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"For the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Ro.14:17)

You are the righteousness of God and you are transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God. Jesus is your righteousness. He has given His peace to you. The joy of the Holy Spirit is flowing like a river inside of you. The revelation of His Word will make you see and inherit all the blessings that have been already given to you. There is a seed for every need of your life. You have to sow the seed, the Word of God. Read and meditate the Word more than ever before. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the secrets from His Word. I tell you, one revelation from the Word of God will bring solution to all your problems and struggles. Eating and drinking the Word of God will release peace and joy inside of your spirit. Decide today and commit yourself to spend more time in the Word of God, the real ecstasy.

We are getting ready for the 'Leadership Summit' in Bhopal from 17th to 20th October, 2018. We need much prayer as we are in the battle ground.

*You can minister Word without God to the people
but people need 'Ministering God' to them!*

- Prophet Ezekiah Francis

The harvest is plenty in North India. Like Paul says in 1.Co.2:5, “And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,” we need miracle working preachers. With this burden we have organized this seminar for people who are already doing ministry or desire to serve God full-time. Encourage such people to register immediately. For further details check the advertisements in this issue and call office.

November is a special month for ladies. We will conduct the 14th batch of our School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies from November 1st to 30th. Already many women are eagerly counting the days to attend this life-transforming school. Immediately apply and book your tickets. We are going to have a very powerful month with our Beloved Holy Spirit.


Don't miss the three days fasting and prayer seminar from 3rd to 5th of December. Our nations need our prayers. This is the time for the Body of Christ to take the same decision as Queen Esther took to risk her life. Please set apart your time to pray for this crucial event.

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CLARION CALL FOR PRAYER

Prophet Ezekiah Francis

Pray with one accord

A tremendous revival is sweeping across the Churches. The Holy Spirit is moving mightily in every nation. Miracles, signs and wonders are taking place every place.

At the same time, Satan knowing that the final defeat is for sure, is outrageously attacking the churches with this own schemes.

This is the time the church should rise vehemently like a flood against the powers of darkness in war – time prayer.

Oh! Church of God! Rise up and take an offensive stand against the enemy, hand in hand with the other members of His Body.

We, God's people are in the battle field. Now is the time for every child of God to arise and face the enemy in prayer. This booklet will reveal to you the secrets that would enable church of God to overcome the enemy at the time of their adversity.

It is true that enemies of Christ are arising all over the world as never before. The world – wide revival that we expect is imminent. Every revival will be accompanied by opposition and persecution of the enemy. So the Church of god which anticipates to see the revival should prepare their mind to face persecution. The message of this booklet will also nourish boldness into the heart of every Christian to overcome opposition.

As apostles changed the world of their time, we can also change the history of the world now, if only we are bold enough to face the opposition

and overcome it. The Chief Commander is going before us. No doubt, the ultimate victory is ours. Come, let us study how united prayer, Rhema word, signs and wonders, extreme boldness of apostles had shattered all the weapon of opposition from the enemies.[Ac.4:29,30] This would equip you also to overcome the persecution ahead of you at the time of the forth-coming revival.

Crisis Time Prayer: The word of God beautifully explains how should pray for the church in their trials and tribulation. In these last days, with oppositions mounting up everywhere, the church should pray, according to the Word of god. **These prayers in their time of tribulations can be called as war time prayer.**

The pattern of prayer of the early church is recorded in Acts chapter 4. I believe the Holy Spirit has recorded it for a purpose. Let us delve on what the church should do in these last days.

Pray with oneness of Spirit: Though all of us belong to the same body of Christ, we do have our own differences. Imperfect as we are, **we cannot be one in faith and knowledge.** Our knowledge is limited. But until God perfects us in knowledge, we can at least safe guard the unity of the Spirit. The Bible exhorts us to be vigilant. **Whenever a minister of God comes under attack, the local churches should unite in fasting and prayer.** All the ministers and churches, should lay aside their personal

prejudices and differences. They should unitedly rise against their common adversity, the devil: Beloved, your local church in itself, is not the whole body of Christ. The different parts of His body are active in various churches. When one part of the body is affected by a disease, it will affect the other parts of the body, too. If one finger is cut, the whole body will suffer in pain. If germs attack one part of the body, it will spread easily to the other parts of the body. If the body does not unitedly destroy these germs, the whole body will soon be affected. May this realization bring about a great unity among us.

