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# From the Depth of My Heart...



Dearly Beloved,

Greetings from Germany!

It is a great joy for me to write to you through this edition of our magazine. Our Almighty God is upholding all things by the Word of His power. That Word has become alive for us, and in Him we live and move and have our being. What a privilege to have the Creator living inside of us!

Rejoice in this revelation today: “.....Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col.1:27).

I pray that the Lord may enlighten your eyes to see this revelation which will take you from one level of glory into another level of glory. Meditate upon the Word and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal this mystery to you in your spiritSpirit. As you catch this revelation, your life will never be the same. This revelation brought a great transformation to my life and ministry as well as to the lives of untold thousands of our trainees. The Holy Spirit helped me to bring out this powerful truth in our Daily Devotion “See yourself in Christ daily”. Get that book and explore who you are in Christ!

This month we will be in Germany. We need your prayers for our seminar in Augsburg, Germany. Continue to pray for the Gospel to sweep Europe with its full life-giving power. As always, we are the winning party and the devil is defeated.

I feel an ever increasing burden in my spirit to bring forth all the revelations God has entrusted to me for the budding generations. We cannot waste a single second. This is the time I need much prayer. Please pray for our New Testament Commentary recordings which we wanted to start at least in this year and especially for professional but also deeply spiritual media and literature teams to help us in this task



*God recreated you and made you as the new creation  
to make you as a dwelling place of God.*

*- Prophet Ezekiah Francis*

which will change many people's eternal destiny.


We are going to have our Schools of the Holy Spirit in Bethul, Madhya Pradesh and Pune, Maharashtra in the month of May. Already the School of the Holy Spirit is going on in Theni, Tamil Nadu. Pray for it, attend and become a different person. Pray for all our upcoming programs. Keep visiting our website [www.ezekiahfrancis.org](http://www.ezekiahfrancis.org) and our Facebook page EzekiahFrancis for updates, and follow us on Twitter EzekiahBPM.

Our next three months men's batch of our School of the Holy Spirit will be held from July 10th to October 10th. Harvest is plenty, we need laborers. These schools are producing mighty laborers with heart of Jesus and power of the Holy Spirit. Every day we are receiving mighty miracle reports from our students from different places. Enroll today!

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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# Forgive and Forget

Dr. Ezekiah Francis



The revival showers are already falling on us. God is seasoning those whom He intends to use in that great revival. The highest attribute that God looks for is a forgiving heart. Having a right relationship with God alone is not enough here. God looks for those who are at peace with everybody, who speak evil of no man, who are without bitterness in heart but filled with divine love to bestow lasting blessings to the nations.

In these last days, God is raising an army. It is a mighty army and a brave one. It would file past in its assigned role. They march in line not swerving from their course, they do not jostle each other. Though they live between the weapons they are not cut down. Even if this army is attacked by thousands, they will not be wounded. These soldiers can never harbour bitterness in their heart. They speak truthfully. They never murmur. They embrace even those who attempt to stone them. It is an army, after the heart of Stephen. Man made boundaries cannot divide this army. They consider every blood washed child a blood brother. You and I are called by the Lord to join this army.

Christ taught his disciples these principles for about three and a half years. That is why they were of one accord in the Acts of the apostles. The natural disposition of the apostles was not one of love.

Our friend Peter was the one who struck with his sword and cut off the ear of Malcus. It is the same Peter who had set a limit to forgive only seven times! (Mt. 18:21) He had no mind to forgive his brother more than seven times. He was waiting to take revenge at the eighth time. But the Lord saw the future of Peter. He must understand

the power of forgiveness which is the foundation of his ministry.

We are now going to meditate upon the incident in which Peter asked, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him". Jesus at that time was teaching them about forgiveness. He said, "***If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two***" (Mt. 18:15, 23,24) He was explaining how the sinning brother could be reproved and gained. In case he did not listen, Jesus said, "***Take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them tell it to the church***".

The first step here is to make sure whether he has really sinned. We should not guess anything here. Most of the time we imagine that somebody has sinned, which may not be true. The enemy is busy sowing the seeds of suspicion in our hearts for no reason. He magnifies a mole into a mountain. In a lighter vein, consider a situation like this: a sister due to some mental anguish did not notice you and smile at you. The enemy immediately would start accusing her. He may say, "See, that lady! Proud as a peacock. Pretends as if she has not noticed you! All because of her costly wear. See the airs she has put on" But if it is you who is wearing the costliest dress, he would then say, "See the jealousy in her eyes. She can't bear anybody else wearing a better dress." But in reality, it may be that the other sister had a splitting head ache.

