SHIFTING FROM CONDEMNATION TO GRACE

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- Heavenly Father
- Through your son Jesus Christ
 - Who died for our sins
- May, you open my eyes and heart
 - To understand your word

• Amen!

Objective

- Jeremiah 3:12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: <u>Return, faithless people, says the Lord. I will not look on you in</u> <u>anger, for I am merciful, says the Lord; I will not be angry forever.Only</u> <u>acknowledge your guilt.</u>
- Jesus placed it this way"come to me all you who are tired of carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest.matthew 11:28.heavy loads(like addiction, worries,lust,or anything out of control,etc) infact He said"I have come for sinners not the righteous" God still need you.
- So the Lord is saying,"am not angry with you, come,I am ready to forgive you and I will give you rest, am a merciful God". "<u>Therefore I</u> <u>am surely going to teach you, this time I am going to teach you my</u> <u>power and my might, and you shall know that my name is the Lord.</u>" Jeremiah 16:21
- <u>So the objective of this is to help you overcome the world and live a</u> <u>Victor, through the knowledge of God and His power.Amen!</u>

CONDEMNATION

•What is condemnation?

- Is the act of saying that something or someone is very bad and unacceptable
- It is to judge someone guilty to a punishment
- To say that someone is condemned by God means that he/she is declared guilty and deserve a punishment
- What is grace?
- Grace is a period granted as a special favour.(you have to know this period)
- Is the free and <u>unmerited favour</u> of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings
- The word "unmerited" can mean undeserved. And the word "manifest " can mean evidence.Salvation simply means being saved from the troubles that will come on sinners. And bestowal means gifts that is given officially
- So,grace is the free favour of God that we don't deserve, as it is seen in the saving of sinners and giving gifts of blessings
- It also means a period officially allowed for payment of a sum due(so as you live ,you must know that this time of Grace ,is the only period we are left with to settle our case with God)
- In simple terms grace is the favour God has offered to us that we didn't <u>deserve.</u>

Causes of condemnation

- What causes condemnation? (Do you feel condemned or feel like giving up life)
- From Genesis,we can get this answer
- Genesis3:1 "now the serpent was <u>more **crafty**</u> than any wild animal that the Lord God had made.He said to the woman "did God say ,'you should not eat from any tree in the garden?"
- In this first verse, we see that the serpent (devil) was more crafty.other bible use the word cunning .the word crafty means to use tricks or deceive someone to get what you want
- So this verse tells us that the devil will not only use tricks but also more tricks to get your attention so as to sin(disobey God).
- How many times has the devil tricked you to sin?
- Verses 2&3
- The woman said to the serpent, we may eat of all the fruit of the trees of the garden; but "you shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it or you shall die"
- Here we see that ,God told the woman the consequence (result) of disobeying his word.She knew it and even spoke of it with her own tongue.
- In the same way God through his word (preachers) has warned us and told us the consequences of disobeying his word, we even speak of it.And you would think we will not sin since we know the result
- Verse 4-7 the womam eventually gave in to sin
- When He found that they had sinned and instead of coming out in The light(repenting), they were hiding there sins.Hence God condemned them all accordingly
- My question for you is,"for how long are you going to keep hidding, your sins?"
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Aftermath of sin

- From 10-12 ,man started feeling afraid,unworthy to be part of Gods family and hid himself.But they failed to repent(they condemned themselves)
- Today so many people have counted themselves unworthy because of some issues they are dealing with,most especially addictions,etc not knowing God is only waiting for one thing from them,and that is"to repent!" (Jesus said,"I have not come for the righteous, for it's the sick who need a doctor")
- In gen 4:8 God warned cain before he killed, but he later killed. When he was asked where his brother was, instead of repenting, his heart was hardend. He said "am i the keeper of my brother?"
- In gen 6 God warned people through Noah, they took him for granted (they did not repent or turn away from their evil ways), and did not follow God's way and God destroyed them with flood
- During the time of Lot,Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed with fire,since they didn't turn away from there sins.
- You can see that all these generations, despite of there sins, <u>God warned</u> <u>them, they failed to repent and all were condemned to destruction.</u>
- <u>So, condemnation is caused by sinning and refusing to repent.</u>
- •<u>Remember, the very sins these People were purnished for, seem normal to this generation.</u>

