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# A PSALMODIC JOURNEY

GIVING FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

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Why a psalmodic journey and what it really is? – The word ‘psalmody’ from Late Latin, psalm<sup>o</sup>dia, from Greek, psalm<sup>o</sup>idia is defined as the act or practice of singing psalms in divine worship. As I began to grow in Christ, I developed the habit of writing my prayers (psalmodies) to God and noting down the miracles which he performed each day. Within a short amount of time, my relationship with God changed drastically. I began to see visions, hear his voice and get connected to the spiritual realm. It is God who asked me to write this book so that those who desire to grow in the knowledge of God (to become aware of his presence and power) could read, meditate and prosper. In Ps 103:7 KJV “he made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.” You see, I want to know his ways and I hope so do you. This book will help you begin knowing His ways. Remember, it is not ‘the psalmodic journey’, but ‘a psalmodic journey’. Jesus said, “...I am with you always....” This means that the presence of God will always be with us. All we

have to do is become aware of his presence and make it a consciousness. I believe that you will be able to comprehend the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of the love of God after reading this book.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Jesus came, was crucified, and rose from the dead. What does that have to do with you?**

God exists. The first man, Adam, who God created disobeyed God and so he lost the glory of God. Sin came into the world through one person, and death came through sin. So death spread to everyone, because everyone sinned. Death ruled even over those who did not sin in the same way Adam did, when he disobeyed God. You may say: "It was Adam's fault. What did I do? Is God not fair??" Answer: God is fair! Death ruled even over those who did not sin in the same way Adam did, when he disobeyed God. But the free giving of God is not like the wrongdoing of man. For if, by the wrongdoing of one man death came to men, much more did the grace of God, by the free giving of the gift of grace of one man, **Jesus Christ**, come to men. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man shall many be made righteous. Jesus did not come to restore that which Adam had lost. The Bible says, "The first man, Adam, became a living being. The last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving spirit." In South Africa, Dr. John G. Lake displayed the greatest spiritual power seen since the days of Jesus — not only for others but also for himself. While assisting

doctors during a bubonic plague outbreak, he was asked why he had not contracted the disease since he had used none of their medical protection. He said, "It is the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." To demonstrate, he had them take live bubonic plague germs still foaming from the lungs of a newly dead person and put them in his hands and then examine the germs under a microscope. They were dead. Dr. John, in his time, became aware of something. He came to know that if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. ....

..... Jesus came, was crucified, and rose from the dead. What does that have to do with you?? –Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The word *life* here is translated from the Greek word '*Zoe*'. *Zoe* means life, characterizing the life of God. This means that Jesus came, was crucified, and rose from the dead not in vain but to give you life i.e. *Zoe* and to give it to you abundantly. Have the life of God and that too abundantly?? –yes. It became possible because of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. In order to have this eternal life, you must be born again. If you are not yet born again, you are invited to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying this prayer:



O Lord God, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Your Word says, whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. I ask Jesus to come into my heart to be the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life into my spirit. I declare that I am saved, I am born again, I am a child of God. I now have Christ dwelling in me, I am a New Creation. Hallelujah!

DID YOU KNOW?

EVERYBODY WHO HEARS THE GOSPEL IS EXPECTED BY DESTINY TO RESPOND TO IT.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Does God hide Himself?**

*"Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour."-Isa 45:15 KJV*

What do you understand after reading the above verse? - Does God hide Himself? If He hides Himself, then how can we find Him? If we can't find Him, then how can we know Him? Read on...

*"But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him."-Luke 24:16 KJV*

In order to understand the context of this verse, you should read chapter 24 (read it or you won't understand the context) from the gospel of Luke. When the women returned from the sepulcher and told the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead, they did not take their words seriously. Later on, the unnamed disciple and Cleopas (also known as Alphaeus) set out to Emmaus (about 7 miles from Jerusalem), talking with each other about all those things that had occurred. It was at this time that Jesus caught up with them and accompanied them along their way. But why were they unable to recognize Him? Jesus was

not invisible as they were able to see Him and answer Him. In fact when Jesus asked about the person they were talking about, they described about Jesus to Jesus Himself! If you read Mark 16:12, you will come to know that the Master appeared to them in another form. That is the reason why the disciples couldn't recognize Him. And why do you think He would do that? Keep reading, I will tell you why.

*<sup>2-6</sup>The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling,*

*a scrubby plant in a parched field.*

*There was nothing attractive about him,*

*nothing to cause us to take a second look.*

*He was looked down on and passed over,*

*a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand.*

*One look at him and people turned away.*

*We looked down on him, thought he was scum.*

*But the fact is, it was our pains he carried—*

*our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us.*

*We thought he brought it on himself,*

*that God was punishing him for his own failures.*

*But it was our sins that did that to him,*

*that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins!*

*He took the punishment, and that made us whole.*

*Through his bruises we get healed.*

*We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost.*

*We've all done our own thing, gone our own way.*

*And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong,*

*on him, on him. –Is 53:3-6* **the Message Bible**

You see, He came to His own and His own received Him not. Do note that when Jesus asked the question 'What things?' Cleopas testified about Jesus of Nazareth as a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and men. You can see unbelief, disappointment and doubt in his speech. Instead of saying, "The women saw angels who said that Jesus was alive," he said: "They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive." Feel the difference? Cleopas mentioned (recognized) Jesus as a prophet, powerful in word and deed but failed to recognize Him as the Saviour- as the Messiah. This was the glorified Jesus (The Saviour) who appeared unto them. Jesus is more than a prophet!

You can recognize Him as a prophet, as a problem solver, a healer, as a teacher or any person of such kind, but if you don't recognize Him as the Saviour (the Lord of all, His Name above all names) described in Isaiah 53, then you may not know Him when He comes near

you. So did the disciples finally recognize Him or not? Let's see...

*"And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further." -Luke 24:28 KJV*

And as they came to edge of the village, Jesus acted as if He were going on. The Lord Jesus, after teaching the scriptures concerning Him to them, made as though He was going further though He didn't intend. The Master actually didn't want to leave them without revealing to them who He really was. Now it was expected from them to stop Him from leaving. Here is the turning point of that encounter. They constrained Him from leaving and while at the table recognized Him as He took the bread, blessed it and broke it. But how were their eyes opened now? Jesus didn't even speak a word about Him. It's so simple! When the crowd was gathered in the desert, how did Jesus serve? He took the bread, thanked God, blessed it and gave it to them. Even though these two disciples were not there in the last supper, I would like to remind you how he distributed the bread. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and then gave it to them. You see, it was the very same manner in which the Lord served and so when Cleopas and the other disciple noticed the manner in which He served, their eyes (of the understanding) were opened. Mary Magdalene also mistook Him for a gardener at

first since she did not have a proper sight of Him (she was careless). But when Jesus called out 'Mary', aha she knew the Master's voice. And now because of their participation (constraining Him from leaving), the disciples got another chance to know the Lord. It is a good thing that you want to know His ways. But to know His ways is to know Him. In order to know Him, all you have to do is constrain Him.

