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From My Heart

Dearly Beloved of God,

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We have almost nearing the end of this year by His grace. We are safe and blessed by the supernatural favor of God. God told me in the beginning of this year that when we pass through the waters, He will be with us, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow us. When we walk through the fire, we shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch us (Isa.43:2). What a prophetic promise! And He is faithful to do it for us till now and He will be faithful to do it all through this year. Hallelujah!

God enabled me to shoot more than 65 prophetic messages on Prophetess Deborah from the book of Judges. These messages are going to be the foundational message for the young generation Prophets. I could feel the heart cry of God to see the 'true Prophets' to rise up in this end time. This is the time for Prophets. We need your continuous sincere prayers for the video shooting of this Prophet series. I believe this will be one of the hallmarks of our ministry and a legacy for coming generations. My heart is burning to bring out all the revelations God has given me in writing also. Pray for divine health and wisdom for us to do this work.

Apostle Paul had the revelation of the grace of God, so that he could say "But by the grace of God I am what I am..." (1.Cr.15:10).

This should be our statement also. Our hearts must be filled with an attitude of gratitude. What we are today, the blessings that we enjoy and the ministry we are doing is not because of our goodness, it is because we have a very good God, our Father. Thank Him every day for all His faithful deeds and blessings. Learn to thank Him for

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

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everything that has happened in your life from your birth and thank Him for all the supernatural favor you enjoyed and enjoying till today. This attitude will take you into the destination God has planned for your life. May the grace of God increase in your life more and more abundantly!

When Naomi heard that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread, she decided to move from Moab, the cursed land, back to Bethlehem, the blessed land (Ruth 1:6). When Israel heard that his son Joseph was alive, his spirit revived (Gen.45:26). That is the power of the good news. What news you are hearing? What words are coming out of your mouth? They can be either edifying words or destroying words. The Bible clearly states that life or death is in the power of your tongue (Pr.18:21). Check your tongue. Take a decision to speak and hear only the good news. The Gospel is the good news. Jesus has finished everything for you on the cross! This is the good news. He has already blessed you with all spiritual blessings! This is the good news. You are the carrier of that good news. Don't forget, you are called to proclaim the good news. Never be a devil's agent. You are a Holy Ghost agent. Join with Him and bless the nations.

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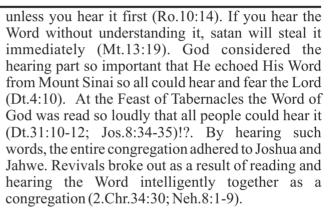


Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—'a land flowing with milk and honey.' And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart (Dt.6:3,6)

...and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2.Ti.3:15).

ife in Christ is a life soaked and saturated in God's Word. Throughout the book of Deuteronomy we are repeatedly admonished to hear the Word, observe the Word, teach the Word, talk the Word, regard the Word, etc. Every blessing of the Old Covenant was totally based on the people's attitude towards the Word. Though the law was abolished for you, the new creation, still, the Scriptures hold the same place in your life. Let us see how we can be Word-soaked people of God.

Hear the Word: God repeatedly demanded His people to hear His Words. The word 'hear' (Hebrew 'shama') means to hear intelligently, to regard, to pay attention, etc. Jesus often used the expression, "He that has ears to hear, let him hear" (Mt.11:15; 13:9; 13:43 etc.). Listening God's Word with a clear understanding is the first step to walking in the Word. How will you believe and act on the Word



Hearing the Word increases your faith. If you have a problem in believing God, it's not a faith problem, it's a Word-hearing problem. Let me suggest you to read the Word loud enough so that your own ears hear it and germinate and grow your faith (Ro.10:17). Never get tired of reading the Scriptures to your family and people under your leadership. Make sure you give the sense of the Word so they may understand the Spirit of the Word. Just listening to the Word will release a tremendous convicting and converting power in the hearers. Believe in the Word-power!

