

### Romans 15:14

**<sup>14</sup> Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.**

You need to realize, admonishing is a ministry in the Church. We admonish one another, but before you admonish one another, the condition is: be filled with the whole knowledge. That is where we have to be very, very careful where he says, “Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge” Are we filled with all knowledge?

### 1 Corinthians 1:4-5

**<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,**

We should be enriched in everything in Him in all utterance and all knowledge. That knowledge part is important because that is where our salvation lies. And, when God says, in *Hosea 4:6*

### Hosea 4:6

**<sup>6</sup> My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge,**

He says, “My people!” He is not talking about the world. He says, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” and if you go again to *The Book of Isaiah 5:13*.

### Isaiah 5:13

**<sup>13</sup> Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because they have no knowledge; Their honorable men are famished,**

“My people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge” now you look at that and look at what God says in Hosea and what He says in Isaiah. He says, “When My people go into captivity, they go into captivity because they have no knowledge.” Because when we have the knowledge of God, then we put that knowledge into practice, we won't go into captivity. How does the enemy take us into captivity? Enemy takes us into captivity because we lack God's knowledge to apply in situations. Now go to the Book of Deuteronomy, we will see something there; the famous chapter about blessings and curses - *Chapter 28*, where He talks about the rules He gives us by which to live and He says, if we don't live by it, you will see what will happen- all those captivity coming in different levels. *Deuteronomy 28:20* onwards talks about the captivity that will come. It not only stops with us *Verse 41* you will see.

### Deuteronomy 28:41

**<sup>41</sup> Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.**

Now, it is not this per say talking about Israel alone. Israel off course, their children went into captivity. But, it is talking to us. He says, “You don't keep My word and walk in that knowledge and pass it on to your children, you will have children, but you will not enjoy them.” Now you look around today, anywhere, especially our children around the world, children have gone into captivity. Gone into captivity of drugs or hooked on to one addiction or another, rebellion, everything. What has happened? Parents have children, but parents are not able to enjoy their children. But we should be enjoying our children. They will bring a lot of joy. When they were small, remember, how much joy they brought us? And, it should be the same as they grow up older and older. It should be still bringing us joy. Joy changes because now as they grow older, they should be becoming more and more Godly and bringing a lot of joy to us. But, God says, “Your children will go into captivity and you will not be able to enjoy your children.”

We will look at the history; it is talking about Israel. Israel's children were taken as prisoners. That's what God is talking about - the enemy has taken our children as prisoners. Especially as a Pastor, when you visit home, the cries of the parents

are always over their children “You know my son doesn't listen, my daughter doesn't listen. They go their own way.” They birthed them with joy (tears of physical pain), now seeing them in their old age (tears of spiritual pain) - grief. Now pain has come in because they have gone into captivity. Paul is addressing them, he says, “Look, be full of knowledge.” Why? Because God says in His words that My people have gone into captivity because of lack of knowledge. And *Hosea 4:6* He says, *My people perish because of lack of knowledge*. What is the only thing that keeps us from the enemy attacking us? It is not spirit alone. This is the danger believers are caught in today. We have to very, very careful. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God always goes together. That is why when spiritual knowledge comes, Scripture always says, “test the spirits”. How do we test the spirit? You say, “Pastor, how do I test a spirit?” You test a spirit by this (Word of God). Behind every man or woman who teaches, there is a spirit. Either it is the Spirit of God or is a spirit of deception. Enemy also, his servants come as servants of righteousness. Enemy comes, dressed as the angel of light. He also uses pulpits; he also uses the Scripture. We will look at him using the Scripture in the temptation. Jesus is driven into the wilderness, and He is tempted. Look at temptation when he uses the Word. First when the temptation doesn't work, he now tempts Jesus using the Word. That is *Luke 4:10-11*.

#### **Luke 4:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> ***For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’<sup>11</sup> and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”***

Now look at it there. What did he say there? *He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you*. Right? And *in their hands they shall bear you, lest you dash your foot against a stone*. Now, go back to the actual portion from where Satan is quoting. He is quoting from *Psalms 91*. Now remember most Christians do not know *Psalms 91* but the enemy knows and he quotes also. So when the enemy quotes *Psalms 91*, if you don't know your *Psalms 91* well you will get confused. So look at what God says in *Psalms 91:11*

#### **Psalms 91:11**

<sup>11</sup> ***For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.***

Did he say, ***in all your ways*** to Jesus? No, he didn't say. He didn't say that because that doesn't support his temptation. What does God give His angels charge of us? So that God will keep us in all His righteous ways and in all our ways God will guard us so that we walk in God's righteousness. Now Satan quotes that doesn't support his temptation. So he kept that out and quoted the rest of the verse. Only half the verse he quoted. The rest that doesn't support his temptation hence he doesn't quote. He will guard you ‘in all your ways’ - that he doesn't say. He shall give His angels charge over you to keep you. Why does He give charge over you? To keep me in all my ways, in all my ways God entrusts the angels to guard him, see that he walks in my ways. Now what is the enemy trying to tempt Jesus is to go out of God's ways. So if he quotes about keeping him in His ways, it doesn't suit him. So he kept that out and quotes. But anybody who listens to this, if you are not full of knowledge, you know your Word very well. He'll say, “Yes, God is speaking to me. God is speaking to me because it's Scripture.” But when God speaks, He speaks the entire Scripture, the whole Scripture. He doesn't take things in and out. He doesn't add or subtract, that's what we have to be careful about. They won't tell everything. That's what I was saying.

How many people have heard sowing and reaping connected with other than money? Every message you hear 9 out of 10 messages you hear about sowing and reaping. It's always about sowing money and reaping money. But that's not what actually that says, it's also there but that's not actually what it says. What it actually says is that *‘Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.’* But they don't, they use it for getting a big offering in the service. Why? Because that's what they use But God doesn't use things like that. When Jesus preaches He doesn't use things like that. He's very careful, He's very careful about how He preaches. That's what Paul says in his farewell address to his Church in Ephesus. He says, “I have preached full Gospel to you, I have not kept anything away from you, anything that is good for you I haven't kept away for you. So that nobody's blood will be on my hands.” Now God has given us the Word, we have the Word (so many translations available); we have it with us. God is asking us, “Are you full of knowledge? Are you working to not that anybody is full of knowledge, are you working toward? If you are struggling in an area what does the Word tell about that? Have you gone? Have you put in the effort?” How we put in an effort when something is wrong in us with all the technology and knowledge that is available in the world. Last week somebody was talking to me about a

sickness the person has been going through for 2 years. For the first time that person came to the Church, so was talking to me about that. Every test possible that young person has gone through! Now he is waiting for one more report to come. He said, "He'll get" and he said, "He'll call me on Thursday after that." Every test you can think about you has gone through why? Because there is a problem and you went through all those tests except one test that is the Spiritual test. God says, "Do that first, why don't you do that first". "Lord, is there anything wrong with me, which you don't like?" Okay, let's look about that test, Jesus talks about in *John 5*, very familiar portion.