Our God is an awesome God. If at all He hides, then it is for a single reason- to be sought, to be found. This is one of the truths of a greater light. People crave to know Him for about two weeks and when nothing happens, they gradually stop. It is like Cleopas and the other disciple telling goodbye to Jesus when He made as though He was about to leave further. The Holy Spirit [Jesus is in heaven. It is the Holy Spirit who represents Jesus to us now in this world] never wants to leave us.

*Matt 7: 7-11 keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened. Or what man is there of you, if his son asks him for a loaf of bread, will hand him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will hand him a serpent? If you then, evil as you*

*are, know how to give good {and}  
advantageous gifts to your children, how much  
more will your Father Who is in heaven [perfect  
as He is] give good {and} advantageous things  
to those who keep on asking Him!-AMP*

Let us continue the journey on Chapter 3. Now it is time for prayer.

**Psalmodic prayer and confession:**

1. God, You are greater than the greatness anyone has ever known!
2. I praise You Master for Your mighty deeds!
3. You are the only One Who I have always.
4. Thank you Lord for Your Spirit!
5. My heart rejoices and I could feel the joy that psalmist David could have felt when he read psalms to You.
6. Abba, You had no majesty or beauty to attract us to You; nothing in Your appearance that we should desire You.
7. My mouth was deceitful and not Yours!
8. I opened my mouth and You hid not!
9. O Man of Sorrows, where was Your violence? I see none.
10. Who can be satisfied of their praise to You?
11. Have You not come down to receive our praise?
12. We worship You, adore You and honour You. For it is written, "Let all that has breath praise the Lord."-Amen.

## Chapter 3

### **Hannah wanted a child and got it. You too can get what you want!**

Now before we continue, I recommend you to read ch.1-3 from 1 Samuel :).

*"7. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him."- 1 Sam 3:7 KJV*

Just because Samuel did not know the Lord or did not have the revelation of His word did not stop the Lord from calling his name. So don't tell you are unable to hear his voice in the spirit. **If you are not tuned enough to hear His voice through your spirit, then He will make you hear Him audibly when necessary!** That was what happened with little Samuel. Samuel grew on in favour both with the Lord and also with men. There is much to learn from Hannah and Samuel.

Things to learn from Hannah: Hannah fought the good fight. Her fellow wife taunted her cruelly, never letting her forget that God had not given her children. When such is the condition, it would have been easier for her to blame God. Don't go for it. Neither did she. I love the way she reacted. She cried out to the Lord inconsolably. **It was not her cry but her decision that brought forth the miracle.**



Please do note that she had been crying for the past years and nothing had happened. It is well said, 'God does not respond to tears, He responds to faith'. It was when she vowed a vow (and made her case strong stating why she wanted a child) she drew God's attention. She said to the Lord that If He gave her a son, then she would give him unto the Lord all the days of his life. But what's the catch? Anyway she will remain again without a child. Was Hannah behaving foolishly?

NO! On the contrary, she was wise. The bible says that the Lord had shut up her womb. Now if God would give her a son, then surely He will not shut up her womb again. This means she will have definitely more than one child. She had three more sons and two daughters after Samuel was born. Do you want your situation to be changed? What's your vow or what is your decision in faith?

Things to learn from Samuel:

*"And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child."-  
1Sam 3:8 KJV*

The Lord had called Samuel three times already by now. Each time he heard the Master's voice, he inquired Eli if it was he who had called him.

When Eli said that he didn't call him the first time, Samuel could have just lied down when he heard the Master's voice again. He didn't do that. Every time he went and inquired Eli. But what made him to behave in that manner? - He was so sure in his spirit that he had heard a voice. Like Samuel, we should also be **unambiguous** (in the spirit) when God is talking to us.

### Conclusion:

Samuel neither knew (not aware of His presence) the Lord nor was His Word revealed unto him. However he was able to hear His voice. How? -He was a dedicated child. He was given to God to be used of God. When you are baptized in the Name of Jesus, you are buried with Him and raised with Him. Now after baptism, you are in Christ. When people see you, they see Christ because you are in Him. Are you a devoted child of God? Yes? -Then you can be confident that He who had begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Ok. Let us continue the journey on Chapter 4. Now let us pray.

### **Psalmodic prayer and confession:**

1. My loving Heavenly Father, Thank You for your mercy and grace.
2. Our great Judge, You are the One who cares for the righteous. You shall neither leave nor forsake them.

3. My spirit shall be sorrowful no more.
4. Lord My God, You take the unworthy from the dust and make them to sit among the royals. It shows Your greatness.
5. Without doubt, we are called to inherit a blessing. I will praise You Master.
6. He who has called me is indeed faithful.
7. My heart rejoices because of Your great deeds.
8. When I remember my past, I recognize Your great doings.
9. Verily, You were with me in my childhood.
10. It is You who is my king!
11. You are my hope, my everything.
12. In You I find peace and joy.
13. Loving Father, help me do only those things in which You are pleased and glorified. – Amen.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Understand His love- this is first and foremost!**

Have you ever heard people say, "If you were the only person in the world, Jesus still would have died for YOU?" That's true! Some people think that God only loves certain people. If that was true, then God would have granted salvation only to them. Yes. He is God and all things are possible for Him.

A person, whom I know personally, had a vision from God. In that vision he saw a girl walking. God said to him, "Here goes your wife". He was so charged up. He didn't have any girl in his life before. Now this guy dreamt of taking her to McDonalds, KFC, here, there and so on. He wanted to see her happy always by all means. Several years passed and he saw a girl and recognized that it was her. He expected her to run towards him in joy for he thought she also would have had a similar vision. But she didn't have the slightest clue about him. This broke him down. He prayed to God asking Him to open her eyes. But nothing happened. A few months later, he became so disappointed with her behavior towards him. He went to his house and he began to cry unto the Lord saying, "Why? Why O God? What did I do? It's as though she is not worthy of my love. I didn't do anything other than obey You. I never asked you about her

profession, background or anything. Many girls, rich, beautiful, caring and loving came across my way and still do. But just because you said that she is my wife, I never had a second thought. And now that I have loved her, I am unable to withdraw and seek another. I just want her to know the truth that there is a person in this world who loved her so much. Lord! Lord!”