Honor the Word: In this book, God warns repeatedly to honor His pure Word without mixing anything human into it (Dt.4:2; 12:32; Mt.5:17-19). As the heaven is above the earth, so the Word of God is above the word of man. His thoughts are not our thoughts (Isa.55:8). Never dare to add or delete or edit anything to suit your experiences (Rev.22:18-19). God's Word is 100% perfect and complete. Be truthful to every letter of it. Never ever twist it nor try

to elevate your own human interpretation (2.Pe.1:20). Your experiences may differ from the New Covenant facts. Whatever Christ has accomplished on the cross must be embraced literally, for example, just because you are not healed for a long time, don't ever dare to question or interpret God's power or willingness to heal (Mt.8:2-3.16-17: 14:14: Mk.1:41). Christ has become poor to make you rich. Don't blame God for your lack. God is not the author of sickness, poverty. accidents and other failures. The problem is definitely not on God's side! Likewise, don't add human traditions or culture into the Word because of your over-zeal and strictness. Beware of the sins of the Pharisees (Mt.15:1-9). Don't be ignorant and unstable and twist the Word to your own destruction (2.Pe.3:15). Decide today to honor and magnify the Word above everything and settle the issue once and for all in your mind: God's Word is the final authority in your life!

Eat the Word: God fed His people with manna to teach them the eternal truth, "man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD" (Dt.8:3). Jesus quoted this word devil when He was tempted. This clearly portrays the Word as food for your spirit and soul. Prophets were asked to eat the scroll and prophesy to the people (Eze.3:1-3; Rev.10:8-11). Eating the Word means thoroughly absorb and digest it until it becomes part of your entire system. Your mind overflows with the Word. You live by the strength and power of the Word every minute of your day.

Beloved, eat the Word regularly! Enjoy the Word more than your most delicious food! Ruminate the Word constantly in your thoughts! Let your mouth speak God's Word out of the abundance of your heart TODAY (Mt.12:34)!

Thank You, Lord, your Words were found, and I ate them, and Your Word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. I will not depart from the commandment of Your lips. I will treasure the Words of Your mouth more than my necessary food. I shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from Your mouth, because I am in Christ.

TREASURE THE WORD IN CHRIST

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" (Dt.6:6; Jn.7:15)

ife in Christ finds delight in acting on God's Word. The importance of the Word of God is the central theme of Deuteronomy. No wonder our Savior took every Word from this book when He confronted satan in the wilderness. The Word of God takes the supreme place in our daily lives. Our entire being must be saturated with God's Word. Now, let us continue our study on Word-soaked life.

Absorb the Word: God commanded His people to keep His Word in their hearts and souls (Dt.11:18). Your heart or your spirit is the source and spring of vour life (Pr.4:23). For an unbeliever, whatever comes from the heart defiles him (Mk.7:19-21). For a believer, whatever comes from your heart must bring life and purity. That is why God wants your inner man to be totally saturated with His transforming Word. The psalmist had stored and hidden enough Word in his heart to keep him from sinning against God (Ps.119:11). Storing God's Word in your heart is a sure prevention against sin. How can you store the Word in your heart? Memorizing the Word, reciting it, speaking it, singing it, studying it, meditating on it are some of the proven ways (Pr.4:20-23). Please do whatever helps you to absorb the Word into your heart, mind and soul. Think and imagine the Word constantly. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Pr.23:7). God's Word is abundantly available today. Fill your storehouse with plenty of the Word. A great famine for His Word is coming. Then you will be God's Joseph to open your storehouses and feed the hungry millions. Don't shun any effort. Give top priority to being a Word person.

Observe the Word: 'Observe the Word', 'do the Word', 'obey the Word', 'keep the Word' is the repeated command of the Lord in Deuteronomy (Dt.4:1; 5:1; 6:1; 8:1; 11:1; 12:1 etc.). The Word of God is neither for analyzing nor for scrutinizing. It's

not meant to be dissected but to be digested. It's not for the analytical mind but for the abiding followers. Every time you get new light or revelation from the Word, put it into practice immediately. The more you practice it, the more revelation and blessings will be added to you. God is not only your dear Daddy but also your Commander in chief. Every Word from His mouth must be acted on by faith. Faith without works is dead! James warning us "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves..." (Js.1:22-25). Sometimes, obedience to the Word may cost you, but it's always worth. Abraham laid his son Isaac on the altar to prove his obedience and became father of you, the new creation. The Levites bravely ventured to kill even their own father, mother, brother, wives and children to observe His Word and keep His covenant (Dt.33:9). They were uniquely rewarded with the levitical priesthood. Dare to act on the Word! Obey Him in faith. Consult not with flesh and blood. Count not the cost. Get the unique Word blessings TODAY!