The power of repenting

- •To repent, is to admit(accept) that you did wrong and are sorry and ready to change. In most cases we repent but we don't mean with our heart
- •Jonah 3: when jonah preached to the people to repent or else they would be punished
- •5"the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and everyone, great and small, put on sack cloth"
- •10"when God saw what they did,<u>how they turned from their evil ways,God changed his</u> mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them;and he did not do it."
- •In this verse, the first thing is that they believed God. Then fasted and put on sack cloth. But what did God see? God saw how they **turned from their evil ways.** then he changed his mind.
- I know someone will say""as for me have tried to stop sin(addiction,etc) but have failed, now only waiting to be condemned,"no,when you repent the forces of sins are broken!
- •Jesus even said in Luke 15:7 "Just so, I tell you, <u>there will be more joy in heaven over</u> one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- •so , you can see, they did not say "if your sins are small, and you repent, then there will be joy in heaven" but He said "**any sinner who repent**" then there will be joy in heaven.
- •<u>My question for you is,"if the people of Nineveh,a city that God had already decided to be destroyed and only sent Jonah to inform them,when they repented,God changed His mind, won't he change His mind on you?</u>

Why believing in Jesus can set you free from condemnation (sin)

- •When the Israelites were in Egypt in bondage of slavery,God hit the Egyptians with many plagues, but the heart of pharaoh was still hard and he refused them to go
- •God said "let my people go!" Pharaoh said no.After a lot of tention pharaoh still refused. God finally gave instruction for all Israelites to kill a lamb
- •In Exodus 12:21"the lamb were selected and slaughtered as pass over lamb.the blood of the lamb was smeared at the door posts .None of them was to go out of the house.
- •All Israelites did this and God spared them from punishment but none of the Egyptians escaped.
- •After this, the Egyptians left the isrealites to Go.infact they chased them to leave there country
- •In the same way,God in his merçy sent Jesus christ,as a lamb which was killed and by his blood we are set free from slavery by sin.thats why in isaiah 53 it states "by his blood we are set free"
- •That's why when you believe in Jesus, and declare his blood over your life, no sin, addiction or forces of darkness can stop you, instead they chase you to go
- •My question for you is, if the blood of the lamb could set the Israelites free from slavery, how much more can the blood of the son of God set you free from addiction, forces of darkness, etc????

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The tree

•There is a tree, it's root is called sin, it's stem called stupidity and it has several branches, one of it is called addiction, another sexual immorality, another disrespect, another confusion, another thefty, while another vulgar languages, etc. this tree will soon be cut and whoever is sitting on any of the branches will be thrown in fire

•I don't really know which branch you may be hanging on but if you are sitted on this tree, please come down. The tree is so deceptive (lie) that it makes people feel, they can not live without them.but remember, a stupid flie follow a dead body to the grave.

•If you have decided to believe in God's son,that He came to set you free,then say this prayer

Heavenly Father,

In the name of your son Jesus,

I recognize my sins,

And therefore i ask for your forgiveness

I declare Jesus as my Lord and savior,

am ready to walk by His word

Amen!

You are now a child of the most high God.

•For in Romans 10:9 tells us that,"if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him From the dead, then you will be saved"

•See verse 11" for no one who believes in Him will be put to shame". Amen!

Don't offer to be free just believe in Gods grace

- When the Israelites were out of Egypt, God gave them two choices to choose one in life
- Deuteronomy 30:15"see,I have set before you today life and good,death and evil.if you walk in the ways of God,you will live but if your hearts turn away,you shall surly perish(die).
- So if a person sin, he shall slaughter the lamb in the place of sin offerings (Leviticus 14:13)
- For it is the blood that cleanse sin(Leviticus :17:11)
- However when sins became too many,God said in Isaiah 1:11"what to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?, I have had enough offerings. I do not delight in the blood of lambs,learn to do good!"
- But there is going to come a time, says the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the old one (Jeremiah :31:31-32)
- In fact not only isreal and Judah but the whole world. Because He went on to say in Isaiah49:6" it is too little thing for you(Jesus) to bring back the house of Israel and Judah but I will make you bring salvation to the whole world. (So don't say Jesus is for whites)
- When Jesus came, He said "this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many, for the forgiveness of sins". (Matthew 26:28)
- These verses explains why,God sent Jesus christ who was killed once and for all for all our sins. If God can sacrifice His son to die for your sins,what else do you want him to do for you inorder to show his mercy and grace???

How living in fear and condemning yourself can destroy you

- •Genesis 3: 10-12 instead of asking for forgiveness, they started feeling unworthy and hide away from God.God got angry and passed judgment on them
- •Are you feeling unworthy, thinking God is too angry with you? Your making a mistake, you are passing judgment on yourself.
- •John 3:16"For God so love the world that He sent His only son so that whoever believe in him may not perish but have everlasting"
- •This verse is clear, it didnt say **will not perish** but **may not perish**. this means, only believing may not be enough. There is something to be done to be sure
- •John 8:34 Jesus answered them"very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 the slave does not have a permanent place in the household, the son has a place forever.
- •So when you believe and go on sinning, then you are a slave. Because the reason Jesus came was to redeem (free)us from sin.
- •So stop sinning and believe in Jesus,for you are not worst than the woman caught in adultery,whom Jesus said to her"neither do I condemn you,go and sin no more!"
- •In john 8:31-32"if you **hold** to my teaching then you are truly my disciples, then you will know the truth and the **truth will set you free**.
- •Now fear and feeling unworthy discourage you from holding to Gods word.the truth is, Jesus dealt with all our sins on the cross,and when he was done he said"it is finished!".
- •Now, it remains your part to believe or continue living condemned.

