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Greetings in Jesus' most precious Name!

I am very happy to be in touch with you once again through this magazine. Lord is so good and He has kept us alive for His glory to be shown to the world. Never forget you are the glory carriers and the fragrance of Christ. Amen.

“Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth” (Hos.6:3).

The best way to live a godly life is to renew our minds daily by bringing every thought captive to Christ. This kind of renewal is possible only when we acknowledge Him in all our ways. Here Hosea exhorts us to acknowledge God and to press on to acknowledge Him. As a child of God, acknowledge Him. Be conscious of Him every day. Press on. Your mind will be renewed and you will find your rivers flowing freely watered by the winter and spring rains!

The Apostles and Prophets Seminar that was held in February brought delegates from Malaysia, Switzerland, Germany, UAE, Sri Lanka and Nepal along with over 700 delegates from all over India to the Berachah Campsite in Poondi. They were renewed, revived, restored and rejuvenated in the brief five days that they spent at Poondi. God moved in stupendous ways during this seminar. We experienced His awesome tangible presence. Praise, honor and glory to Him alone. This time we provided four translations. Thank you for your prayers.

To God's glory we were able to finish and release the English translation of the book **'Raise up Apostles Oh Lord'**. Pray for the outgoing batch of the School of

Holy Spirit students who have undergone 40 days ministerial training at Poondi. They have stepped out of the campus in boldness, authority, power and anointing of the Holy Spirit to conquer nations for the Lord.

The School of the Holy Spirit for ladies –3rd batch has commenced. Pray that God would move in His own sweet way and bring a breakthrough in every area of their lives. May God flow powerfully in each and every one of them that when they step out of here, they would go deeply assured of who they are in Christ and the work of God in their lives.

Pray that I would be able to write more books this month. Pray for our trip to Germany at the end of this month. Pray for the meetings, our travel and our ministry there..

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Continue to pray for our European TV programs in German language. Pray also for my dear wife, our aged parents, counselors, key leaders, coordinators, staff and partners.

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An Apostolic Era

Dr. Ezekiah Francis

We are living in a glorious dispensation which Jesus inaugurated. Throughout the Bible, we see many men of God with different kinds of callings.

Particularly in the Old Testament, God raised many prophets and spoke to His people through them.

He raised priests to lead His people to worship Him. He raised judges to bring justice and lead the people into His righteousness. He raised teachers like Ezra to lead them into the truth.

Yet the ministry of apostles didn't exist in Old Testament times. It was our Lord Jesus who founded the apostolic ministry.

Jesus, the Chief Apostle

Jesus Himself was sent to this earth as God's apostle. 'Apostle' means 'one who is sent'. He was not just sent on an errand but with the authority and power of the One who sent Him. He represents the Sender in His totality. The Sender Himself backs up the One who is sent.

Apostles do exactly what the Lord would do if He were present here physically.

Our Lord Jesus was the prime apostle sent by God, the Father. He reflected the Father in all totality. He did not come to speak on His own, nor did He come in His own name. He reflected the very glory of the Father. He came from the bosom of the Father to reveal Him.

Replica of the Sender

While on earth, the Son did what He saw His

Father doing. The Father loved the Son and showed Him all things He did. Jesus also sought only the glory of His Father. He did nothing of His own. He said, *"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work"* (Jn.4:34).

Every word that came from His mouth was of the Father. The Father taught Him everything. Listening to what the Father had to say and speaking it out was the ministry of Christ. He always did what pleased His Father and never hurt Him once. Therefore, the Father was one with Him. *"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone...I am with the Father. He who has seen Me has seen the Father"* (Jn.1:14,18; 4:5,19,20; 5:30,41; 7:16-18; 8:16,19,29; 14:8-11).

Briefly speaking, when Jesus lived on this earth, He never lived according to His will. He totally fulfilled His Father's will. Finally, He proclaimed triumphantly, "It is finished" (Jn.19:30).