### **John 5:1-2**

***<sup>5</sup> Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.***

And what used to happen is that Scripture says, once a year the angel comes and moves the waters. Now you remember there are angels over rivers and waters. The Book of Revelation talks about that okay. So why is God doing that? God is doing that because between Malachi and the appearance of Jesus there is 400 years of silence. There is no Prophet in the land, 400 years of silence. Earlier you could run to Elijah or an Elisha or some Prophet for healing okay. But now there is nothing, 400 years of silence. Before the coming of Jesus and the signs of wonders are going to begin again, so 400 years of silence. So God in His mercy still for His people sends an angel once a year so that those who by faith would jump into the water, the first one would get healed. But if two got in (like in our photo finish in Olympics) the same moment, probably both got healed. So these people gathered around watching, watching. It's an incredible act of God if you look at it, meaning if you really believe you need to keep your eyes on the water.

Remember when they rebelled against Moses in the desert and the serpents came and they were dying and when they cry out for help. God said, "Make a brazen serpent and lift it up, everyone who looks at that will be healed." All those who were dying had to lift their heads and look at the serpent then only their healing came. It's basically showing that on the cross the serpent would be destroyed and if you look at the finished work of Jesus your healing comes. They had to look at it then only their healing came (meaning you had to keep your eyes on that). So here is a whole set of people watching the water, then only their healing comes. But that also not enough you need to keep inching close, closer and closer. Because the first one only gets everybody doesn't get. That's how it works meaning if you are really serious about God. How serious are you about God? God says, "If you search for Me with all your heart, with all your might, all your strength, you will find Me." But that is the kind of effort people are not willing to put in God or in the things of God. They will put that kind of efforts in the things of the world. When a young person has set his mind on a target, you need to realize how he will cut off everything; everything they will cut off and they will focus on that (target). But God says, "That's the kind of focus I want you to put in Me and in My Kingdom." Here Jesus comes to, it's very interesting! Great numbers were there blind, lame, paralyzed everything and if you come to *verse 5* you will see.

### **John 5:5-6**

***<sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> when Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"***

Do you see that? *John 5:5-6*, very strange question Jesus asks. He asks us all, that question. There are so many people lying over there. It's one thing about ministry, which I tell our dear brothers and sisters in the ministry - when we go, we go to whom Jesus sends us, we don't go to everybody. We receive everybody who comes to us. The difference between our ministry and Jesus's ministry - Jesus goes to only the ones whom the Father sends Him. He receives everybody who comes to Him. So He healed everybody who came to Him, but He only went to specific people. So if you look at it there are hundreds of people surrounded, Scripture says, "Great numbers of disabled people were lying there." He went to one man and He asked. He enquired one man (38 years he's been lying there) 'Do you want to get well?' That's the only thing He is asking? How long he has been lying there? 38 years. We don't know when he got paralyzed. He got paralyzed at the age of 10-he's 48 years now, at 20-he's 58 years now, at 30-he's 68 years old now okay. But he's been lying there for 38 years and Jesus The Messiah is coming into Israel and that man symbolizes Israel. The number 38 is used in the Bible only twice. When God brought them out of Egypt they travelled, they travelled, they reached Kadesh Barnea, Kadesh Barnea is the border point and then He said, "That's the Promised Land you need to go and take it." They sent the spies, his spies come back, two bring a good report and ten bring a bad report. They believed the majority report and not the minority report. Even today people always believe the majority report and not the minority report. And they rebelled against God and they said,

“We and our children will die there.” And God said, “Okay, fine if that is what you believe ten times you have rebelled. Now, you will be now in the desert for the rest of your life.” How long did it take them to reach Kardesh Barnea? 2 years. How long did they wander in the desert because of their disobedience? 38 years. So ‘38’ is mentioned in the Bible only twice. It’s the years of wandering because you did not have the knowledge and you did not believe in what God has spoken. It’s the years of our wandering in life because we didn’t believe in God and spiritually what were we? We were paralyzed. God comes and tells us, “Do you want to get well? You want to wander around in your life? Are you moving?” “Yes.” “Have you reached anywhere?” “No.” Spiritually people are paralyzed going around in circles, all Churches around in the world you look people go ‘attend come back’, ‘attend come back.’ “Have we moved anywhere closer to God?” “No.” “Have you heard from God anything new?” “No.” “What is it that you know?” “I know Easter, I know Good Friday, Christmas beyond that I know nothing.” The truth about so many Christians is that beyond that they don’t know anything. They don’t know how they get saved; they go and come back, go and come back. They are paralyzed. God says, “Do you want to get well”? That is the question God asks you, “Do you want to get well?” And the man says, “Well how do I get well?” He is making excuses. Look at Verse 7, the excuses we make.

### John 5:7

***<sup>7</sup> “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”***

This is exactly the first Adam said, “Adam who told you what have you done?” “The woman you gave.” He asks the woman, “The serpent.” Nobody will take personal responsibility for the mess. “Brother, why is that you don’t know the Bible very well?” “Because brother, my parents never took me to Church regularly. Or we go to this Church.” None of those are excuses! ‘Excuses’ we have to realize, only tell God “Lord, I had a Bible and I never read it that is why never know it. I never spent the kind of time I should have spent with the Bible. I listened to all the other things, but I never attended Church but I never attended the Bible. I never spent time with its seeking because Your word is very clear, the Anointing is there. If I seek the Anointing and I seek the Word, the Anointing and the Word comes together, the Anointing will teach you all things.” What will the Anointing do? When you receive the Word? The Anointing will always lead you in to the same kind of Anointed Teachers. So if you notice, if the Anointing of God, where you are searching the truth, for the sake of truth is there, the Anointing (whether you are on the internet, whether you are on the TV) will always lead you to the kind of Teachers where the same Anointing works. To the others you back off. So the Anointing will always teach you. The Promise is there. So He asks us, “Do you want to get well?” He says many excuses, Jesus says, “Stop it, get up, pick up your mat and walk.”

**Question:** He is a paralyzed man and he cannot get up of his own. So how could he get up, pick up his mat and walk?

**Answer:** Yes! But spiritually you can get up. Spiritually there are no excuses, we all can get up, pick our Bible and read. That’s all it takes. You don’t even have to get up for that. All it takes is, pick it up and just cry out to the Lord, “Lord I just want to know you. I want my breakthrough; I want to get out of the mess. I want to walk with you. I hear everybody saying ‘I heard God tell me’, but I want to hear from You O Lord. Tell me what is the solution?” God says, “Just start and I will speak to you.” And He starts speaking to us.