Understand the united force of the foe:

Interestingly, our enemies overlook all their differences and in a united manner stand against the church. Obviously the early church was aware of it. Observe their prayers carefully. *“The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against His Anointed One. Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate, met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed”* [Ac.4:26,27]

The gentiles and the Israelites hated each other. During the time of Jesus, the Israelites considered the Gentiles as dogs and looked down upon them. The Scribes and the Pharisees were completely different in their doctrines. But whenever they rose against Jesus, they were united. They put aside their caste differences, and dreaded enemies became close friends when they plotted against Jesus.

“That day Herod and Pilate became friends - before this they had been enemies.” [Lk.23:12]

This verse kindles my zeal and stirs up my passions for unity among the children of God. We live in a time when even enemies become friends against the cause of Christ. The antidote is, form the Body of Christ to forget their doctrinal differences, and unite in Love.

When the Apostles faced the threats of the enemy, the Bible says,” they cried unto the Lord with one heart and one soul” [Ac.4:24] When Peter was in prison, the church with a united

burden prayed fervently.

The Spirit propels the church to unite with a deep prayer burden whenever tribulations and enemies increase. The siren that signals and danger has already sounded, and is calling together the churches. “Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people. The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. Whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us”. [Neh. 4:19, 20]

Nehemiah’s prophetic call echoes in the ears of the ministers and churches today. Let those who have ears, hear what the Spirit speaks to the churches! If God has spoken to you, unite with God – fearing people, to pray for these aspects. May the Servants of God, also, often get together to pray in unity.

Pray to shutter the satanic powers

Jesus said that any kingdom divided against itself would fall. If satan is divided against himself, he will be destroyed. Until this day, the enemy strengthened himself by sending dissension in our midst. But prayer has the power to reverse this process. This is the most important strategy in warfare. King David was always surrounded by his enemies. The secret of his success over his foes was his prayers. Listen carefully to his to his prayer. “Confess the wicked, O Lord, and confound their” [Ps.55.9]. The Holy Spirit Himself taught David this prayer. It reflects the wisdom of the triune God!

The Bible tells us that the people came together to build tower up to the sky against God. God knew that if the people were united, nothing would stop them. So He said,” Come let us go down and confound their language, that, they may not understand one another’s speech”. And the Lord scattered them abroad. They gave up their building project! We should realize the wisdom of God in this situation and pray like David.

Strategy used by Derek Prince: For many

years, Derek Prince, the great prayer warrior, had been praying the prayer of David, for the nation of Israel. It was the time when Stalin, the dictator of Soviet Union had murdered thousands of Jew. When Soviet Union and the republic of China wanted to spread communism all over the world, he started praying constantly, "Lord destroy them and confound their language". Subsequently the relationship between Soviet Union and China turned sour, to this day, they do not trust each other.

Dear reader, you can use this same verse as a Sword against our enemies and the leader who scheme against Christ and His body. Until this day, the prayers of the church in our country have prevented our enemies from coming together against us. But now that we are negligent in our prayers, these movements have gained momentum again.

This is the time for the church to search for the Scriptures for the prayers of David and intercede on those lines.

Arise wisely like Paul: Apostle Paul followed the pattern of David's prayer. I firmly believe that he must have made this prayer his own. Once Paul was surrounded by ferocious enemies. Suddenly, God's wisdom dawned on him. He was aware that half were Pharisees. He said, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; I stand on trial because of my hope in

the resurrection of the dead" [Act.23:6]

Immediately there was division in the group. The Pharisees spoke in favor of the resurrection and the angel, while the Sadducees argued against it. Paul's accusers now began to quarrel among themselves and confusion reigned supreme!

Dear child of God, the prayers of the church, gave Paul the wisdom to cause a division among his enemies! **Make this a point for this prayer! You have the authority and power to wreck vengeance upon the nations, to penalize the people and to pronounce judgment written for them in the powerful Name of Jesus. This honor is reserved for all His saints! Therefore arise and pray!**

Pray for Miracles, Signs and Wonders

When the resistance is severe, God's Word should be preached with the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, followed by signs and wonders! The sick should be healed. This is the example set by the early church for us.

That was the time when the enemies gathered and threatened and ministers. Strict orders were given not to preach in the Name of Jesus. The enemies knew that there was power in the Name of Jesus. They also knew that if that was stopped the backbone of the early church would be broken!

They knew that the miracles done in the Name of Jesus was the secret behind the conversation of

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five thousand souls. Fear gripped them and led them to rise against them.

