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Greetings in the mighty name of the resurrected Jesus Christ!

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Right now, the thirteenth batch of our **School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies** is going on in our Poondi Campsite attended by 284 ladies from the states of Maharashtra, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Goa, Uttarakhand, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Haryana, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The Holy Spirit is working deep in every one of them. They are being liberated to receive the truth that will enable them to remain free permanently (Jn.8:32). Ladies are very diligent in carrying the anointing and truth wherever they go. Pray for them. God does not see them as individuals but as an army. In these last days, women are rising up for Christ and shaking the nations. Praise God!

We need very special prayer for our 'Spirit Filled Leadership' seminars which we will conduct in Ludhiana, Punjab from April 9th to 12th and in Vyara, Gujarat from May 1st to 4th. We want to see mighty move of the Holy Spirit in these states. This is the time for the miracle workers to rise up all over the nations to show the power of God for the harvest is plenty. Start praying and mobilize people from your place. For further details keep visiting our website

*The darkest time is the greatest open door
for God's miracles*

- Prophet Ezekiah Francis

We have schools of the Holy Spirit in Bethul, Madhya Pradesh from May 7th to June 10th and in Chithoor, Kerala from April 12th to May 10th and in Theni, Tamil Nadu from April 30th to May 29th. We need your prayers for these schools and also pray for the right place and right people to help us in this ministry.

Beloved, you are God's Joseph in Christ. God adds and increases in your life constantly. He wants you to enjoy this blessing. God desperately wants you to increase in every way. There is always room for you to grow. You may have few talents and little strength and energy, but when you faithfully use them for God, you will be surprised by their increase. This is not only true for material needs, but also for your spiritual needs.

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See Yourself In Christ

Dr. Ezekiah Francis

CALLING IN CHRIST

So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians... I will send you... that you may bring My people... out of Egypt...

Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! (Ex.3:8,10; Jn.4:35)

Though Moses forgot his vision and calling, God did not. Whatever He begins, He will complete (Phil.1:6). He never accepts defeat nor withdraws. He met Moses at mount Horeb and called him for His glorious work (Ex.3:1-10).

Resurrected calling: When all the vision of Moses seemed dead, God came down to resurrect it. After forty years, still God was actively working on Moses' calling. It is true in your life, too. In your preparation time, satan might tempt you to feel defeated and depressed. At such times, you must remember your covenant-God. He never forgets your early love. None of your prayers and desires are ignored by Him. He is the One who created His desire in your heart to deliver the nations. He is effectually at work in you, energizing and creating in you the power and desire, both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight (Phil.2:13, AMP).

Moses was defeated, depressed, had forgotten

the vision, totally entangled in the world, but none of these things could stop God's plan. Maybe your failures and disappointments have dimmed your vision, but He who lives in you never grows faint nor weary (Isa.40:28). Take heart!

Partnership calling: First, God said to Moses, "I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians". Then, He said, "I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people... out of Egypt" (Ex.3:8,10). See the partnership! In Christ, you have the privilege to work with your Creator.

The moment you entered into Christ, you shared His work and mission. You became His co-laborer (1.Co.3:9; 2.Co.6:1). You and Jesus are in partnership now in saving the world from sin and satan. There is no laziness for a life in Christ. In Christ, you are committed with the ministry of reconciliation. You are Christ's ambassador on this earth (2.Co.5:19-20). Failure to do your ministry will choke the life of Christ in you. God is calling you right now as He called His covenant servant Moses. He is resurrecting all your visions as He did to Moses!

Deliverance calling: The sin and misery of this world have reached heaven's ear. God can no more be silent about His Blood-bought world. He called Moses at the point of Israel's dire need. His covenant people were groaning because of their bondage. Their cry was so much it went up to God. God remembered His covenant and came down to deliver them (Ex.2:23-25).

The world is full of sorrows, even after the resurrection of our Savior. Two thousand years passed, but still the world is in darkness. In spite of all the developments of technology, human brain power etc., still people grope in darkness and suffer in the enemy's clutches. God's heart is crying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?" (Isa.6:8). Will you say "Yes!" and be God's Moses for this time?