•<u>These verses tells us to belive(that Jesus died to bury our sins and rose to give us new life) and to hold to his teaching so that we sin no more</u>

<u>Overcoming condemnation(sin,</u> <u>addictions etc) with authority in</u> <u>Jesus Christ</u>

- •Sin is like a seed, you are like a field, and just as seed is sown by a sower, sin is sown by the devil, it also produces its fruits.but the fruits are bad
- Likewise, there is a source of righteousness, and that is jesus christ.
- So just as the field is cleared before planting occurs all of us have to invite Jesus to help clear the field(overcome addictions,fear condemnation, lust etc) and sow righteousness(Peace of mind,joy in the heart ,love etc)
- However, jesus entrusted us with authority as in mark 16:17"And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- <u>18' they shall take up serpents and if they drink anything deadly it shall</u> not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and They shall recover.
- Therefore, as long as you believe, you have the authority to command addiction, all forces of darkness to move out of your life, for Isaiah ;53"he received the punishment we would have received in order to set us free"
- Many Christians today suffer from various sicknesses and oppression from the devil but they don't want anything like praying for healing, because they no longer trust the powers of miracle performers

- •Now any powerful miracle they hear of, they say"you see, I told you he uses dark power" yet they remain in sin, thinking that them that suffer in this world, will inherit the kingdom of heaven. That's a lie! "Sin will remain sin, whether you are rich or poor"
- •If you live in sin,you will suffer in this world,then you die and go and suffer in the fire again
- •John 8:24"I said therefore unto you,that you shall die in your sins;for if you don't believe that I am he,you shall die in your sins."
- •I know, it may look impossible for you but with God all things are possible,just obey the word
- •For I don't want what the scriptures say in Isaiah 50:2 to happen to you "<u>why did you not</u> <u>respond when I came to save you? Or do you think my power is not enough to save you?</u>"
- •I too,can testify that I never used to believe in the powers of miracles in the name of Jesus, All I knew was that,people use witchcraft and underground powers to fool believers that its Jesus working the miracles. It was not until I got a powerful experience while deeply in prayer.
- •Oneday,a thought asked me,"Do you believe that,God raised Jesus from the dead? I answered yes,it continued, Don't you think,it is stupid to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead,then fail to believe in the healing powers?? Or do you mean,witchcraft and underground powers are greater than God?"-I tell you,the power that raised Jesus is still working but it work when you believe in Jesus,it requires faith in Jesus
- •Do you remember, the people Jesus was healing, He was looking for faith, like the Canaanite woman who's daughter was healed, the two blind men, etc .so you need to believe and have faith

Testimony

- •My first time to perform a self deliverence prayer, I knew nothing except the Lord's prayer.
- •But when I landed on this scripture, mark 16:17"And these signs shall follow them that **believe:in my name shall they cast out devils;they shall speak with new tonges.**
- •The first thing that came to my mind was "am I a believer?? then I said yes"
- •then the next question was "is it possible that I can cast out devils since am a believer???, I don't think so".only pastors can do this,I then concluded.
- •By then I never used to sleep at night, either am dreaming snakes of different kinds and sizes wants to bit me or there are very many confused conversations going on in my mind
- •But thank God,one day a thought said to me, humans can spent all their lifetime reading about the whole world but they never spare time to read about the creater of the whole world
- •So,I decided to read some manual from internet about deliverence,but I got board and decided to sleep since it was already late almost 11pm
- •The next day,I decided to try if God is really serious about that scripture.for I had never seen it before.i said to myself that should the scripture be true ,then all my issues will become history,I will start with myself
- •I closed the door and started praying,but before I finished praying,I felt the bondages and chains being broken,I was covered in heat,a fresh breath flowing over me,my eyes open and I started seeing beyond ,I felt the mighty hand holding my wast and I can testify this to you,alot of things changed in my life ,the evil dreams and useless conversations stopped, I experienced the peace I had never experienced in this world,the peace of heart and mind.
- •That's why I write this to you, I don't know what you are going through but I believe this may encourage you and enable you to take a step and ask for the hand of the Lord Almighty,it might not be the same but I know,his Mercy endures forever,he can still change your situation.nothing is too difficult for God.Amen