Now our merciful Lord answered him saying, “My son, when you were a child, you didn’t understand My love towards people. Many times you prayed to me sincerely to reveal to you the love I have for my children. Every time you heard a message regarding my love, you took it very lightly and resulted in not understanding my love. But today, you will know my love. I love them very much. I have wonderful plans for each one of them. You dreamt of taking your girl to café, KFC, McDonalds, dreamt of presenting her amazing gifts. I too have dreams for my children. I want to bless them with prosperity, divine health and above all, eternal life through salvation. For this reason, I sent My Word to the world. The world did not recognize Me. I came to that which belonged to Me and they who were My own did not receive Me, did not welcome Me. When they don’t receive Me, how could I bless them? When they don’t know Me, how could they receive Me? That is the reason I keep insisting you to preach the gospel to My people. I also want

them to know the truth that there had always been a person who loves them so much. Now that you understand My love, be of good cheers. Go and see what I am going to do for you who chose to do according to My word!"

Now the guy declared, "Lord, as You will go and tell her the truth about me, I will go and tell the people the truth concerning You."

So what happened? –God is not a man that He should lie! God granted him all the desires of his heart.

My goodness! What a love  
God has for us!

**John 3:16** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. -KJV*

**Confession:**

1. I know that the Lord is gracious to me.
2. I will weep no more. The Lord loves me and cares for me.
3. Abba! You have heard my supplication. You have granted my request.
4. O Installer of Love! Lover of lovers! Truly, you are the Creator of love!

**Prayer:**

Our Loving Heavenly Father, how much do we hurt You? How much have You forgiven us?

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How long have You been patient? How great our transgression was! O Lord, we submit ourselves to You! Anoint us! You said that it was Your good pleasure to anoint Your children. Have Your way in our lives! In Jesus' name, amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

The greatest love you can show to someone is to preach the gospel.

## **Chapter 5**

### **God is not a man!**

Recently I heard the story of an eight year old girl. She said that in the evenings, her step father used to rape her and in the morning it was her uncle's turn to do the same. It continued for many days. It was such a mental suffering for her at this tender age. She was even scared to pray saying 'Heavenly Father' since the word father meant panic and misery to her. She used to ask often, "Jesus, do you love me? If you love me then why don't you help me? Jesus, do you love me?" Thirty years have passed away. She shared her testimony. She explained people how Jesus blessed her with a kind and loving husband, and sweet children. She acknowledged that Jesus loves her and that she knows it. Everybody was moved by her testimony and wanted to know if God loved her why such things happened to her. As I was pondering at their question, the Master replied saying, "I love the girl. I also want the father to come to repentance. I will forgive him his sins and grant him salvation if he would repent. He was not taught. He didn't know what he was doing." God's reply threw me out. But this is the mindset of God. Men would have killed this guy immediately if we were to judge him. But the Lord our God, you



see, is not a man. He does not reason the way a man reasons. That's why we must have the mindset as that of God.

**"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."** –  
Romans 12:2 KJV

**Prayer and confession:**

1. O Lord, my God, how great are Your mercies?
2. Even though people move out of Your presence sometimes, You bind them to Yourself when they repent.
3. Your people are never put to shame.
4. You never leave us nor forsake us
5. Who can separate me from Your love?
6. Master, I love you because You loved me first!
7. Lord, I want to know more of You!!! –  
amen.

## **Chapter 6**

### **You cannot be disadvantaged!!**

**A champion is a champion, a king is a king, and God is God what come may!!!**

How do we react to persecutions? What is our reaction towards false accusation? Do we ask, "God, why me?" or are we disheartened? Let us consider the life of the Master (Jesus), my all time HERO:

*"Jesus was crucified along with two criminals, one to his right, the other to his left. People passing along the road jeered, shaking their heads in mock lament: "You bragged that you could tear down the Temple and then rebuild it in three days—so show us your stuff! Save yourself! If you're really God's Son, come down from that cross!" The high priests, along with the religion scholars, were right there mixing it up with the rest of them, having a great time poking fun at him: "He saved others—but he can't save himself! Messiah, is he? King of Israel? Then let him climb down from that cross. We'll all become believers then!"'[Mk 15:25-31 MSG].*

It was an awesome scene for Satan to enjoy. But his joy was short lived. Now picture this: Jesus is hanging on the cross, hands and feet

nailed, horrendous pain, blood oozes out of his body slowly causing death. Accusation! Accusation! How did Jesus react? He could have just waited for the Scriptures to be fulfilled and given up His ghost. But He didn't..... Why? -Yes! Surprise is waiting for the devil ..... Mind blowing! Mind blowing!!..... "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom", said one of the thieves. Ha ha ha :) the devil didn't expect it! "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom", said one of the thieves. Even at the last moment, Jesus did His job. He granted salvation to the thief by His word. Just because Jesus was crucified amongst the thieves does not mean they could make Him a thief! Among the thieves, He became the Savior! A lion amidst one million cats cannot become a cat. You are like your Father, little children! Hanging on the cross, horrendous pain; He did not complain! He didn't tell the thief, "I have suffered enough. I have finished my job. I am worn out and disappointed since the Father has turned His back on me". He made use of the opportunity. ***Your challenge could be an opportunity!*** Disappointed? Discouraged? Jesus? No way! Hanging on the cross, horrendous pain; He did His job for hereunto was He called. So when people accuse/persecute/ tempt you, don't be dismayed for hereunto you were called! Get the job done. Come out as a victor and not as a victim. A champion is a champion, a king is a

king, and God is God what come may! Live like the One who has called you!! The problems you face in life are nothing, but lying vanities!!! If you understand this, YOU CANNOT BE DISADVANTAGED!!!

**Scripture reference:**

Mk 15:25-31

John chapter 19

Luke chapter 23

1 Peter chapter 2

Jonah 2:8

Psalm 31

**Confession:**

I cannot be disadvantaged anymore. I am a new creation in Christ. All my problems are nothing but lying vanities. I thank God for the glorious life that He has given to me. Hallelujah! In Jesus' name. Amen.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

How to have a great day in the Lord? -To have a great day is to do what the Lord wants you to do that day.

## **Chapter 7**

### **The Master's strategy towards Love**

A person once came to me and asked, "Timothy, nobody loves me. I know that God loves me but other than Him nobody loves me!" Many people come across such a thought. Let us once again consider Jesus:

Jesus was crucified along with two criminals, one to his right, the other to his left. People passing along the road jeered, shaking their heads in mock lament: *"You bragged that you could tear down the Temple and then rebuild it in three days—so show us your stuff! Save yourself! If you're really God's Son, come down from that cross!"* The high priests, along with the religion scholars, were right there mixing it up with the rest of them, having a great time poking fun at him: *"He saved others—but he can't save himself! Messiah, is he? King of Israel? Then let him climb down from that cross. We'll all become believers then!"* [Mk 15:25-31 MSG].