In His earthly walk, the only ministry He inaugurated was the apostolic ministry. When He was in the world, He did not inaugurate the ministry of prophets, evangelists, teachers or pastors. All the other ministries were already functioning in the Old Testament. The ministry of an apostle was hidden in the plan of God till Jesus came to this world.

To continue His mission

Jesus founded the apostolic ministry so that His mission would be continued. When the glorious ministry of Jesus began, people thronged in thousands wherever He went. Jesus also per-

formed mighty miracles, signs and wonders. His teachings were imbued with authority and power (Mt.20:29; Mk.6:2; Lk.4:32).

He was completely different from the ministers people had seen so far. There were scribes in His time who were scholars of the Scriptures and known for their interpretations. Yet His Words carried the authority and power which lacked in their teachings. The authority with which He spoke drew many unto Him (Mt.7:29).

The priests of His time led liturgical worship. Pharisees zealously guarded the law, but none of these could quench the inner thirst of the people. They had seen a form of godliness and were vexed with their powerlessness. They had heard many stories of miracles done by Bible saints but never witnessed one personally. Their hearts were yearning for an exhibition of God's power.

That was the time when Jesus appeared. His words came straight from heaven. His teachings brought healing to the wounded souls. People never felt tired of listening to Him for hours. People were amazed at His gracious words that brought solace to the weary (Lk.4:22).

The authority in His words made the demons tremble (Lk.4:31-36). Even when they saw Him at a distance, they recognized Him, shivered and fled (Mk.3:11,12). People were miraculously delivered and found peace.

The healing power flowed from Jesus (Lk.6:17-19). His words brought life, fulfilling the prophecy, ***“And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live”*** (Ezek.47:9). People brought all their sick and demon possessed to Him for healing.

There was healing in His words, in His touch, in His command. People ran to Him from everywhere, so much so that He did not even have time to eat and rest. The crowd pressed Him so much that He had to sit in a boat and preach. When He saw the great multitude, He was filled with compassion for them

and realized that He alone could never meet all their needs.

During those days, He spent several nights in the presence of the Father, interceding for them with tears. It was then that the Father revealed to Him the apostolic ministry. Carefully read the following verses. ***“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.***

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these...” (Mt.9:35-38; 10:1-2; Mk.3:8-15).

“And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him. So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him... And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons” (Mk.3:7-15).

When you meditate these verses carefully and slowly, you will clearly understand God's purpose with the apostolic ministry.

First, Jesus saw the apostolic ministry as a replica of His own ministry. As He did, they

would also love, preach, teach, heal, deliver the demon possessed and thus minister to the people. That was His expectation and the purpose of the apostolic ministry.

Secondly, He prayed many days for the apostles to carry on His ministry. He even asked His disciples to pray that the Lord of the harvest might send laborers into His harvest. Only then did He choose the twelve from among His disciples and named them apostles.

Thirdly, He desired that His apostles should be with Him all the time. He wanted them to live with Him; eat with Him; travel with Him and be His inseparable companions. The apostolic ministry is indeed a calling to walk with the One who sent them. People like Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses and all the prophets walked with God. How much more should the apostles walk with God?

Fourthly, He chose them so that He could send them out to preach.

They should not go anywhere or do anything on their own but wait for His orders. Jesus would guide them where to go, when to go, what to preach and how to behave. See Matthew chapter Ten for His clear instructions to His budding apostles.

With the words, “He who receives you receives Me; and he who receives Me, receives the One who sent Me”, He identified Himself with them (Mt.10:40).

Fifthly, He gave them power and authority to cast out demons and to heal the sick. In the Old Testament, we do not see the ministry of casting out of demons.

When David played his harp, the spirit left Saul for some time; but Jesus the Son of David, inaugurated the ministry of casting out of demons (1.Sam16:23; Mk.1:39).

The Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil (1.Jn.3:8). He spent His entire life going

around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil (Ac.10:38). He established the office of the apostles to continue this demon-driving ministry. All the ministers and believers of the New Testament have the power to drive out demons, but the apostles excel in it.

Sixthly, Jesus took the entire responsibility for those apostles. He was their Jehovah Jireh and met all their needs. They were not to take even a bag or an extra tunic on their journey. He would provide their needs (Mt.10:10).

