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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We thank you so much for your fervent prayers and faithful support for this ministry. God is debtor to no one. You will reap your harvest according to His riches in glory in every area of your life.

Beloved, you are called to be blessed like Abraham. In Christ, all the blessings of heaven and earth reside in you! Every time you lose anything for God, blessings begin to be unleashed in you. As a new creation, everything you lose for Christ's sake, you will receive back hundredfold in this life and in eternity (Mt.19:29). You will in no wise lose your reward as you serve God and His people. Never fear losing your life for His sake, because the life He gives you in return is His glorious resurrection life for every day! Claim your rewards for everything you have forsaken for Christ. Expect the harvest of all you have sown into His Kingdom. There is no comparison for what you will receive in return. Your five loaves will bless thousands and return back to you as twelve full baskets (Mk.6:43).

We experienced the wonderful time of outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Leadership School of the Holy Spirit. All of them testified an increased level of revelation, anointing, freedom and joy. Pray for them as they are going into their harvest fields.

We will conduct our 13th batch of School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies from 1st March onward. We are overwhelmed to see the lives changed through this life transforming school. We are receiving so many testimonies of powerful ministry, family transformation and reunion,

*Canaan life is not life in Heaven,
it is life in Christ*

- Prophet Ezekiah Francis

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See Yourself In Christ

Dr. Ezekiah Francis

HOLY PLACE IN CHRIST

You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the Tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God
(Ex.26:35; Ro.12:2).*

If the Most Holy Place can be compared to your spirit, the Holy Place can be compared to your soul which consists of your mind, will and emotions. From your spirit, the God of glory manifests through your soul. Your soul is the door through which God can move to the world (Ps.24:7-9).

In the Tabernacle, God's glory was locked up in the Most Holy Place by the veil. In Christ, the veil is torn! By His death, Jesus tore the veil between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place and opened a new and living way into the Most Holy Place (Mt.27:51; Mk.15:38; Lk.23:45; Heb.10:20). Now, God can freely move and walk in and through you.

As New Covenant Tabernacle, you must know the secret of manifesting God's glory. People under the Old Covenant always waited for God's glory to descend from heaven, but in Christ, you need not wait! You contain all the glory in your spirit all the days of your life! Now, it's not a question of receiving God's glory but of releasing it!

The Holy Place contained the golden lampstand, the table of showbread and the altar of incense. From the Tabernacle study, you can learn how to release God's glory. From your spirit, God's glory must overflow and permeate all your soul.

The lamp: The lamp in the Holy Place signifies your mind. Your mind needs to be illuminated by God's Word and Spirit. Paul prayed for the Spirit of revelation so that the eyes of our hearts may be flooded with light (Eph.1:18). Constant meditation on God's Word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will definitely transform your mind.

God commanded that the lamp must burn continually (Ex.27:20; Lev.24:2; Jos.1:8). It was the priests' responsibility to see that it kept burning by trimming the wicks continually. As His priest, it is your responsibility to enlighten your mind continually by God's Word. Once your mind is renewed, no power can dim God's shining glory in you (Ro.12:2).

Your Lord Jesus had the most renewed mind ever. In Christ, you have this mind of Christ (1.Co.2:16). All you have to do is to believe and act on it, and your behavior will change accordingly.

Showbread: The showbread can be compared with your will. As wheat is crushed into fine flour and baked into showbread, all your desires and strong will must be grinded like fine flour and presented as showbread for His service. Jesus broke His flesh to become Bread for the world. He denied His own will to do the Father's will until the end (Lk.22:42). In Christ, His will has become your will. Allow His will to bring your will under His dominion.

Sometimes, His chastening fire is needed to bake you and make you a soft, fresh bread for His service. This might be a hard process, but like your Savior, you will be satisfied as you pour out your soul into death (Isa.53:11-12).

Incense: The altar of incense can be compared with your emotions. Aaron had to burn sweet incense every morning and evening (Ex.30:7-8). Incense could mean intercessory prayer where your emotions are involved (Rev.8:3). Jesus and all His prophets cried and agonized in prayer (Lk.19:41; Heb.5:7). The Holy Spirit fills your emotions and groans for the saints (Ro.8:26).

Jesus offers continuous incense of intercession for you (Heb.7:25). This interceding High Priest lives in you by His Spirit, imparting His anointing for intercession. Intercession becomes your spontaneous lifestyle as you yield to His Spirit. Priestly prayer and praise is the secret to release God's glory. In the Spirit, you can feel God's emotions and cry for the lost.