Talk the Word: When you treasure the Word in your heart and observe it, you will automatically talk the Word all the time. This is clearly demanded by God: "You shall... talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Dt.6:7; 11:19). Speaking the Word to one another is a great blessing to the new creation. The more you speak the Word to your children, your spouse, your friends and everyone you meet, the more you radiate the glory, power and presence of God. Every time you speak

the Word, you make the angels to swiftly act on it. Age-long problems and mountainous challenges shall melt before His Words in your mouth. Practice the habit of speaking the Word at all times, in all places, to all people. Speak the Word in your bed. Speak the Word when you rise up early. Speak the Word in your travels. Speak the Word in your house. Speak the Word in your workplace. Let not His Word depart out of your mouth (Jos.1:8).

Beloved, God is calling you into a Word-soaked life. He commanded His people to bind His Word on their hands and fix it on their foreheads. Even today, some Jews still obey this Word literally by hanging this Word in their phylacteries (Ex.13:1-10). God's real intention, however, is to make you keep the Word constantly before your mind and imagination. Write the Word wherever you can. Imagine the Word. Dream the Word. Possess the Word. Proclaim the Word TODAY!

Thank You, Lord, as a newborn babe I desire the pure milk of the Word, that I may grow thereby. I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes. I will not forget Your Word. Your Word works effectively in me, because I am in Christ.

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It came to pass in the month of Chisley, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel, that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire." So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:1-4

Concern

Nehemiah was a cup bearer for the king and was living in a royal palace. But he had a concern for Jerusalem and his people and that made him as a builder of the wall.

Though he had no possibility to travel to the city of his fathers, the concern he had about the wellbeing of the people and the city made him to enquire one of his brethren who came from Jerusalem. "That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning

Jerusalem" (Neh.1:2). The concern you have for the church and people only will push you to enquire about them. When you start enquiring about others will birth the burden in you for them.

Paul says besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. (2 Corinthians 11:28). If you read from verse 24 you can see how he was persecuted and suffered pain and in the midst of such a pain he says that the concern for all the churches pressing him. No wonder he is called as great apostle Paul. Paul was not only concerned but he greatly longed for the people with the affection of Jesus Christ (Phil.1:8). This is the real heart of a man of God. Today we need people who have God's concern and affection for the people. Life become too busy. We are not able to enquire even our own families. What a tragedy!

Dearly beloved, you are the channel of God's love, express it. Let your concern and affection open the door for the ministry. We are living in the selfish world and most challenging time of human history. When you start to see the need of the nation and the world, you will automatically pray for them.

When Nehemiah enquired, Hanani explained that the survivors are in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire. That stirred up the heart of

Nehemiah and burdened him to cry unto the Lord. The information is like a fuel for our prayer burden. Many churches today are unaware of things happening in the nation and around the world. Then how can the church pray? Enemy is destroying the nations by his works. Unfortunately, the church is so passive and ignorant!

If you want to be Nehemiah, you must know what is happening in the nation. Then only you can build the wall. Understand the seriousness and the condition of the church and the nation. Sickness and disease are killing our people. Like never before people are rising against God and biblical principles. How much we are in need of God's heart carriers. Our Berachah Prophetic Ministry is like Hanani always sharing the information to the Body of Christ and inspiring people to pray for the nations and for the church. Carry this spirit!

We cannot be complacent in these days. We must rise up to the occasion and stand up against the powers of darkness. Nehemiah sitting inside the palace in Sushan which is far away from Jerusalem but gathered news about his people. Praying people must gather the information for the sake of prayer. Hanani's sharing stirred up Nehemiah's spirit and burden. Mordecai's challenge stirred up Esther. When you share the nations information many Esther's and Nehemiah's can rise up.