That’s the step 1 - pick up your mat and start walking. “Why did you what did He tell him to pick up?” “Mat” Remember He told him to pick up his mat and walk. It’s important, it is not a simple thing but very important. The reason is people would like to leave the mat there near that pool so that they can come back to it. I have reserved my position in the world. I have reserved it that is my place. So tomorrow that is a very good income. People would drop lots of coins over there, lot of self-pity, lots of sympathy, and lots of everything. So, you want to leave your mat there, tomorrow when you go home, and if there is not enough money, you can always go and pretend that you are lying there, who knows? People will still give ok. That is the reason. People don’t want healing because they have got used to the life where they receive a lot of sympathy. And you got used to that old life style now they don’t really because which cripple who has been getting free money for 38 years wants to now start walking and work? A lot of people who cry for deliverance don’t want deliverance. You will receive deliverance when you are sick and tired of your life. Any cocaine addict will get deliverance, when he is sick but when he saying, “help me, help me.” He is saying that give me some money so that he can get another fix. When an alcoholic cries out saying, “Yes Pastor, I want to quit it”, he doesn’t really want to quit it. If he really wants to quit it God would deliver him just like that. It is possible because I know people who got delivered in an instant and after that they never touched. They were sick and tired of what harm they were causing to their spouse and their children, and their parents and their family.

They all were sick and tired. They cried out, God delivered them. So to this man God said, “Pick up your mat, don’t come back to it. Pick up your mat and walk”. He picked up his mat and walked. And Pharisees will always have a problem with all these sinners who walk with their mats. But let’s leave all that. Come to *verse 13*.

**John 5:13**

<sup>13</sup> ***The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.***

You need to realize this is exactly what happens in all miracle crusades. The people who get healed, who get their deliverance have no idea, who is the one who healed them. Because we never tell them really who is the one who healed them. We only introduce ‘Jesus-the Healer, Jesus-the Loving and Kind God, Jesus-the Merciful One.’ They never talk about ‘Jesus-the Lord and Savior.’ The real Jesus is never introduced in these meetings because we don’t want. It will affect our offerings. So we keep quiet about it. So what happens, when do they meet Jesus? You meet him in *verse 14*.

**John 5:14**

<sup>14</sup> ***Later Jesus found him at the temple*** Where did Jesus find him? He met him at the Temple. He just went to the Temple and saw him there. So after you receive your healing for your physical problem or a problem in your life. If you are found in the Church, if you were told ok now from this meeting go find a Bible believing Church where the Word of God is preached, you be found over there. And when they go to that Church, they will meet the real Jesus. What does the real Jesus now say? What did He tell him? Jesus told him something ***and said to him, “See, you are well again*** what did He say him next? ***Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”***

That’s when the admonishing begins. Now you can ask a man who is a cripple, paralyzed for 38 years. What worse can happen to me? Jesus is telling just because you have picked up your mat and walked your feet and your body is healed, it doesn’t mean you have entry in to Heaven. Entry into Heaven is reserved for another class of people, who are overcoming sin and not paralyzed by sin. Are you getting it? Those who overcome sin in their life, they are serious about this thing, God is very serious about Holiness, we are very serious about not sinning. Not that anybody becomes perfect, but you are always conscious about this fact I need to overcome sin in my life. Because the God who has called me Holy, therefore, I have to tackle this one thing in my life, that’s the most important issue in my life. It is not about a job or a career or a family or anything, the most important thing is “Lord, I need to overcome sin in my life.” That’s why God says, “If any man says ‘he is without sin’, he is a liar.” All our lives we will be fighting sin and overcoming sin if you trust God. The personal agenda in our life is to overcome sin. And God will start showing more and more and new areas where we need to change because as we grow in knowledge, our knowledge about sin also changes. Why? ***For whatever is not from faith is sin*** remember 14:23 that’s the key word for us.

**Romans 14:23**

<sup>23</sup> ***..... for whatever is not from faith is sin.***

As your faith increases, knowledge of sin increases. And knowledge of sin increases God says, “Overcome.” He gives you more grace to overcome sins and that is the spiritual life. On the other hand, if you think I have accepted Jesus, I have believed Jesus in 1947 and I am saved and after that I have never moved anywhere, it is false. It never happens. Because once you come to know Jesus really, you repent and you are born again, your battle against sin begins, you are always conscious about this one factor. Remember for everything that God has, the enemy has the counterfeit. That’s why everything. *Galatians 19* will talk about the enemy’s counterfeit - the works of the flesh; God will talk about the reality - the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Everything that God has, the enemy has a counterfeit, so you look at the counterfeit and look at the genuine and then say, “Lord, this is what I have to remove, this is what I have to kill.” That’s why both are always given there. Side by side, everything is given. We need to focus on that.

If anybody says you can live-in *Galatians 19* and be saved, I’m sorry, God puts the list there, which is almost similar to *Galatians 19* in the *Book of Revelation* saying that, all those who practice these will not enter into Heaven. That’s the problem. So, what is the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian? The Christian and the non-Christian both are living in the land of sin; but the Christian is constantly fighting it and receiving forgiveness. Receiving forgiveness, overcoming and moving ahead. If you are not doing that, I always tell people, go ahead and check your salvation. Crosscheck your salvation. That’s what Paul is talking about. He is saying, “I know you are full of knowledge.” This is the

knowledge, which we need to have. Jesus comes and tells, “Be careful. Otherwise, something worse will happen to you.” What if that man had not gone into the temple? He received his healing and he was happy. And he says, “Yes, I’ve received my healing.” And he went away. Remember of the story where Jesus talks about the lepers? How many were healed? How many came back? That’s the truth. It’s not that all the miracle crusades happening are false. No, they aren’t. The problem is that the miracle is not a sign that you are saved. It’s not a sign that you are saved. The sign that you are saved is that you are found in God’s house, listening and obeying the Word. That is the sign. The sign of salvation is, you are found in God’s Temple, you listen, you obey and as God shows new areas in which you need to change, you are always open to change. So, that’s what God is talking about in *John 5*. Now, come back to *Romans* and see what He is talking about ‘Knowledge’

**Romans 15:14**

<sup>14</sup>.....filled with all knowledge,

**Colossians 2:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

If I want to know the Father, I need to know Christ because in Him is all the knowledge of the Father hidden. We have to be dwelling in that. That’s what it’s talking about. ‘Indwell’ because it’s all there in Christ. We can’t escape that. There is no escaping this truth. We need to know Christ intimately more and more each day. We may be all in ministry. We may be doing a lot of wonderful things in the ministry but that is only one part of it. We can be good ministers without ever growing in Christ. We need to grow in Christ because what happens? When we grow in Christ, our ministry will also keep changing. The efficiency of our ministry, also, will start changing. Therefore, if we grow in Christ, our ministry will start changing. Otherwise, our ministry can suddenly become dead works; works of the flesh. We have to be very clear that our works are the works of the Spirit and not the works of the flesh. ‘Full of knowledge’, that’s what Paul says. When we come to *Hebrews 10* again he talks