Even at this time, Jesus prayed for them (Lk 23:34). Just moments before His arrest, **all** His disciples had forsaken Him (Matt 26:56). Even Peter, who said that he would never be enticed, denied Him thrice. OK. Notice how Jesus addressed the betrayer when He saw him:

Friend, wherefore art thou? (Matt 26:50)...  
..... FRIEND or  
betrayer??? FRIEND??? How could He call him a  
friend? Lord Jesus, you still loved him? What a  
love strategy! –calling the betrayer, a friend!  
..... He didn't wait for  
people to love Him. HE FIRST LOVED  
EVERYONE (1Jn 4:19).

Some people say  
that you cannot measure love. No! Not with  
Jesus. He did that miracle also :) Jesus said:  
"Love each other in the same way that I have  
loved you" –Jn 13:34 GWT. Notice He didn't  
say: Love each other in the same way that **you**  
**have loved me**; rather, love each other in the  
same way that **I have loved you**. That's  
measuring love!!! .....Follow the  
Master's way! (Eph 5:1-2) Don't expect or wait  
for others to show you love, rather, **YOU LOVE**  
**EVERYONE IN THE SAME WAY THAT JESUS HAS**  
**LOVED YOU!!!**

### **Prayer and confession:**

Lord God, I love you! I kiss You with the holy  
kisses of my mouth. I am Your child. You chose  
me and showed mercy and kindness to me! I  
love You because You first loved me! Who shall  
I fear when the Lord is watchful over me? Your  
hands are upon me, O Lord! I always wait on  
You, My Lord! O Son of God, I have come just  
as I am to worship You! Be magnified! O Lord

be magnified! You are My wonderful counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of  
peace! I will not return to folly since Your love  
for me is so great! You are My very great  
reward! Hallelujah!

## **Chapter 8**

### **The Faith of the Master**

“NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see {and} the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].”- Heb 11:1 AMP.

The best definition for faith is given in the bible. Ok. How to understand this? –Suppose that you have bought a Mercedes car and your friends at work/college don’t believe you. Is it possible to carry the car in your pocket everywhere to prove? –No, but it is possible to show the car’s document i.e. this document serves as the proof of the yet unseen car = faith is the confirmation/assurance of the things hoped for and the evidence/proof of the things not seen. May be you have not yet possessed that which you had asked God for. But when you prayed, you received the confirmation/evidence/proof of possession in your spirit. That confirmation/evidence/proof of the yet unseen reality is faith!!!

Let us consider Jesus:

“Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the



Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying,  
Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

When Jesus heard that, he said, this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." -

John 11:1-4 KJV.

Ok. Jesus said that this sickness was not unto death but THE GUY DIED... ..

.....Was there a time when you said something and it didn't work??? You are not alone!!! But how did Jesus react? - He didn't tell: This is not God's will. NO.NO. Jesus?? Give up?? Never!! Jesus said: This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. ....

...Marvelous .....Glorious.....My Lord and My God.....Do you know what? -Even after Lazarus' death, Jesus did not change His words. He said: Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep i.e. this sickness is not unto death (Lazarus is just sleeping); but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. THAT IS FAITH!!! Jesus refused to accept or even mention that Lazarus was dead. It was only when His disciples couldn't understand Him, He said that Lazarus was dead. And so, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Today, what are you saying? What is your need? Money? What?? Healing?? -

The answer for your prayers does not come to you after receiving/seeing that which you asked of God, but after your prayer of faith itself; since **faith is the confirmation/assurance of the things hoped for and the evidence/proof of the things not seen!!!** It means, in faith, you already have that which you asked for!!!

There are very many people who would say: "I'd bet with my life. I had faith and it didn't work!" .... Well, they are so sure that they had faith. I too was once confused. There was a time when I had faith but it didn't work. I meditated on the Word of God continuously to get a clear picture regarding this. Then did I understand! **If it did not work, it was not faith; because faith always works!!!** Then what was that which I had and didn't work? -It was 'belief' !!\_ There is a big difference between having faith and believing. Believing is to think that you would get that which you asked for. But in faith, you have already possessed that which you asked for! **Faith is not something you try to make yourself believe, it is something you cannot doubt.** See that? So you better be careful with what you ask...

Further Scripture reading:

1. Matthew chap. 21
2. Matthew chap. 8:1-27
3. Numbers chap. 22

4. 2 Kings chap. 20

**Prayer:**

My Loving Heavenly Father, I pray that You would open my understanding to the scriptures since Your Word will make me live the glorious life that You have called me to live. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

## Chapter 9

### He is not a silent God

There has always been a question whether God remains silent or not. One among many scriptures which people refer to claim God's silence is Matthew 15:23 where it reads:

"But he (Jesus) answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us."

OK. I don't understand how anybody could refer this verse to show that God remains silent. Jesus answered her then. In fact, she even got what she wanted. **OUR GOD IS NOT A SILENT GOD.** Sometimes you pray, you cry, you mourn; but why does it seem as though God is not answering? **WHY? –Because He has already done something; and you are ignorant of it.** In fact, God has a lot to tell you, and for you to hear Him, your spirit must be in tune with the Word of God. Meditate on the Word! That's it! Let us consider Joseph: His brothers hated him the more when they heard of his dream (Gen 37:5-11). They sold him for twenty pieces of silver. Was it Joseph's fault for dreaming? –No. Where was God??? The bible says that *the Lord was with Joseph and he was a prosperous man* even when he was a slave. **Your position in life does not determine**

**your prosperity.** Again trouble came to him through his master's wife. She wanted to commit adultery with Joseph. Now consider Joseph, a young lad, who was separated from his family, whose dreams were shattered, receiving an open arm from the royal woman of the house. Mine o mine! He asked the lady how he could sin against God. Wow. He still believed in God. Though He acted righteously before God, he was imprisoned for a crime which he never committed. Where was God??? -God granted him favour in the sight of the prison keeper. He soon grew to become the most powerful man in Egypt next to Pharaoh. Could you imagine that? What a God we serve! Our God is big! When he was a slave in Egypt, there was no chance of his dream coming to pass. But it did! Ha ha the very thought of it is mind blowing. Our God is an extra-ordinary strategist.