YOU are called: You are the only hope for this world! You are called according to His purpose! You are foreknown and foreordained and glorified to be like Jesus to bless your world (Ro.8:28-30). He invested so much in you, preparing you for times like this (Est.4:14). You have become a royal priest to deliver your people. Everything you need to bless this world and to deliver the people is given to you in Christ. The revelation of who you are in Christ is given to you. To whom much is given, from him much will be required (Lk.12:48).

Beloved, the harvest is plentiful. You are His called and equipped laborer in Christ (Mt.9:37). Lift up your eyes and look at the fields! They are ready for harvest (Jn.4:35)! GO NOW!

Thank You, Lord, Your gifts and callings in my life are irrevocable. You delivered me from the people and sent me to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of satan to God. I see that the fields are already white for harvest and GO as a minister of reconciliation because I am in Christ.

Ro.11:29; Ac.26:18; Jn.4:35; 2.Co.5:19

MIRACLE CALLING IN CHRIST

So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry (Ex.3:4-5; 1.Ti.1:12)

Miracle calling: The way God attracted Moses was purely a miracle. The bush was burning, but not burnt. It was purely a supernatural sight. Moses became very curious and came nearer to this miracle sight. By this, God showed him that his future ministry was going to be a miracle ministry.

God's miracle power still draws people to Christ. Moses was called by miracle for miracles. He was not called to deliver a sermon to Pharaoh but to deliver the whole nation by God's power. Moses had been eloquent in Pharaoh's palace, but now he had lost everything and suffered from stammering lips (Ac.7:22; Ex.4:10). Now, his only hope was in God's miracle power.

Holy calling: When Moses drew near to this miracle sight, God warned him not to draw nearer the bush because the ground had become holy. By this warning, God showed him that his ministry had to be holy from beginning to end.

The miracle ministry is a holy calling. The very place became so holy that Moses trembled. The moment God's Presence comes into your life, it makes you holy.

Your power ministry is a pure ministry. Prophesying is holy. Tongue-talking is holy. Salvation is holy. Deliverance is holy. Healing is holy. All revelation is holy. Preaching is holy. Worshipping is holy. The Presence of God in you makes your entire personality holy to release God's holy miracle power. The holy power of God passes through your holy hands and releases His healing power. The Holy Word of God flows through your holy tongue and transforms lives.

In Christ, you are totally holy. If you as a miracle minister are not living a holy life, you are playing with God's consuming fire! It's as if you

touch the high voltage of God's electric power. That is why the very God who called Moses was about to kill him. Zipporah did a quick circumcision and saved his life (Ex.4:24-25). Just because God needs a miracle minister, He will not lower His moral standard and principles at any cost.

Covenant calling: God introduced Himself to Moses as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Moses immediately recognized the covenant of God with his forefathers. He knew he was God's covenant partner to set His people free from slavery. In Christ, you are God's New Covenant partner. Your calling is entirely based on God's covenant with you. The mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but His and His covenantal calling shall never depart from you (Isa.54:10). God's calling is as powerful as God Himself.

Needs calling: The very need of the Israelites became a calling for Moses. The cry of the Israelites called God's attention to come down to deliver them. Here, God shared His heart cry with His servant Moses. He has seen the oppression of His people and heard their cry and their sorrow (Ex.3:7). This was enough to shake Moses to the core. He could no more live for his own needs and desires. The cry of his people became the voice of God to Moses.

In Christ, the need of the multitude is calling you to serve Him. It's not time to live and die for your own needs. God's calling is upon you. God's covenant is with you. His miracle power is in you.

He has made you holy. Why should you sit and wait for another calling?! Whatever you can do, do it with all your might NOW!

Beloved, you need not be afraid. The glorious anointing of a miracle ministry will keep you holy. The power to deliver people through you will deliver yourself. His Presence has already sanctified your life. Just maintain that sanctification! Let the miracle power flow unhindered!