Beloved, all the fullness of God is waiting to be released from your spirit. Never allow your soul to hinder that glory. Constantly enlighten your mind, yield your will and emotions to His reign, and maintain a regular prayer life. You will be thrilled to see God's glory freely flowing through you.

Thank You, Lord, I keep my heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. I live according to Your Spirit, and I set my mind on the things of the Spirit. Not my will, but Yours be done in my life because I am in Christ.
Pr.4:23; Ro.8:5; Lk.22:42

MOST HOLY PLACE IN CHRIST

You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.

**The Holiest of All... had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant
(Ex.26:34; Heb.9:4).**

As God's Tabernacle, your innermost spirit man is the most holy place where all the fullness of God dwells (Eph.3:19). God's Tabernacle was divided into three portions. First is the Outer Court where people could go and offer their sacrifices. Then comes the Holy Place where only the priests were allowed to go for their daily communion with God. Next is the Most Holy Place where the high priest alone had the privilege of entering once a year. A veil divided the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place (Ex.26:33).

The Most Holy Place contained the Ark of the Covenant with the mercy seat, guarded by two Cherubim (Heb.9:4-5). God's Ten Commandments, the Manna and Aaron's rod were in the Ark.

In Christ, your spirit contains all the substance of these objects. As the Ark of God was in the Most Holy Place, the very Presence of God dwells in your spirit today. Instead of the Ten Commandments, God has written all His laws into your spirit (Jer.31:33-34; Heb.10:16). As Aaron's budding rod, which symbolizes the anointing and the calling, your spirit is the spring from where all your anointing and calling flow (Jn.7:39). As the manna was in the Ark, Jesus, your divine Manna, dwells in your spirit (Jn.6:32-35). In the Most Holy Place, there was no light except God's shining glory. Likewise, your spirit shines with God's glory and gives you all the guidance you need (Pr.20:27).

You need your spirit: As the Most Holy Place was the central focus for the entire Tabernacle, your spirit is the real essence of your being. In Christ, you need to depend entirely on your spirit from where Christ's nature and all the gifts of the Spirit are manifested. Your victory comes from your spirit. Your guidance comes from your spirit. Your ministry efficiency comes from your spirit. All your worth lies in your spirit (Pr.4:23; Mt.16:26; Ro.7:18). You live by the spirit, you love by the spirit, you serve by the spirit, you relate to others by the spirit, you pray and praise by the spirit, you give offerings by the spirit, you believe by the spirit (Ro.8:13; 5:5; Phil.3:3; Jn.4:24; 1.Pe.2:5; 2.Co.4:13). To sum it all, everything you do is by your spirit. Anything you do from the flesh, however small it may be, is sin and unacceptable to God.

You feed your spirit: As you feed your physical

body with food, water, exercise etc., you can also feed your spirit. The natural man spends all his energy to develop and improve his physical body and his mind, but you, the child of God, must spend your energy to develop your spirit (1.Ti.4:8). It is worth any sacrifice! Your spirit has the capacity to grow. The more you feed your spirit, the more you exhibit Christ's life and glory (Eph.4:13). The Word of God is the best food to feed your spirit (1.Pe.2:2). Praying in tongues is like fresh water to your spirit (1.Co.14:4). Paul admonishes you to be strengthened with all might in the spirit. The Holy Spirit, out of His treasure house of glory, strengthens your inner personality constantly (Eph.3:16). Feeding your spirit is the first step to manifesting all God's fullness. Unless you are strong in the spirit, you cannot wrestle against the powers of darkness (Eph.6:10-12). If you know the importance of a strong spirit, you will spend enough time to feed your spirit.

You heed your spirit: As God spoke from the Most Holy Place, He now whispers from your spirit (Ro.8:14-15). The way you hear and heed your spirit determines your strength and power. This I call "practicing the Word" (Heb.5:14). God primarily speaks through His written Word. As you are a doer, not just a hearer, your spirit will speak to you through the inner voice, impressions, visions, intuitions etc. (Isa.66:2,5; Jas.1:22-25). This immediate obedience will make your spirit healthy and vigorous.

You weed your spirit: In order to manifest God's power, weed soulish and fleshly things out of your spirit (SS.2:15; Heb.4:12). The Ark in the Most Holy Place was guarded by the two Cherubim symbolizing the two Arch Angels. The whole heavenly host encamps around you, protecting and guarding you, mainly because of God's glory you carry in your spirit. How meticulously should you guard your spirit

from the enemy and his pollutions (Jn.14:30; 2.Co.7:1)!