Procedure

- •Get into the house and close the door as Jesus said and pray following this procedures, I can assure you.things will never be the same again
- •Start by singing any gospel song that you know, don't sing what bores you, sing what makes you express yourself to God.
- •<u>1.you have to repent</u>, or if you are helping someone to be free he/she must repent for Jesus to have a place in them.For there is no space for Jesus to even just put his word in heart full of jealousy, envoy, sin, bitterness etc
- •That's why God sent John the Baptist to prepare the heart of humans to receiving Jesus. His preaching was:Matthew3:2"Repent,for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" 9'don't say you know Abraham
- •10" for the ax of God is already at the root of every tree that doesn't produce good fruit.it will be cut and thrown into the fire.
- •So the first thing is to repent!
- •2..Forgive those who did you wrong, as in luke 11:4, when you forgive others God also forgive you. Some people say "you don't know what he did to me!" I know how it hurts but read about the parable of king in Matthew 18:23-35,
- •<u>3.Take authority in the name of Jesus</u> and start breaking every bondages holding you, break the curses, break the addictions, break evrything you dont need in your life, in the name of Jesus.
- •(This is the point where you have to use all your heart ,strength and mind.only forcus on Jesus)
- •Now some changes are going to start happening to you like, some sweet, or flue or temperature rise or you will feel some fresh breath .don't stop keep telling Jesus all that has been burdening you as in Matthew 11:28"come to me all of you who are tired of Carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest."

The weapon in the battle field

- Your weapon here is the name of Jesus which is also the word of God.For in Isaiah 49,he is like a sharp sword
- On the other hand, your counter part, the devil, (who wants you to remain his slave, like pharaoh did to the isrealites), is firing a bullet called fear, by decieving you
- For the scripture sayin revelation 12:9"the devil decieves the whole world" so his weapon his decieving
- But 2kings 6:16 say,"don't be afraid, for the forces that are for us is greater than the forces against us.
- Now,start singing praises and giving thanks to God,even if you didnt experience anything changing,believe God is working already in your life and indeed God will show up in a way you are not expecting
- Mark :11:24"so I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received and will be done for you. Amen!

After deliverance

- Matthew 12:43"when the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wonders through desert looking for a place to rest, but when it finds none. Then it says,'I will return to my house from which I come'.
- When it comes, it finds it, empty, swept and put in order. this is why you need to call upon Jesus to fill you with his holy spirit, start feeding your mind with the word of God and listen to gospel songs
- In fact peter placed it this way,<u>1peter4:3"you have spent</u> <u>enough time in the past doing what the worldly people love</u> to do,your life was spent in lust,drunkenness, orgies, <u>carousing etc.Now when you don't join them,they insult you</u> <u>but God will judge them.</u>
- Romans 8:13"For if you live to satisfy the flesh, you shall die: but if you live to satisfy the spirit you shall live.
- Finally, always remember John 8:31-32"If you hold to my teaching ,you really my disciples-then you will Know the truth and the truth will set you free". Amen

You are no longer condemned

- Indeed, as it is proved in the book of Romans 8:1"therefore, there is now no condemnation on those who live in <u>union with</u> <u>Chris Jesus</u>"
- The word "union" means,the act of joining together two or more things or persons.and once they are in Union,they become one in all things,eg idea,they also listen to each other
- Now,to be in Union with Christ Jesus,is to follow his teachings and live by his words.For He said in John 8:31th <u>if you hold to my</u> teachings,then you are truly my disciple"
- So when you hold to the words of Jesus, which is the spirit and life, then "you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32) Free from what? From sin
- He then said"<u>you are already made clean because of the words</u> <u>I have spoken to you"</u>(John 15:3).so you are already free from sin(condemnation),just obey his word
- For Christ to remain in you, is to have His words in you, I mean His teachings.so you have to read the Bible frequently to be fully equipped with his word.Amen!

<u>Those who have sinned too</u> <u>much are also not condemned</u>

- •3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them,
- 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. 5 Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" 6 They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.
- •7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.
- 10 Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, *Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."*
- •This verse is very clear, Jesus is not condemning you,but he is telling you to not sin again.Amen

Life changing parable

- Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them.
- •13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered(wasted) his property in wild living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.
- •16 He wished he could filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; but no one gave him anything. 17 <u>But when he came to his senses he said</u>, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to even leave some without eating, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 <u>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven</u> <u>and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired</u> <u>hands."</u>
- •20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 <u>Then the son</u> <u>said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be</u> <u>called your son.' 2</u>
- •2 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 <u>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'</u> <u>And they began to celebrate.</u>
- •Now in this parable, the father is representing God, and the younger brother is representing a person who sinned but later discovered that he was wrong then decides to repent, when he repents, there is a party
- •There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repent.Amen

Take note

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- Just read a page and meditate about it, there are blessings in each word that comes from the Lord
- Has this been of help to you?
- You can let us Know via:
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Faith