I have come across quite a few ladies of this type. They consider themselves more talented and miscalculate that others are jealous of them.

But the fact is that certain idiosyncracies of these ladies drive others away.

The main reason for our downfall, is finding imaginary mistakes in others. If we find any fault in others, we should not immediately sit in judgement over them, but should find out the reality. Not what we thought we saw, nor what we thought we heard, but what would stand the scrutiny of careful enquiry alone can be true.

What if one has sinned against you. Then we should know whether it is really serious or not that serious. Without coming to any conclusions, immediately, rebuke the thoughts that come to affect interpersonal relationships. If you are still troubled in your heart, then deal with the offender in private, with prayer. This is the straight way God likes us to follow.

But even here the tempter will come and tell you that there would be no use dealing directly with him. Instead he would induce you to speak at the back. This is called backbiting. This sin is even deadlier than murder. There is nothing that is more painful than this to me. When people speak, one way in my presence and totally in a different way behind me, it raises holy wrath within me. I have even prayed to God to eliminate such people from my circle. I have studied this truth deeply from the Scriptures.

### **Forgiveness and Authority**

While teaching about forgiveness, the Lord said that whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven (Matt. 18:18) I did not see the connection between forgiveness and authority in the initial days. But the Holy Spirit showed me in the later days. If we harbour bitterness and maintain a hypocritical relationship, we can neither bind any thing; nor can we loose any thing. The authority that God has given to His children is very great.

If there is unity in the church, it can bind the power of satan and release heaven upon the people. The united Church can exercise authority both on earth and in heaven. Even if it is a very small church, when they bind the powers of darkness in unison, satan can never again enter that church. Similarly, parents who live in harmony can paralyze any power that would

come against their children and heal even incurable diseases. We have not yet seen the authority that can be released through united minds.

The devil knows our authority. He will spare no pains in his attempt to prevent us from using this authority. Some of the tools that he uses are bitterness, hatred, grudge, unforgiveness etc. Alas! The people of God ignorant of this are easily attacked by the devil. Families fall victims to his strategy. Children go astray. Churches lack piety. Ministers have no power. We have fasted and prayed. But to no avail. Oh! if only the Holy Spirit would open our eyes.

Dearly beloved, if every heart is filled with love and forgiveness, you can boldly say to the Lord, "Lord, we are of one mind. There is no bitterness in our family. Therefore we bind all the evil spirits that come against us, and release all the blessings you have for us."

But if our conscience is not clear and there is no mind to forgive, never attempt to bind the devil. That can be very dangerous. Take this as a warning from the Holy Spirit. Do not fall prey to his schemes.

Never believe the rumours about others. Never nurture negative thoughts about others, but nip them in the bud.

### **Forgiveness and Prayer answer**

Speaking further about forgiveness, Jesus said, "Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven" (Mt. 18:19). See, how the Lord combines unity of mind and answers to prayer. Those who have a forgiving heart get their prayers answered easily. Even the few words that we speak in agreement with one another will work great miracles. Few minutes of prayer avails much more than what 40 days of fasting prayer cannot avail if bitterness is tolerated.

On another occasion, Jesus connected forgiveness with mountain moving faith. ***"If anyone says to this mountain, 'Go throw, yourself into the sea', and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him"*** (Mk. 11:23)

In the very next verse he speaks about forgiveness. ***“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone; forgive him so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins”*** (Mk. 11:23-26).

Before you speak to the mountain, you should forgive everyone from the bottom of your heart. Praying with unforgiveness is a waste of time. All that we do have is manifestations of revelation and utterance gifts. Even if you rebuke the mountain a thousand times, not even a small leaf will move. This is the reason why Christians are challenged by mountainous problems still. We have fasted and prayed and done everything else. But the mountain stays.

You who want to move the mountains for Christ in future, better beware of this. There should be no one under the sky whom you cannot love. Do not hate any one except the devil. The man God uses must have this principle. This will remove the hindrances for the answers to your prayer.

When people who are very close to you wound you, it may be very difficult to forgive them. The wounds caused during the first few months of married life lingers on until death and nurtures the root of bitterness. Young couples must beware of this.