Thank You, Lord, you have counted me faithful and put me into the ministry. The mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but Your kindness shall not depart from me, nor shall Your covenant of peace be removed from me because I am in Christ.

I Ti.1:12; Isa.54:10

'WHO AM I?' IN CHRIST

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" So He said, "I will certainly be with you... I have sent you...

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God... (Ex. 3:11-12; 2.Co.3:5)

When God's high calling of delivering people came to Moses, he felt extremely insufficient for it and even told the Lord, "Who *am* I...?" What an answer to give to God! Some might see his words as humility, but there is a tone of self-disapproval and inferiority. He felt like a nobody, unable to be

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This "Who am I?"-feeling is one of the greatest weapons of the enemy against God's people down through the centuries. The militant church that must do exploits for God is paralyzed by such fear and inferiority. What a loss to the Kingdom of God. When we underestimate ourselves and doubt God's selection and appointment, we actually disapprove of God's wisdom. None of us is sufficient in ourselves for His great task.

Every time God called His people in the Old Testament, people felt insufficient to oblige, but this should not be so for you, His new creation. In Christ, your power, ability and sufficiency comes directly from God. He has qualified and made you fit for His task (2.Co.3:5-6). You have no right to tell God you are unfit when He has made you fit and worthy in Christ. Now, it's not a question of who you are, it's a question of who He is in you.

You are a Savior: You are a savior (Ob.21). You are God's soldier and co-worker (Phm.1:1; Phil.2:25). You are anointed to deliver the captives (Lk.4:18). You are more than a conqueror (Ro.8:37). You can do what God can do, and greater things (Jn.14:12). You are a little god (Jn.10:34; Ps.82:6). Can a savior say, "Who am I to save?"

You have His Spirit: God replied to His "Who-am-I?"-Moses, "I will certainly be with you" (Ex.3:11) This eternally solves all your feelings of insufficiency.

God had to assure Moses of His Presence (Ex.3:12), but you don't need His repeated assurances every time you try to do something for Him. He is eternally your Immanuel (Mt.1:23). He settled the question of His Presence by His authoritative word, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt.28:20). In Christ, He is with you through His Holy Spirit all the days of your life.

The Old Testament saints begged for God to go with them (Ex.33:13-17; 34:9), yet often God left them for some time (Ex.33:2-3,7-10). They even had to take the tabernacle out of the camp to pitch it in the wilderness, but now, God Himself "tabernacles" in us. In the New Testament, nowhere people pleaded for His Presence. We now thankfully acknowledge His Presence because we are one with Christ through His Spirit (Ro.8:39).

You are sent: As God sent Moses and His prophets and apostles, He has sent you (Jdg.6:14). As the Father sent Jesus with all His power, you are sent (Jn.20:21). Because God sent Moses, He backed everything He spoke and did. The work was gloriously accomplished. Whom God sends, the whole heaven backs up! Because Jesus sent His disciples, they lacked nothing (Lk.22:35). The strength you have now is more than enough to save the nations! Be bold!

Beloved, never say, "Who am I?" to God or to yourself or to anyone. Always say, "my sufficiency is from God", "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me", "In my weakness, His strength shall abound", all because you are in Christ, sent into the world with His Presence.

Thank You, Lord, my sufficiency is from You. You made me sufficient as a minister of the New Covenant. You are always with me, even to the end of this world. You have sent me as You have sent Jesus because I am in Christ.