Instead of blaming God, it is wise to know His ways. He is faithful. **The only reason Joseph's brothers sold him was to avoid his dream come to pass. But that was what made the dream come true!** Do you now understand why you and I cannot be disadvantaged? So NEVER LET YOUR SITUATION MISLEAD YOU! **God loves you too much to allow you to experience pain for nothing.** Even though God did not cause it, He will use it for your good. There is purpose in your pain. Everything around you is working for your profit/benefit. (Rom 8:28).

**Conclusion:** God is always saying something.

*"Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."- Jer 33:2-3 KJV. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou should go: I will guide thee with mine eye" -Ps 32:8 KJV.*

***If at all it seems as though He is silent, then He has already done something and you are ignorant of it!***

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**Prayer and Confession:**

My Dear Heavenly Father, You know the longings of my heart. I have nothing worldly with me so that I can have You and Yours! O Lord, You are a merciful God! I will praise thee, O Lord, for who is like You in the world? I know that You are a faithful God! In You, I trust. Hallelujah!

## Chapter 10

### If you be a man of God

Do you Know what it is to be –a man of God? Let us see how a man of God reacted at the time of trouble: “The king of Samaria said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words? And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite. Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And the captain went up to him: and, behold, Elijah sat on the top of an hill. And the captain spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.” ... ..Mr. King, Elijah is not your next door neighbor to fetch him like that! He is **a man of God!!**..... And so, what did Elijah do? Cry? –No. Then what did he ever do?

–“Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, **If I be a man of God**, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.”

.....What a man! .....But once again the king sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And the captain answered and said unto Elijah, O man of God, thus hath the king said,

Come down quickly. Ok. What did Elijah do now?

–“And Elijah answered and said unto them, **If I be a man of God**, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.”

My goodness...this is the second time already...but the king still sent for him the third time. And the third captain of fifty went up ...

.....(something humorous is about to happen) and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O **man of God**, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. ....

.....Let my life and the life these fifty thy servants be precious in thy sight?? –ha ha, well, this is a better way to relate with a man of God!!!

Do you want to be a man of God? But how? If you are in Christ, then you are **a man of God**. At the time of trouble, you don't even have to say: If I am a man of God.. ..... ..but just I am a man of God (without *if*).



It is not an exaggeration. Let us recall the words of Jesus: "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall **not doubt** in his heart, but shall **believe** that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**." Here, I didn't see the words *if I be a man of God*, did you? Jesus?? To say: If I be a man of God?? Never!! He knew Who He is. Yes, Elijah was a great man of God. Yes, he was aware that he was a man of God. Yes, he acted rightly in his time. Yes, He was the hero of the time. BUT Jesus, you see, is the God of all heroes!!! His Name is above all other names. Ok. In Christ? If yes, then you are a man/woman of God. Life is not fair? –**God is fair!** What is holding you back? What do you want? –Act upon it!! You are a man of God!!

**Scripture Reference:**

2 Kings Chap. 1:2-14

Mark 11:23

**Psalmodic Prayer and confession:**

Thank You, Lord Jesus! You are the Great God! Righteousness is Your belt and faithfulness, the sash around Your waist! Abba, who and what am I to boast? -Nevertheless, I will boast in the Lord! Surely God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord is my

strength and my song, and He is become my Salvation! With joy, I will draw waters from the wells of salvation -Amen. I will sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things and let this be known to the world -Amen.

Lord, You have made us men and women of God! My heart melts in Your love! I 'll be still and know that You are the Lord our God. Lord Jesus, in Your Name, I have authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy. O Lord, You have hidden these things from the wise and the learned and revealed them to little ones. How outstanding is Your good pleasure! Your love is unfailing. Who can thwart Your purpose, O Lord? Great is Your grace and mercy towards us! Hallelujah!

## Chapter 11

### Faith α 1/ Fear

Have you ever wondered if God has forgotten you or His promises concerning your life? God said? Nothing happened?? Hmmm.... ..

“And the word of the LORD came unto Elijah, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, **I have commanded** (set in order) a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath.” -1 Kings 17:8-10 **KJV**.

So God asked Elijah to travel to Zarephath since He had commanded a widow woman to sustain him there. Let us read what happened then:

“And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” -1 Kings 17:10-12 **KJV**.

WoW! God said that he had commanded a widow to sustain Elijah. But the confession of the woman seems to contradict God's Word! God said and nothing happened?? Read on...

From physics, we know that the basic assumptions of all the standard physical theories (i.e. formulas) are laws. That is to say, physical laws are mostly derived from formulas. As it is in the physical (natural), so it is in the spiritual. So there are spiritual laws that could be derived from 'spiritual formulas'. For example, 'Faith' is a spiritual law derived from the spiritual formula 'Fear Not'.

Faith  $\propto$  1/ Fear

Faith is inversely proportional to fear. I once heard Pastor Chris Oyakhilome say that fear is negative faith since faith is to believe in the power of God and fear is to believe in the power of the adversary rather than God. That's it! **The more the faith in you, the less the fear in you!** They are coming to take away something precious from you? –Fear not, the very hairs of your head are all numbered! Your future seems to be so dark without any hope? –Fear not, your expectations shall not be cut off! All your expectations have turned into disappointments? –Fear not for all your past disappointments will turn out into future

testimonies for God! Fear not! Fear not! The formula is 'Fear not'.

Ok. Now that you are given an intro, let us continue. What a God we serve! God said that he had commanded a widow to sustain Elijah. But the confession of the woman seems to contradict God's Word! God said and nothing happened?? -No. Something happened!

"And Elijah said unto her, **FEAR NOT**; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. **For thus SAITH the LORD God of Israel**, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth." -1 Kings 17:13-14 **KJV**.

Powerful! Elijah was not shocked when he heard the negative confession from the woman. He feared not! He knew that there was a **Now Word**. I have heard people say: God said that He will bless me but nothing happened. .. .....ohhhh, ohhhh, if they ever knew what Elijah had known!! God said to Elijah that He had commanded (set in order) a widow to sustain him. But nothing really seemed to have happened when Elijah went to her. God calls those things which be not as though they were

(Rom 4:17). That which God said concerning Elijah came to pass **only** when Elijah Spoke the Now Word of God.

"Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God." -Ps 87:3. Zion is the 'city of God' (Psalms 48). A born again Christian is living in this city of God from the spiritual point of view. "But ye are come unto mount Sion..." - Heb 12:22 **KJV**. Yea, glorious things are spoken of you. But it is your responsibility to speak out/confess the Now Word of God concerning your situation. If God has said that He will bless you, then your confession must be 'I am blessed in Jesus name' when the things around you display a negative effect. For by saying '*thus saith the Lord*', Elijah received that which God had done for him even though the widow's statement seemed to be disappointing.