In this complicated situation, the Holy Spirit persuaded the church to cry out in one accord,

“Now, Lord, consider their threats, and enable your servants to speak your Word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy Servant Jesus.[Ac.4:29,30]

Doesn't this prayer challenge you? They prayed that a miracle would happen in the Name of Jesus, before the eyes of the enemies who opposed them. Though they lived in a time as this, when we desperately need miracles, how necessary it for us to pray this way!

The miracles of Christ silenced His enemies. They were perplexed and wonder what to do! The miracles done by the apostles in the Name of Jesus confused the enemies! They could neither deny nor digest the happenings of that day! Miracles are the urgent need of the hour. We need them to rout the enemies. We need to pray that miracles would draw thousands into the fold. The Bible encourages us to pray for the same.

When the enemies rise up in their might and power, should not we prove that we will overcome them by His Spirit?

The result of prayer for miracles: If you carefully meditate all the twenty chapters in the Acts of the Apostles, you will find only miracles all over the place. There were miracles in Jerusalem, Samaria, Antioch, Papaos, Iconium, Lystra, Lido, Metilda Island and so on. We, as believers, should not pretend that we do not need miracles. Instead, we should motivate our churches to pray.

Preaching alone did not convert Simon the magician into a disciple. But, preaching coupled with signs and wonders affected him.

What made Sergius Paulus to believe in Christ? The miracle that blinded the eyes of the magician, converted him! The opposition at

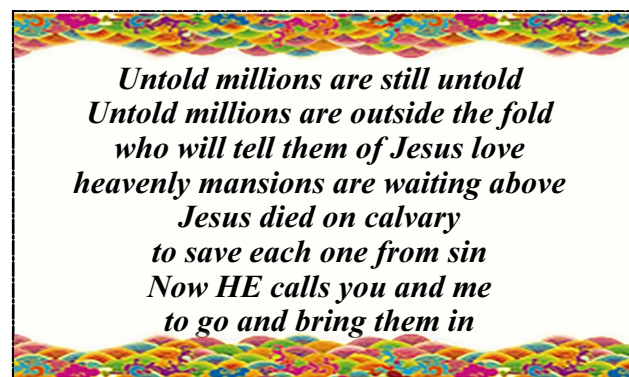
Iconium was great. The non believing Jews set up the gentiles against the believers. But God, in His mercy, confirmed His Word with signs and wonders and many turned to Christ.

Miracles shook the idol – infected – Ephesus. The Sorceress burnt their books as Word of God came alive in their hearts. The business of the idol merchants came tumbling down. They were worried that the temple of their goddess would be destroyed. The confusion and anxiety in the enemy's camp has been recorded for our information by the Holy Ghost.

Binding the devil limits the need of miracles: The main reason behind all this was the intercessions of the early church for miracles and healing. Today's church should pray in this manner. Any teaching which says the days of miracles are over is directly from Satan. You can see that the hand of the devil which limits the miracles. Bind these evil spirits in the name of Jesus. If the enemies of the gospel had ceased to exist with the days of the apostles, I agree that the necessity for miracles is not there anymore, but it is so.

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“Clarion Call for Prayer”
By Prophet Ezekiah Francis**

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TESTIMONIES

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- *I came here with unbearable stomach ache. After the Curse Breaking session when Rev. Benita Francis was praying I was healed and the pain completely gone. All glory to God! - **Thanu, Haryana**
- *Praise the Lord. I thank God for bringing me here. My husband didn't allow me to come for the seminar. I fought with my husband to get permission and came here. But after coming here I prayed for my husband as he got sick because of his drinking habits. After the prayer I called him, he talked affectionately and told he stopped drinking and feeling good now. It's a miracle and I am very happy. - **Chandrakali, Delhi**
- *I am ministering to God for the past ten years. I got injured at my back in my childhood and had constant pain. When I was a boy, I faced a problem and was about to die. So my household threw me out of the house. But God chose me and made me to study. He taught me many things and shown me the life. When I started reading the Word and the life, I started doing the ministry. I came to know Jesus through my mother, she told me Jesus is alive and He is the Son of God, and I started focussing on Jesus since then. Whenever I prayed for anyone God manifested and graciously fulfilled their needs. This way God chose me and did His good work through me. But after coming here after a session of Prophet Ezekiah Francis, while he was praying, the bondage of the satan got cancelled and the back pain I had for years, just left me and completely healed. Hallelujah! - **Yogesh, Delhi**
- *I came here for the first time. I took baptism one and half years before and was waiting eagerly for the Holy Spirit baptism. I tried several times and even got depressed as I didn't receive. One of my sisters received the anointing and got delivered after coming to Berachah. Knowing this I came here. Though I came here for the first time, in the second day itself, I saw a huge vacant land in a vision and all of a sudden a large bucket of water was poured on it. As I was seeing the vision, I felt being immersed in water and received Holy Spirit baptism also started to speak in Tongues. I understood and realized how much God loves me. I started feeling the touch of innumerable blue bubbles, when Rev. Benita Francis was ministering and filled with unspeakable joy. Thank you Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Rev. Benita Francis and Berachah Prophetic Ministries! - **Kususma, Karnataka**
- *Praise the Lord! I am thanking God for bringing me here through my brother. God confirmed my calling. I was confused and was not sure about my calling. Though I worshipped God, I always thought how can I be a worship leader. But in Prophet Ezekiah Francis' session God confirmed me that He chose me as a 'Worship Leader'. When Prophet Ezekiah was worshipping I felt I was surrounded by angels and I asked God to show me them. God opened my eyes to see the angels and I danced with them. I feel so lucky and excited that I could dance with angels. Thank You - **Manikumar, Vishakapatnam**