An apostle is one who totally depends on Him for all his needs and leads a life of faith. Jesus proved Himself faithful to meet each and every one of their needs. When Jesus asked them three years later, **“When I sent you without a purse, bag or sandals did you lack anything?”**, they could answer, **“Nothing”** (Lk.22:35). Do you see how concerned is the Sender for the sent?

Seventhly, He established this apostolic ministry knowing that His days on earth were counted. His enemies were already plotting against Him for healing a man with a withered hand on a Sabbath. This had infuriated the religious fanatics.

“But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles” (Lk.6:11-13).

His compassionate heart was melting before the great needs of the multitude. He realized that He had hardly begun His apostolic ministry. If He died, to whom would these people go for healing? Who would deliver them from the clutches of the devil?

He sought the Father about this issue many

nights. I can imagine what He would have spoken to the Father! He would have cried, “Father, there are many scribes, Pharisees and priests but none of them could meet the real needs of the people. You have to raise people who will minister like Me. Just as You sent Me, I will send them to do good, heal and deliver the captives”.

God responded by giving Him the blueprint of the apostolic ministry (Jn.17:6,9,11). This is how the apostolic ministry was born. Christ shared His life with His first apostles and trained them into the ministry.

There was an eastern system of education in vogue called “gurukul”, a combined system of tutelage and tutorage. Under that system, the students resided with the master and closely observed whatever the master did. Jesus also had the apostles stay with Him for three years and gave them practical training. “Do as I do,” said Jesus. He further said, ***“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master”*** (Mt.10:24,25).

They stayed with Him and learned how He drove out the demons and healed the sick. All the gifts that He had were gradually imparted to them. Elijah’s shawl fell upon Elisha. In the same way, the mantle of Christ fell upon His apostles who had witnessed the death and resurrection of Christ.

Even after His resurrection, He taught them for forty days face to face on the ministry of the apostle

and commissioned them. ***“As the Father had sent me, I am sending you...”*** (Jn.20:21).

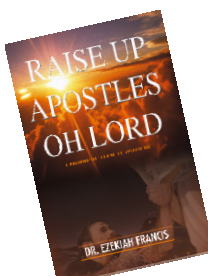
Jesus was sent by the Father. He, in turn, sent His apostles. In short, Jesus was the Father’s apostle, and the twelve were Jesus’s apostles. Later, Paul and others were added to their number. Today, we do have apostles all over the world.

Beloved, God has raised the apostolic ministry exclusively for us, the New Covenant believers. None of the Old Testament saints had this privilege. During this End Time, there is a spurt in the revival of the apostolic ministry. The Acts of the Apostles will be re-enacted before us with more glory.

This means that several thousands, having the calling, anointing, dedication and mark of an apostle, are going to arise all over the world. Seated at the Right Hand of the Father, Jesus keeps interceding as He did during His earthly ministry for laborers to be sent into the harvest.

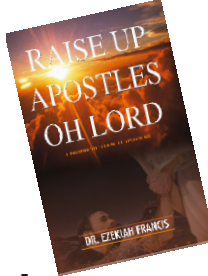
The mantle of the apostolic anointing that was upon Jesus is about to fall upon you. You may be an apostle, you may birth apostles through your intercession, or apostles may arise from your own circle. Will you join me today in a fervent and earnest appeal to God to raise apostles?

Raise apostles oh Lord, who are faithful to the Sender, reflect Jesus in everything and activate the great End Time revival.



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TESTIMONIES

Spirit revived

It's a miracle of God we are at School of the Holy Spirit. Enemy tried to hinder it. Our spirit is stirred up, refreshed from all weariness, pressure and challenges of ministry. We are in full time ministry for 21 years. We have been to nations to minister and even to some training schools. But nothing likes SOHS. We are grateful to God for bringing us here. We have such a great impartation as never before. Many dormant visions have been resurrected. A great hunger to rise up to another level of new covenant ministry with the supernatural is activated in our life.