Beloved, God's shekina glory is shut up in your spirit, waiting for you to release it (Ex.25:22; 30:6). When you allow Him to come out of your spirit, all the life and power of God will flow through you to touch this needy world (Jn.4:38). That's the greatest need of this hour. People sit in the shadow of death. You have God in you to give them life! Let Him flow and bless your world TODAY!

Thank You, Lord. You grant me, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with might through Your Spirit in my inner man, that You may dwell in my heart through faith. That I may be filled with all the fullness of God because I am in Christ.
Eph.3:16-20

TABERNACLE IN CHRIST

According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the Tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

**Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these
(Ex.25:9; Heb.9:23).**

God's Tabernacle played a major role in the history of the Israelites. Though it is just the pattern of the heavenly things, we can't just ignore its significance (Ex.25:9). The earthly sanctuary speaks of our heavenly sanctuary (Heb.8:5; 9:23-24). Moses' Tabernacle was made with man's hand, but Jesus has become our greater and perfect Tabernacle (Heb.9:11; 10:5; Jn.1:14; 17:21,23).

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Dwelling place: The very purpose of this Tabernacle is to show God's desire to dwell among His people. Our forefathers built altars wherever they went, and invited God's Presence, but God's deepest desire was to travel with them continuously everywhere. That is why He commanded them to make this portable worship center.

Every new creation in Christ carries God's Presence as a mobile Tabernacle, as Jesus did in His earthly walk. You are being built up as His holy temple and His dwelling place. He lives in you by His Spirit (Eph.2:21-22). Do you realize the power and privilege of carrying the eternal Creator of the universe?! Is there anything impossible for you?!

All of God: The Tabernacle plan was given to Moses purely as a revelation from God. God literally showed him the blueprint on the mountain of glory (Ex.25:8; Heb.8:5). The Tabernacle and all its furniture were made by craftsmen specifically called and totally inspired by God's Spirit (Ex.31:1-11). Even the materials and offerings for the Tabernacle were given by those inspired by God's Spirit (Ex.25:1-7; 35:5,21). The Tabernacle was built solely for the manifestation of God's glory, and God sanctified His Tabernacle by His glory (Ex.29:43).

In Christ, you are totally God's idea and revelation. His blueprint for you was laid out even before the foundation of the world (Eph.1:4-6,9-12). As He used His Spirit-filled craftsmen to build His Tabernacle, He is using His Spirit-filled ministers to furnish you as His Tabernacle (Eph.2:20-22; 4:11-13). God uses His Spirit, His Word, His servants, His church, His Name and His revelations to perfect you, His Tabernacle. How could you not be His glory-carrier?! Let His Presence melt your mountains TODAY!

His supply: Even the measurement of all the articles in the Tabernacle was given by God (Ex.25:10). Remember, every step of your life is ordered by God (Ps.37:23). You are the exact replica of His master-plan. The most expensive, precious metals and woods were used lavishly in the entire Tabernacle. In Christ, you are God's most precious possession. He gave His own Son, the most precious One, to make you a worthy "God-container" (Ro.8:32). Rejoice TODAY!

Human-God: All the utensils used in the holy and Most Holy place were made of wood overlaid with pure gold. Wood speaks of humanity, gold speaks of divinity. The Tabernacle portrays the blending together of humanity and divinity. Jesus, the Great Tabernacle, was a perfect God and a perfect man.

By your union with Him, you became a "God-man" on this earth. As the wood was overlaid with gold, you, a mortal man, are enveloped in divinity. A glorious day will come when all your mortality shall be swallowed up by God's immortality (2.Co.5:4). Till then, Christ in you will increase daily as your flesh decreases (Jn.3:30; Ga.4:19).

As heaven's entire focus was on this Tabernacle, God's entire focus is on you. The priests and Levites who dedicated their life to serve in the Tabernacle were highly honored by God. As you serve God as His mobile Tabernacle, you will be also highly honored in midst of your enemies (Nu.3:45; Ps.23:5). Expect this TODAY.

Beloved, you are God's mini-Tabernacle on this earth (Col.1:27; 2.Co.6:16). People see and feel God's glory in you. Remember, you are God's idea and His revelation. Your life work is to manifest Him to this world. The whole world is waiting for you to overflow with God's glory (Ro.8:19). Every day, His Spirit is working in your life with all His tools, shaping and molding you to be His perfect home.

