

From the Depth of My Heart...

Dearly Beloved,

Greetings in the mighty name of the resurrected Jesus Christ Name!

We are happy to be in touch with you through this magazine. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and selfless offerings. This is the time for you to fulfill your calling with all your strength. May be you have forgotten the vision that God gave to you and you are living an ordinary life. The voice of God is coming to you *“And say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it”* (Col.4:17). Did you find your calling? Are you giving your total energy to fulfill that calling? Are you fully concentrating on your calling? Or you are distracted towards other things? Search your heart today and surrender your life to fulfill His calling in your life. Whatever blessing that you have now is to fulfill His calling upon your life. Never forget that.

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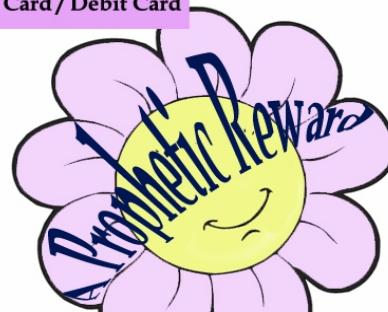
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Nation in your hands

Dr. Ezekiah Francis



Today, our mandate from the Lord is to earnestly pray for our country. The Holy Spirit does impress this point upon me now as never before. This is an urgent message that must be conveyed to every child of God. The welfare of our nation is indeed in our hands. We are responsible for the welfare of our country. You are born in this country for the Lord's specific purpose. The Lord wants us to be patriotic towards the nation that supports us. Christ cried out for Jerusalem. Paul chose to be cursed to save his countrymen. Daniel opened the window three times every day, and prayed. The patriots, prophets, and stalwarts including Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther prayed for their native countries. 'How can I face the destruction of my own people?' was their lament.

Today, the Lord wants us to travail for our country. I remember during the earlier days, soon after my salvation in the Lord, there were fasting and all night prayers every where. People were pouring out their hearts and crying out to the Lord. 'Send us the revival oh Lord. I too, was filled with this burden, and was zealous about it. During the 70's and 80's the Lord touched many young people in India. The churches began growing in numbers from hundreds, to thousands. But lately, the number of people who pray with such passion and fervor has greatly reduced. All night prayers are seen very rarely these days. Today if there are any, they are held for the private group. The result is seen clearly

in the present condition of our country.

Terrorism abounds. Divorce rates are mounting high. Racism is on the increase.

Pornography has become quite common. Men are crazy after money and materials. Premarital sex and abortions are common even among the teenagers. Atheism is widely spread. Homosexual marriages are legally accepted. People have indirectly asked God to step out of their families, educational institutions and the like.

Fighting between political parties has reached an all-time low standard. Everyone is at odds with one another. The enemies of the Lord seem to be, becoming stronger as the days go by. Telecommunication channels are the tools of the devil. Evil forces are becoming more and more courageous in coming against Christ and His church. Gangsters, who were very rare in earlier days, has been institutionalized now. The country is filled with every kind of abomination and injustice. The people are at a total loss.

We cannot blame the people, or our leaders, for our state of affairs. The liability rests squarely on our shoulders. Our failure to pray for the welfare of our country has brought this nation to its lowest level. There is no escape from total destruction unless we, the children of God raise our voices to the Lord. Unless and until we intercede for our nation, the country will certainly be turned into the 'Dead Sea'.

When I see our future as a nation, with the prophetic gaze, I shiver.

But at the same time, many men of God are assuring us that great revival is imminent here. This is the silver lining that provides hope. This country, as a whole, is coming to the Lord. If not, we will see massive destruction. There will either be devastation or total revival. It's black or white – no in between. Either the country will know its God, or it will die. We must realize that the country has not received its true freedom. We are yet to receive our freedom from the spirits of darkness, from the abominable idolatry, from the spirits of murder, fornication, and adultery. As days go by, the country is sinking deeper into the mire. Any child of God who is not seriously concerned about this will certainly be accountable to God.

The Lord has been speaking to me more often these days about the following Biblical truths, upon which will now meditate.

Primary advice

‘Therefore I exhort **first of all** that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and reverence. (I Tim.2:1)

This is the major piece of advice the Lord is giving us today. He starts this with the phrase, “**FIRST** of all”. Though there are hundreds of examples of advice in the Bible, this one is called THE FIRST. This is the most important of all. Paul counseled, offering many warnings and bits of advice. He instructed Timothy about how the church should assemble, the qualifications of the bishop, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, leading a holy life, and many other topics. But among them all, the primary advice was this:

Pray for all men and our rulers. This is the first and foremost law of the Lord.