### **Forgiveness and Faith**

Forgiveness and faith are twins. Among the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, the one that has not manifested much is the gift of faith. That is why the gift of working of miracles are very rare. We do have manifestations of revelation and utterance gifts. We also witness few healings. But the gift of faith that can shake the nations has not yet been manifested. The main reason for this is bitterness in the heart, divisions, groupism and an unforgiving nature.

Here is another teaching on forgiveness. ***“If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, “I repent”, forgive him. Then the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith”*** (Lk. 17:3-5) Then Jesus explained how a mustard seed size of faith can uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea.

The connection between forgiveness and a special faith is already depicted here. While Jesus was teaching on forgiveness the disciples prayed, “Father! Increase our faith” It is only because Jesus discussed both the subjects together.

### **An unforgiving servant**

Please recall the parable Jesus narrated about unforgiveness. Peter wanted to know whether it should be seven times. Jesus replied, ***“Not seven times, but seventy times seven”***. Does it mean that you should forgive someone only four hundred and ninety times? No. In its original Greek version, it simply means, “Keep on forgiving”. There is absolutely no limit to forgiveness, not twice nor thrice nor seventy times, but always.

Coming back to the parable, we see a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. One of his servants owed him 10 million dollars. By himself, he could never pay off that loan. Therefore he was asked to be sold along with his wife and children and all that he had to settle the loan.

What does it mean? The Lord God will ask us to render accounts for our sins. If He did so, who can stand before Him? If He administered justice strictly, we would have lost father, mother, wife, husband, children, prestige and all that we had. We are not yet consumed only because of His mercies. If we fully comprehend this, we will never say that we cannot forgive any one.

On the other hand, we see that the forgiven servant was not one to forgive. Catching hold of his fellow servant by the throat who owed him but about a hundred rupees, he began to choke him and asked him to pay up. The fellow servant fell on his knees and entreated him and asked for some time to pay. But he would not pay heed, and put him in prison to be tormented.

When the king heard about this from his other servants, he was very angry. Summoning the wicked servant, he handed him over to the torturers until he repaid all that was owed by him (Mt. 18:23-35).

What an awesome lesson this is! We consider murderers, robbers and adulterers wicked but Jesus calls even an unforgiving servant wicked!

When we fail to forgive, the Lord abandons us into the hands of torturers. Evil spirits are our torturers.

Those who have bitterness about anyone in their heart will most certainly succumb to various kinds of sin. Forgiveness and holiness are like kith and kin. Whoever is always at loggerheads with others will most certainly have a moral failure. Whoever advertises about the shortcomings of others run the risk of falling into the very same faults.

When bitterness enters our heart, Divine Grace leaves us. How can any one be holy, when he has no grace?

When some servants of God constantly find fault with others and access. I can quote some solid incidents to attest those them, I shudder to suspect their own holiness. That is why I plead for His grace to keep me away from any kind of bitterness.

Why did Jesus narrate this story to Peter? Because he was the chosen one to take the key of revival. Whatever he binds is going to be bound. Whatever he looses is going to be loosened. He is going to raise even the dead. But none of these will come to pass if he lacks in this art of forgiveness. This is what Jesus taught him and he

got the message. He emerged as the leader who successfully led the church and the ministers of God in unity.

My beloved, the Holy Spirit is speaking to you now. Is there bitterness in your heart? Have you forgiven every one from the depth of your heart? If you can honestly say "yes" then your future is bright. Whatever you bind will be bound. You will unleash blessings. Every prayer that emanates from your mouth will find the answer. You can command the mountains too. You can take authority over death. You can lead a holy life. You will be a partaker of the soon coming revival!

*I love you with the Lord*

*Yes, I love you with the Lord*

*I see in you the glory of my King*

*I love you with the Lord*

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# TESTIMONIES

I have been serving as a Pastor in Mumbai since 2006. By coming here my life is totally transformed. I was facing a severe problem in my ministry but by listening to the messages and confessions, my life changed and my problems are solved. I became confident and received strength through this Apostle and Prophets seminar. I had pain in my neck for several years which was very disturbing. Now I feel better in my body as well as I received new revelations about my ministry. I thank God for this ministry. God bless Berachah Prophetic Ministries, Dr.Ezekiah Francis and Benita Francis. You are a gift to us by God. May God use you mightily! - Pr.Sanil Das, NaviMumbai,Maharashtra