Thank You, Lord, You are the greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. You became flesh and dwelt among us. I am being built for Your dwelling place in the Spirit because I am in Christ.

Heb.9:11; Jn.1:14; Eph.2:22

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Jewels in His Crown

The important thing is not the size of your faith - it is the One behind your faith - God Himself.

“Theologically Roberts is basically a classical Pentecostal, who maintains that speaking in tongues is normative for every believer. His trademark, however, has been essentially an upbeat message of hope. The whole thesis of his ministry has been that God is a good God and that He wills to heal and prosper His people (3 John 2).” in the words of Tony Cauchi.

Granville Oral Roberts was born January 24, 1918 in Pontotoc County, near Ada, in Oklahoma, to deeply religious parents. His father was a farmer who also preached the gospel and established Pentecostal Holiness churches. His mother regularly prayed for the sick and led people to Christ. While she was still pregnant, Robert's mother, committed Oral to God's service. Even though Oral had a very strong stutter his mother would tell him that one day God would heal his tongue and he would speak to multitudes.



GRANVILLE ORAL ROBERTS
'FAITH HEALER'

In 1935, as a young man Oral Roberts lay dying of incurable tuberculosis in Enid, Oklahoma, the Lord spoke to the young man and said, “Son, I am going to heal you, and you are to take My healing power to your generation. And someday, you are to build Me a university based on My authority and on the Holy Spirit.” That very night, Oral's brother drove him to a tent revival in Ada, Oklahoma, where evangelist George Moncey laid his hands on Oral's fevered, weak body and prayed, “You foul, tormenting disease, I command you in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, come out of this boy! Loose him and let him go free!” The power of God hit Oral's body and he received an immediate healing in his lungs, as well as his stuttering tongue. From that day forward, the life of Oral Roberts was changed forever, and the story of Oral Roberts Ministries began.

God called him to an unusual fast. Roberts was to read the four gospels and the book of Acts three times consecutively, while on his knees, for thirty days. When he was a pastor he prayed for a church member whose foot was crushed. The foot was instantly healed. God continued to speak to Roberts about his call to the multitudes. God began to reveal Jesus as the healer in a new way. God also began to give Roberts dreams where he would see people's needs as God saw them. God called him to hold a healing meeting in his town. A woman was dramatically healed, several people were saved and Roberts' ministry changed overnight.

He became an American Charismatic Christian televangelist, ordained in both the Pentecostal Holiness and United Methodist churches, who is considered the godfather of the charismatic movement and one of the most recognized preachers worldwide. He also founded the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association and Oral Roberts University. Lee Braxton wrote in 1951: ‘Oral Roberts recognizes good in all denominations, and is a strong believer in Church Organizations, but feels that he is called to bring Bible Deliverance to all people of all Faiths. People from almost all denominations attend the Roberts Campaigns, subscribe to Healing Waters Magazine, and support the Radio Broadcast’.



- ✦ ARs 11,400 crore scam involving the public sector Punjab National Bank and the luxurious jewellery firms run by Mr Nirav Modi has rocked the whole banking system in the country. It relates to one of its Mumbai branch issuing Letters of Undertaking (LoU) to the firms without any margin amount. The LoU's were not even reflected in the bank's messaging system, bypassing any scrutiny. The Enforcement Directorate made searches into the premises of the Nirav Modi group properties and seized assets worth about Rs 5716 crore. The CBI has arrested six people including some of the bank officials into the case.
- ✦ The Supreme Court in its final verdict on the Cauvery River Water sharing row has reduced the quantum of water for Tamil Nadu by 14.75 tmc ft. However, the apex court has ordered to form the Cauvery Management Board as stipulated by the Cauvery Tribunal. Now, Karnataka will have to release 177.25 tmc ft of water to be realized at the inter-state border point at Biligundlu. The apex court has also said, inter-state rivers are national assets, clarifying that it does not belong to just one state.
- ✦ Over 92 percent of Tripura's nearly 2.54 crore voters cast their votes in February 18 elections in 59 of the 60 Assembly seats, setting a new record in the electoral history of India.
- ✦ At least 17 people have been killed in a shootout at a high school campus in Parkland, Florida on the 15th last month. The attack at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is the sixth school shooting incident this year so far.
- ✦ Days after reports of the Punjab National Bank fraud case came to light, the CBI has booked the Rotomac Pen company promoter Vikram Kothari and his family members for allegedly defaulting on loans worth Rs 3,695 crore from multiple banks.



the unemployment crisis of ANGELS

Rev. Benita Francis

This bold and shocking title was given to me by none other than God's mighty Holy Ghost, the power behind all creation and the inspiring author of the Bible.