Thank God for Ezekiah Annan, Benita Anni, Alex annan and all the staff of BPM for their tireless efforts and sacrifices they make to see God's kingdom advance in power and demonstration of Holy Spirit. We feel so revived and activated in our spirit to reach a higher dimension and have an intimate walk with God.

Ps.Dr.Daniel Joseph & Mrs. Saji Daniel, M.P

I came here with great expectation and with prayers. So from the first day itself my life was touched by every session and by every word spoken by teachers. I even found there is an environment of anointing and everywhere I go inside the campsite, I find the presence of God. I am very grateful to the man and woman of God for what they have imparted in my life. Even by seeing Annan Ezekiah and Sis.Benita's life, my life is totally challenged. I thank God for BPM, Ezekiah Anna and Sis.Benita and all the staff of BPM.

Ps. Daniel, Nepal

Life transformed and breakthrough in finance

My name is Bob Vineet and my wife's name is Davindar Hans. I praise God for giving me an opportunity to become a part of Berachah Prophetic Ministry. Before coming here I heard the audible voice of God saying, "I will give you a prophetic

anointing". But I got confused and wondered how to learn about prophetic anointing. Then I heard about the School of the Holy Spirit. God miraculously brought us to the school in the midst of great struggle in our finance and on applying leave for my wife. But after coming here, we experienced financial breakthrough in our life. There are lots of hurts in both of our hearts but after coming here we are healed and comforted. We never felt such a compassion and comfort before anywhere. God blessed both of us with gifts of the Holy Spirit, healing and prophetic anointing. I want to come again and again to Berachah to receive the blessings and anointing.

Bro.Bob Vineet & Mrs.Davindar Han,Dehradun,

Nervous problem healed

I am Abraham. My father is a pastor. Before coming to School of the Holy Spirit my life was not good. I was suffering with nervous problem. I took medication but was not cured. I was struggling in my life with some bad habits. When I came here, God touched me and I was baptized in the Spirit and I got my healing from nervous problem. Now I am enjoying my life with my loving Father. I really thank God for my spiritual parents Ezekia anna and Benita anni.

Abraham, Poondi

When I first entered the Berachah Campsite to attend the school of the Holy Spirit, I had a deep desire to receive something from God as Moses received commandments spending forty days and nights in the presence of the Lord. I got the prophetic word about my future ministry. Me and my wife both were BP patients. But when we entered this campus we stopped taking BP tablet. We are completely healed. Praise God and thanks to anna and anni

Philip, Karim nagar

WHY MARRIAGE

Rev. Benita Francis

Tragically, there are people who hate marriage and want so much to get out of it that you hear counsels like this one:

What should you do when your best friend runs away with your husband? - Miss her. Pity her.

Our God is a wonderful, good God and the wise Creator of this entire universe. He actually upholds all things by the Word of His power (Heb.1:3). The Bible says very rightly, “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Heb.11:3). His power and wisdom are so immeasurable and just unfathomable for our small brains! We should simply decide to believe Him and entrust our lives into His loving hands, which we will do if we are reasonably wise.

Marriage is God's idea

Now just think about it for a moment. This wise Mastermind, this Designer and Creator of all the stars and galaxies, the One who calls them all by name, He is the very same One who designed and created marriage (Isa.40:26; Ge.2:24; Mk.10:7). Wow!

Marriage is not just somebody's idea so you can comment and decide whether you want to consider it good or bad. Marriage is the eternal design of the eternal Creator of humanity. Considering this, don't you think that He will know best what is fitting for His creatures?!?

Why should you believe the trend of this time and follow the course of this world? Do you know

what God says about people who walk according to the course of this world? He says they are dead in trespasses and sins! He says they walk according to the devil, who is the prince of the power of the air and who works in the sons of disobedience! He says such people are children of wrath and obey only the desires of their flesh and mind! He says they do and fulfill the lusts of their flesh (Eph.2:1-4)! Wow! This is not at all a good report and definitely not fitting for a Christian!