**Fear not** if things are not going well as expected. Rather, learn what the Lord has to say concerning your situation at present. Speak/confess that Word in the name of Jesus and THE SPOKEN WORD WILL CAUSE YOUR EXPECTED MIRACLE TO COME!!!

### **Confession and prayer:**

I will not be silent, O Lord for You deserve praise! Lord Jesus, You are a faithful God! Your actions reveal Your power! When I walk through fire, I will not be burned, the flames will not set me blaze. I am precious and honored in Your sight because You love me. You have given men in exchange for me, and

people in exchange for my life. Lord, thank You! Your love is deeper and greater than that which I know. Who cared for the needy from the beginning? -Is it not You? You are the Holy God!

You took the name of Jesus and came to the earth. How great was that? Oh! Mighty is Your deed! You have not forsaken those who chose You! I am Your child and You are My Father. Hallelujah!

## **Chapter 12**

### **He is more than faithful**

It's a sad thing when God's children get disappointed with God. Even mature Christians doubt the goodness of the Master. If they ever knew Him! If they ever knew Him! One day as I was praying, the presence of the Lord was so strong in the room that I asked Him the number of the question paper for an exam that was to come the following day. (There were more than 50 question papers). The Lord answered: "Nº6." I got up late the next day (as I was very tired) and confessed that someone will give me the answers in the exam hall when I go there. When I was near the examination hall, a classmate gave me the answers for question papers Nº 1-7. As I was reading all of them, I heard some folks who came out of the hall say: "The lady had marked the question paper Nº in the back just as we had requested her." After studying the answers, I went inside the hall to choose the question papers (4 question papers were turned upside down and I was supposed to choose one to answer). I found that on one question paper, there was a small marking where it was written Nº3 with a pencil. I recalled what those young people were saying. I thought in my heart: "Ok this is Nº3; let me take this lest I choose one of the other three question papers and that is not Nº6?" .....



.....I took that paper with the marking Nº 3 only to know that it was Nº 6 when I turned it.

I was so glad and I began to praise God for the miracle. But when I returned home and began to meditate on the things which happened, I realized how God had known my faith. Had I believed Him, I would not have given importance to the marking on the paper. But I did. One can say: "Had you been faithful, you would not have got the sixth question paper." – You see, God sees the end from the beginning. He knew my faith. He knew how I would act and so I would not have acted in a different way other than giving importance to the marking on the paper. He is a sovereign God.

*"If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself." -2 Tim 2:13 AMP. How true!*

He just didn't stop with revealing the number of the question paper. He also provided me with the answers for it. Dear child of God, He knows you very well. He knows your faith. He does not stop with just blessing you, but also, He sees to it that you inherit the blessings. What an awesome God He is! Another example:

*"<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around him as they listened to God's word. <sup>2</sup>Jesus saw two boats on the shore. The fishermen had stepped out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>So Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowd from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he finished speaking, he told Simon, "Take the boat into deep water, and lower your nets to catch some fish." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Teacher, we worked hard all night and caught nothing. But if you say so, I'll lower the nets." <sup>6</sup>After the men had done this, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to tear. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. Their partners came and filled both boats until the boats nearly sank." – Luke 5: 1-7 GOD'S WORD® Translation (©1995).*

Now this was what happened: Peter worked hard all night but caught no fish. His boat was on the shore. Now Jesus used his boat to sit down and preach. After Jesus had finished speaking, He didn't say: "Peter, thank You." Ha ha, Peter gave Jesus place in his boat to preach. The Master gave back to Peter the fishes for which he had strived the previous night. In fact, Jesus is more than faithful! **If 'justice' was to say 'thank you' for getting a place to preach, then Jesus was more than being just. If faithfulness of the miraculous**

**was to give Peter back some fishes, then Jesus was more than faithful for He gave them such a large number of fishes that their nets began to tear.** How could even preachers sometimes doubt the goodness of the Master? –If they ever knew Him! If they ever knew Him! We also learn from the bible how he fed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fishes. He didn't send them away in hunger. They were all satisfied!

Dear child of God,  
He will not send you away in hunger. If you had given or sacrificed something for Him, then just remember this: He is more than faithful. Get ready, **YOUR NETS WILL BEGIN TO TEAR WHEN HE IS FINISHED.** Ha ha! Moses worked for Him. But at the end, because of his disobedience, Moses was not allowed to enter the Promised Land. But was it the end?? Did God bring Moses to the Promised Land??...

*“And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron, because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.” Num 20:12 KJV*

Moses disobeyed the Lord and hence was not allowed to lead the congregation into the Promised Land. But in Luke 9:28-31, we read:

"And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, Jesus took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spoke of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem."

Moses or Enoch?? -Interesting. What was Moses doing there? -EVEN AFTER HUNDREDS OF YEARS, LORD BY HIS MERCY REMEMBERED AND BROUGHT HIS SERVANT MOSES TO THE PROMISED LAND!!! *"For his anger endures but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. ☺* "-Ps 30:5 KJV

Dear child of God,  
there is an end and your expectations shall not be cut off. **If Jesus plays His part in your life-story, then no matter what, always, anytime, anywhere, anyhow, your story ends up only in victory!**

**Prayer and confession:**

Dear Lord, You have upheld me since I was conceived and carried me since my birth. You are my God and I am Yours always. You have made me and You will carry me. You will

sustain me and rescue me. Who can make known the end from the beginning? -Is it not You? Your purpose will stand and You will do all that You please. You will grant salvation to everybody who asks for it. For and to You alone, I sum up all honor and praise! In Jesus Name, Amen.

## Chapter 13

### God's Modus Operandi

If God loves us so much, then why are there problems?? If God is all powerful, why could He not lead His children without trials and temptations?? These are some of the oldest and famous questions of atheists. –OK. God didn't create man to suffer. He created man to rule. The first man Adam disobeyed and thence began suffering. But God sent His only Son Jesus and saved the world as we had read in the introductory pages of this book. Yes, God is all powerful. When Joseph's brothers sold him, God could have appeared unto his brothers and revealed to them that it was Him who gave Joseph the dream. But God didn't do that! You see, God's modus operandi (method of operation) is not as that of a man. The tests and trials in life are not to let you down but to bring you up to a higher level. The bible says:

***"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."** – James 1:12-14.*

**So at first, one should understand that it is a blessing to endure temptation and not a trouble.**

Long ago, I once asked God:

"Lord, is this the end? Why have you forgotten me?" The Lord answered and said: "Name one person in the bible who served Me and was forsaken by Me!".... ..As I realized that I couldn't even name one, the Lord said again: "You could name none. If I had forsaken you, then you would have been the first person in history whom I had forsaken." .....Jesus was forsaken on the cross as a result of our sins that were laid upon Him... ..My dear child of God, He will never leave you nor forsake you (Heb 13:5). There is no story in the past or in the future as of God forsaking His children. Nay not one!