Is it true? Can angels really have a crisis? And could unemployment be the problem of angels, seeing all the pressing issues all over the earth that desperately need angelic intervention? Could there ever be any unemployment problem for God's glorious messengers? And most importantly - is there anything you can do about it?

We hear many stories about angels, and from 2017 onwards, angelic appearances and angelic rescue missions will increasingly make even international headlines. We tell our children bedside stories about their guardian angels. Schools and Kindergartens teach our children to connect with their "little friends" or "spirit guides", calling them guiding angels. People call on angels for help in all kinds of situations. People even command angels to do what they want or to bring them what they desire.

Definitely, the subject of angels is a hot topic, and it will gain more prominence as time passes.

You need to know! You must be informed! You have to be able to master any discussion about angels!

And most importantly, you must position yourself clearly to make sure angels, these powerful spiritual beings, can create blessings

and not havoc in your life!

So let us together turn to the source of all truth, the eternal Word of our Creator God, the Bible.

Are all angels good?

First of all, the million-dollar-question: Are all angels good, or are there also some bad ones out there? Could we incur any danger when we attempt to establish contact with angels?

Well, I have seen people who innocently started to interact with spirit beings that showed themselves as angels and promised health, happiness and success in any area of life. Did these poor souls get what they were promised? Were there any unexpected consequences? Let's look at some examples.

Guidance and help from the spiritual world?

In South America, where the Lord Jesus gave me most of my spiritual training, the spiritual world is boiling hot. You have both sides - Christians and satan worshippers - doing daily TV programs and even owning entire TV stations. Both are bombarding the spiritual world with their words which are actually spiritual substance (Jn.6:63). People are bombarded daily with spiritual messages and promises and have to make the choice on which side they want to stand.

Tragically, many don't even know that there are two sides. In South America, even born-again believers still pray to their deceased ancestors and

similar things. I had people happily show me the empty cross of Jesus hanging in a corner of their room. Whenever they prayed, they would look up at that corner and direct their prayers to that empty cross. Sounds great, doesn't it? But wait... Then they would reach behind that cross and proudly and joyfully show me a little box that was kept there always. Guess what it contained? It contained the finger bones of some deceased ancestor! So they actually prayed to the dead, worshipped the dead, asked counsel from the dead!!!

King Saul in the Bible did such a thing. When and why did he do it? He had to resort to such horrors after being rejected by God for his disobedience, fear of men and man-pleasing (1.Sa.28)!

You do not need to get your guidance and counsel from anything or anybody but from the Living God through His one and only Mediator, His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1.Ti.2:5)! If you are a born-again believer but you can't hear God's voice anymore, search your heart. Find out when and where you left the course of obedience to God. Repent and do the first works again (Rev.2:5). Love Jesus again like you loved Him right after He became your Lord and Savior. I guarantee you, you will be forgiven!

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1.John 1:9)

King Saul, however, missed his opportunity to repent and was rejected by God. That's why he had to resort to inquiring from the dead which is actually demon worship (Lev.20:6).

Spirit healing - with side effects?

Let me give you some examples of people who thought they were seeking God's help, but were looking in all the wrong places. Unfortunately, they really did get help! In the beginning, it seemed that their problem had been solved, and they happily told all their friends and relatives about "that wonderful medium, spirit healer, clairvoyant, soothsayer, future teller..." Only after some time, they started noticing that their "help" had come at a very high price...

There was a sister who suffered from digestive problems. She went to a "native doctor" who claimed to work with god and with spiritual powers. His office was full of statues, icons and pictures of angels and saints which made that sister believe he was a Christian. Nothing could be further from the truth! The man was practicing "santeria", a well-disguised but very powerful form of witchcraft! He gave her some herbal powders and spoke some prayers over her. Miraculously, her indigestion was healed - but very soon afterwards, she started to suffer from anxiety and insomnia followed by severe depression, panic-attacks and finally suicidal tendencies.

Praise God, in her desperation she cried out to Jesus and finally found true Christians and a real

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Bible-believing church. Her recovery was not easy, though. She had opened herself up to the spirit world, and these evil spirits happily accepted her invitation and invaded her life. She needed to be delivered by prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth from the demonic spirits that had camouflaged as “angels” and almost destroyed her life.

