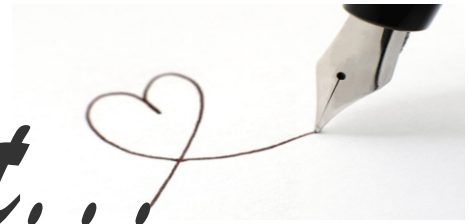


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NO “SUPPOSE” IN CHRIST

Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you’”.

Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision (Ex.4:1; Ac.26:19).

God assured Moses that the people would heed him and he would meet Pharaoh with the elders (Ex.3:18). Still, Moses said, “But suppose they will not believe me...”. Unfortunately, Moses’ unbelief made him disbelieve also God’s people (Ex.4:1).

When God sent Moses, He gave him His mission and His Name. He even predicted everything that would happen. He showed him that Pharaoh would not let them go easily. His hand would smite the Egyptians so they would finally let Israel go and even plunder the Egyptians (Ex.3:19-22). When God revealed His strategy so clearly and completely, Moses had no right to say any “but” or “suppose” to God.

When God speaks His will and purpose to you, dare not say, “but” and “suppose”! The Lord who commissions you knows all about you and the obstacles you will face in your ministry (Jer.1:4-8,19). Before He sends you to a place or people, He surveys them and prepares them for your mission (Ex.23:20; Nu.10:33). He opens people’s heart to hear and obey you (Ac.16:14). The Great Breaker goes before you (Mic.2:13)! No place is hard and nobody can resist you if you are commissioned by Him.

The One who sends you can see the end from the beginning (Isa.46:9-10). All His missions are well planned and worked out beforehand (1.Co.2:9-10; Eph.2:10).

In answer to Moses’ “**suppose**”, God showed him that His super power was already in his hand.

Super-power in you: God patiently dispelled every one of Moses’ doubts. He used Moses’ own rod to prove His supernatural power. The rod became a serpent and vice versa. Then He asked him to put his own hand in his bosom, and his hand became leprous. These two miracles would attest Moses’ ministry. Note here: God manifested His power only through what Moses already had - **his** rod and **his** hand (Ex.4:2-9)! By this, Moses’ rod became God’s Rod (compare Ex.4:2,20).

In Christ, you have God’s miracle power in you. As Moses’ ordinary rod became God’s extraordinary Rod, you have become God’s sign and wonder (Isa.8:18). The Holy Spirit, the Source of all miracles, lives in you. Your new birth is a miracle. Your new nature is a miracle. Christ in you is a miracle. God’s Word in your hand is a miracle. Life in Christ is a miracle from beginning to end. You are a miracle-child of a Miracle-Father. You can have miracles every day of your life if you live in constant expectancy.

Proving power: Our God proves His power through signs and wonders (Ac.14:3). He knew the Israelites and the Egyptians would only believe if they saw miracles. Seeing is believing. Jesus said to the nobleman, “Unless you people see signs and

wonders, you will by no means believe” (Jn.4:48). Only God’s mighty Hand can set the captives free. His wonders and miracles alone will break Pharaoh’s power in our nations (Ex.6:1). Miracles will convince and convict the hardest people, even the hardcore atheists.

Private life power: God had to convince His own servant Moses and the elders with miracles before He could manifest His power publicly. Likewise, He will first show His miracles in your personal life and family. The very first miracle of Jesus was done to this end. His own disciples believed in Him when they saw the miracle of water turned into wine (Jn.2:11). In order to make Peter a public miracle worker, God proved His healing power to Peter’s mother-in-law and made his home a healing center (Mt.8:14-15).

Prophetic word power: The Word from God’s mouth carries God’s miracle power. Moses thought his people would not listen to **his** voice. He didn’t realize they would listen to **His** voice. When you speak for God, remember you speak the oracles of God (Jn.3:34; 1.Pe.4:11). His Word in your mouth will produce faith in people’s heart (Ro.10:17). Miracles are your ministry credentials (1.Ki.17:24). When you speak His Word, God always confirms it with miracles (Ac.14:3). When the Lord works with you, miracles must follow you (Mk.16:20).