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DIVINE HEALING BY FAITH

By John G Lake

Excerpts from the book 'The Basics of Divine Healing'
John G. Lake Ministries, 1999 edition



I. Who Can Have "Great Faith"?

A. Jesus Only Commended Two People's Faith as Being "Great"- Neither Of Which Were In Covenant With God.

1. Matt. 8: 5-13 – 5. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6. And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so **great faith**, no, not in Israel. 11. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. 12. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 13. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; **and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee**. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. (KJV)

2. Matt 15:22-28 – 22. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, **great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt**. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. (KJV)

3. Luke 7:2-16 – 2. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. 3. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. 4. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: 5. For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. 6. Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: 7. Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. 8. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 9. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so **great faith**, no, not in Israel. 10. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick. 11. And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. 12. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. 15. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. 16. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. (KJV)

Legends continue writing...



PARENTS AND AUTHORITY FIGURES

Rev. Benita Francis

Your relationship with your parents might be quite strained at this point of time. Maybe you feel the same way as many youngsters have told me, often crying bitterly, “They don’t understand me at all! They don’t trust me even a bit! They think I am totally stupid or crazy! Whatever I do is always wrong in their eyes! They never liked me, they always prefer my brothers and sisters! They don’t want me to have any fun in life, only study, study, study! They don’t give me any money. Always I look like a fool before my friends because they all have money and I don’t....” and many other complaints.

Actually, you accuse them of spoiling all your fun and entertainment, pushing away all your friends, depriving you of the most normal things everybody enjoys - in short, you accuse them of stealing your life! But is that really true? Are they the real culprits?

I know you will be very much tempted to lie to your parents and hide your real life from them, but please, for Heaven's sake and for your own life's sake, don't! I know you may be tempted to steal money from your parents and buy friends and recognition outside, but please, for your own future and wellbeing's sake, don't! I know you will prefer your friends' counsel to your parents' words, but please, for your own peace's sake, don't!

Let me give you one important revelation. Do you know why your parents don't trust you? Do you have any idea why they don't fully believe you? Well, there

is only one reason: As hard as it may seem for you to believe it, there was a time when they also were young! They also thought and felt exactly like you do today! And because they know they would have made some serious mistakes if they had followed their heart, mind and emotions at that time, they are very suspiciously watching your each and every move. What is the motive behind it? The motive is to protect you from harm and heartbreak!

So please, don't see your parents as your enemies. They are not these old, outdated, ignorant police agents. They are the vessels God used to bring you into this world. They are your God-ordained caretakers until you reach spiritual, mental and physical maturity. They are the ones who are responsible for your life not only before society and the justice system, but also before God Almighty (Hebrews 13:17).

Think about it. You are their own flesh and blood. You were formed and nurtured in your mother's womb for nine months. Your father had to run and work hard to provide a livelihood for you and the rest of the family. Will they not be the very first ones to desire your good? Think about it. They fed and clothed you all these years - will they suddenly want to harm you and deprive you of any good thing?