Praise God, He has done everything from His side to save you out of this perverse generation and make you a child of God with His very character (Phil.2:14-15; 1.Jn.3:1-2,10). How then can you think and act like the world and condone “boy-friend” and “girlfriend” having sex before marriage? God calls that fornication and commands us to put to death this work of the flesh (Ga.5:19; Col.3:5). He even warns us that things like fornication and all uncleanness and covetousness should not even be named among us (Eph.5:3)! This is how much God hates fornication, and how much He expects you to hate it, too!

I will never forget my shock as a teenager when in our class of religious education in Germany, one girl spoke up against this truth of God's Word. She argued heatedly with our religion teacher, saying that God could not force her “to buy a cat in a sack” (a German expression meaning, something not previously tested). She insisted that before marrying somebody, she had to find out “if we are compatible in bed”.

To my even greater dismay, the teacher did not know how to refute her argument with God's Word. He just chuckled and left the matter open.

Our entire class was polluted with this devilish lie! Since our religion teacher was not born again, he didn't have the revelation of God's Word and truth, the hatred against sin and satan, or the spiritual authority to destroy this seed of satan before it could take root in the young students' minds. What a tragedy!

Not too long ago, I met this ex-classmate in a school-get-together. What a sad thing to see! I had always admired her since she used to be one of the most beautiful girls in our class, very attractive, charismatic and always sparkling with joy and mischief. Now she was only the empty shell of her former beautiful self. There was a deep sadness in her whole being. She had gone through two or three divorces and was living alone at the moment. It seems that all her testing didn't help her much, don't you think?

Please understand, the Bible is very right when it declares that the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one (1.Jn.5:19). What does that mean? Well, it means that as the declared god of this world, satan influences people's minds with his wicked lies that bring nothing but heartache, misery and destruction. How could it be any different, since he is a murderer from the beginning as well as a liar and the father of lies (2.Co.4:4; Jn.8:44).

A liar! A murderer! This is the one to whom Adam gave the authority over this earth which God had entrusted to Adam! This is the tragic reality. Can you now understand why there is so much suffering, deception and killing all over this world? It is not God's fault. Never blame God for Adam's high treason. It was Adam who made satan the god of this world, not God. God had to send His one and only Son to die on a cruel cross so He could redeem all those who would voluntarily declare Him the Lord of their lives. You decide on whose side you want to stand... but let me warn you:

This very same god of this world is out to kill your marriage before it can even begin. He wants to

destroy your innocence and purity through fornication. He wants to break your heart through relationships without any commitment. He wants to harden your heart through the deceitfulness of sin so that you can never enjoy the deep, passionate, dedicated and pure God-given first love with your God-given spouse. He wants to mar the image of God in you with anything he can deceive you into doing.

You don't need to allow this to happen! You have authority over satan and all his evil works! You can resist him, and he will flee from you (Jas.4:7). In fact, all you have to do is to just say a big "NO"! You are not of this world, and you don't have to follow the world's ways.

You are too precious to waste and spoil your life instead of saving yourself for the one person who is willing to pledge his or her life into your hands and take responsibility for your life. You have been saved out of this perverse generation, rescued and bought with the precious Blood of the very one and only Son of God (Ga.2:20; Eph.2:1-10; 1.Pe.4:1-3; Eph.4:17-5:12; 2.Co.6:14-17; 1.Pe.1:17-19; Ro.1:18-32). See what He says:

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge (Heb.13:4)

Why will God judge? Well, He will judge sinners to prevent innocent people from being destroyed, broken and contaminated by these sins. Don't you think God knows about STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) better than we do? Don't you think He has His good reasons for telling us to keep our purity for the one and only love of our lives? Why then do you insist in withstanding God's wise counsel?

[This article is an excerpt from a very interesting book being penned by Sis. Benita Francis on Marriage! You can laugh your way into a happy married life!!]