I heard from a former School of the Holy Spirit student about praying in tongues one hour for three months. He claimed that if we pray in tongues like that we can do mighty miracles and become a prophetic person. And also I heard Prophet Ezekiah's message 'Flow'. That day I understood the secret of tongue talking. So I started to speak in tongues, after that I got confidence to pray for others and God started to do many miracles through me. I continued to hear messages of Prophet Ezekiah Francis on You Tube and it is a great blessing for me. Because of these I came for this seminar. I was very blessed by Prophet Ezekiah and my inner eyes have opened. I thank God. May God continue to use Prophet and Prophetess in a mightily. I will remember this ministry in my prayers - Mrs. Sobhana Sanil, Maharashtra

Berachah Prophetic Ministries had a huge impact in my spiritual life. Especially I would like to mention the faith teaching that influenced me and revelation about the involvement of Holy Spirit in every aspect of our life. The teaching of Berachah Prophetic Ministries made me stronger in my Christian life especially the impact of morning tongue talking and quiet time has been amazing - Chandru, Karnataka

When I came to this seminar I came with some doubts and struggles. During Sis. Sudha's session God touched me with power and removed some dimness from my mind. When Prophet Ezekiah preached about Samson, God delivered me from lustful thoughts which would come and go without my realization. When I saw some women I would have thoughts that were not appropriate. Because of this problem I failed in some areas of my ministry. But now I am completely free and saw a vision about my flying with the Holy Spirit and another one about Jesus holding my hand. Before I came here Holy Spirit pushed me to pray for the youth who are in adultery. Now I am going to home with full of deliverance and with God's burden towards Nations. Please pray for me to do ministry till the last drop of my blood - Pr.Joshua, Andhra Pradesh

I was really blessed by Prophet Ezekiah's messages. I believe that his messages are hundred percent from heaven which have touched me and my wife. It helped me to make a right decision for the Lord. I personally decided to flow in the intimacy of Holy Spirit. Let this ministry enlarge all over India. Amen - Nagaraj.M.H, Karnataka

It was a blessed time for me here in the Seminar. I felt the Spirit of the Lord being so real in this place. My heart

overwhelms when I think about Prophet Ezekiah Francis and his wife. You both are a blessing for nations. I am going back to my ministry with great blessing. My curses are broken and my vision is enlarged. Thank you – Abikanth

I am a Christian but was living a defeated life. I was struggling with my thoughts. When Sis. Benita was ministering I received deliverance and freedom from lustful thoughts. All the soul-ties in my life are also broken. Prophet Ezekiah's message helped me to see the plan and purpose of my life on this earth. I thank God for raising such a ministry - Bunty Parmanand

I am very blessed by this Apostle and Prophets seminar. Especially Prophet Ezekiah's message on Samson touched me personally. I am a Pastor's son and a musician. I have prayed and desired that demons should flee when I play music as it happened with Psalmist David. But that desire is gone now and praying for nations has become my desire. Rev. Benita's session on family relationship touched the depth of my heart and also our team members who have attended the Seminar with me. Every Christian leader must know about this aspect - Ps.P.I.Brenham, Andhra Pradesh

Prophet Ezekiah's message touched my life and by listening to him I have received zeal for the Kingdom of God. And also Rev. Benita's message gave me many new insights and instructions to lead a happy family life. I received new revelation in the word of God - Pr.Manoj.L.Jesudas, Shoranur

# testimonies

I could clearly see God's hand and Holy Spirit working a miracle transformation of supernatural ministry. Prophet Ezekiah was a great blessing and I received impartation in my life. I say "I am a Nation changing person". The message about Samson was wonderful. It opened my Spiritual senses. Rev. Benita's family message was a blessing. I am sure this will be a blessing to thousands - Dr. Ratnam MBBS Ms. - Hyderabad

This is the first Berachah Seminar that I have attended. I feel that I am completely transformed spiritually. Especially after curse breaking session I feel completely refreshed. Many sessions helped me to build my inner man. I have received the burden to pray for our nation - R. Ezekia Francis - Ambur - Vellore.-Tamil Nadu

## NEWS



- ❖ The warring factions of the AIADMK are moving towards merger talks after the countermanding of the RK Nagar Assembly seat bye-election in Chennai on rampant charges of cash for votes, Income Tax raid in the premises of serving health minister of Tamil Nadu Mr C. Vijayabhaskar and a series of other political developments. Mr TTV Dinakaran who was nominated as the ruling faction of the AIADMK by his aunt and long time aide of late chief minister J. Jayalalithaa before her imprisonment has declared that, he would step aside from managing the party and the affairs of the state Government. Meanwhile, the merger talks between the Panneerselvam camp and the larger faction led by Chief Minister Mr Edappadi K Palaniswamy are yet to make any headway.
- ❖ The long discussed Goods and Services Tax regime is set to be implemented across India from July 1st onwards. Both the Houses of Parliament have passed the enabling bills on the new tax regime that unifies the whole country effectively into a single market. The bills had a rare bi-partisan support in Parliament helping in their smooth passage. The bills have been given Presidential nod making them into law. The Union Government has said that the new tax structure would help contain prices of essential commodities apart from enhancing the ease of doing business. Commentators want any savings on goods and service taxes due to the new tax structure to be passed on to the consumers.