- •Definition:faith is the **substance of things hoped for**, the **evidence** of things **unseen**.
- •Here,the word <u>substance</u> means something physical or tangible (can be touched)
- •So,in simple terms we can say,faith is the evidence of the things we believe in or hope for.
- •In the book of mark 5:25.Now there was a woman who had been suffering from <u>bleeding for twelve years.</u> 26 She had tried many doctors, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 <u>She had heard about</u> <u>Jesus</u>, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <u>28 for she said</u> to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be made well." 29 Immediately bleeding stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.
- •So you can see that, she did not only say to herself "if I just touch his clothes" but she went a head and touched it!. So her touching Jesus' close is the evidence which is faith.
- •For James said "faith without action is already dead" in simple terms, when you don't act towards what you believe, then you don't have faith in that.
- •Just imagine the woman had not touched the clothe but said to herself"if I only touch his clothes then I will get well".do you think she would get well??? Of course no!
- •Remember in Genesis, Abraham was told by God to go to a land He would give to him.Though Abraham wasn't told where exactly the land was,how big it would be, yet he expressed his faith by going.
- •I can assure you,it's very dangerous to have no faith about the healing power of <u>God.</u>

Testimony on faith

- •One day,I encountered a child who was critically ill.everything she ate or drank would come out as soon as possible.
- •I believed mark 16:16-19" And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- •Yoh,I had read this before and believed it was possible but the truth is ,had never prayed over any sick person.so that day I feared (for many thoughts were moving in my mind,"what if the child doesn't get well??,what will people think or say about me after here??)so I left the child.
- •After about seven days I met this child again,in worse state than before,I really felt pitty for this child.But still I was afraid to exercise my faith.As I was at the door almost getting out,I decided to ask for the cause of the sickness
- •Then I placed my hand over the child, and made a prayer. And the child was healed. they had been to and fro the hospital for the past two weeks. This healing totally changed my understanding of faith, I used to think, you must fast for forty days to pray and a person gets healed
- •So what I mean is, you can say "I have faith, if I pray for this person, he will get well" but if you don't move forward and pray, then he won't get well
- •Another person can believe, if I call the name of Jesus three times, then I will break this addiction, (and if he call Jesus, Jesus, Jesus help me break this addiction, then he will break it) for his calling the name Jesus is the evidence (faith)
- •For James 2:17"For faith without action is already dead!"

<u>Claiming peace and healing</u> through Faith in Jesus Christ

- •The truth is,when Jesus came to save God's people,many didn't believe in him because they expected the promised Messiah (Christ) to come probably from Royal family,or be a very strong man like David or soul to be able to fight and defeat all the enemies of Israel.
- •But this was not the case, Jesus instead came to fight and set us free from the oppressors we can't see(spiritual oppressors).
- •Colossians 2:15-He disarmed the rulers and authorities(satan and the devils) and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it
- •The great religious leaders of that time got concerned because Jesus miracles were extraordinary and many people were starting to believe in him, so they were afraid of loosing their positions and respect. And then decided to make a public shame of Him by making him carry the cross and was killed on this cross which only sinners were treated this way. They did this so that people would lose hope in him
- In Isaiah 53, it clearly states that it was the will of God that Jesus should bear the punishment we would have received "Isaiah 53:4 surely, he took our sins and carried our sorrows and yet we considered Him stricken by God and afflicted"
- •Isaiah:53.5But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- •Now,this verse is very clear by his wounds we are healed(it did not say we shall be healed nor might be healed but it say you are healed.so you are already healed,you only need faith in Jesus Christ to claim it.Amen

How to develope faith

•The Canaanite Woman's Faith

- •Matthew15:22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, **Son of David**; my daughter is tormented by a demon."
- •23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."
- •24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 <u>But she came and knelt</u> <u>before him,</u> saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."
- •Her faith that Jesus could heal her daughter made her persistent to the extent that she received what she wanted even though she didn't deserve it.you too have to be persistent in prayer while asking God for something.Even if you call and nobody answers your prayer, remember this woman's call was also not answered by jesus at first.
- •For this was proving that Jesus came to save the Jews first then later the whole human race
- 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
- •_28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.
- •Now,we see that this woman was not a Jew but a Canaanite woman.How could she call Jesus "son of David" if she had not heard about Him from somewhere or read it from the scriptures
- •Secondly, she pleaded with Jesus because she knew He could heal her daughter as long as He wants to.
- •She also had a revelation that even if Jesus was sent for the Jews, that would not stop the rest of the people from receiving what they asked for in faith
- •Do you remember the two blind men Jesus healed Matthew 27:29"they heard about Jesus" and he happened to be passing, so they both shouted"**son of David, have mercy on us"** they had faith according to what they heard and so believed He could restore their sight
- •<u>Therefore, faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). Your faith depends on</u> what knowledge you have about God.otherwise, the woman would not have a revelation that Jesus was the son of David and the Messiah if she had no knowledge.so study the word!