In the Name of Jesus, not only her physical health but also her emotional and spiritual health was restored. Much more than that - she became a child of God and secured her eternal salvation in Christ! Hallelujah! I love it! Whatever satan tries to do against you, it will finally work out for his defeat and your blessing, if you turn to Jesus with all of your heart! See here:

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)

Hallelujah!!! Thank You, Lord Jesus!!!

Spirit healing - at a cost?

Now let me tell you another story of an innocent but uninformed person who truly believed god was behind the treatment he was offered. A man in Argentina needed an operation for gallbladder stones, but he was very afraid of scalpels, doctors and hospitals. So when somebody told him about spiritual healing, he was very excited and started enquiring. First of all, he was assured that the operation would be done from Brazil without any human intervention, but in order to go any further, a huge amount of money had to be deposited in the healer’s bank account. Actually, the suffering man should have been immediately alarmed when he was asked for money, since Jesus told His disciples:

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:8)

Let me warn you: Anybody offering prayer for

money is definitely not doing it in the spirit of Jesus! Jesus Himself made it very clear:

24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24)

If you desire to give a gift or an offering after you received your miracle through some servant of God’s prayer, that is a different story, but asking money for prayer is definitely not the heart and the spirit of God!

Unfortunately, that man didn’t know the Bible and could therefore easily be cheated and deceived. He transferred the money and waited for further instructions. Can you imagine? He was told to be ready at a particular day and hour, even to the minute. He had to be dressed in a white gown, and everything in the room had to be white. A glass of water had to be on his bedside table, and he was instructed to wait for the “spirit doctor” to come and do the operation.

To my big dismay, the man told me that exactly at the appointed time he felt a presence coming into his room. He could watch in full mental alertness his flesh open as if a scalpel was cutting it open! He felt no pain, and no blood flowed from the open wound. He could watch some grain-like substances leaving him. Then the wound closed up, leaving nothing but a small scar. His next physical exam showed no more gallbladder stones. Wow!

But would you think this spectacular healing came without a price? Oh no! The man started experiencing increasingly uncontrollable anger attacks which ultimately forced him into the saving arms of Jesus - but it was not easy for him to come to Jesus!

Whenever he wanted to pray, his mouth would get paralyzed, and he was unable to articulate words. This happened again and again. Finally, he decided to visit a powerful church and ask for help. Can you imagine that whenever he came close to the church, his entire body would become para-

lyzed and stiff like a log? He tried his best to reach the church, even renting taxis to bring him there, but the moment the taxi got closer to the church, he would stiffen up so much that nobody could get him out of the car!

Seeking his healing in the wrong place, he had invited demonic spirits into his life which fought violently to keep his soul from being saved for all eternity! He finally had to ask friends to carry him into church, stiff as a log, unable to speak or even move a finger.

Praise God, he had come to a church where people knew and understood the spiritual world! The believers were trained how to recognize demonic oppression and possession and how to deal with it in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. They stood around the man and rebuked the spiritual forces that were binding and holding him.

As soon as he could move his mouth, they made him confess his sin of searching help from fallen angels. They made him renounce any invitation he had given to these demonic spirits and declare his full allegiance to God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. This done, they could deliver him from all the many demon spirits satan,

the enemy of our souls, had deposited in his body through his foolish act.

Know how to choose the good side

How could that happen? How could these sincere seekers be so severely set up and cheated? The answer is found in a Bible verse which I consider one of the clearest explanations of the state today's world is in:

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children (Hosea 4:6)

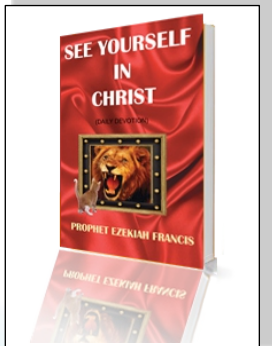
So, are all angels good? O no, definitely not all angels are good! There is a dark side to the spiritual realm. According to the Bible, a third of the angels were drawn by the tail of satan, the great serpent, and thrown to the earth (Rev.12:4,9). Just like their master satan, they are master liars and deceivers (Ge.3:1; Jn.8:44; 1.Ti.4:1). They will do their very best to deceive, if possible, even God's elect (Mt.24:24).

Now, how can you make sure you connect with the good side, the right side of the spiritual world?

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