Beloved, in Christ, you are one with the greatest Miracle Worker of all times. It’s natural for you to be supernatural. When God says something, please don’t give Him a “but” or “suppose”. Never ever question His Word and will. Act on His Word like a child and accelerate His miracle power in you.

Thank You, Lord, by my miracle ministry people will know I am a servant of God, and that Your Word in my mouth is the truth. I will go out and preach everywhere, and You will work with me, confirming my word through the accompanying signs because I am in Christ.

NO “INABILITIES” IN CHRIST

Then Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent... I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth?... Go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say...”

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say (Ex.4:10-12; Lk.12:12).

Just after God had revealed Himself as the Great **I AM**, Moses swayed back to his unbelief and said, “**I am** not eloquent... **I am** slow of speech”. It’s a direct clash between God’s I AM and man’s I am (Ex.3:14; 4:10). For a casual reader, it may look like humility, but it was total unbelief and an insult to God. In fact, he focused on himself, leaning on his own oratory ability.

Anything from self is sin and kills your faith. Self-reliance, self-pity, self-abasement, self-depreciation, self-rejection, self-condemnation, self-awareness, self-consciousness etc. stifles your miracle faith. Here, Moses was very conscious of his speech impediment, while God tried to turn his focus toward Himself.

Whenever God called His people, they tried to escape from His calling, mainly because they felt inadequate. You should never interpret this as humility or a qualification for ministry. In fact, it is the direct work of the flesh, opposing God’s will. God never appreciates such false humility.

When God called Jeremiah as a prophet to the nations, he tried to evade the call saying he was only a child. God rebuked him, “Do not say, I am only a child” (Jer.1:6-7). When Peter was called into the apostolic ministry, he asked Jesus to depart from him for he was a sinful man (Lk.5:8). Just imagine God had departed from him! It’s one of the devil’s crafty devices to make you focus on your inadequacies.

In Christ, God replaced all your insufficiencies with His great sufficiency (2.Co.3:5-6). Now, Jesus became your Head and fills you, His Body, with all His fullness (Eph.1:23).

God believes in His ability to make you fit for His purpose. He knew all about your stubbornness, treacherous nature and inadequacies, and yet for His own sake He has chosen you (Isa.48:4,8-11).

In Christ, your inabilities, physical infirmities and emotional instabilities are overpowered by God's power. All the servants used mightily by God had their own deficiencies. They found God's strength and His grace was made perfect in their weaknesses so that the power of Christ might rest upon them (2.Co.12:9). In their weakest moments they felt God's all-surpassing power. By their faith in God's ability and promises they won strength out of weakness and became stalwart, even mighty in battle, and routed the enemies (Heb.11:34).

God reassured Moses of His Presence and promised to be with his mouth and teach him His very words (Ex.4:10-12). If God could speak through a dumb donkey, why not through you, His dear darling (2.Pe.2:16)? The uneducated apostles spoke with unfettered eloquence by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ac.4:8,13). You are sent by God to be God's mouthpiece (Ex.3:10). Never worry about what and how you shall speak (Mt.10:19-20; Mk.13:11; Lk.12:12). The One who called you has put His Word in your mouth. His Spirit is on you, and His Word is in your mouth. His Word will never depart from your mouth forever. Even your descendants will enjoy this blessing if they believe (Dt.18:18; Isa.59:21).

In Christ, you are given the tongue of the learned, and you have His ability to know the right and apt word that can sustain the weary (Isa.50:4; 51:16).

Beloved, the One who gave you the mouth and the ability to speak will also speak through your mouth to bless the world. If demons can use people's tongue, how much more your God will use your tongue! Remember, the excellence of His power dwells in your earthen vessel. which speaks of your human frailty (2.Co.4:7). Never magnify your human weakness. Magnify your inner man, not your outer man. In Christ, all your inabilities and impediments are opportunities for God's super-power! Let all your "I am" frailties be swallowed up by His "IAM" abilities!