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

What is he saying there? Filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. He says, <sup>24</sup> **And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works**, the thing is that, it’s not like in a classroom. In a classroom, what happens is that, so many schools, children are very selfish. If they know one answer and they know somebody doesn’t know it, they will not show it because only they want to be first. They will never share anything. But in our race, which we are running, God says, “All of you can be first. You don’t have to worry. Everyone’s race is different. You don’t have to worry. You’re not competing with one another.” We are never competing with one another. Everyone will get a crown if we finish the race. So, what does it say there? It says, <sup>24</sup> **And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works**, <sup>25</sup> **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some**, He says, “Never miss Church - Assembling of together.” You need to realize not only what you are getting from Church you also need to realize that you may be bringing something to Church. He is saying that “Do not deprive another part of your body by your actions.” Don’t do that. And we will say, “No, I don’t have anything.” God says, “Who said? There is nobody in the Kingdom who has nothing.” And you as a body will only be complete when you come there together. And if one person says, “I’m not coming to Church,” there is something that is incomplete in the body. What if I suddenly appear to Church next Sunday with one hand? I don’t have my right hand. Only one hand, suddenly what happens? I need help, somebody to hold my Bible, somebody to help me out in a whole lot of things for which I would need help. What happened? I came to Church only with one hand. If both hands were there, I am complete; I am full. But that’s we are doing to the body of Christ by absenting ourselves because there is something which only each one can do. God hasn’t made two people the same. Two people on earth are never the same. How did He prove that genetically? No two thumbprints are the same. You can have 8 billion people; you have 8 billion thumbprints.

Look at everything the government uses for identification. It is only because they are different. You can have iris scanning. Every iris is different. When they scan you, every small little thing is different. There is no two iris which is same. So, what

does God say? “You are the apple of My eye.” Get it? He says, “You are the apple of My eye” meaning, each one of you is special. No two of you are the same. So, you are different. And God says, “When you are all different and I have made you into one body, when one person stays back, what happens? You deprive the rest of the body.” That is how it is. You may say, “I don’t do anything in the Church at all. So, if I don’t go next Sunday to Church, how does it matter?” You know how it matters? The fullness of the Spirit that comes in the body is reduced. If there are 100 people in a Church and when the Holy Spirit comes, He comes upon all 100 and it becomes the body. What if 99 only turns up? So, you’ll only have the fullness of 99 that day, instead of 100. You are getting it? So, where there is more of God’s people walking in obedience, there is more fullness of the Holy Spirit. Where there is less, there is less. People don’t realize it.

**Question:** What about Mega Churches which have huge number of people?

**Answer:** No, it is not about the number as such; it is talking about obedience. Mega Churches is completely a different thing. People are not going there because they are obedient; they are only going to see what they can get out of it. They are basically going there to be entertained and they don’t want to be involved in anything. You can be in a Mega Church and not be a part of the body at all. You can sit in a Church like this for 10 years and never know anybody. It’s not talking about that. You cannot be a silent spectator in a small Church. Somebody will come and ask you, “Hello, who are you?” If nobody goes, Ailsa will go and drag them, “Hello, how are you?” There are quite some people who drag them who are all looking for the new ones and saying, “Hello, how are you? What’s your name? Where are you from? See you next week.” And then, they realize, “Last week, somebody said, ‘see you next week’, maybe I need to go again this week.” But in a huge Church, does anybody care?

I told you of an example of a man who visited 40 or 50 Churches in a year? He said, “Only one person in one Church talked to me in those 40-50 Sundays and that man said, “Please move your leg.” That is what we call “fellowship”. That’s not what God is talking about, we are not talking about that. We are talking about a real situation, where a new person comes, you identify, you make out, you take the number, you talk to them and you make them feel comfortable and then they realize, “I am comfortable, I want to be a part of this Church”. Then once that person becomes a part of the body, the Spirit of God also moves into him also. It’s not that everybody who comes to Church is part of the Church, God knows who is the part of that Church, and it comes from being committed to God and being committed to the body and how do you know that you are committed to the body? That’s what *Hebrews 10:25* says, what happens?

### **Hebrews 10:25**

<sup>25</sup> *...so much more, as ye see the day approaching.*

What is the day you are talking about? The Day of Judgment comes closer and closer and when the Day of Judgment comes closer and closer what happens? How do you know in your family, in your real family doesn't matter how far separated they are when there is trouble in the family, suddenly they all get together? They get together, they call, they say, “What can we do?” Because there is trouble and God is saying, “There is big trouble ahead, the kind the world has never seen is ahead”. So if we are really God's family and there is big trouble ahead what happens? God says, “You start getting together more and more to encourage each other to see that the weaker one doesn’t fall away, the stronger one doesn’t get too arrogant. You get to know each other and hold on to each other because the day of big trouble is coming and we will all need each other. That’s a sign that we believe what God is saying, it’s all connected with knowledge. On the other hand we study Revelation series week after week, 33 weeks have gone by. Yet, we don't believe what we hear. What happens? We stop also, we forsake also the assembling together and then suddenly God says, “When everybody in the world is saying peace and safety, destruction falls” and we suddenly realize we are not ready for it at all because we were not prepared. We were not prepared for famine, we were not prepared for testing, we were not prepared for trial, and we were therefore not prepared for judgment. That is the sadness into which all the people in the Old Testament and the New Testament were called. They were not ready because they did not fill themselves with knowledge. That’s what God is talking about, “Are we filled with knowledge?” If we are ready, if we have been pre-warned to look for this and this. What is the sign Jesus gave? In *Matthew 24*, when they are talking about all the signs, God teaches us about the end days because that’s the prophecy that teaches about the end times. He began the teaching of the end days with one particular sign to them. *Matthew 24* is where He teaches

### **Matthew 24:3**

<sup>3</sup> ***Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”***

He gave a whole list of things and then *verse 32* He tells them, now He's telling to Israel, these are all Jews who are sitting there, we won't understand it; they will understand it because they are Jews.

#### **Matthew 24:32-34**

<sup>32</sup> ***“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.<sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!<sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.***

Was he talking about his generation? Yes, He's talking about His generation of the fig tree and what does fig tree symbolize in the Bible? Always Israel! For 1900 plus years the fig tree was dead then suddenly on May 14, 1948, the fig tree came back to bloom, Israel came back into being. He says, “The generation that sees Israel coming to pass, in your generation it will happen.” How much is a generation? 60 years, if it was 60 years then it was 2008. If it is 70 years then it is 2018, if it is 80 years, it is 2028. Your life shall not be more than? How much does it say in the Psalm Moses says? Three score and ten, he talks about a generation, so if it is three score and ten then it is seventy, if it is 70 then 1948 + 70 is 2018. He says, “That's the dead line, the day and the hour no man knows” but he says, “You can look at the signs, things that are happening, this generation will not pass away.” But in the Book of Genesis it says, "My Spirit shall not condemn with man forever, 120 shall be his years". He says, 'One hundred and twenty', we don't know. The only thing we know, the main sign he talks about the beginning of the end has come. The fig tree has blossomed; the fig tree has come into being.