The early church prayed regularly for their

country and their leaders every time they assembled. Here in fact, Paul is speaking about the church order. Invariably, when we come together as a church, we follow different rites of worship. We sing, preach, pray and finally end with a benediction. But according to the advice of Paul, the church should never disperse before praying for the welfare of the nation. My honest appeal to all the leaders of the Church is this: as a church, please pray for at least 10 minutes for the welfare of your country, fellowmen, and leaders, every time you gather. You will be pleasantly surprised at the way the Lord will move over the country. This is the secret of the Korean church. Every time they came together as a church they never failed to pray for their country. The Lord has established the Church here for the very purpose of covering our nation in prayer. Therefore, any church that does not pray for the country and the welfare of its people, is one that has failed in its responsibility. My dear believers, the very first item on your prayer list should be our national leaders and your country men. All others, such as the requirements of your church, your family and personal prayer requests, should be subsequent to these. This is the counsel that Paul gives.

I constantly preach that the church should live victoriously with all the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit. But why do we need the gifts or the fruit? Why must the church be holy? Why should the believers be blessed with many blessings? Why is the church even on this earth? It is only to be a blessing to the nation; to bring the kingdom of God on the earth that all people be blessed through the church. If this is true, what purpose is served by a church that doesn't pray for their country men and their leaders? Will you not give priority to the needs of the nation rather than to your own petty needs?

First Fruits

The Lord is aware of your predicaments. Even though, He requires us to pray for the nation first. God sent the prophet Elijah to a widow. Her story was really pathetic. The country was in the grip of a

severe famine. Her husband had expired and she had only a young son. Poverty ruled her circumstance. She had almost come to the tether end of her life. As a matter of fact, she was in the process of gathering some dry wood to bake her last bread, to eat it and die.

God certainly knew her condition. Yet He sent His prophet to her. He initially asked for water and when she was about to bring it, he asked her to bring a loaf of bread. This request totally dismayed the woman. She lamented, ‘I have only a fistful of flour and some oil. My son and I decided to eat it and die.’ (I Kings 17:9-16) Do you know how the prophet replied? “Fear not. Go and prepare according ...” (I Kings 17:13, 14)

Yes dearly beloved, God is speaking to you. You are totally immersed in your problems. And yet the Lord says, “Pray according to my list, rather than your own.” Before you pray for you or your family, pray that my kingdom may come upon this nation. Will you speak like the widow? Do you lead a selfish life worrying all the time about yourself, your

family, your church, your ministry etc.? Or will you pray first and foremost for your country and your leaders? Will you not obey wholeheartedly the Word of God? Will you decide today that above all you will pray for the President, members of the Senate, Government officials, and even the leaders of the opposition?

All this will be added unto you

Do you lament that with hundreds of requirements of your own, how on earth will you pray for the nations too? The widow of Zarephath lamented in this manner. But, do you know what? The prophet asked for her first bread only to bless her. When she obeyed the direction of the Lord, her entire family was nourished during famine. Perhaps her family was the only one without lack during the famine. Later on, she had the added blessing of her son coming back from death. This is the kind of blessings we receive when we obey God wholeheartedly. When you are concerned about only your needs and that of your family, and forget the larger interests of your country, the Lord cannot bless you. This is the unchanging law of the Lord. That is why He said, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.” (Matt.6:33) Unbelievers are worried about their own needs. But the children of God seek the Kingdom of their Father first. As a loving Father, He takes care of His children and provides all their requirements, including food and shelter. This is how the children of God should desire to live.

Beloved, do not be concerned with your temporal requirements. Our God who takes good care of even the little birds will certainly not abandon you. The one who clothes even the lilies of the wild will clothe you in the choicest fineries. When we seek His kingdom, will He not seek our well being? Do you remember Ruth’s mother-in-law, Naomi? Did she not earnestly desire for Ruth to be married? Do you think your heavenly Father will be any less concerned that Naomi was? Didn’t He tell you not to worry about tomorrow? Doesn’t He know more about your requirements than you do? If so, is it right

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for you to continue to linger in unbelief?

From this day forward, cast all your burdens, worries and needs upon Him and be concerned only about His heart's desire. Listen to His first and foremost advice and pray for your country and its welfare. Try this for some time and see what happens in your life. Countless blessings will come upon you even before you realize it. As a man of God, I challenge you.