Another instance:

*"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. [ ] When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple (John) took her unto his own home." - John 19:25-27.*

**I have not heard of a son who in his deathbed compensated his mother with another son, have you?** My Lord and my God! Jesus was not even her son biologically. You see, that's Jesus! Even if there were good sons around, they won't know their time of death nor could perform as Jesus did. The ordinary human mind cannot contain his 'modus operandi'.

Another instance:

"...And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house;



and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him." -  
2 Sam 12:15-24

David committed adultery and so God struck the child that was born as a result of it. As we had read, David fasted and prayed for God to spare the child. God didn't answer him. The turnover in this part of the Scriptures was that God loved Solomon (whose mother was the now-David's-wife Bathsheba). When David was fasting and praying for his dying child, what David didn't know was that God had planned a Solomon for him. Sometimes it may seem as though you prayed for an answer in vain. **You may know the intensity of your problem. But what you don't know is that God has already planned and worked out the miracle for you.** According to God's modus

operandi, all things are working together for good to them that love God.

This world functions under a particular system. For example, passing by a blind man from birth, Jesus' disciples asked him: Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? -Jesus answered: Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: [but that] the works of God should be made manifest in him. Jesus did not stop with that. He healed the blind man. Wonderful... For a man who was blind from his birth, how could things be for good? – Could there be any meaning for his life? Till Jesus showed up on the scene, people supposed it to be a result of sin. According to the system of this world, a blind man cannot see. But God functions far beyond this world's principles. If His Word says: **ALL** things work together for good, then it means **ALL** things work together for good. Even though that guy was born blind, it was for good, for Jesus healed him and he began to see.....You can go one step further and say that the earth is rotating for your good (i.e. for your profit/benefit)...YES! The scripture says so, not I. Ok. Could everyone talk like this? –NO. Only those people who love God. How to know whether you love God or not? - A person who has repented for his sins before the Creator and with faith accepted/confessed Christ as Lord and Savior of his life and believes that God raised Him from the dead, loves God. You have done that? –If yes, then your neighbor

had his shower yesterday for your good. All things work together for good to them that love God. Be of good cheer!!

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**Prayer and confession:**

Our Loving Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your promises. You are the first and the last. You have the power to vanish the intelligence of the intelligent. You took me from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners You called me! You are so wonderful and loving! Help me in knowing more of You. I praise You Lord, my God! I declare that I will gain understanding in the spirit and stand in the awe of the Lord, my God! -Amen.

## Chapter 14

# WHY?

Why? why? Why? Why? Why? ..... ‘Why?’ has become a very popular question of the time. Why didn’t God give me that promotion? Why did that thing happen? Why only me? Why??? – There are two destinies in which a man can walk: natural destiny and divine destiny. A born again Christian walks in the divine destiny and others walk in the natural destiny. The natural destiny could be influenced by the devil and his cohorts. So anything can happen at any time for those walking in the natural destiny. Ok. Now comes the real question: “Why do Christians suffer then?”. ..... Thank you for asking.....

If you are a Christian and you are suffering for a long time, then it could be because of your **ignorance**.

*“My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**” -Hos 4:6 KJV*

Ignorance or lack of knowledge of the Word of God could be the main reason for your suffering. One must always know what God has to say concerning his or her situation. Let us learn what Jesus had to say when His soul was troubled:

*"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: **but for this cause came I unto this hour.** Father, glorify thy name." - John 12:20-28 KJV*

When the soul of Jesus was troubled, you see, He didn't question 'Why God?', rather, He prayed! And before praying, He said something very interesting. He said: "...**for this cause** came I unto this hour." Do you know that your divine destiny i.e. all the places you'll go in your life, places you will stay, the people you'll meet, places where you should work have

already been planned by ☐ God? Yes, the bible says so:

“For we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live)” -Ephesians 2:10 AMP.

How great! The bible says that God has prearranged 'the good life' for you to live. Wow. Then what does it means when people cry in bitterness regarding their lives? Is the Word of God not true? Is God a liar? –NO! When I was in my teen age, I said to God: “Lord, enough! Enough of Your people and enough of You! I am coming to You! You have failed me. I have so many questions to ask You. Take me! Take me!” ..... Now this continued for nearly 3 days until I fell on a trance. I felt a Man standing behind me. So as I was walking, I tended to turn back and look at Him. But He said: “Don’t turn back. You should not see Me.” I simply assumed that it must be an Angel. Then I saw a man standing with blood in his hands. The Angel said to me: “You will answer to God for him. You were supposed to preach the gospel to him but you

failed." I replied: "Why should I? I myself was suffering!" The angel replied: "Much was given to you, but you didn't use any of them." As we kept walking, I saw very many people, (even a lame woman) ahead. Now that I was afraid, I asked if I could do something in order to avoid judgment. The Angel said: "You can go back and finish your work." So here I am doing the job :)

For many years I didn't know Who that Angel was. But then I knew. He was not an ordinary Angel. He was the Holy Ghost! OK. Let me come to the point. Many times we think that we are suffering. But God thinks otherwise. We call it 'a terrible life' and God calls it 'the good life'. Let us recollect what happened to Joseph. He dreamed a dream. Even though it was not his mistake, his brothers had sold him for dreaming. When he was suffering as a slave, his brothers should have been enjoying as owners in their land. Why? Why?? **-For this cause did Joseph dream! For this cause was he born!** Those sufferings were included in 'the good life' that was planned for Joseph in his coming years. Those sufferings were the ones which lead him to 'the good life' that God had planned for him then. If such is the case, then sufferings and afflictions are no longer terrible the way they seem to be. Paul understood this very well:

*"As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." -Rom 8:36-39 KJV*

A woman was crying as she said to me: "My boss is expecting too much from me. I am insulted too much. I am praying daily. I don't know why only me!" ..... How sad! Had she known that it was for this cause that she was born -to come out of it successfully, she would not have regretted the way she did. Every time a person celebrates his/her birthday, it could also mean that they are getting old and moving towards their death day. But none of us worry for that reason. Why? -Because everybody who is born in this world is automatically programmed to die in the matter of time. Even though death is a serious factor, we don't worry because it is a known factor. Similarly, when you know God's purpose and plan for your life, you cannot be puzzled! When new challenges come your way, you will boldly say:



**“For this cause was I born, nevertheless,  
God has dealt righteously with me!”**

I want to tell you about a real story that happened some years ago. A woman lived in a small hut with her two children -a boy and a girl, in some remote village in Africa. The boy was around 9 years old and the girl was much younger to him. Their mother became so sick that she died one day suddenly. The kids didn't know that their mother had died. Very many hours had passed away. The smell of the decaying body had already begun to attract the hungry rats around the hut. Now this was the scene. The mother is dead. Her little daughter is waiting for her mom to wake up. The boy is swaying a burning lamp to prevent the rats from eating his mother's body. The children are waiting for their mother to wake up. Little did they know that their mother will never wake up..... .....Terrible... Terrible..... .....OK. What happened to the children then? God gave clear-cut instruction to a prophet as to where the children are located. The prophet of God sent some of his men and admitted the children in their school. .... .....When God cares even for people who walk according to their natural destiny, how much more will He care for those that walk according to divine destiny?