Then he said another thing, he said about the time of the Gentiles over Jerusalem will be complete. 1967 - six-day war, Israel took over Jerusalem. After 2400 years Jerusalem is in the hands of the Israelites finally. He says, “Watch out these are the signs.” And tomorrow probably we will get a lot of other signs, which only God could have put it in the Bible. No man could have probably ever known, if that is a sign, we do not know, we are not saying, 'Pukka this is a sign, this could be the end.' Whenever a prophetic end is symbolized, always look at the big nations of that time. When God talks about Babylon, talks about a sign, look at Babylon, Babylon is big, Assyria is big, Egypt is big, Rome is big, in different eras these are the big nations, it doesn't talk about other nations because if you look at what's happening to the most powerful, you know what is going to happen to most of the others. So in our days, which is the big one? America. Watch out, prophetically it is there, what is going to happen to them is a sign to the rest of the world. When you hit the head, you hit the rest. When that happens, rest of the things start falling into place so whatever prophetically has to happen in the last days has to happen to them. First, once it happens to them, the rest will follow; the rest of the puzzle will fall into place. And you see in our days, things are happening to them because that's the most powerful nation on earth, economically, influence wise, culture wise, military wise, in any area you look back, they are the most powerful nation, that has to change and how does God change it? God is telling us,

#### **Romans 15:14**

<sup>14</sup> ***Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.***

The problem is that we are all good at admonishing but our admonishing is not with knowledge, it's with our human knowledge we admonish people. God is saying, "No, you need to admonish one another but with the knowledge that comes from the Word of God". As parents when we admonish our children, is it according to Scripture? If it is not according to Scripture what happens? Ephesians talks about fathers disciplining children and says, what will happen when we discipline in that way. *Ephesians 6*, same word is used there. First He tells children.

#### **Ephesians 6:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>***Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*** <sup>2</sup> ***“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:*** <sup>3</sup> ***“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”*** <sup>4</sup> ***And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.***

When you admonish, it has to be of the Lord! Not because you were irritated or tired or lost your temper, not those reasons we admonish our children. Often our admonition is not of the Lord; our admonition is of our own self, our wrath of flesh and what happens? Children become more, and more and more rebellious. You exasperate them and they become more and more rebellious because our admonishing is not from the Lord. So what's the *filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another!* So even as parents, He's telling us 'Admonish in the Lord.' So, when we give our advice and our rebuke to our children, be very careful that the Word of God controls you by the Spirit of God. You should be able to tell a grown up child who's a teenager – 'it's because this is what God expects from you and me.' Don't set a different standard in the house for the child and for yourself. What happens? That is where is this big disconnect with children, disciplining children in that we have a different set of rules for ourselves and we have another set of rules for the children. And then it doesn't work. Scripture says, "When you admonish your children let it be in the Lord." Here Scripture is saying admonish one another. How do we admonish one another? Are we able to? What is the reason we admonish? The only reason we admonish is because remember there are two things we need to do. Admonishing is one, which comes out of our heart but what comes out of it, we have to be very careful how our heart is. If you do not love a person don't admonish that person.

Rule No.1 of admonishing: If you do not love that person, if you do not pray for that person, if you do not cry for that person before God, do not admonish that person because your admonishment usually will be wrong. Are you getting it?

**Question:** You say that don't admonish, in the sense that if you don't love him/her truly in your heart?

**Answer:** You may not have anything against her. You may have something with what that person does but not anything against that person. You're really crying out to the Lord for that person. You need to realize why do you admonish a person? You admonish that person because he is going out of God's way. What is the end of that road, if a person doesn't correct himself or herself? The end of the road is hell. And you don't want even your worst enemy to end up in hell if you know what hell is like. You don't want anybody ending up there. You don't wish anybody to go to hell because it's the most terrible place anybody can even think about. And the thing is that people today don't believe in a real hell. Christians don't believe there's a real hell; they change theology now. Yet you know how wonderful, how perfect God's Word is.

I have saved something in my laptop, so my kids were looking, "Hey, where did this picture come from. Dad where did you get it from?" I enlarged it and said, 'I'll show you something. Look at this picture.'" I said, "Nobody would have believed this ten years ago, fifteen years ago, hundred years ago, two hundred year ago, five hundred years ago, thousand years ago, nobody would have believed when Jesus said about hell, when He said about hell and the people condemned it, He also used the terms about worms." You remember He talks about worms in the hell where you'll be tormented.

#### **Mark 9:44**

**<sup>44</sup> Where their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.**

And the fire is not quenched and their worm does not die. Now if you study the Bible closely you will see, the location of hell is also given. Location of hell is deep inside the earth. And the scientists tell us inside the earth it is fire. Now there is a problem with fire and where the worms don't die, right? Until recently when they found deep under the ocean when the cracks take place because of volcanic eruption. Deep under the bottom of the ocean and it breaks and hot molten lava comes, the vents are open and it reacts with the seawater over there at the vent. They found these huge worms living at a temperature of seven hundred degrees. I got pictures of them. Huge, they grow up to ten to fifteen feet and they live in that temperature, 700 degrees. Now, Mark says, "Jesus said, 'where worms will not die.'" Where those worms, do not die under those temperatures. And you know about people who have seen visions of hell, they see worms coming out of ears and nose and all out of people. They are in the fire and the worms are going in and out of it. Now, who do you want to wish to go there? You don't want anybody going there. Doesn't matter how much you dislike, you don't want anyone to go there. So when you admonish somebody, you need to remember, when you admonish somebody, your admonishing somebody because you love that person not because he irritated you and didn't give you what you liked or none of those, you admonish a person, in love full of knowledge because you know this is the way you go, this is where you reach. In the end if you knew your destination where it is and you need to remember hell was not made for man, hell was made for the fallen angels. Okay, it was never made for man but because those who side with the fallen angels will go to that place because that is not even the end. Hell is still a better place. There's another place where hell also will be thrown in the final judgment is into the lake of fire. If the hell is going to be thrown into the lake of fire, the lake of fire is going to be worse than hell.

We need to understand these concepts; you remember the rich man and Lazarus? You remember what the rich man tells Abraham? “Please send”, he says. “No, you can’t, there’s a gulf between us.” He says, “Okay, then please tell Lazarus to go and tell my brothers.” He’s a good man. He’s a compassionate man. Did you know that he’s a good, kind, compassionate man even in hell but it makes no difference! You think only bad people go to hell? No, good people go to hell who did not believe in the Gospel. The rich man is concerned about his brothers and sisters in hell. And you didn’t think that people in hell would be concerned about somebody? You can be concerned about hell because you did not go into hell because you were a very bad person. No, because you did not receive forgiveness for your sins.

