 'don't do it. Don't teach your children to do it.' That's why in *Deuteronomy 6* God says "when you are with them, when you are walking with them, when you are at

home, when they are outside tell, this to your children. Talk to them; let them have no fear about the future.” And when parents are very afraid of their future, the second thing they do is when children don’t study anymore they start putting a big bank balance. So that even if they don’t even study they fail I should have something to sustain. That also is not right; you have made your security in the money, which you have put. God says, “No, just teach your children to trust Me and to work hard. Not work hard for a rank. But just to work hard because God’s people work. And to be honest and a good steward of resources, and you release them to Me I will take care of them for the rest of their lives.” The only best thing we can do as parents is to teach our children to walk with God. Leave them into His hands and walk away. We need to realize unlike preaching children learn at home. They are watching our faith, how we walk with God, they see it, they feed it, they see the fears go. There is absolutely no fear in them.

Does not matter how far my children are Bhopal or Bhilai, something happens the next thing they tell their mother call daddy we want him to pray over me before we talk about the doctor and my mother in law is a doctor, my sister in law is a doctor, my mother in law’s four sisters are doctors, house is full of doctors. They say ‘call daddy up first, let him pray then you treat.’ When it comes to finances, they will never go to their mother. Sometimes I get irritated why don’t you go to your mother she has a central government job? They say ‘no, we know you have got the money because you have no worry about your money. You do not worry about your money at all.’ And I see that and I am absolutely confident that Lord, if they learn to walk this way and doesn’t get the muck, they will walk with you. They don’t have to get ranks or anything of those things they have to learn to walk with You. Because you know what? That’s what God has promised us “I will take care of your children. You teach them what is important; don’t teach them that running the rat race in the world is important”. All that can go in a day.

This Wednesday you will know we will look at one of the signs of what is going to happen. If that were to happen, we will see that, everything that we have can disappear in one day. How it can happen? I will give you are preview of this; the preview is what is that when the Second World War ended basically was funded by US. US funded the Second World War because they were not touched. They had men; they had money so they funded their allies’ victory in the Second World War. When Second World War began suddenly we have a large world that became small after the Second World War. The currency of the world trade became the dollar. You know that the Dollar is on which all markets function.

Now suppose fourteen of us are here and we are one market, we are different countries, we have different currencies but I tell that we will trade in my currency only. And you all agree. Now you know what, the blessed man is me. Because all I have to do is print currency. I don’t have to do anything, you need to work, you need to export, you need to do everything but even if I don’t do anything I can keep on printing money because all trade is done based on my money and our national resources are full of American dollars. And if tomorrow our trade changes to Euro our foreign reserves becomes zero. Why do you think they are threatening hit Iran? Always keeping that alive. You know why Iran is trying to change trade from dollar to Euro. If they do it they will hit Iran immediately because America cannot survive because they owe money to the rest of the world. China is full of American dollars. India is full of American dollars. If we give that back and say give us gold they do not have gold. If we give two hundred billion dollars to America they have to give us back in gold. They do not have gold. If China says ‘one trillion dollars we are giving your currency back give us gold’, they don’t have gold. It’s a promissory note. And you know what? If tomorrow trade changes, all the money savings that we have will go to zilch because the world economy will crash. Why do you think they are all trying to prop up America stimulus plan there? Why did all the banks crash? It only happened in America why is everybody affected? It is because the trade is in Dollar. And in the end it will happen, it has to go down to the bottom because Europe has to rise from where anti-Christ has to come. Anti-Christ is the Roman Empire. It’s not from America. And it has to crash. Nothing is going to happen as long as America is such a powerful military power. Militarily nobody can ever come near US. But there military is funded by their Dollars. You can’t beat them militarily you can only cut off the funding, for that dollar has to go. Once dollar goes the military is cut off from supply. No supply. They will have, God will still keep the faithful they will have enough food to eat. Even if they want a drop of petrol they will need to export to buy petrol in Euro.