To ask God 'why' is first of all not advisable at all. The bible says that if at all God were to be

foolish, then even His foolishness is wiser than our wisdom. See that? OK. Let me use some scriptures and explain the providing strategy of God:

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### GOD'S PROVIDING STRATEGY

*"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." -Isa 40:30,31.*

The amplified version of the bible puts it this way:

*"Even youths shall faint and be weary, and [selected] young men shall feebly stumble and fall exhausted; But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired." -Isa 40:30,31.*

Eagles have wings larger than that required for normal flight. Prophet Isaiah here emphasizes here that even young people may tire out, but

they that wait upon God shall renew their strength (even if they get tired) and spread their large wings (larger than that required to fly) and soar like eagles. **If you need wings to fly, then He will provide you with large wings i.e. larger than that required to fly. He always gives more than that which is necessary to His children.**

There are people who wonder saying: "Lord, what am I going to do for money?.... ...that bill... ...this.... ....that...". Stop talking like that!!! God didn't create Adam first. He first created the essential environment for him (Gen chap.1). Even before you came into this world, God had already settled all that you would ever need to live 'the glorious life' that He had called you to live. Only believe and know the purpose of your calling!

When a person is born again, God is not concerned as of who he was, where he was, and other social factors. He only cares to lead and guide him/her to live 'the good life'.

If God is so good and loves His children so much, then the real question is '**Why** can't everyone of us love Him the way He loved us?' God loves you and wants Him to be the centre of focus in your life.

**Confession:**

I believe that the sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. I do not fear the reproach of men or be terrified by their insults. I believe in You! I do according to Your words. You in me and I in You. My bride You are, I - Your truthful and honest bridegroom. Do all that You please. Myself I give unto You! All the praise I receive on earth belongs to You alone! -Hallelujah!

**Prayer:**

My loving Heavenly Father, I am made rich, blessed, intelligent not because of my righteousness, but because of Your grace and mercy, love and kindness. GREAT IS YOUR MODUS OPERANDI! Be magnified, O Lord, be magnified! -Amen.

## **Chapter 15**

### **Science (parthenogenesis) proves that virgin birth is possible without Godly intervention.**

Science (human parthenogenesis –from Greek, parthenos- virgin; genesis-creation) proves that virgin birth is possible biologically without Godly intervention. This form of asexual reproduction is very common in plants. In April 2004, scientists at Tokyo University of Agriculture used parthenogenesis successfully and created a mouse without a father. Some folks recently suggested that the virgin birth of Jesus could also be as a result of automictic parthenogenesis when a gamete acquired from the mother combines with an exact copy of itself. Hmm... .... Does it mean that the birth of Jesus was not supernatural? Does it mean that the creation of the world was also a process of evolution?? Oops!

**Answer:** .. .....[big smile]... .... Any baby resulting from a natural parthenogenetic birth would have to be a FEMALE, because the mother has NO "Y" chromosome to pass to her offspring. So Jesus was not a product of parthenogenesis.

*"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:34-35 KJV.*

Human fertilization is the union of a human egg (from the mother) and sperm (from the father), usually occurring in the ampulla of the uterine (womb) tube. One thing we must make note of in the miraculous virgin birth of Jesus is that the Holy Ghost did not play the role of a man! The Holy Ghost came upon Mary and the power [Grk. word *dunamis* meaning 'miracle working power'] of the Most High overshadowed her. This means that neither human egg nor sperm were involved. Jesus was not the result of the union of a human egg and the power of the Holy Ghost! **Jesus was the seed of the Holy Ghost and Holy Ghost only!** God **only** used the womb of Mary. That is all!

Jesus is the Son of God. Science has made our lives a lot easier. But there is more in God! Yep! All is well!! God exists!! JESUS LOVES YOU

Pray in the spirit (other tongues) daily...

## **Chapter 16**

### **Be of good comfort, Rise, He calleth thee :::...**

An interesting encounter with Jesus: As Jesus went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. Many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.....Interesting.....What did Jesus do?..... Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise, He calleth thee. Casting away his garment, Bartimaeus rose and came to Jesus. Now comes the astounding question! Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?.....

*What wilt thou???.....My goodness.....What would a blind man want from a person like Jesus other than his sight? God, you see, is not a man! He was clear in his question. "What wilt thou?" . Maybe Bartimaeus wants a large amount of money. Maybe Bartimaeus wants an iPhone from the USA (yes it's a joke although God could have*

done that). Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.....What faith did Jesus see in him? -"Many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me". The blind man knew that if he drew Jesus' attention, then Jesus would give him what he wants. That's why he kept shouting the more a great deal for mercy. That was his faith!! Today, what do you want? Do you have faith? After receiving what you want, will you follow Jesus? -If yes, then what is holding you back? -BE OF GOOD COMFORT, RISE, HE CALLETH THEE!!

Scripture reference:

Mark ch.10

**Praise:**

O Installer of love! Lover of lovers! Truly, You are the Creator of love! Whatever belongs to You, belongs to Your Son. I am also Your child. You have the power to do all things. I will bless the Name of the Lord at all times. I received good from Your hands. O Lord Almighty, God of all Nations, enthroned between the cherubim, You alone are my God! You made the heaven



and the earth. You reward Your children with good things. You are holy, My Lord! Hail to You! Amen.

### DID YOU KNOW?

God wants to give answers to your prayers more than you would ever like to receive.

## **A few words before I close...**

Dear Brother/Sister,

I believe that you have caught a glimpse of the character and personality of God after reading this book. Have fellowship with the Lord at all times! Remember, God wants to be the centre of focus in your life!

### **A Prayer for you:**

I pray to God that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, that the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you! -Amen.

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