If you don’t deal with the Son of God in this life, God will have to deal with your sins in the other life. That’s why the false Gospel where it sadly enough to tell sadly enough, I’ve got proof letter written, interview written where even Billy Graham says that good people will go to heaven even if you’re of another religion. I’m sorry it doesn’t work that way. *There is no other name given under the heavens*, Scripture says in the Book of Acts *other than Jesus*. That’s when we have to be very careful, not that, in all that he preached in all those years were wrong. No! But as you grow older and older, the cultural pressure comes upon you and the world will start pressing on you and then you don’t change the theology. Remember last Sunday, the final example about the Word of a disciple, from *2 Samuel 23:9-10*. Eleazar stood by David when all the others had left and he fought his battle along with David. Let’s turn to *2 Samuel 23:9-10* you need to get these things in your heart children. David is talking about his mighty men later.

### **2 Samuel 23:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> ***And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated.*** Everybody else had gone, had retreated. So if everybody else goes will you still stand there because God is standing? David represents Jesus there, because Jesus sits on the throne of David and what happens? <sup>10</sup> ***He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, in this battle against the enemy you will go very, very tired but what happened did he let go of something? and his hand stuck to the sword. The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder.*** No, what does it says, his hand stayed. Yes, your hand has to clave unto this (Word of God) till the end. Don’t let go of this.

So much pressure the Philistine, the ruler of this world and his preachers will bring by saying, “This is okay, that is okay and you will go weary saying, ‘Lord, everybody is retreating, I am the only one left but Lord still Your word says....’” You will go weary but his hand clung to the sword. This is the Sword - Word of God. And *Ephesians 6* says *the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit*. Will you cling to the Word of God? Because the attack is getting more and more from every personality you can think about, very famous personalities, good people, impressionable people and everybody telling the lies of the enemy. And they start calling you names such as fundamentalists, radical, all kinds of things. Will you stand? If you stand till the end because your hand clung to this (Word of God), you will overcome the Philistines and you will be counted among the mighty men of the son of David. Are you a mighty man or woman of Jesus? But how do you do when the Philistines come and everybody else retreats, you are still standing on the ground, holding on to the Word of God. That’s what Paul is talking about – ***Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*** When you see a brother or a sister falling away go quietly, go there. What does James?

### **James 5:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> ***Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.***

We don’t want to believe that. We have been told that once saved, always saved. That’s not what the Bible says. Bible says, if a brother, does it talk about anyone among you? Doesn’t talking about anyone from the world, they are anyway in error. But it says ***if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.*** What do you mean you cover a multitude of sins? You know what it means? It means if Punit is walking in sin, I go to him and say, “You go this way; this is your end. I am telling you brother, I am praying for you, I love you but don’t go this route. This is where finally you will end and you will be judged.” What day is today? October 27<sup>th</sup> he repents and changes his way. Now supposing he doesn’t

repent and change his ways, from October 27<sup>th</sup> till he dies, he will be sinning. But because I intercepted and stopped that sinning, I have covered a multitude of sins that he has done. He goes in and he gets a person fall and another and by the time he finishes the journey may be 500,000 people would have sinned because one man didn't repent. God says, "Because you have stopped him on the way and changed the track, all that stops. You cut it off." We don't realize that nobody sins in isolation. When you sin, it's always another falls that person will make two others to fall and those two will make another four falls, that's the way it works. Scripture says *love covers a multitude of sins*. So you have to look at it, looking at that I am willing to take offense part. He may get offended and as I said, you have to pray, you have to check your heart, you have to love that person and ask God to put it with love and then go and say.

The parameters are set. That's why the Bible is very clear. First you go privately, if he still doesn't listen take a couple of elders and talk to that person, still doesn't listen and then Scripture says, "Rebuke publicly." Why do you have to rebuke publicly? Because now this could become cancer to the other body, the rest of the body. You can't allow that to happen. So what happens in today's Church if you rebuke publicly? What will that person do? He will move to another Church and continue there. You need to realize that these are the parameters. Why does Paul say, throw that person out, don't fellowship with that person? It doesn't sound like love! But God says, "That is love." If you have 10 children and if one of the children got extremely high contagious disease, what will you do? Isolate the child from others. Why? Because you know that this one can pass on to the rest of the children. That's what God is saying. And He says, I will deal with the others. Even you take off the protection that Church gives to the rebellious one. "Take your hands off," he says. Did he say that? He says in Corinthians, "Take your hands off, I will hand that child over to the devil so that he may be judged in the body so that his soul will be saved. Release the protection that Church has over that person." There are Churches that do it. Release the sinner in the hands of the devil and the devil has a good time, usually that man cries. You will see that in *2 Corinthians* he says, "Enough, because you have suffered enough and you have come into your senses."

These are the parameters that God has set and we say, "Why Lord? You are a very hard God!" "No." He knows about the hard place we will end up otherwise. If chickenpox is all around the city and there is vaccine available, would you stop your child from getting a vaccination because of that needle pain? That's the way sometimes we deal. We are more worried about needle pain than about the real disease that is coming. God says, "No." You need to realize that there is an end to all this. One day, a day is judged. And each day we go by that day coming closer and closer. And when that day is coming closer, even more gather more frequently; admonish one another saying "Brother, stay on the line because the day is coming." What happened when the day get closer and closer? Scripture says, the enemy is allowed more and more power. His time is ending; he is given more and more power to deceive the people. God says, "Once more I will shake everything that can be shaken and only thing that cannot be shaken will remain. Why? It is because the Kingdom that we are inheriting is the Kingdom that can't be shaken. So, whatever is not of the Kingdom in you and me will be shaken and thrown out. Only thing that will remain when the trumpet blows is what is of the Kingdom. Everything else will be shaken. You need to realize if shaking is happening in our life, thank God! He is shaking all that can be shaken. "I will shake, you are Mine, I will shake you," says the Lord. Once that is over, what is of Me will remain in your life and everything else will fall. We have to look at it that way and that's what Paul is telling the Church. He is telling, "Look, admonish one another. Be full of knowledge, understand the signs, read what is happening, look at what is happening around, read your paper, watch your news, check history, you will see things happening all around." The signs of the times are here. This is the generation. No believer who knows his Bible can stand up and say, "Oh! Its not time!" 1948 when Israel came into being - it started. No doubt about it, it started. If God is extending time, it's only because of His mercy, not because of anything else.