Worshippers in the Holy Bible

THE STUDY OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP FROM DAVID'S LIFE

Bro. Manuel Jeyaraj

There is a great connection from God's presence to God's word. When the word of the Lord came to Moses, God said, "My presence shall go before thee" (Exodus 33:14). Read this carefully, it's His presence through His word. The word preceded His presence. It can also be vice versa. His word contains His powerful presence. In His presence you have His voice. His word is a package of many things, out of which one main ingredient is His presence. His word has the supreme dimension of His powerful and limitless power (manifested or unmanifested). His word is huge and great just as His stature, His sovereignty and the fullest expression of His being in all His fullness.

I don't know whether you could catch this in your imagination, whether your brain has the ability to think about it or not, but receive it in your spirit. His word is bigger than anything He has created for us. The Bible says that He has exalted His word above all things. There is nothing in the present world or in the world to come that can exalt itself above the word of God. God has glorified His word above everything. And so, worship His word. He is word God.

Do you understand what I am talking about? It's about the incident wherein "**David ate the consecrated bread**" (1.Sam.21:6-7). We are the heirs of His word. It is we who are to eat the heavenly manna. It is we who are the supreme design of His workmanship just as Christ Jesus according to His word. I really don't know how to describe His word in His presence and His presence in His word. His word by nature has an immeasurable altitude, unknown depth, a length without ends and a breadth no one can come around. Whenever God spoke to Moses, every word of God was glory packed, power packed and presence packed. His word has the eternal power of establishing and is authenticated

proof of His actions. Jesus is the expressed will of God. He is the ultimate and the perfect supreme creation of God. That's how His word is. I quoted this as an example.

Dear worshipper, is God's word sweeter than a honeycomb to you? It should be. It must be. David sang, "...thy word is my song". He sang about the law and he delighted in it and it became his delight. What a wonderful experience David had! God was ready to give even the consecrated bread to David which was only enjoyed by the priests. Well, David was from the tribe of Judah not Levi. What does this signify in our lives? We have become partakers of His word. That's why David sang, "...you satisfy my soul with goodness..." One of the attributes of His goodness is His word. In Christ, all His promises are yes and amen in our lives.

God's word is an established fact and will. It cannot be superseded by anything. Sometimes satan will try his level best to delay us from inheriting God's promises but he can never cancel God's promises. The turbulence you face now is not the end in itself but God's presence in His word will break away every barrier to enable you to reach His promises. Worshippers sing God's word. Worship His word.

His word has a tsunami of His presence and power that the whole world will not be able to contain but the surprising news is that our spirit can contain His wholesome presence. When His word becomes ours, no doubt His presence also becomes ours. David continually sang praises to God using His word. One can easily understand this truth when singing the Psalms of David. This particular incident that I quoted earlier happened when David and his team were very tired after a

long journey. They did not find any food. So David approached the priest for food. In His presence there is not only His fullness of joy but also His matchless word, His satisfying word. When do you think you can release God's presence in praise and worship? Only when you are filled with His word.

When you just open your mouth to sing a song in praise and worship, you will see the immeasurable and uncontrollable presence of God getting released. Every song that you and I write must be word based and truth based. We need to grow urgently in the revelation about God's each and every word. What we read in the Bible we should receive in our spirit.

If you don't get a very clear revelation about a word from the Bible, that particular word cannot be a blessing to you throughout your lifetime. I never try even to talk about any word from the Bible if I don't have a proper revelation about it. It is very important for all of us to have revelation about God's word. Oh! Worshipper, How long will you rely on other preachers? God wants you to understand this truth.

Become like the holy bread in His presence for praise and worship. The tablets of the Ten Commandments were placed in the ark of the Lord along with Aaron's rod which budded. God's word in God's presence grew Aaron's rod. If you and I need to grow and do something for the Lord, His presence and His word is the only shortcut route. **If you reroute yourself into His word, He will rout all your enemies.** That's why David was very successful in all his lifetime. Look at the power of making The Holy Bible your delight. Every word in the Bible carries God's magnificent presence and power.

Oh! Look at the unsearchable power of His word when we praise and worship Him. One of my wishes of all time is to experience the power and the presence of God hidden in every word written in the Bible. I would say that if a believer fails in this area, it is a total failure and heaven is dejected about this.