Actually, the great problem is that all too often, parents try to push their children to accomplish what they failed to accomplish in life. It sometimes almost looks like they want to live their own lives once again

through their children. Of course, this is impossible, and I have seen young people, both boys and girls, sobbing and crying uncontrollably because of the tremendous pressure put on them by such expectations. Invariably, the relief they feel when that yoke of expectations is taken off of them is almost like a deliverance. Maybe you hate your parents for the superhuman demands they laid on you, but please don't. They really want your best, they just don't know how much this stresses and strains you.

Please don't react to them. Start by praying for them, asking Jesus to allow you to see your parents, leaders, teachers or other authority figures with His eyes. I actually had that experience many years ago. My father is a very strong personality and as such hurt me many times, probably often without intention and without his knowledge. I felt crushed and became a very shy, fearful and insecure young girl. This distanced me further from my father who despised weakness and would have wanted a strong, self-confident daughter.

One day, as I was praying for his salvation, suddenly the Holy Spirit showed me his extremely difficult childhood during the second world war. He lost his father when he was only seven years old, and from that day onward, he practically had to take care of his mother and his elder brother who was less gifted and talented than my dad. Suddenly I could see how much pressure and burden this situation put on that

tender little boy. No wonder he wanted his daughter to be strong and ready to face anything in life!

Interestingly, this spiritual experience completely transformed my relationship with my dad. Seeing his difficult background completely healed me of the hurts he had inflicted on me. My whole attitude toward him changed, and very soon, my dad opened his heart for Jesus and became a believer. This was a great miracle for everyone who knew him, and it was only possible because I could see him with God's eyes.

So please, keep praying daily for the authority figures in your life until you can see them with God's love and compassion. Make sure there is no more anger and rebellion in your heart toward them. Then prayerfully try to explain to them that you are very aware that God made you with a specific plan and purpose (Ephesians 2:10). Tell them that you are very aware that satan, the enemy of your soul, is trying to steal your life in so many different ways. Tell them that you are very seriously praying and desiring to live with wisdom and obedience. Then, after reassuring them that you are well aware of all the dangers and threats against your life, tell them that you very much desire to GET a life - preferably your own!

Let me say it one more time. Your parents are NOT your enemies. They are NOT out to steal your life. Somebody else is. The devil and all his cohorts are working overtime to drag you out of the protective covering God has provided for you by giving you

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parents - as imperfect as they may be. God Himself knows they are not perfect, but still He has placed them as your authorities to chasten you - which means to correct and rebuke you - to make you grow up in a healthy way. See this:

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For **they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them**, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

This is what both God and your parents desire when they rebuke you: You should be trained to live a peaceful, enjoyable life in righteousness. A small counsel: If you endeavor to make God happy, He will make sure your earthly parents are also happy with you. Try it...

Let me quickly tell you about a person who was NOT rebuked by his father. He was Adonijah, the fourth son of King David (2 Samuel 3:4). After the death of his elder brothers, Amnon and Absalom, he tried to seize his father's throne, but failed. Solomon, one of his younger brothers, was made king according to God's plan and promise (1 Chronicles 28:5). Adonijah took refuge at the altar and was forgiven (1 Kings 1:5-53). However, when he attempted to seize the throne a second time, he was killed (1 Kings 2:13-25). All the Bible says about him is this:

6 And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, "Why have you done so?" He *was* also very good-looking. *His mother* had borne him after Absalom (1 Kings 1:6)

Can you see it? Not being rebuked can kill you! It

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seems King David didn't bother to correct this son Adonijah. He therefore could not develop a good character and died because of his pride and ambition. What a tragedy! Actually, your parents rebukes are not a curse. They are a great blessing and protection for your life and your future. So next time they rebuke you, rejoice! Your life is in safe, God-ordained hands!

There is a great mystery not only in the parental rebukes but also in the parental blessing. If you read through the Old Testament, you will see that the parental blessings came to pass word by word. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and so many others received the parental blessings and later on released them on their own children (Genesis 27:27-29, 39-40; 28:1-4; 49:1-28)

In the same way, the parental curse also came to pass as we see in Noah who cursed Canaan and blessed his sons Shem and Japheth (Genesis 9:20-27). Both Old and New Testament emphasize the importance of blessing our parents as well as the dangers of cursing them. Let us see some Scriptures:

And he who curses his father or his mother shall

surely be put to death (Exodus 21:17)

For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him (Leviticus 20:9)

Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness (Proverbs 20:20)

For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death' (Matthew 15:4)

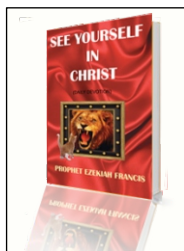
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