He can because when Nineveh repented, He changed His mind about Nineveh. So the message given to them was the message given to us? Repent or perish. They repented hence they didn't perish. Does it mean that Nineveh is still there? No. When they went back to sin, He destroyed them. So He gave them a little more time. May be God is extending time because of His mercy. That's why Jesus says, "Don't ask me the time. The day and the hour no man knows." God may extend it because of His mercy, yet a day has been set. Not that He will extend indefinitely. God will not extend, why? The whole of creation is groaning for their redemption, note this that everything that has been created is waiting for the redemption and their redemption is connected with our redemption because we have to rule them. You can't punish the innocent for the sake of the guilty. They are innocent - the rest of the creation. What are we? We are the guilty. They are being punished for our sake so that we will repent and come and then God can set everything in order. Everything will come back in order. So you need to realize because we don't even know what these animals were like before the fall. We know

before Noah's flood, they all ate grass. The lion ate grass, the tiger ate grass, and everybody ate grass. There were no carnivorous animals. Its in the Bible, they all ate grass. Otherwise how do you think Noah took them in the ark?

Now before the fall, in the garden they may have talked also. We don't know. They might have been gentle and nice because it talks about a boy leading a lion and his hand is in the viper's hole, nothing is going to happen. When restoration takes place during the millennium reign, everything is going to change. The lions and the animals we see are not going to be the way they are now, it's going to change under Jesus. And the earth is going to be filled again. You may think, we are having problem with famine, we are having problem with that, now how is it going to happen? Very simple the answer is given in the Bible. The deserts will bloom; the rivers will flow in the wilderness. You know the major part of the world nothing can be grown in that. All that will change when restoration takes place under the millennium reign. And we'll have more than enough food even if the earth is full of people to eat. Order, everything will be restored the way it was supposed to be. We don't need GT Food (Global Trade Food) or any other food. Everything will be fine, it will rain in its season, it will spring in its season, everything will be fine. I believe it will be controlled temperature, you don't have to worry about summer coming buying coolers and all things will be restored. Why? God is telling man, if you walk in obedience this is what would have been your life. This is what I intended for you, but rebellion is deep rooted after living under Jesus for a 1000 years, Satan is locked up for a 1000 years. Once he is released he will still go back and deceive the nations and take them again. So don't blame the enemy for sin. Sin is there deep within.

Even when Satan isn't there, and you live under the visible rule of King Jesus from Jerusalem for 1000 years, rebellion is so deep rooted that people will live quietly and enjoy everything because Scripture says, *He will rule with a scepter of Iron*. Scepter is usually gold, but in Revelation it says scepter of iron because sin will be judged immediately, no rebellion will be allowed. But when the enemy is released he will take all the people again, cease Jerusalem that is when everything is destroyed by fire, by the Father, not by the Son. And then begins the new heavens and the new earth with the glory of His Kingdom comes. We need to look at the timelines, look into the future, these are not stories, these are not myths, get on our knees and get to pray to be correct with God. When people ask me, "What do I do Pastor, I heard your message." I say you don't have to do anything, its very simple, go back home, shut your door, fall on your knees and cry out to God. You will get an answer. If you are really willing to change, don't put conditions before God. Tell God, "You tell me whatever it is I am willing to change, willing to do anything, all I am asking is that I want to know You." You will get your answer. If you don't get your answer, it's because you are not willing to change. Lord I want to hear your voice but don't ask this. This one thing alone! It doesn't work, definitely doesn't work. Because we have already broken the first commandment already, we have another God in our heart. You shall have no other Gods before me. Idolatry is not allowed, judge ourselves as covetous people. We want something or somebody else other than God in our life. Our breakthrough or are we here for God. As simple as that! That's being in the full knowledge. That's the knowledge we can't have any other way. Why do you think today's people run after prophets? Any prophetic seminar in the city, every Christian is there. They will trouble the prophet to get a prophecy. And he would prophecy over them also. How many have gone to a prophet and heard, today's prophets? I'm not saying they are false, I believe most of them are true, and heard a negative prophecy. All have got good prophecies about what this this this means, all good things they have told you. Most of them tell very good things. Do you know why? Says in Ezekiel, why they say that.

#### **Ezekiel 14:1**

**<sup>1</sup> Now some of the elders of Israel came to me** Is 'me' a false prophet? 'Me' is a not a false prophet over there, he's Ezekiel **and sat before me.** **<sup>2</sup> And the Word of the Lord came to me, saying,** **<sup>3</sup> "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?"** **<sup>4</sup> Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols,**

So what the prophet is speaking is not wrong. But what you don't realize what the prophet is speaking is in accordance with the idols in our heart. We don't actually hear what God wants to tell us. What God actually wants to tell His son or daughter, we never hear. What we actually hear is according to the idols in our heart, so we approach God with these idols. "Lord, I need an answer for this idol," and he prays. And when he prays he will tell an answer according to that. You say, "Hallelujah!" You don't realize it is judgment. The idol in your heart has judged you. Yet you look at all the prophets in the Old Testament, when they prophesied, they pointed out, this is the stumbling block in your heart between you and God,

remove that. That is what they said. Then you will hear from God very clearly. But today God says, “you don’t need a prophet; I will speak to you directly. Only thing is let there be no idols in your heart. When there are no idols in your heart you will accept it and do it also. There are no preconditions. The only thing that is required is to get on your knees and say, “Lord, all idols are broken, whatever it costs me. Shame, rebuke, loss of family, loss of children, loss of money, loss of job, loss of reputation, whatever it is, all I want is that you to acknowledge me. All I want is for you to recognize me. I want You to say one day, my good and faithful servant, That’s all I’m looking for, I don’t need anything else, that’s all I’m looking for, I’m willing to lose everything.” He will speak to you; you will hear Him. If you hold on to anything else, if you hold on to reputation, He will give you a word according to that. If you hold on to money He will give you a word according to that. If you hold on to family He will give you a word according to that. Whatever you hold on to, He will give an answer according to that. You hold on to nothing, you say, “God, you are God of my life, you are seated on the throne. There is no one beside you.” “I will speak to you; I can speak to you,” says the Lord.

That’s why God spoke to Moses. And He didn’t even speak to anybody else. He didn’t even speak to Aaron. What did Aaron want? He was very happy with the new position called High priest. “Wow, I will get a multicolored dress, lots of diamonds, a headdress everything. I got a big name, now you know what? All the people, all these days they said, ‘there is Moses’s brother.’ They know me as his elder brother. Now I have a title, nobody will call me Moses’s elder brother, they will call me High Priest.” That was very important for him, the reputation among the people, so when Moses disappeared, the people told him, ‘make us another God in His image’, he said, ‘Fine, bring all the gold and ornaments and I’ll make another God.’ Why? The reputation he had among them was very important to him. He was not willing to lose face before them. And what is his reason to Moses? He said, “I just put it in the fire and the calf came out.” And then he gave it to the people and said, “This is Yahweh who brought you out of Egypt.” He didn’t say Baal; he said, “This is Jehovah who brought you out of Egypt.” What about the other man? He wasn’t bothered at all about people or reputation. He stood there and judged. He said, “All those who are for God’s side come to my side.” Strap the sword on your side, go into the camp and kill, whether it is father, mother, uncle kill everyone who is worshipping that idol. There he is not looking for reputation. What does he say? He says, “Even if my two sons are in that, kill them. If Zipporah is in that, kill her. I don’t care, all those who worshiped that, kill!” And the Levites alone stood, they went in and killed 3000. What are the Levites killing that day? They are killing idols in the camp. Therefore God said, “From today onwards you have been separated for Me, now all of Israel if you want to come to Me, come through these people who killed idols that day.” They had no idols that day. They didn’t say, “No Moses, we can’t go, Daddy s also there, Mummy is also there.” They went in and killed. They did not put their flesh above God, so God said, “Till My Son comes, you want to hear, you will have to hear through them because they put Me first.” The Levites did not need somebody from the tribe of Judah or Reuben to minister before God for their sake. Everybody else needed a Levite. A Levite could directly go to God.