# YOUR MANUFACTURER KNOWS...

Rev. Benita Francis



Continued from the last month...

Tragically, there are people today who even teach that God created some people like this. The reason why such doctrines can arise is the same addressed by our Lord Jesus when He spoke to the Pharisees of His time:

24 Jesus answered and said to them, 'Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?' (Mk.12:24)

If you really want to know the reason for and God's opinion about such matters, please study prayerfully and with an open mind God's Word through His Apostle Paul in Romans 1:16-32:

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are

made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

**24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,**

25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

**26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.**

**27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with**

**men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.**

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;**

29 being filled with all **unrighteousness, sexual immorality**, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them (Ro. 1:18-32)

We have seen very clearly how our Manufacturer did NOT make us. Now let us see...

### **...HOW HE DID MAKE YOU!**

Let us start at the very beginning, with the creation of man and woman. It is the Trinitarian God who decided to make man in His image and likeness. **Man and woman together are created in the image of God. Man alone is not the image of God, neither is woman alone.** Remember God's first mention of mankind in the very first chapter of the Bible:

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the

cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" (Ge.1:26)

As you see, God spoke about MAN, but then immediately, He spoke about THEM. The Hebrew word for "man" which is translated in some Bibles as "mankind" is "Adam". So this "Adam" included both the male and the female part of humanity.

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (Ge.1:27)

Why should God make such a clear distinction? Was it not enough to say that He created mankind? Well, it is to make clear to us that there is definitely a lot of difference between the two. So please, don't be too surprised! Your spouse will REALLY be VERY different from you. God said it at the very beginning! Yet only when man and woman come together and become one, God's full image becomes visible to the world. See God's crystal-clear Word:

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church (Eph.5:31-32)

Here you have the main reason why satan, your and God's arch enemy, hates marriage with all his might and does his best to mar and discredit it. Can you see why having a happy marriage is of much greater importance than just for your personal enjoyment? Your happy marriage automatically draws people toward Christ. What a simple, easy and beautiful way to evangelize the world! You can enjoy your marriage and at the same time cause God to throw a party in heaven for

every sinner saved through your life testimony (Lk.15:7)!

So please, for Heaven's sake, DO marry and be willing to put some effort into making your spouse happy. You automatically make God happy by doing this. Time invested into your marriage is never wasted time but a very wise way to wage spiritual warfare. Defeat the devil with every laughter, kiss and embrace - given to your own spouse, of course!

Now, what is the purpose of all these God-given differences between the sexes? Is it to upset and torture us? No way! One very obvious purpose is to avoid boredom. Imagine how boring it would be to spend your entire life with a person just like you. There would be no challenge, no need to question your own beliefs, and therefore no personal growth.

Another purpose is to complement each other with the precious gifts each one of us is lacking. Think about it. God made one human, Adam, but very soon, He saw that Adam as an "all-in-one" was not happy. He needed a partner, a creature of his likeness, to be able to share life with and to complement each other. So in His eternal wisdom, God didn't create another person, a separate being. He just operated on Adam and took out a part of him. Wow! That part, which was now of course missing in the man, became the woman.

So actually, you are really only "complete" when you find and join your missing part. Somebody said it just a tiny little bit differently:

***A man is incomplete until he is married. After that, he is finished...***

Let us see in some more detail exactly how God created man and woman.

**7 And the LORD God formed (yatsar) man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of**

**life; and man became a living being (Ge.2:7)**

**19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed (yatsar) every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.**

20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. **But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.**

21 **And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.**

22 **Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made (banah) into a woman, and He brought her to the man.**

23 **And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."**

24 **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (cling) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

25 And they were **both naked**, the man and his wife, and were **not ashamed** (Ge.2:19-25)

There are many very interesting points to notice in these verses. First of all, notice that God didn't just speak "every beast of the field and every bird of the air" into existence, but He "formed" them, just as He "formed" man.