Calling

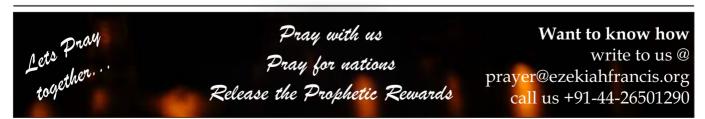
When you start to pray with the burden, the plan of God and call of God will be revealed to you.

Nobody needs to explain it to you. You know that you are called for that purpose.

In the second chapter, as Nehemiah started to pray for his people and nation, God gave favour in the eyes of the king to send him to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. Nehemiah, the cup bearer became the wall builder. When you start to pray for the information with burden, your ministry calling will be revealed. You will hear God's voice clearly about your ministry and mission. Your burden becomes your ministry. See the words of Nehemiah: "...what my God had put in my heart to do (Neh.2:12)" meaning he was very much sure that God had put this desire and plan in his heart.

Nehemiah was not emotionally moved or soulishly reacted but he was moved by the burden and calling of God. He never had dramatic burning bush experience like Moses, no audible voice like Paul but the burden he carried made him to build the broken walls of Jerusalem. He knew in his heart the need of the hour and he acted on it and made history.

Check your heart, what burden is pressing you right now? If you are filled with the burden of your own family and your own world, you cannot be a Nehemiah. Throw away all your burden and allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with His burden. Your ministry will always start as a burden. When you receive a burden start praying for it. Only praying people can build the lives of the people. Holy Spirit is speaking to you right now. Spend more time with Him and listen His voice. Let the burden of God increase in your life. You will receive the clear plan for your future.



In Christ, the food for your spirit man is God's Word. Only meditating on it constantly will renew your mind and produce faith to live in Christ. As you walk in the truth of God's Word, you manifest more and more of Christ in you. This is the secret of living in victory, health, holiness, power and authority

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God's Medicine

Healing Scriptures & Confessions

- * The life of First Peter 2:24 is a reality in my flesh, restoring every cell of my body. I present my body to God for it is the temple of the LIVING GOD. God dwells in me and HIS LIFE permeates my SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY so that I am filled with the fullness of God daily. (Rom. 12:1, 2; John 14:20)
- * My body is the temple of the HOLY GHOST. I make a demand on my body to release the right chemicals. My body is in perfect chemical balance. My pancreas secretes the proper amount of insulin for life and health. (1 Cor. 6:19)
- * Heavenly Father, through Your Word You have imparted Your life to me. That life restores my body with every breath I breathe and every word I SPEAK. (John 6:63; Mark 11:23).
- * That which God has not planted is dissolved and rooted out of my body In Jesus' Name. First Peter 2:24 is engrafted into every fibre of my being and I am alive with the life of God. (Mark 11:23; John 6:63)
- * Jesus bore the curse for me; therefore, I forbid growths and tumors to inhabit my body. The life of God within me dissolves growths and tumors, and my strength and health is restored. (Matt. 16:19; John 14:13; Mark 11:23)
- * Growths and tumors have no right to my body. They are a thing of the past for I am delivered from the authority of darkness. (Col. 1:13, 14)
- * Every organ and tissue of my body functions in the perfection that God created it to function. I forbid any malfunction in my body in Jesus' Name. (Gen. 1:28, 31)
- * Father, Your Word has become a part of me. It is flowing in my bloodstream. It flows to every cell of my body, restoring and transforming my body. Your Word has become flesh; for You sent Your Word and healed me. (James 1:21; Ps. 107:20; Prov. 13:3)
- * Your Word is manifested in my body, causing growths to disappear. Arthritis is a thing of the past. I make a demand on my bones and joints to function properly In Jesus' Name. (Mark 11:23; Matt. 17:20)



Dear family of God, we are still studying a subject of extreme importance in our world today. Unfortunately, it has become an issue even inside the Church, the glorious Body of Jesus Christ which is supposed to give life, joy and hope to the world. Yet instead of that, a growing number of believers and even ministers find themselves in a state of depression, some even to the extent of requiring medication and medical care. What a tragedy!