The faith of the centurion

- Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant
- 5 When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him 6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." 7 And he said to him, "I will come and cure him."
- 8 The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it."
- 10 When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

•So,in this case the centurion's faith was based on the knowledge he has about Jesus,that he also has soldiers (could be holy spirit) under him but has God superior to him. This clearly shows that faith come by having knowledge on the word of God.

The faith of others saved

naaman

- •In 2kings 5,the commander of army of king of Aram was known to be great in battle but unfortunately,he had leprosy.But one day,his house maid said to her mistress (wife, of naaman) , "if my master(naaman) could only see the prophet in Israel,then he would get healed"
- •When naaman reached to the door of Elisha,he talked to the servant of Elisha who went and told Elisha that He had a visitor
- •But Elisha didn't come out to see him,he instead just said,"tell naaman to go and deep himself seven times in River Jordan"
- •When naaman was told these instructions, verse 11 tells us that Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "<u>I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy</u>
- He turned and went away in a rage(bitterness).13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it?
- 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.
- •Here naaman thought he was too big, secondly he had a faith that if the man of God (Elisha) doesn't lay hands on him then leprosy wouldn't cure.
- •This scripture is telling us that if it is not because of the faith of others,then many people will live with there problems and sins, because they can't believe the word of God
- •Remember, if you read this verse, you will find a point where naaman said"why River Jordan?? Are not the rivers in Aram better than this so called Jordan river??(but he later got healed in Jordan which he minimized).
- •<u>My questions for you, Do you first need to be convinced by other people to believe God's word,??</u> Or Do you think Jesus Christ blood is just like the blood of any other person that you need not to put your faith in it just like naaman minimized River Jordan, comparing it with other rivers,?? I mean, are you judging Jesus by human standard??

Understand the time

- •You shall say to them, Thus says the Lord: <u>When people fall, do they not get up</u> again? If they go astray, do they not turn back?
- •5 Why then has this people turned away, in perpetual backsliding?
- •They have held fast to deceit, they have refused to return.
- •6 I have given heed and listened,
- but they do not speak honestly;
- •no one repents of wickedness, saying, "What have I done!"
- •All of them turn to their own course, like a horse plunging headlong into battle.
- •<u>7 Even the stork in the heavens knows its times; and the turtledove, swallow, and crane observe the time of their coming;</u>

• but my people do not know the ordinance of the Lord.

- Interpreting the Time
- Luke 12:54 Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, <u>but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?</u>

The end of all things

- •In the beginning, as in Genesis 2:9 in the middle of the garden there was the tree of <u>life</u> and the tree that led to death. But under the influence of the deciever (the devil), they chose the tree that led to death simply because they had desire for it
- For how long are you going to let your desire for money, alcohol,women etc keep you sinning
- •Do you remember Esau, because of food,he sold his birthright as the hair of his father's blessings to Jacob.Do you know that Esau is standing for a person who love earthly pleasure and care less about their inheritance in heaven.Are you Esau or you are Jocob??
- •Listen,there is a time when you will need your inheritance,but you won't be able to get it, if you don't claim it now and stay awake looking for who is trying to trick you in order to take it away (1 Peter: 5.8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.)
- •All things that we desire here will come to an end in one day, that's why Jesus even told his desciples not put there trust in the beauty of the church, rather they should trust God
- •In the book of wisdom, it tells us ,God made us plain and simple but we have made ourselves so complicated, because of what we have, desire etc and we have forgotten about our heavenly inheritance
- •<u>Remember this one thing,Esau was more loved by his father than Jacob but since Jacob knew the importance of being an hair,Esau missed it despite the love</u>

•When he wanted it after realizing it's value, no matter how much he pleaded,he was not given.In the same way,if you can't value the ways of God when you are still alive,be carefull!

Jesus prophesied by Isaiah

- •53 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- •2 For he grew up before him like a tree taking root on dry ground;<u>he had no form or majesty</u> that we would have looked at ,nothing in his appearance that we would have desired
- •<u>3 He was despised and rejected by others</u>; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;and as one from whom others hide their faces ,he was despised, and we held him of no account.
- •<u>4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him</u> stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
- •6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- •8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
- •9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
- •When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light;he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

<u>Signs of the end time(watch out!)</u>

- •Godlessness in the Last Days
- •You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come. 2 For people will be **lovers of themselves**, **lovers of money**, **boasters**, arrogant, **abusive**, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,
- •3 without love, unforgiving, slanderers, without self control, brutes, haters of good,
- •Slanderers are people who talks to spoil the name of other people., people no longer have self control ,for they do alot of evil yet they call it peace,they say,"life is too short, enjoy!.
- 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 5 holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them!. (2timothy 3:1-5)
- "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
- Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'(Acts 2:17-21)

The coming of the lawless one

•2 Thessalonians:2.1

- Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come.
- Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

•2 Thessalonians:2.4

- He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.
- Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, **so that he may be revealed at the proper time.**
- <u>For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work</u>; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

•2 Thessalonians:2.9

• <u>The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.</u>

•<u>2 Thessalonians 2:11</u>

•For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness be condemned. (watch out!)