You need to understand how the market is Nimes crude Brent crude where is crude sold? And where is the market price set? Price is set at New York and London. It is not set in the Middle East. And Iran in 2007 or 2008 has started its own trade where they want to sell crude through their market. It has not taken off yet. But if the Arabs agree and say, we are shifting to this and we will sell oil only through this. We are in big-big trouble. And all these savings, which we have packed up suddenly, will have no value. Our real estate will crash all the things we think about will have no value at all. Suddenly we

will be caught about how am I going to survive Lord. But I told you right from the beginning but you never listened you kept off all these things and I told you that day rust and moth will get into it. You put your trust in it. We are the end of the age. God says, 'Trust Me trust Me', how do u trust? God says give-give, keep on giving, you are telling God I am trusting in you. So, He says one day when these things lose their value I will be able to sustain you. Things are coming to pass; this couldn't have happened hundred years ago. If a bank in Lehman brothers had crashed it wouldn't have made a mess in India at all. No one is bothered. If Freddie Mac and Sallie Mae had crashed we wouldn't have bothered fifty years ago.

Hyderabad is been hit so badly, because those guys have invested in the real estate here. Everybody is been hit; you know why that system all has to be in place for the anti-Christ to rise, and for God's children also to be separate. But God says, 'don't buy into this system; buy into My system by faith.' When panic mode comes, that is why God says *'even the very elect themselves will be shaken.'* If my entire life, though I walk with God and preach with God is based on world's economy when that economy crashes I will also panic, how do I eat, how do I do it? Remember food stamps in America, everybody stood in queues. What happens if the entire system crashes and Government says, 'they will give each family a card and you will have a number?' Each family come and register and you will get this much ration per meal because the system everywhere has crashed, you don't have buying power, we are all going to give each man, each woman, each family a card with a number. And you have to take, should I take him up or should I not take this up. Suddenly the whole world population will be entered into a digit and the government has control over you. Your eating and your living; your buying and your selling now controlled by the Government.

So, if we are not prepared for this saying 'I am not going to invest in this system, let it go if it goes, let it be if it is, I am yoked onto you O God and I'm going to believe You that You will take care of me, when that day comes I will not say that I'm going to give up. I am believing my God for raven to come and take care of me.' We need to be prepared, because it is talking about the end of the age, and God's people right from the Book of Acts were always prepared, they did not buy into that system. They said, 'We have enough among ourselves', so they brought it all to the Apostles and lay at their feet, and suddenly there was nobody amongst them who did not have and God says that is exactly what is going to happen during the time of tribulation. Then suddenly the separated ones will all come together and I who doesn't have gifts will be living there along with Eric who has and he will say I have lived my life where I don't have anything, all belongs to our Father let us eat together. I am telling you people, right here in the city have called me and asked if that happens can I come and stay in your house?

There are other people who are realizing this could happen where suddenly the believers will have to get together like in the day of the Book of Acts, and share among each other, God's economy takes care of us, but for that day to come we have to be prepared now by saying 'Lord, I am a giver, I am not a hoarder, I am not into black marketing, I am a giver.' Then we prepare our hearts to give then when the day comes you will be able to give, otherwise I will look and say 'I have got two small children and I have only handful of flour, and little oil, here is a man of God standing and asking me to give him', remember Elijah at Zarephath, it must have been a terrible decision for that woman. And Jesus said about that there were many widows in Israel, but God did not send His servant to any of them, He sent him to the widow in Zarephath. What did He mean; He says the widows in Israel wouldn't have given because they had bought into the world. If I had sent him to any of them, they wouldn't have given. They said, 'No sorry, my son and I are going to eat.' But when she gave it to him she did not run out of the flour and the oil until the latter rain. We need to always preparing ourselves, "I am a part of Your Kingdom, and I will never lack, I will never know what hunger is because You will take care of me and as a proof of my trust this is the way I will live. I am not hoarding."