Thank You, Lord, You are with my mouth and teach me what I should say. I am made strong out of weakness. Your strength is made perfect in my weakness. None will be able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which I speak because I am in Christ.

NO "SUBSTITUTE" IN CHRIST

But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses...

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God (Ex.4:13-14; 1.Pe.4:10).

Even after God spoke to Moses in such a spectacular way, Moses was not confident to go (Ex.4:13). So the Lord's anger burned against Moses. Unbelief is worse than rebellion. Moses tried

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to escape from God's call because he thought someone else could do better.

Unbelief hurts: God had been patiently answering His servant's questions so far, but now He became angry at his evading. Unbelief is cruel and can even bind the hands of the Almighty (Mt.13:58). Many times we don't understand how unbelief kindles God's anger and hurts His tender heart (Nu.11:1,10,33; Mt.17:17). It is impossible to please God without faith (Heb.11:6). Unbelief insults God since it treats Him as a liar and doubts His wisdom. When God called Moses, He knew he was able to do what He called him to do. He planned it in His eternal wisdom. When you doubt your ability to fulfill your calling, you insult the One who called you.

Called means equipped: God expected Moses to believe that He equips whom He calls. God calls His people, gives them His power and grace, and then sends them (Mt.10:1,7). He is not Pharaoh to expect bricks without providing the straw (Ex.5:10-12). In Christ, grace and calling always go together (Ro.12:6; Ga.2:8; Eph.4:7). If He has called you to do something, believe the grace to do it is already given. It's one and the same package.

You are unique: Never think anyone can do better what you are called to do. In Christ, your life work is already assigned. Nobody can do it better than you. There is no useless member in the Body of Christ. In Christ, God gave you a measure of His faith. Think of yourself according to that measure. You have your own function and ability (Ro.12:3-8). All you have to do is to find out your calling and fulfill it.

Moses should have known that others could not do what he was called to do. The simple reason is that they were not called by God and therefore not equipped for it.

Unhealthy comparison: There is an unhealthy habit in the Body of Christ today. Some people think high of themselves and fail to recognize others' calling. Others underestimate themselves, leaving their job for others to do.

Never compare yourself with others. Never feel inferior and avoid your responsibilities when you

see talented and anointed people. Nobody can do what you can do. Imagine the foot would complain, "Why do people always shake hands, never feet?" or the ear would say, "Why do people wear sun glasses just for the eyes, when I am so much suffering from sun burn?" and feel rejected (1.Co.12:14-26). How ridiculous!

Team work: Even in His anger, offered him Aaron's assistance. He promised to help both of them to speak and teach them what to do. He made Moses god over Aaron, and Aaron his mouthpiece (Ex.4:13-17). Though team work is God's plan (Eccl.4:9-12), you cannot evade your calling and responsibility. See how nicely Moses and Aaron functioned together as a beautiful team. Yet, God gave all His instructions to Moses, the leader. This is God's method.

Beloved, God expects you to use whatever gift He has given you. Don't ever say you are not gifted. God has administered His grace in its various forms to everyone of His children. If you can speak, speak the words of God. If you are called to serve, do it with all of God's strength (Eph.3:10; 1.Pe.4:10-11).

If you don't do what God wants you to do, you arouse God's anger and invite the enemy's attack. Don't allow the devil to cheat you. Jonah suffered unnecessarily because he tried to run away from God's call. This might explain the reason for many of your sufferings. Come back to your original calling, and you will see all the storms calm down. Do it TODAY!

Thank You, Lord, You have set the members, each one of us, in Your Body just as You pleased. Grace is given to me according to the measure of Your gift. Your Gospel has been committed to me, and You work effectively in me because I am in Christ.