This word "formed" is the Hebrew word "yatsar", which means, "to form, fashion, frame",

through the squeezing into shape<sup>xliii</sup>. Have you ever noticed that God uses the exact same word for the creation of animals and for the creation of man!? Well, dear sister, that might very well give you the answer to some longstanding questions...

When God created the woman, however, the story was different. The Hebrew word “banah” used for the “making” of the woman means “to build, rebuild, establish, cause to continue” and even to “build a house (ie, establish a family)”<sup>xliv</sup>.

Her creation was much more complicated and sophisticated than the creation of man. When He wanted to make a helper comparable for His man, God couldn't just take some dust and make something out of it. Why not? Simply because He had already fully given Himself into Adam by breathing into His nostrils the breath of life (Ge.2:7). Now He had to take something out of Adam and make or build it into another person. By that, God actually distributed Himself into two human beings - male and female, man and woman.

What a miracle! What a wonder! Truly, we

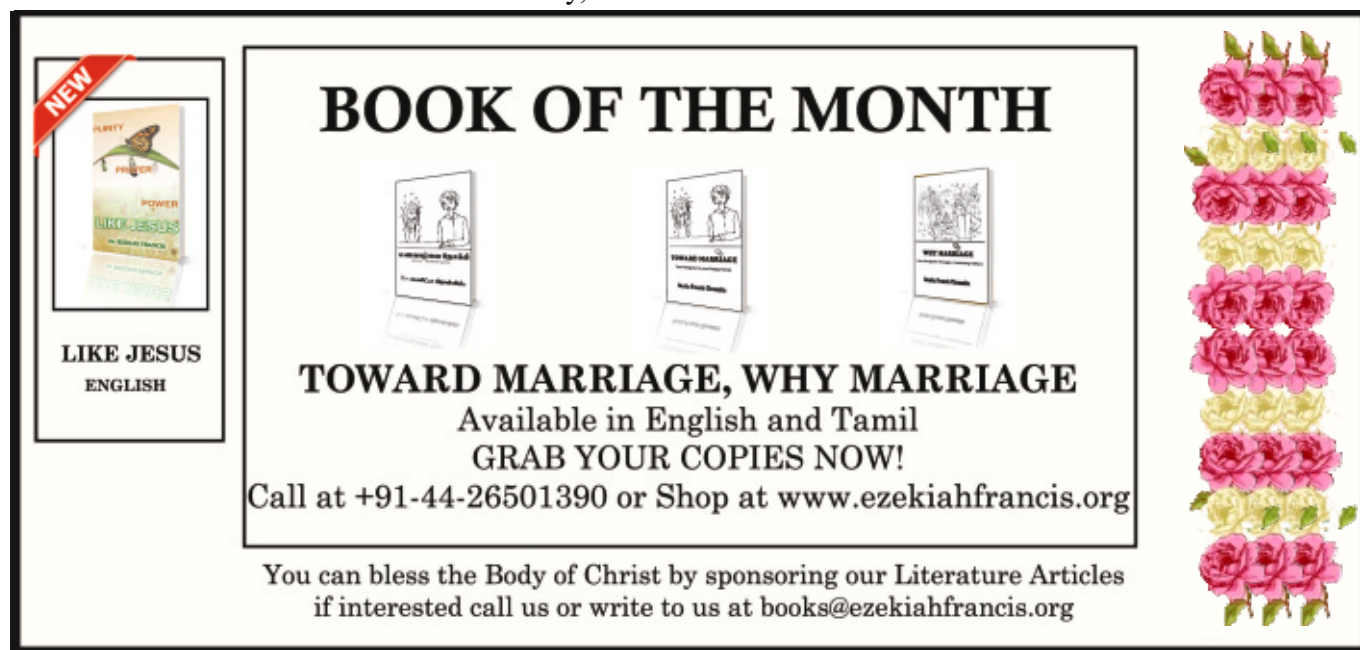
are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps.139:14)!

So dear wife, I have good news for you: You were not made primarily from dirt like your dear hubby. You were made from very refined dirt that had not only already been squeezed and formed into a fully functional human being but was also invigorated with the very breath of God. Wow! It is therefore no exaggeration to say that women are truly God's luxury model! That is why it is said that Adam and Eve had this little conversation in paradise:

*Eve to Adam: You know why God created you before creating me? He wanted to create a sample before creating the master piece!*

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