God is not talking about not to save or any of those things, but he is saying that I am not owned by my possessions. 'I have everything, yet I possess nothing' - that was Abraham. Abraham walked away from that mountain, the richest man ever because now he has everything plus his son, a son who can never be taken away. Yet does he have that son? No, his son is not his; son belongs to God, because he was put on the altar. That is the son of the hundred fold. At the age of hundred Isaac was put on the altar. Abraham was hundred, that is when Isaac was born. Hundred is a sign of spiritual perfection in the Bible. A hundred fold, So that son gets up the altar, goes into his light, and there is famine all around, and Scripture says when famine came his father went into Egypt, his son goes into Egypt, but the son of hundred fold sowed grain in the famine and reap the hundred fold, because he is a child of spiritual perfection. God is telling us I want you to come to that level, when you come to that level and die of your flesh, whatever you sow you will reap a hundred fold. You don't have to worry at all; it will always bring forth a hundred fold. It won't be thirty fold like Saul or sixty fold like David, It will hundred

fold like Solomon. The three anointing, it would be like Solomon's anointing is hundred fold. That is the work God is talking about.

That's what I said till *Romans 11* we came, God categorizes different kind of people; from *Chapter 12* onwards we will see a different turn altogether, God says from 12 onwards is the road to overcome. If you believe one onwards it will be very difficult, everybody wants to know God's perfect will. Is there anybody who doesn't want to know, in *Romans 12:2* it says 'perfect will of God',

Romans 12:2

² And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

God is given a promise in *Romans 12:2* that you will know the perfect will of God. The condition (1) offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, die to the flesh and live in the Spirit, (2) Let your thinking be absolutely controlled by the Word of God, don't have passions of the world, immediately you will know what is the perfect will of God.

Otherwise we will waste a lot of energy. If you look at any farmer, when he sows the seed he always scatters so much, but what if God had told him, "hang on, you are wasting a lot of seed, plant one there, plant one there." He will be saving a lot of energy and resources, is it right? That is exactly what God is saying, when I know God's perfect will, we will not waste energy, we will not waste time. Jesus didn't go to everybody but He healed all those who came to Jesus. Jesus went only to those who Father had sent. His ministry was a ministry of maximum effect and less labor. Very effective! He goes to that pool, "how long have you been there?" "Thirty-eight years." "You want to walk?" "Take up your mat and walk", he walked away. Why? "Because Father told Me." "How do you know?" "I am in the perfect will." If I'm not in the perfect will then I will have a miracle crusade over there. All of you stand over there and start believing and finally at the end of three hours I am tired, and I need a stretcher to be carried away. You need to realize how He used to walk in the perfect will of God; we waste lot of energy and time. 'Oh what happened?' 'That brother is sick, we went 20 kilometers, we prayed over him and two days later he died.' Here's Jesus, 'he's sick, dead' 'I'm not going.' 'He's dead, for your good, for your glory that he died.' 'Am I hearing right or wrong? Is something wrong with Him?' The disciples must have wondered. He reaches there 4 days after he's been buried. You know why? Walking in the perfect will of the Father, He said, "don't go", "I'm not going." All of them must have got mad. Martha was offended. Mary was offended. She says, "If you were here, he wouldn't have died" indirectly blaming Him why You didn't come? He says, "I always listen to My Father. My Father said 'not to go.'" This is what we need to realize from close ones and distant ones you will be under pressure. But God says, 'You need to listen only to My voice.'

Suddenly they have ran out of wine. 'What is that got to do with Me? Trying to put Me under pressure? You don't put Me under pressure. My Father didn't tell Me to do anything.' 'My Father has told Me, you don't listen to anybody's recommendation, I will tell you what to do.' So she goes and tells the servants, 'you go and do whatever He says.' Do you understand the principle?

The principle is the perfect will of God will be revealed in our life when we die to the world, allow our thinking to be controlled by the Word and do not confirm to the patterns of the world. There is no pressure in life. We were not called to live under pressure. We are a set of people who soar above the storm. And then the world see it and they say what? Until it's practiced you can't make.