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- ✿ Praise the Lord! I would like to share this small testimony that happened after my training in Berachah Leadership Training School. After the school, I came home and was praying in tongues. All of a sudden, unknowingly a burden filled me to pray for our village roads, one of the problems we face in our village. I prayed continuously for three hours in tongues for the problems of our village. After two days of prayer, I came to know that roads have been sanctioned for our village, and today the whole road is laid anew. What a great miracle I have seen after Leadership Training School in our village. Thank you to all the team Berachah, mainly Prophet Ezekiah Francis and Rev. Benita Francis. Thank you so much. – **Prem**
- ✿ Last Sunday I did curse breaking in our church. One aunt was waiting for her son's H1 Visa. He actually got rejected for 3 years. After the curse breaking, the next day itself he got his breakthrough. They were like very much disturbed with so many debts but with this they will overcome everything in the mighty name of Jesus. Hallelujah! – **Jothi, Hyderabad**
- ✿ I am blessed to come to School of the Holy Spirit. I was not able to pray without distractions. When I came here, I learnt to rejoice in the Lord always. Now I know that I am a supernatural person. God spoke to me right from the first session. I received unspeakable joy. I was only smiling outside but after I was filled with unspeakable joy I am glad from inside. I had a desire to spend more time with God. That desire is now fulfilled. I received complete healing. From Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Rev. Benita Francis and Sis. Sudha I learnt to smile and laugh all the time. All the staff are also always happy here. I too want to be like them. God blessed me so much. I learnt about inner man. – **Mangusha**
- ✿ I reached home from school and feeling thankful for Berachah, Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Rev. Benita Francis, Bro. Alex and Sis. Sudha. I can feel the peace of God. Many things are changed in my home. I can see my mom fully healed from varicose pain, she had very severe vein problem and her leg became black and they said to operate when I was about to come to SOHS. With that condition I left my mom. She had this problem for almost ten years. While I was in the school, my mom received healing without operation which is a great miracle. I am sure that I am going to see mighty things in my life after Berachah. – **Jenita**
- ✿ We constructed a new house four years ago and no one turned up to rent it. We reached home back from school and the very next day we got tenants to live in both portions of our house. Financial blessings! Even after giving the house for rent, people keep coming and asking to rent the house. Feeling so excited. Miracles started! – **Anjali, Nagpur**
- ✿ I am so happy to see the change in my wife after the School of the Holy Spirit. We both are now praying together at 3am hand in hand for an hour daily. Throughout the day, she is constantly speaking in tongues. She is now back to her twenties, the same Rita who came to Pune when we got married, full of God's glory on her. Thank you for all the effort you took! You people at Berachah are doing real Gospel work. She told me that she is not coming empty-handed but what she desired from God, she got it in the School of the Holy Spirit. Now she is downloading it to me in our morning prayer and we will continue this till our last breath - **Our student Rita's husband after her SOHS.**

Jewels in His Crown

How can we call ourselves a church and not believe in healing and in miracles? I cannot read four pages anywhere in the Bible without encountering miracles! And the God of the bible is the same today!

Dr. T.L. Osborn, world missionary evangelist, statesman, teacher, author, publisher, linguist, designer, pianist, and administrator – was best known for his mass-miracle ministry to millions. Dr. Osborn was the first missionary evangelist to go to open fields or parks, in non-Christian nations, to proclaim Christ and to pray for miracles as proof that He is alive. Today it has become standard procedure.