**Question:** Why did God spare Aaron?

**Answer:** He spared Aaron all because of Moses. Why is God sparing us? Because of Jesus! That’s the only thing. He spared Aaron because of Moses. Moses stood there. Why did He spare Lot’s family? Because of Abraham! Moses was interceding. He wanted to judge Miriam also. He was interceding for her also. Because of the intercession of others, others get spared but he did not enter into the Promised Land. None of them entered into the Promised Land. Aaron didn’t enter, Mariam didn’t enter the whole gang who came there didn’t enter. Only two people who had no idols in their heart only they entered: Joshua and Caleb entered into the Promised Land. Because if you look back, the commendation about them always was that they had a different spirit in them. No idols over there. That’s what God asks for, if you have a different spirit, no idols in you, then you will be full of knowledge. Then God can give us His knowledge.

This is my objection to faith teaching. You need to teach people about faith. Definitely you need to teach people about faith. You need to learn more and more about faith, but we have to ask ourselves the question: for what? Today why are people flocking for every faith seminar? To use faith as a tool, to get things out of God’s Kingdom not to follow God faithfully. So all the exploits of faith, is basically how to get things out of God’s Kingdom. It works, faith works but that’s not what God is talking about faith in the Bible. He is talking about a walk of faith, not using faith. My people shall walk by faith; My righteous shall walk by faith. Walk by faith not by sight. But we don’t want to walk by faith, we take faith separately, use those principles and say, “This is what I am going to do. I heard this Pastor preach, so now I’m going to regularly sow in God’s Kingdom because I want a harvest out of that.” They are talking about money. It works. It definitely works, if you sow money you get money. But what happens? That money will destroy you, because you never walked faithfully. That same money will destroy you. You have to be careful - we don’t use faith, we walk by faith. Always the call is to walk by faith. And

when you walk by faith you will also know how to apply faith in different situations. That's what Paul is talking about. I know you are good and full of knowledge - **filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another**. But to receive admonishment, remember, it is not an easy thing.

The test of your true spirituality is whether you will receive admonishment not blessings. Everybody receives blessings, what is the true hallmark of a spiritual person? He receives admonishment. If you are immature, you will only receive flattery. Okay? And what happens, immature people gather around them a crowd of flatters. We can them in English "Yes Men" but if you are really growing in the spirit you will always listen to your enemy. I'm not saying a real enemy as such, but people. Flesh will say, "You always have terrible things to say to me." That is your true friend, because he is the check God has put in your life. He will tell you what's wrong. And sometimes you need to hear your enemy; you need to listen to them what they are saying, that's what the true picture about you. And usually you need to listen to your spouse. Usually we disregard what our spouse says. That's why God told Abraham, you are a wonderful man, father of believers but listen to Sarah. Do you know that He told Abraham to listen to Sarah? *"In this position she is telling you the truth, listen to what she says."* Sometimes our spouse knows us very well. Not sometimes, usually they know us very well and if they say something negative about us and we get irritated it's because it is true. I'm not saying our spouse is righteous or holy, but they know us very well. They see the face, which we don't put on in the world. They see the face in the secret places. They know how we are at home. And when we are trying to be something else outside they will say, "Come on, don't try that with me. I know who you are." And we get angry, but that's the truth.

God is not like us, what we always tell our children "Behave in public" God never tells us that. He says, "Behave in private then your public behavior will always be alright." We always tell our children, "I am taking you out to this house, please be careful of the tone of your voice, how you sit to eat, don't spill from your plate." All those things we teach them. Meaning: behave in public. Our God never tells us that. He says, "Behave in private. Be authentic in private and you never have to worry about your public behavior. Because if you are right in private, you'll be right outside." Amen! We will pray.

**Closing Prayer:**

*Father, we thank You, we praise You God. Thank You Father, because You are a good Father and You are not looking to pour Your wrath among us. Because Your Word says, that we are not destined for wrath. But if You judge us today, and when we allow You to judge us today and allow Your judgment to take place, we will not be partakers of that wrath O Master. We know Your Word says that Judgment begins in Your house, therefore with us. Thank You Father, every time we listen to Your Word, Your Word is judging us, showing areas where we need to change; areas where we need to improve; areas where we need to give up and areas where we need to increase O God. Thank You Father, so that we may be co-heirs with Christ Jesus. That's the reason O God. You want us all to inherit kingship along with Your Son, to rule along with Him. That's Your plan and Your purpose for us. Help us never take our eyes from Your heart when You discipline us. That You are the most loving Father ever. We never ever will meet anybody like You O Lord. Thank You Father. I plead the Blood of Jesus over Your Church, over Your people wherever Your people are, whatever situations they are going through. I pray O Lord, that Your strength will be their portion; Your Blood will separate them; Your Blood will cleanse them; Your Blood will sanctify them, Your Blood will give them the power to overcome every deception of the enemy around. We plead the Blood of Jesus over our families, over our loved ones who still do not know You. We pray Lord, the Blood will bring conviction, the Blood will show them O God, that without Jesus nothing has meaning O God. Open their eyes O God, that they might see Your truth and enter into Thy Kingdom. Thank You Father! We speak your blessing over this house. I pray for Manoj, Joba, Richie and also for the two little ones who will be there till Jofi comes back, Walusha and Kiera. Give Joba an extra measure of grace that she needs to handle, manage this big family O Lord. And be with Jofi and Maju who have gone to Kerala, be with them and bring them back safely O God. Thank You Father, you know the needs, you know the hearts who are struggling, You know the ones that are crying out O God, You know the ones who are alone. No believer, no companionship, no fellowship. Father, we speak Your presence into Ekta's life now O Lord. Like You stood beside Paul You will stand beside her and strengthen her in this hour of trial. You will bring back to her remembrance everything that she has heard. They may take the Bible from her hands; they cannot take the Bible from her heart O Master. And I pray Lord, she will dwell on Your words and she will sink into discouragement. Thank You Father, Let Your life be manifested through her O God. Give her peace, give her strength O God. For in Jesus' precious name we pray, Amen.*