Welfare of the nation

Jeremiah, the prophet of God, addresses this truth. Only if the nation lives, can we also live. Listen to what he says. "And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive; and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace." (Jer. 29:7) Do you see how clearly God speaks?

Jeremiah is the prophet who foretold that the Israelites would be taken captive by the Babylonians. He advised the captives to pray for the country where they were held captive. How much more should we pray for our own country? Jeremiah is emphatic that our welfare depends solely upon the welfare of the nation. Only if there is peace in our country, will we enjoy a peaceful life. Only if the nation is prosperous, will we prosper. On the

contrary, if chaos and confusion abound in the nation, it will certainly reflect in our homes and churches.

I am revealing an important spiritual truth here. The evil spirits that are active in any city will seek to enter and destroy the church if it is not concerned about the activities of the spirits. For example, if the spirits of division wreak havoc in a country, and the church does not do anything about it, these divisive spirits will attack the church and seek to destroy it. Thereafter there will be division, chaos and confusion in the local church. Then the spirits will come to our houses. If there are spirits of adultery in any city and the church does not take authority over them to bind them, they will seek entrance into our houses, and totally destroy our home. Therefore, it is really foolish to imagine that no matter what happens in the country, we will be safe. It never happens this way. This is precisely why the Lord emphatically commanded us to pray for the nation. Remember, when there is peace in the country, you will have peace.

Glimpse from the book 'Nation in your hands' by Prophet Ezekiah Francis



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THE CURSE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

Rev. Benita Francis

Did you ever know that your loving God is suffering a terrible dilemma?

And did you know that you can actually soothe His Heart and make Him extremely happy?

Did you ever know that God has to refrain Himself from executing His greatest Heart desire?

And did you know that you can actually enable Him to freely indulge in His greatest pleasure?

No??? Well, then let us study...

From the very beginning, your loving God created man for His pleasure and delight (Ge.3:8; Pr.8:30-31). From the very beginning, God created man as a recipient of His blessings (Ge.1:26-28). It is His pleasure and hobby to bless His people (Nu.24:1). God's noble intention with the creation of man was to have a loving family and to enjoy the closest fellowship with them.

This desire in God's Heart has never changed, but how great must have been His shock and hurt when He had to find out that every thought and intention of man's heart was only evil continually from his youth (Ge.6:5)! What a tragedy for His loving Heart! He had to destroy every living being except those who found refuge in Noah's Ark and start all over again with a new breed of people who would worship Him.

Unfortunately, even Noah's descendants didn't fulfill God's desire for fellowship. They were drawn by all kinds of worldly occupations and pleasures and soon succumbed to fights and murders again (Ge.6-9). Up to today, God's tender Heart is being pierced as with daggers by the idol worship of the nations, and even of His very own people. Fortunately, you can soothe His heartache by your love and close adherence to Him. Hallelujah!

When I was a very young believer, I used to ask Jesus to make me an oasis for Him to come and rest and enjoy any time when He got weary of the many rejections of the unbelievers and excuses of believers. I told Him that I always wanted to be there for Him, anytime He would call on me, day or night. I expected some beautiful supernatural experience - but like always, He did much more than what I asked for. He granted me a wonderful, exciting 24-hour-love-relationship with Him, plus He blessed me with the privilege together with my precious husband of being an "oasis" for many of His weary servants.

God so much desires to pour out all of His blessings upon you, but can you bear it (Dt.8:11-20)? Many times, it seems to me that it is more dangerous to be blessed than to just struggle at a minimum level of blessings.

You can see it all over the Old Testament. Whenever Israel was in distress, they called out to God. As soon as He delivered and blessed them, however, they started going astray after other gods. Can you see His dilemma? What can God do? Time and again, He had to give them over into the hands of their enemies to afflict them, so they would come back to Him, the Fountain of all life.

Dear child of God, please understand. Your God is not a cruel God who wants to afflict you. Your God is a wise and loving God, but He is a Spirit (Joh.4:24). That means, He sees and understands the spiritual world. Our problem is that we get so excited and even blinded by these worldly blessings that we tend to forget the spiritual world. See this powerful warning Paul is giving to the Philippian believers:

18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the

enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame - who set their mind on earthly things (Phil.3,18-19).