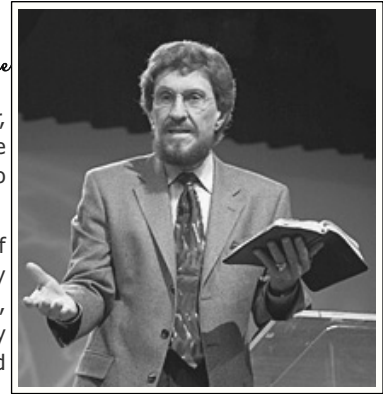
Tommy Lee "T.L." Osborn was born to Charles and Mary Osborn on December 23, 1923 and, as one of thirteen children, was raised in poverty on a farm in Oklahoma. Tommy Lee started making music at a very young age. In 1930, when Osborn was six years old, at a church, he met future televangelist Oral Roberts, who would become his lifelong friend for over 70 years, until Roberts's death in 2009. Osborn frequently went with Roberts to help with evangelical meetings. Roberts did most of the preaching; Osborn did everything else, including playing the accordion and the piano for the musical part of the meetings.

Osborn had experienced salvation in 1937, at the age of 13, when his older brother took him to a Pentecostal church in Mannford. At the age of 14 he experienced the presence of God and heard His voice saying that he would become a preacher. In 1939, aged 15, Osborn was milking the cows when he began to cry. He fell on his knees, praying and asking God what was happening. The Lord, he said, called him to be an evangelist, while he laughed and cried at the same time, overwhelmed by what was happening to him. He hit the road with E.M. Dillard, a travelling evangelist.

He travelled with Dillard through till 1941, he met Daisy Washburn in California, at one of the meetings. And in 1942, Osborn married her. Shortly thereafter, they set out on a life of ministry and missionary travel, including a trip to India when Osborn was still only 21. In time, they carried the Gospel of Christ to tens of millions of people all over the world, declaring it with faith and confidence. However, that early mission in India, preaching at Lucknow, was not fruitful. Their ministry lasted less than a year in India, and they returned home because of critical family sickness and disappointed and settled into a small local church in McMinnville, Oregon, in 1946. In 1947, the Osborns had their only daughter, LaDonna Osborn, who was raised accompanying her parents on the platforms of global mass miracle evangelistic crusades.

In the summer of 1947 William Branham held a campaign in Portland, Oregon. Osborn's wife, Daisy, was in the audience. She convinced her husband to attend the next evening meeting. He observed: As I watched Brother Branham minister to the sick, I was especially captivated by the deliverance of a little deaf-mute girl over whom he prayed thus: "Thou deaf and dumb spirit, I adjure thee in Jesus' name, leave the child," and when he snapped his fingers, the girl heard and spoke perfectly. When I witnessed this, there seemed to be a thousand voices speaking to me at once, all in one accord saying over and over, "You can do that." This experience began a unique missionary ministry that has reached tens of thousands for God across the world. In his ministry, creative miracles like, a girl born without pupil, reported got the pupil instantly after his prayer and seeing, were natural.

With his wife & associate-minister, Dr. Daisy Washburn Osborn, they established their headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1949. Together they proclaimed the Gospel to millions of unreached people in over 90 nations for well over half a century of world-changing missionary-evangelism, preaching daily to multitudes from 20,000 to 300,000 people with God confirming his word by many astounding miracles. The Osborn DocuMiracle films and videos in 70 languages have been shown in thousands of villages and towns in one hundred and fifteen nations, influencing millions to believe the Gospel. The Osborn National Missionary Assistance Program has sponsored over 30,000 national men and women as full time Missionaries to unevangelized tribes and villages. Over 150,000 new churches have been established and have become self-supporting through this evangelism program. As a prolific writer, Dr. T.L. Osborn's books have stimulated today's worldwide miracle-evangelism and Soulwinning awakening in the developing nations. His classic, "Healing the Sick", has been a faith-building best seller since 1951, and over one million copies are in print in English alone. Many of his books have become textbooks in Bible Schools around the world and are esteemed as prime reference material for successful pastors and church leaders.