2.Co.3:5; Mt.28:20; Jn.20:21

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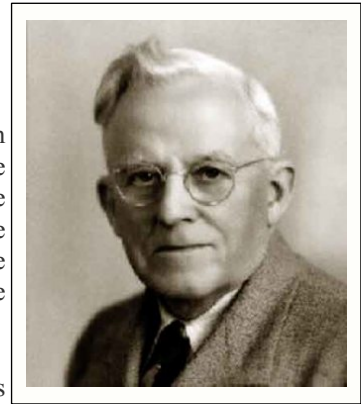
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- ✿ I am **Babitha Singh**. Last week while praying, I could feel a special anointing and the Holy Spirit revealed me that a convention is going on in northern part of India. I was prompted to inform that pastor that there will be healings of legs in the meeting on that day. Many received healing in leg-related issues on that day. 25 persons testified that they received healing on their legs and two persons testified that tumours disappeared. On another day, I took Prophet Ezekiah Francis' book 'Wonderway to Wonderworl' and Rev. Benita Francis' book 'How to Break Cruel Curses' for my friend and waiting in cafeteria for him, then came some pastors with their wives and joined me at that table. When they saw the book 'How to Break Cruel Curses', one of the pastors' wife took that and started reading. As she read, she starting shivering. Then all the pastors asked me to join in prayer at our community hall. While praying, all pastors started crying and shared that their children are in depression. I just prayed for them and I did curse breaking. Now, we started a prayer walk in the whole campus because in our campus 255 pastors and ministers have come for studies. Today also, one pastor came in the early morning and testified that his wife read 'How to break ungodly soul ties' book and their child got released from depression. He is a very senior pastor. I gave him DVDs of the prophetic messages by Prophet Ezekiah Francis to listen. Great miracles are unfolding here in our campus and our area since last week. Praise God!
- ✿ I am Pastor **Xavier Muller** from Puthukottai, Tamil Nadu. I am also a Berachah trainee. This week, a mother testified that her son who was mentally ill for about seventeen years got healed after she attended the curse breaking session in our church. I am excited to share this testimony with you and thank Prophet Ezekiah Francis and Rev. Benita Francis for this powerful truth. Praising and thanking God for you and your ministry.
- ✿ Praise the Lord! Before coming to Leadership Training School, my family was going through a financial crisis. When I was there in the school, God promised that this year will be the year of financial breakthrough. After I came back, in the first week itself I got a job, my elder brother got a job and in the same day, my younger one started his business. I'm witnessing a mighty move of the Holy Ghost in my family in spiritual and financial level. Praise God for this breakthrough! Berachah Prophetic Ministries is my birth place where I was born again and am now going from glory to Glory. Thanks to Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Rev. Benita Francis, Bro. Alex, Sis. Sudha and all the Berachah staff - **Alwin Nath**, Haryana.
- ✿ Dear brothers, I'm Daniel from Kerala. Yesterday, God gifted me an opportunity to visit a village in Andhra Pradesh with my beloved brothers Alex and Prabhu Charan. Bro. Prabhu Charan took us to a far away village. We were praying in a believer's home. Suddenly, God showed me a thin lady in a vision. When enquiring, they said there is a TB patient nearby. We three went to pray for her. She said her name is Grace. But God revealed me a name "Laxmivathi". Then she replied that her real name was "Laxmiparvathi" and she was commonly called Laxmivathi. She said she was suffering with TB for about six years. When we commanded healing, two demons manifested and left. Now she is completely healed. All glory to Jesus' name.

Jewels in His Crown

“Jesus has the keeping part, I have the believing and confessing.”

“Those of you who have read my book will be familiar with the fact that some were in disagreement regarding Kenyon’s view of receiving the Holy Spirit.” says Pastor Joe McIntyre. Essek William Kenyon (1867 - 1948), was an evangelist, pastor, president of a Bible Institute, author, songwriter and poet. He is best known for the numerous books that he authored that are still in great demand today. Kenyon’s writings dramatically unfold the glorious truths of the revelation given to the apostle Paul in simple, concise language. He wrote for the spirit man, addressing the heart more than the head.



E.W. KENYON

Born to a poor family in New England, he grew up with little education. When he was dramatically converted in a Methodist prayer meeting at the age of 17, he immediately began to enthusiastically win souls. An obvious gift and passion emerged for the lost, which would govern his life, began to bear abundant fruit. He also vowed he would become an educator. As he encountered the struggles that a new convert, however, Kenyon did not have the necessary foundation to stand and backslided for a while but returned back forever. Years later, he lamented the fact that he had not received the Holy Spirit in these early years, either. Understanding the Father-heart of God, who we are in Christ, and the authority and privileges of the believer were central to Kenyon’s message. In his writings Kenyon calls the believer up and out of the mire of traditional unbelief into the deep, rich treasures of our redemption in Christ. Many lives have been transformed reading his simple, yet profound books. “The Kenyon books are a seed-bed out of which has grown a Jesus-Revolution, literally sweeping the world” wrote T L Osborn, continued “You may publish my testimony in any way you please inasmuch as we long for all of our generation to know how much the Kenyon books have meant to us in our world ministry for the last quarter-century.”