Satan, the murderer from the beginning, seems to be working overtime to destroy as many lives as possible (Jn.8:44). Of course, his greatest joy and victory is when he succeeds in inducing people to take their own lives instead of having to take the trouble of murdering them. To this end, he is working tirelessly on people's minds - and most probably even on yours!

Let me ask you. How do you see your life? How do you see your situation? Does everything seem bleak and boring to you? Do you feel there is no hope, no sense in staying alive? Do you sometimes play with the thought that you should better be dead? Let me introduce you to someone who had every right and all the reasons to feel like that.

1 Now there was a certain man... his name was Elkanah...

2 And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah (1.Sa.1:1-2)

Hannah was one of the two wives of her husband. As you can imagine, this is a situation that is definitely very difficult to endure. In Africa and Asia, I was repeatedly faced with this problem and know the tremendous heartache it causes. In Western nations which were founded on Biblical principles, however, such constellations are very easy to solve. There is only one legally accepted wife for each man. This wife enjoys many social, judicial and monetary benefits because of her status as wife. The other woman would be the lover or concubine, despised by society as a woman who tries to destroy a home, and without any rights or status. In case the husband decides to divorce his wife and marry his lover, he has to support his ex-wife and children lifelong. Yet even in midst of all this social and financial security, the emotional pain of being a rejected wife still drives many women into alcoholism, addictions to drugs or medication or even suicide.

Now imagine two women living together under the same roof, 'sharing' the husband! What a constant stress of competition! What a constant fear of losing the husband to the other woman! What a constant threat of being cast out in case the

other woman succeeds in turning the husband's heart against her! What a constant emotional torture! Is such a life worth living? Isn't such a constant torment reason enough for throwing away her life? Think about it...

What would have happened if Hannah had thrown away her life? She would have lost the loving support of her husband who loved her more than the other woman. She would have brought tremendous shock, pain and heartache to Elkanah. She would have slipped into eternal oblivion instead of becoming a faith hero whom people from all over the earth admire and imitate for centuries What a loss!

... Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children (1.Sa.1:2)

Yet this explosive family setup was not her only problem. Hannah was barren whereas Peninnah, Elkanah's other wife, had children. Imagine the daily torture of seeing Peninnah's children laugh, play, grow up and bring joy to the man Hannah loved while her own womb remained barren. Imagine the tension of attempting to conceive. Imagine the disappointment month after month. Imagine the self-condemnation and daily frustration. Imagine the doubt and hidden anger even against God as her prayers went unanswered for years. Isn't such a constant torment reason enough for throwing away her life? Think about it...

What would have happened if Hannah had thrown away her life? She would have forever lost her opportunity of receiving her miracle. She would have been called a failure, a frustrated, defeated woman who was unable to accept her life and fulfill her duties. She would never have been able to remove the shame and curse of barrenness. Her memory would have been marred forever. What a loss!

6 And her rival also provoked her severely,

to make her miserable, because the LORD had closed her womb (1.Sa.1:6)

All the above in itself was definitely painful enough, but it was still not the peak of Hannah's heartbreaking situation. Can you imagine having to live under the same roof with a cruel rival every day of your life? Can you imagine the terrible realization that there can be no escape from this harassment until one of them died? Can you imagine somebody mocking and making fun of the very thing that is already breaking your heart every day? Isn't such a constant torment reason enough for throwing away her life? Think about it...

What would have happened if Hannah had thrown away her life? Hannah would have broken the heart of the man who loved her so deeply although she couldn't bear him children. Her rival would have rejoiced and triumphed! I can almost hear her demonic laughter... How she would have celebrated the fact that her hell-inspired strategies had worked out so well for her. How she would have used the grief of Elkanah to win him for herself. Think about it! Do you really want to allow evil to win and triumph over good? The evil devil over the good God???

7 So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat (1.Sa.1:7)

As you can see here, this situation was not just for a short time. This human tragedy went on for years and years, without anyone to turn to, without anyone to help her out of her desperation. We don't see any indication that Hannah had some promise from God to hold on to for all these years. The heavens seemed to be made of bronze. All her faithful journeys to the House of God and all the sacrifices she brought only caused more pain and disappointment. And yet she went up to sacrifice year after year. You can see her beautiful prayer in

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verses 10 to 16. There is absolutely no complaint, no accusation, no demanding attitude. There is only humility and a deep dedication to God. Imagine promising to give the child she so desperately desired away to serve in God's Temple and seeing him only once a year! What a commendable woman!