T L OSBORN

'ORIGINATOR OF POSITIVE CONFESSION'

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 - ✦ The central government has promulgated an ordinance to award stringent punishment for rape of minors ranging from 20 years of jail to imprisonment till death or even death penalty. Earlier, the gruesome crimes of rape and murder in Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir and in Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, rocked the conscience of the whole nation, leading to the arrests of the accused people.
 - ✦ Meteorological experts have predicted a normal monsoon in India this year, with regional variations. A series of other studies on climate have indicated that extreme summers have almost become a new normal. 17 of the 18 warmest years since 1880 have occurred since 2001, with the exception of 1998. Global temperature records are being broken every three years now. Climate Change is suspected to be the cause of the soaring temperatures.
 - ✦ A Union Home Ministry document reveals that at least two people every day in India die of drug overdose. Experts say, the toll could be even more, as many cases go unreported. Punjab tops the list with 468 deaths in three years since 2014, followed by Tamil Nadu with 348 deaths. Psychiatrists say, overdose of prescription drugs like painkillers and sleeping pills as well as narcotics are the main causes of such deaths
 - ✦ In the Commonwealth Games 2018, held on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia, India had a rich haul of 66 medals including 26 gold and 20 each of silver and bronze. India ranked three in the total medal tally, trailing behind Australia and England.

HERESY HEKESX

Rev. Benita Francis

Continued from last month...

Upon further investigation, I found out that the NIV Bible had been translated by a board of linguists, not by born-again, Spirit-filled believers. Think about it. Jesus said, "...The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says, "For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

The great apostle Paul explains it even more clearly by saying, "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). A "natural man" simply means a person who has not had the experience of salvation, of the new birth by the Word and the Spirit of God. Can you see it? A person to whom the things of the Spirit are foolishness and who CAN not know and receive them - HOW can such a person translate the Bible!?!?!?

So... should you not even read modern translations? Isn't that old KJV totally outdated, much too difficult to understand? Well, since the Word of God is such a powerful, living thing, don't you think you should make sure you get it in all its true meaning and clarity, not adulterated by personal opinions of translators?

Think about it. The entire universe was created by the Word and is being upheld by the Word of God's power (Hebrews 11:3; 1:3). The cunning serpent deceived Eve by asking, "Has God indeed said?" (Genesis 3:1). God's Word is holy and of utmost power. It must be kept as pure as possible. So if you find it difficult to understand the KJV, read also a new translation, but never read it alone. After reading one paragraph in a new translation, check with the KJV to see if this is really what was written originally. I guarantee, you will be shocked many times at the omissions or mistranslations you will find!

All Scripture!?

Talking about omissions... Do you know another very successful strategy of satan? In Germany, we had a group that started very powerfully, with many healings and good faith teaching. They got a good name by translating many books of seasoned men of God and bringing their teachings into Germany. Many believers even gave up their jobs and houses and moved to that little village to attend their Bible school.

Unfortunately, the leader was a young convert who had not gone through the process of discipleship and brokenness needed for a stable, successful life and ministry (1 Timothy 3:6). At first, all seemed well. Then they started teaching that we don't need the Old Testament any longer. Their believers were taught to read only the New Testament.

The next step was that even the Gospels were not to be read, since they speak about the time before the resurrection. The argument was that this was still Old Covenant, but we live under the New Covenant, the better Covenant - which is very true, praise GOD (Hebrews 8:6)! They didn't want believers to be confused. They didn't want any mixture between Old and New Covenant, which is commendable. Of course, the Old Testament is the shadow, the New Testament is the substance which is Christ (Hebrews 10:1). It must be read through the New Covenant, keeping in mind that Jesus has become our eternal sacrifice and fulfilled all righteousness (Matthew 3:15; Hebrews chapters 8 to 10).

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Let us come back to Germany. A little later, even the Acts of the Apostles were banned. Only the epistles are God's Word for today's Church, was their argument.

The self-appointed "apostle" actually did plant churches and also took many existing churches under his umbrella. People were drawn by the hundreds through healings and miracles

that happened in his ministry. Not long afterwards, he started teaching that he was "the" apostle, that he received special revelations, and that his revelations were more important than the Bible. According to him, the whole Bible was outdated. The only present truth were the revelations he was receiving.