What is the result of continual experience of His presence and His word?

The Sword of the Spirit becomes ours. His supreme authority becomes ours. His power becomes ours. His glory becomes ours. David was given the sword of Goliath by Abhimelech, the priest. Abhimelech says, "...behold, it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you would take it for yourself, take it. For there is no other except it here." And David said, "There is none like it; give it to me".

Yes, there is nothing like the Sword of the spirit. The Holy Ghost who made David to confess the name of the Lord as "Lord of Hosts" will also train us for great battles. May be David used the sword for the first time to kill Goliath. It was a heavy sword. No one was able to carry it. Goliath himself was proud of his sword, its weight, its size and its sharpness. But these unique qualities did not save him from David. The irony is that David used the same sword to kill many of his enemies. This sword became very famous because of the man who handled it.

Yes, a worshipper must be well versed to handle the word of God. The word brings the results. The word fights all your battles. Your job is to sing the word of God. Any praise and worship song based on the word of God will have great results. Compose songs based on the New Testament truth. Compose love songs to our God. Convert the Psalms based on the truths and blessings of the New Covenant.

Many times, I think **praise and worship is exalting the Lord as per the written word.** We have made our Lord too small for all our warfare. It may even be in our times of praise and worship. It's totally a bad display of our faith. When we fail to sing the greatness of our Lord, we have actually underestimated His word because His word gives a detailed picture of Who and what He is. Beloved powerful praise and worship comes only from the heart which is completely filled with His word.

When we start singing the word or the mighty works of our Lord written in the Bible, we are actually appreciating the works and the word of the Lord. It ascends into heaven as a pleasing sacrifice, thus manifesting His victories for us.

David ran from place to place to hide himself from the enemies. But he also loved to dwell in the presence of the Lord. He loved to stay in the temple of God but His enemies wouldn't spare him. He hid himself under the shadow of the Almighty God in the heat of fierce battle. He saw evil coming to him but never perished because of the evil.

He saw many people who were after him to take away his life but the Lord himself became the shield and buckler to him. The Lord Himself became the refuge and fortress to him. How was he able to see great victories? It's his praise lifestyle based on the law. Beloved worshippers, it's time for us to spend hours and hours with His word so that His word becomes our songs of praise.

Worshippers must know this truth of hiding themselves in the presence of the Lord. Only His presence is a great shelter for those who have made it. You will never lose your life, because there is life in His presence.

One day the Holy Spirit taught me something which I couldn't believe myself. Many of us think that David was a wanderer in the beginning part of his life. But I learnt that although David was a wanderer, in his wandering, he was killing and clearing off all his enemies. He was not simply wandering. He completely cleared off his enemies by looting and killing them. He became rich and wealthy because of his wars. That's the lifestyle of a worshipper.

A worshipper might witness many wars but don't forget, you are not wandering, you are not

wasting your years or time. You are clearing up all your enemies. Hallelujah! God has called you only for that. A priest's consecrated job is to smash all the strange altars in the land. David was killing all the foreign people who had different gods. He cut off the wicked generation who did idol worship.

Look at the great difference that David made when compared with the actions of King Saul. David killed many people with Goliath's sword offered by Abhimelech, the priest. But King Saul killed Abhimelech and 85 men for offering bread and the sword of Goliath to David. When you lose the revelation about how your spirit is and what you are fighting for, you are a total failure.

God's wrath got kindled against King Saul and his kingship. Jealousy has to be dealt with in the Christian world. We all run for the same goal. We all worship the same God. Why should we cultivate different opinions which pave the way for jealousy on other people of God? Worshippers must not be jealous about others.

God has called us to smash the strange altars and so why do we need to hit others with strange behavior, strange attitude and hurting words. Time has come for the churches to look into this issue seriously and deal with it immediately. If we don't deal with this, we will never experience the glory of God. We are called to live at peace with all men if possible. If it is not possible, don't be envious about others who can do better than you. Just remain calm and keep worshipping God. His presence will change you into a different person.

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