Hannah decided that even if she would receive the desire of her heart, she would give that son away to serve God. Again her situation would be the same of loneliness, having to watch her rival's children grow up and missing her own son every day of her life. Isn't such a constant torment reason enough for throwing away her life? Think about it...

What would have happened if Hannah had thrown away her life? All her years of sufferings and patience would have been simply wasted. She would have never experienced that God is good and that He hears the plea of the afflicted. She would have wasted the opportunity to bless and encourage others and rejoice together with them in her answered prayer. She would have never conceived. She would have never born children. She would have missed her miracle. What a loss!

13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Elithought she was drunk.

14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!" (1.Sa.1:13-14)

Yet all of this was still not enough. Picture the situation. Hannah had wept in anguish and bitterness of soul before God. As a woman of sorrowful spirit, she poured out her soul before the LORD. What was her reward? Adding to all her pain, she received the rebuke, condemnation and lack of understanding of the priest Eli, God's only representative the Israelites could look up to. For Hannah, such a word from Eli would have meant a total rejection by God Himself. What a shock! What a pain! Her only hope, the God she trusted in, could misunderstand her in such a cruel way! Would you not have concluded that God did not care for you at all? That He didn't listen to your prayers and fastings, and yes, that most probably He would have never listened all these years? Isn't such a shocking discovery reason enough for throwing away her life? Think about it...

What would have happened if Hannah had

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has told the Parliament that China has occupied about 38,000 square kilometers of Indian Territory in Ladakh region. The armies of both the countries are in a faceoff along the Line of Actual Control since last May. Mr. Rajnath Singh further pointed out that under the so-called Sino-Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq km of Indian Territory in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir to China. He said that China also claims approximately 90,000 sq kms of Indian Territory in the Eastern Sector of the boundary in Arunachal Pradesh. The opposition parties reiterated that in matters of sovereignty and integrity of the nation, they will stand in solidarity with the government.

*Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and the United States signed the historic Abraham Accord on the 15th September, in a brief ceremony held at the White house. President Donald Trump termed the peace deal as heralding a new dawn in the Middle East. The accord signals a strategic shift in the region. The perceived common threat posed by Iran is said to have motivated the two Gulf nations to align with Israel. The deal to normalize relations has been brokered by the US, which expects more Islamic nations to join the peace plan.

*Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stepped down from the post on health grounds, marking an abrupt end to his successful eight and a half years tenure. Mr Abe announced his resignation just four days after setting a record for the longest, uninterrupted run as the leader of the world's third richest country. His chief cabinet secretary, Mr. Yoshihide Suga, took over the reins from him.

*Akali Dal leader Ms. Harsimrat Kaur Badal resigned from the Union Cabinet, in protest against three bills on agriculture brought by the Government in Parliament. She said she resigned from the government to stand in solidarity with the farmers, who she said are afraid of leaving the agriculture sector at the hands of the corporate players. The Government says the Minimum Support Price mechanism for essential farm products will continue, and claims that the bills are in the interest of the farmers.

thrown away her life? She would have definitely rejected God completely and gone to eternal hell. Not only she, even her faith and her God would have been blamed and misrepresented. Many would have turned away from their faith, hearing the outcome of her years of faith and trust in God. Unintentionally, she would have become a stumbling block for the faith of many others. What a loss!

Yet praise God, there is another end to this story. Hannah's humility earned her the blessing of this not so very spiritual priest. Her faith laid hold of the promise, and her countenance was no longer sad. In midst of the very same situation, Hannah was a totally transformed woman. As soon as they returned home, Hannah conceived and bore a son, the first of her four sons and two daughters. Hannah fulfilled her promise, brought him to the temple and dedicated him to the God who had answered her prayers. She was rewarded with the tremendous privilege of being the mother of the founder of the first prophetic movement in human history.

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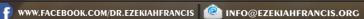
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