Kenyon wanted people to receive the Person of the Godhead known as the Holy Spirit rather than focus on an experience or a gift. When Kenyon invited the Holy Spirit to fill him in 1897, he was at a crisis in his life and in his health. He was struggling with submitting to the complete lordship of Christ. When he yielded, the Holy Spirit came in and for Kenyon this meant lordship. (He was also instantly healed.) Jesus’ lordship was to be worked out and walked out practically by learning to submit to the indwelling Holy Spirit. His congregation immediately noted the difference in their pastor.

Kenyon preached for many pastors in Southern California since 1923 and he was extremely well received. Miracles of healing were common when he preached. He then settled in Seattle, Northwest. He resumed radio ministry which he had begun while in Los Angeles and soon found an appreciative audience for his teaching. Public meetings soon evolved into a church. New Covenant Baptist Church, Seattle Bible Institute and The Herald of Life publication were soon in full swing. Kenyon’s writing ministry flourished in his Northwest years. He revised his first two books and published many others. His daughter Ruth, finished compiling two near-completed books after his death. These edifying books continue to refresh, encourage and illuminate those who read them, challenging them to possess all that Christ purchased for them in His Finished Work. If you haven’t read any of his writings, you will be blessed as you feast on his unfolding of our great salvation.



- ✦ The latest study by the World Health Organisation (WHO) has revealed that 90 percent of the bottled drinking water samples contained high levels of plastic molecules. Water bottles from 19 locations in nine countries including India found an average of 325 plastic particles for every litre of water being sold. The WHO has suggested a review into the potential risks of plastic in drinking water
- ✦ In a bypoll set back to the ruling BJP at the centre, SP-BSP combine in UP captured two LS seats vacated by the state CM and his deputy. In Bihar, Lalu Prasad’s RJD won the Araria Parliament seat.
- ✦ 16 trekkers from Tamil Nadu were killed in Kolukkumalai hills near Kurangani in Theni district, as they were trapped in a forest fire on 11th March, 2018.
- ✦ 51 people were killed in an air crash at Katmandu Airport in Nepal on 12th March, 2018. The US-Bangla Airlines plane was carrying 71 people onboard including the crew members. 20 of them were injured. The airport authorities and officials of the airliner are blaming each other for the mishap.
- ✦ In the International Solar Alliance meet held in New Delhi on March 11, India committed \$1.4 billion line of credit to cover 27 solar power projects in 15 countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated the summit. The International Solar Alliance is a treaty based inter-governmental alliance of 121 solar resource rich countries lying fully or partially between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. They are blessed with sunshine almost throughout the year. The aim of the alliance is to promote solar energy and reduce the use of fossil fuels in such countries.



HERESY

Rev. Benita Francis

We are living in tremendously interesting times. Your God has made you to be born exactly in this moment of the End Times where we see biblical prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes every day! Wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, pestilences... everything Jesus named as signs of His eminent coming is seen daily in the news. What a privilege to be alive in this time - and what a challenge. One of the main signs of the End Times is a great flooding of the world with heresy. Doctrines of demons, brought by deceiving spirits, lies and deceptions will be rampant in the Body of Christ. Satan will try to deceive, if possible, even the elect (Matthew 24:24; Mark 13:22).

Satan's plan

How will he do it? Well, he is always the same father of lies and murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). I don't expect he will change his strategies very much. What he did so successfully in the Garden of Eden, he will try to do now (Genesis 3). This is a time where you have to be firmly grounded in God's Word like never before! And yet, exactly now in this time, satan is fighting overtime to get God's Word out of schools and all teaching institutions. His aim is to twist God's Word, to sow doubt and discord, to tell you that God isn't good to you, God doesn't love you, God wants to spoil your life, God doesn't want you to have any fun in life, God is withholding good things from you...