How the end will come

•Matthew:24.1

- Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings."Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."
- As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?". Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
- You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.
- Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

• All these are the beginning of birth pains.

• "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

• Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

- but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.
- •Matthew:24.14
- And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

•Matthew:24.15

• "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel-- let the reader understand-- then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.

• How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!.Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now-- and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

• At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-- if that were possible.

• See, I have told you ahead of time. "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man

·.Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

• "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

• "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

• "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

• I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

How the world will be judged

• John 12:

 46 Jeeus said,"I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. 47 I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; <u>on the</u> <u>last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge</u>."

• John 13:19

• <u>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into</u> <u>the world, and people loved darkness rather than light</u> <u>because their deeds were evil.</u> 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

More end time signs

•Luke:21.11

- There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.
- "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.
- Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory

• When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

 He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is nea <u>Even so, when</u> you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near

• "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

• <u>"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and</u> the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.

- For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth.
- <u>Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about</u> to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Watch this

- •Jude:1.3
- Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. <u>They are godless men, who change</u> the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only <u>Sovereign and Lord.</u>
- •<u>Here you will see people who call themselves born against(Christians) but they</u> <u>sinning and they say"we leave by grace" or "God's grace is abundant"</u>
- Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-- these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.
- In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. in the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings.
- But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, " The Lord rebuke you!" Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals-- <u>these are the very things that destroy them.</u>

Not sacrifice but obedience

22 For in the day that I brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to them or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

23 But this command I gave them, "<u>Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be</u> <u>my people; and walk only in the way that I command you, so that it may be well with you."</u> 24 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but, in the stubbornness of their evil will, they walked in their own counsels, and looked backward rather than forward.

- •25 From the day that your ancestors came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day; yet they did not listen to me, or pay attention, but they stiffened their necks. They did worse than their ancestors did.
- •27 So you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. You shall call to them, but they will not answer you. 28 You shall say to them: This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the Lord their God, and did not accept discipline; truth has perished; it is cut off from their lips.
- •29 Cut off your hair and throw it away;
- raise a lamentation on the bare heights,

•for the Lord has rejected and forsaken

• the generation that provoked his wrath.

End for some; wise, priest, pastors and preachers or prophets

- •9 The wise shall be put to shame, they shall be dismayed and taken;
- •since they have rejected the word of the Lord, what wisdom is in them?
- •10 Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields to conquerors,
- because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain;
 from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.
- •11 They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, "Peace, peace,"
- when there is no peace.
- •12 They acted shamefully, they committed abomination; yet they were not at all ashamed, they did not know how to blush.
- •Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
- at the time when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the Lord.
- •<u>13 When I wanted to gather them, says the Lord, there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree;</u>
- •even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has passed away from them.

•From verse 13 above,do you remember how Jesus demonstrated what will happen when he cursed the fig tree for not having figs even when it was not it's right time to bear figs, so be careful!

True worship God demands

•The Worship God Demands

•Isaiah 66:1 Thus says the Lord:

·Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool;

•what is the house that you would build for me,

- and what would my resting place be?
- •2 All these things my hand has made,
- and so all these things are mine, says the Lord.

·But this is the one to whom I will look,

• to the humble and contrite in spirit,

• who trembles at my word.

•Do you remember when Jesus told His disciples not to trust in the beauty of the temple, because not a single stone will be left on top of another.

•Do you also remember when Jesus was talking with the Samaritan woman,"Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

•But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:21-24)

•Now this explains why Jesus said,But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.(Matthew 6:5)

Why Jesus was opposed

- Luke 2:27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
- •29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
- according to your word;
- •30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
- •31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

•32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles

- and for glory to your people Israel."
- 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <u>35 so that the inner thoughts of many will</u> <u>be revealed</u>—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Valuable teachings of Christ

Love for Enemies

• 27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

• 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.(mark this)

- 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
- 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
- 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
- •36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful

Judging others

 Matthew7:37 "<u>Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do</u> not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you ____. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lafor the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

- 39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? 40 A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.
- 41 Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? 42 Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

Building a strong foundation

- <u>The Two Foundations</u>
- 46 *"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you?* 47 I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them.
- 48 That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.
- 49 But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

Parable explained

• The Parable of the Sower

•4 When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. 6 Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. 7 Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. 8 Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

•The Parable of the Sower Explained

- •11 "Now the parable is this: *The seed is the word of God.* 12 The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.
- •13 The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

•14<u>As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they</u> <u>go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life,</u> and their fruit does not mature.