Yesterday was Monday right? I went to renew my children's passport. When I go out where I know queues are there, irritable people are there, I prepare myself spiritually that peace to myself, peace to myself. Because you know what we take hours together I reached there at 7:42 already I'm only 5th in the queue. They come only at 8:30 and I can see people getting annoyed here and him getting annoyed over there. And I sit there and say, 'I'm absolutely trusting in the Spirit O Lord, I know I'm at peace. I was not going to let anybody steal my peace. My peace comes from Him. It's not about applying for passport it's about walking in your peace.' Finally he calls me over there, he sits with me, he talks to me, he looks at my name, and he chats with me and asks me. 'Oh! Are you a Christian?' I said, 'I'm a Christian.' 'So you have children', we had a half an hour good conversation, good time together, he takes the application and he tells me all problems that can happen. He didn't tell anybody, he was rejecting everybody over there. He's telling me, okay yours I will take, though your

permanent address is Kerala I will take. In case they ask for enquiry these things you should do. He's telling me. I'm sure he's not allowed to tell that. He says, 'you know what, if we send from here e-seva they usually never check it at the passport office, I'm just telling you'. The great secret he's telling me.

And I've seen this; I know it has got nothing to do with me. I know it's only because I trusted God's Word and allowing His Spirit to function because God says, 'You will have favor with men'.

Joseph you'll have favor with men. At the railway station it's the same everybody is shouting, fighting, pushing in the queue and God is saying, 'Be still, be still, you don't go that road, be still'. And the previous fellow, the fellow inside has fought with him and I come over there suddenly I see the man changing. He looks at me, I look at him and we have a good time and all. But the thing is that it's not you. You need to obey what God's Word says and He says, "I will send you out with peace." Don't let anybody steal your peace. Anybody, anything it is a divine gift God has given us each day to walk in okay? And you will see that the more you walk in peace the less you'll visit your doctor. Honestly, the more you walk in peace the less you'll visit your doctor, the less you will have to take medicines. Your body will be negative free. Most sicknesses have an origin in the Spiritual realm. And I have read my Bible and I have never seen anywhere written, Jesus was sick. Never written anywhere Jesus was sick. He wasn't sick. Because He walked in the fullness of the Spirit and God is telling us the same thing. He says, 'Walk in that', walk in that, there is power in becoming an overcomer.' Amen! We'll pray.

Closing Prayer:

Father, we thank You, we praise You God, and we worship You O God. Thank You Lord. We love You Lord. We love You because You are a good God. A God who chastens, admonishes, rebukes, scourges, only because You love us and You have accepted us as Your children. Thank You Father because You say Lord, if You don't scold us and punish us. You have said in Your Word then we are bastards, we are not Your children. Thank God the very fact that we go through tough times is a proof and a sign from You that we are Your children. And You are just disciplining us so that we can partake more and more of Your Holy Spirit. And be filled with increasing measure O God and be overcomers Oh! Master as we saw last Sunday Lord, so that we could rest in our Adullam and the depressed and the distressed and the discouraged of the world can gather around us because we have the Testimony of the Living God in our lives O God. Thank You Father, thank You Lord. Father I pray Lord, You will help each one of us to focus on You and not on our troubles, to focus on Your Word and not in the world O Master, to listen to Your voice and not to listen to the voice that is preached and deceived Adam and Eve in the garden O Master, Listen to Your voice and to Your voice alone O God. Thank You Father, thank You Lord. And as we listen to Your voice and walk with You Father I know Lord each one of us here will be overcomers and will reign with O God Thank You Lord. Thank You for Pastor Prabhu Kumar and his life O God, I believe O God that You will raise him up, Your Will, will be done, because You do not abandon Your servants O Master You said, 'the steps of a righteous man are ordered by You O God and even if they stumble You will lift them up O God. We are releasing and surrendering that man of God completely into Your hands O God, You touch him, You lift him up O God. Thank You Father! For in Jesus precious Name we pray, Amen.