Please study very deeply that horrible chapter that destroyed humanity and broke God's heart as well as our relationship with Him. Study Genesis chapter 3 so

you can be warned and equipped to stand against the tricks, deceptions and wiles of the devil. As you study, you will again discover that somebody who wants to steal your life! You will recognize his strategies and easily stand against them.

See how God's Holy Spirit warns us about satan's plans:

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons**,

2 **speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron**,

3 forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a **good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished** in the words of faith and of the **good doctrine which you have carefully followed** (1 Timothy 4:1-6)

Christianity then and now?

The Holy Spirit clearly instructed me to write this chapter. I have a deep concern for the precious Church of Jesus in India. Coming from Europe and quite familiar with the different aspects of the move of God in so many nations, I have a deep admiration for the

zeal, commitment and loyalty to soul-winning, loving and obeying God's Word and bringing up the future generations in the fear and admonishing of the Lord.

With the level of knowledge revealed to them in countless hours of prayer, fasting, Bible reading and Scripture meditation, these tremendous old saints were able to kick through 330 million gods and produce a mighty revival of signs, wonders, healings and miracles in a difficult nation like India. All my respect goes to them, and I know, their reward will be great in heaven!

Yet now, when I see the young generation of believers in India, my heart trembles. Nowadays, believers pay high entrance fees for worship concerts, admiring the talents of servants of God - but what about their own life of worship and dedication? Nowadays, believers sit before their computers and consume one teaching after the other from many different nations - but what about their own Bible reading and prayer?

My heart trembles seeing all the different doctrines coming into the Body of Christ. I see great confusion and division coming into the Church of God which will weaken the Church just like it happened in the Western world.

There is a very interesting Christian movie called "Time changer". You can watch it on YouTube. It is very revealing and shows the way satan tries to steal the power of God from our lives and our society.

Heresy check list

How can you find out what is a heresy and what is a real divine revelation from heaven for this time? Your Lord Jesus clearly said, "By their fruits you shall

know them" (Matthew 7:16,20). So let us examine the fruit of the teaching you are listening to.

Unfortunately, as you can clearly see in God's creation, fruit takes time to grow. The Bible tells us that the Word is the seed. So any teaching you hear consists in words, and hopefully in very much Word of God. Yet even here, beware! Are you aware that groups like the Jehovah's Witnesses and even the Mormons do have their own Bible translations? Not everything that is sold to you as "bibles" is really God's inspired and rightly divided and translated Word (2 Timothy 2:15). So first of all, please do check what kind of Bible is used in the teaching you hear or read.

Then sit down and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what kind of fruit, what kind of a Christian, what kind of lifestyle that teaching will produce when the seed grows into a plant and finally into a fruit.

Does that teaching make you love Jesus more deeply?

Does that teaching make you a person of prayer and intercession?

Does that teaching enhance your purity and holy lifestyle?

Does that teaching make you more humble?

Does that teaching help you recognize that every good thing you have is from God?

Does that teaching make you more loving and compassionate toward people?

Does that teaching increase your love and burden for souls to be saved?

Does that teaching make you more active for Jesus?

Does that teaching recognize the previous revelations God gave?

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Does that teaching make you honor the servants of God who worked before you, no matter what is the level of revelation they had received?

Or does that teaching puff you up with knowledge and pride?

Does that teaching make you feel that only you have the right doctrine?

Does that teaching make you feel you know too much to be taught by others anymore?

Does that teaching make you separate yourself from other members of the Body of Christ?

Does that teaching make you feel you don't need to fast and pray anymore?

Does that teaching make you feel you don't need to evangelize and win the lost anymore?

Does that teaching quench your thirst for God's presence and intimacy?

Does that teaching make you feel you are better than others or know more than others?

Sincerely answer these questions for yourself. What changes do you observe in yourself since you started consuming that teaching? Do you think it will make you grow into the fullness of Christ and reveal His character in you more every day? It is up to you to decide.