 15 But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart*and bear fruit with patient* endurance.

Help and Prayers accepted by God

<u>Concerning helping someone</u>

- Matthew 6:6 "Beware of practicing your care before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- •2 "So whenever you give help, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give help do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your helo may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<u>Concerning Prayer</u>

- 5 "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- •7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Fasting

<u>Concerning Fasting</u>

 Matthew 6:16 "And whenever you fast, do not look change your face, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 1But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<u>Concerning Treasures</u>

 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. *For where* your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Why worry?

Do Not Worry

- •25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 <u>And can any</u> <u>of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?</u>
- 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 <u>But if God so clothes the</u> <u>grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the</u> <u>oven, will he not much more clothe you</u>-you of little faith?
- •31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and <u>indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things</u>. 33 <u>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his</u> righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- •34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

• Whom to Fear

- 26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.
- 28 *Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*
- 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the approval from your Father<u>30</u>
 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
- 32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33b<u>ut</u>
 whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my
 Father in heaven.

Warning to the people of this generation onwards

•Do you remember that, in some page you have passed behind, we talked about this thing

- •2 Thessalonians 2: 9 The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, 10 and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved
- •The word "apparent" means "can be seen".so the coming of the lawless one can be seen by the working of Satan.But where does Satan work??,it work on people.This is why,as the time is going,the level of wickedness (sexual immorality, addiction, drunkenness,phonography etc) also increases.
- •These days people are forced to sin,Satan has intensified his work and is doing all his best to influence if possible the whole world including God's elects.He knows his time is running Out!.But thanks to God that He is ready to save whoever call for help from Him
- •However all this will work on those who have not believed the truth, which is the word of God, and the son of God, Jesus Christ.
- •11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, 12 so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.
- •Be careful, the word delusion means, deception, or lie that you think you are better than others. Like in this generation which most wants to perish, there is a powerful delusion where youths think they know more than elders, so they don't need to know anything from them.
- •This one thing I should not forget, a powerful delusion where the people of this generation go for some parties, night clubs, even from schools students are left to dance/dankee!(the school administrators are brain washed because of the love for money ,2timothy 6:10), new year, Christmas, birthday celebrations are done in evilness, they think it's a modanised way of doing things.NO,ITS A POWERFUL DELUSION, that you may think nothing is wrong with that but the end may find you unprepared"<u>for the Lord will come like a thief at an hour you are not expecting.so.mark me right, am not saying dancing is bad but what are you dancing and how are you dancing??</u>
- please repent and ask God to give you a new life,"His marcy endures forever!"

<u>The fate of sinners (sexually</u> immoral)

- •1 Corinthians:6.9
- <u>Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived:</u> <u>Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.</u>
- And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- •1 Corinthians:6.13
- "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"-- but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.
- Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!
- Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."
- But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.
- Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.
- •1 Corinthians:6.19
- <u>Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have</u> received from God? You are not your own;
- you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

<u>Assurance for those who</u> <u>repented</u>

•Remember these things so that your faith may be firmed

Jesus came not to save the righteous but sinners and he demonstrated by choosing sinners and changing their lives to becoming desciples.Matthew was a tax collector so he could cheat people and you know how tax collectors are rough,soul who later became Paul killed those who were trying to believe in Jesus

◆ The woman caught in adultery, Jesus told her "where are the people condemning you?" She answered they have all left. Then Jesus said to he *I* also don't condemn you, but go and sin no more."

◆Simon Peter,he was a fisherman,who uses bad languages,

 Prophet Isaiah, also used to use bad languages and he could stay with evil doers but God cleansed him

There are so many people who sinned but if you don't deny yourself (from pleasure / other sins) and carry your cross (peoples words) and follow Christ.then you will think you are the worst sinner, unworthy to be accepted by Christ and you will die in sin!

I too,am a human,I also sinned,but I don't mean am a very righteous man who is now proving my level of righteousness.I only thought to share thiis word with you.Dont mark me wrong please.Amen!

◆*Thanks to all priests, pastors,reverants,and all who persistently proclaim the word of God,may God give you more grace.Amen!*

◆Glory and Honour to God and Jesus Christ

Appreciation and contacts

- We appreciate whoever reads this word and put to action what he/she has read. The book of James tells us that when you read and don't act, then you are like a man who sees himself in a mirror clearly but when he goes away, he forgets how he looks like.so I encourage you to always read the word of God and put to action.Amen!
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- Join Christ in the boat and experience the heavenly atmosphere.
- The peace,love and grace of God remain in you abundantly.Amen