Very soon, ever stronger witchcraft powers kept the people in fear and bondage. Those who dared question that "apostle" were threatened verbally. Many had visitations and spiritual experiences as I have heard from disciples of the late Hindu guru saibaba. Leaving the organization which had turned into a cult became increasingly difficult. People were told they would lose their salvation if they left "God's appointed apostle". Only he had the right doctrine. Only through him they could find salvation. Leaving him meant eternal condemnation. Wow!

To my shock, many good Christians believed that! They had come under that power of deception and delusion. Good believers became bewitched and confused to the point of accepting that jealousy was a work of the flesh that had to be killed. How? Spouses had to find other partners, sit on their laps, kiss and touch them, and they had to watch all of that without any jealousy. Countless marriages were destroyed. Adultery and fornication were rampant. Thousands of well-meaning believers were deeply hurt and traumatized.

All of that could have been stopped in the

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very beginning. It could have been discerned before it became so powerful that it could destroy so many Christian lives and homes. How? Very easy. By taking heed according to God's Word, as Psalm 119:9 exhorts us to do. 1 Timothy 3:1-6 gives us the desired characteristics of a bishop, a spiritual leader. See verse 6:

6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil (1 Timothy 3:6)

Even more revealing is the warning from 2 Timothy 3:16-17:

16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Can you see it? ALL Scripture!?! That means, the ENTIRE Bible! All is God-inspired! All is profitable! For what? For the perfection and equipping of a servant of God! Guess who wants to avoid that? Correct. Always the very same somebody who has made it his aim to steal your life. Satan hates the idea that a believer could become an effective servant of God. To avoid that, he steals God's Word from our lives - step by step, as fast as we are willing to follow him.

Let me ask you. Has he started working on you already? Is he convincing you that you don't need the Old Testament or other parts of the Bible? Is he stealing your life by stealing the Living WORD that created the entire universe and upholds it (John 1:1; Revelation 19:13)!!?

Please take out your Bible. Read it from cover to cover. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what He wants to teach you through every page you read. Remember, the great apostle Paul did not tell the Corinthians to just forget the Old Testament. All the opposite! See for yourself:

1 Moreover, brethren, **I do not want you to be unaware** that **all our fathers** were

under the cloud, all passed through the sea,
2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

3 all ate the same spiritual food,

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

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

7 And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. **As it is written**, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

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

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

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

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

Can you see it? Isn't this extremely clear and specific? For OUR example and admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come! The Old Testament is especially and specifically for us who have the privilege to live in the End Times!

All Scriptures make us complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. God does not want us to be unaware of what happened to the old saints. Why? It is for our example and admonition, for a victorious life in these End Times.

Do you still have any doubt WHO wants to steal this precious, powerful Bible from you??? Don't let him steal your life! Become complete

and thoroughly equipped! Be warned of satan's tricks and traps he used against the old saints so that you won't fall prey to them! GET a life - preferably your own!

God's promise

After all these warnings, let me give you a promise God gave me many years ago when I was in a desperate situation, very confused by different doctrines, in danger of being kicked out of my church for the truth on deliverance from demons:

17 If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority (John 7:17)

OOOOH... WHAT a relief this precious Word was to me!!! God promises me that if my heart is right, if I don't have my own agenda or ambitions, if I REALLY want to love and please God, HE HIMSELF will protect me from error, deception and delusion! WHAT a blessing, what a wonderful promise, especially in these End Times we are living in!

How to become deception-proof

What can you do to avoid being deceived? How can you make sure you are successful in your spiritual life from which flows everything else? Please never forget: Only if you are successful in your spiritual life and your relationship with God, you will have lasting success in all the other areas of life.

You don't believe me? Just think. How many people do you know who have everything but are sick? They have your dream job but the wife left them? They have the car you covet but their son is in drugs? Everything looks so perfect, but they are depressed to the point of committing suicide. And... and... and...

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