Why do some believe the lie?

Please study these words of the great apostle Paul and let them sink very deeply into your spirit. Study even the Greek meaning to make sure you get the full benefit from God's Word. Take special note of the words TRUTH, LIE, LYING, DECEPTION, DELUSION, LAW, LAWLESSNESS, UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, SANCTIFICATION and the like:

7 For the mystery of **lawlessness** is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

8 And then the **lawless** one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

9 The coming of the **lawless one** is according to the working of satan, with all power, signs, and **lying** wonders,

10 and with all **unrighteous deception** among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the **truth**, that they might be saved.

11 And for this reason God will send them **strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,**

12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the **truth** but had **pleasure in unrighteousness.**

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through **sanctification** by the Spirit and **belief in the truth,**

14 to which He called you by our Gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle (2 Thessalonians 2:7-15)

Wow! Shocking! This is clearly talking about the End Times, the times we are living in right now!!!

The JESUS-way

For this year 2015, Jesus told me that TRUTH is the most precious possession anyone could have! Praise God, if you have JESUS who IS THE TRUTH in person, AND if you really WANT to DO God's will, not only know His will and decide later if you want to do it, you SHALL know if a doctrine is okay or if it will lead to danger and heresy in the future (John 14:6; 7:17-18).

I am always so touched by the deep humility of our Lord Jesus. Being the very Son of God, HE wasn't offended when people questioned His doctrine. He didn't cut them down with remarks like, "I am God's Son, won't I know? Who are you to question Me? Don't you know I am an apostle?" or anything like it. He humbly confessed that His doctrine was not His own, but from God who had sent Him. He didn't demand any special title or treatment for His wonderful revelations, as some people do nowadays. See God's assessment of such people:

18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him (John 7:18)

Wow! So if anyone seeks only the glory of God and NOT his own glory, THEN only there is no unrighteousness in him? Think about it! Isn't this another key to discerning which preacher you should

listen to and follow?

Modern confusions

Another extremely cunning trick of satan is to confuse people with many different Bible translations. Nowadays, many feel called and entitled to bring out their own Bible translation, and the technical revolution has made that very easy. If you look deeply, some translations take out many references to the saving Blood of Jesus, or to the powerful weapon of fasting, and many such things. What is the ultimate purpose of satan, the master deceiver behind all this? Well, he wants to do to you exactly what he did to Eve in the Garden of Eden: "Has God really said...???"

He wants to destroy your faith and trust in the Word of God! Why? Simple. Because he knows that only the Word of God is your firm foundation to stand on. Most importantly, God's Word is your only offensive weapon in the spiritual warfare you are engaged in, whether you know it or not (Matthew 7:2-25; Ephesians 6:13-17).

Many years ago, I was dismayed about a spiritually very weak church in Switzerland. Their pastor had Parkinson's disease, and so I attributed the state of the church to the pastor's physical health problem - until I saw the Bible he used. He and the entire church were using only a very watered-down, modern translation in the dialect of their region. Now I understood both his physical weakness and the general state of the church.

Of course he couldn't get healed! Of course the church couldn't live in victory! The Sword, which is God's Word, had lost its sharpness, and the devil had an easy playground (Ephesians 6:17).

I will never forget the first time I came to India in 1998. I was about to climb up on a huge stage in an open air meeting in Trichy, Tamil Nadu. I was the translator for South American revivalists, supposed to translate them from Spanish into English. Since English is not my native language, I had bought a beautiful leather-bonded NIV Bible.

People in Christian bookshops in Germany had counseled me to buy this Bible since it was easier to understand than the King James Version (KJV) or the New King James Version (NKJV). Before preaching, I was told we would minister on Ephesians chapter 6, the armor of God. So I looked it up in my beautiful, new NIV. What I read there shocked me deeply. The translators had taken out so much of the power and meaning of God's Word! It had become so shallow that my conscience wouldn't allow me to use that Bible. I asked the preacher to wait for me, ran to the bookshop with my sari almost falling off me, and bought a new NKJV Bible.

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