Can you see it? What a tragedy! God's blessings of provision can actually become our eternal destruction! I have seen sincere believers who fast and pray and dedicate their lives to serve Jesus. As they seek Him, He pours out His anointing and flows through them with all His gifts and power. When this happens, invitations start coming, first from their own area, then even from abroad. Yet alas, how many became entangled in their glory and fame! How many started manipulating and scheming to get more invitations and to make sure others are NOT invited... it is a shameful and painful thing to see in the Body of Christ.

Can you see Paul's tears? He says, "I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ!" Wow! Who are these people? They are not heathens. They are not unbelievers. They are born-again believers who allowed their physical senses and desires to rule over their spirit. You might say, "Sister, they are NOT believers". Well, maybe, but then what about Col.3:1-3? What about Gal.5:16-21? Yes, you are a citizen of heaven (Phil.3:20). You have the mind of Christ which is filled with heavenly things (1.Cor.2:16); but when you step out of your spiritual status and heavenly mind and live like a natural man with your mind full of the things of this world, you automatically take a stand against the cross which made Paul to weep (Mt.16:23; Jas.4:4). What a tragedy! What a loss! What a shame!

We see Paul crying here, but whose tears are those really? They are the tears of your loving God who once again has to see the tragic truth that His blessings can actually destroy His beloved children. Remember, the glorious covering angel Lucifer fell and became satan because by the abundance of his trading he became filled with violence within, and sinned (Eze.28:16). Even in Christ, you are not exempt from this danger and temptation (1.Tim.6:9-10). Money is a great blessing in the hand of a real Christian, but love of money can destroy even a born-again believer.

Your loving God doesn't want you to fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. That is the reason why He allowed His faithful servant and main preacher of grace, the apostle

Paul, to do such an outrageous thing as to give a sexually immoral believer over into the hands of satan for the destruction of his body! See this:

5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus (1.Co.5:5)

Your God doesn't see only this temporary, short life on this earth. Since He is a Spirit, He sees your eternity and is concerned about it. He so much desires to spend all eternity with you, His beloved child!

Even in nations like USA and Germany, church attendance reached an all-time high during and right after wars when people were in fear about their loved ones and in great financial distress. God blessed them, as He always does when we draw near to Him, and Germany became an example of quick reconstruction and blessing to the entire world.

Nowadays, however, our European nations are turning their back on the God who poured all these blessings upon them. Beautiful old church buildings are sold for one Euro because the cost of heating and maintenance is too much for the community to bear. They are turned into museums, culture or islamic centers. What a tragedy! Even born-again, Spirit-filled believers request their pastors to "make it short" on Sundays so they can go home or to a nice restaurant and enjoy the Sunday with their families. Calling them to a mid-week meeting is getting increasingly difficult. Why? Well, they have so many commitments like social gatherings, visits with friends, theater, concerts, dance classes, gym, tennis, golf, mountaineering and many other kinds of exercise, so their time is fully occupied.

Dear child of God, your God wants you to have all of this! He is the Author and Creator of all these wonderful things! There is only one thing He insists in:

You shall have no other gods before Me (Ex.20:3; Dt.5:7)

Please, go ahead and do all these wonderful things, BUT put your God first. When He or His servants call on you for a meeting, let alone a help for His Kingdom, don't give excuses. Drop anything and everything and make time to attend to His call. Let it not happen to you what happened to the Shulamite in Songs of Solomon and even to Israel as a nation:

2 I sleep, but my heart is awake; It is the voice of

my beloved! He knocks, saying, “Open for me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is covered with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.”

3 I have taken off my robe; how can I put it on again? I have washed my feet; how can I defile them?

4 My beloved put his hand by the latch of the door, and my heart yearned for him.

5 I arose to open for my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, on the handles of the lock.

6 I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had turned away and was gone. My heart leaped up when he spoke. I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen who went about the city found me. They struck me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took my veil away from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him I am lovesick! (SS.5:2-8)

Her reasons were very valuable, logical and understandable; but she lost her opportunity of opening the door for her Beloved. There can be a “too late”! If you don't attend to His call when He calls you, you might have to struggle to experience again that precious intimacy the next time when you desire it.

24 Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

25 Because you disdained all my counsel, and would have none of my rebuke,

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

27 When your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

28 “Then they will call on Me, but I will not answer. They will seek Me diligently, but they will not find Me.

29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

30 They would have none of my counsel and

despised my every rebuke.

31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies.

32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

33 But whoever listens to Me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil” (Pr.1:24-33)

Your God desires for you to keep your heart and your mind fixed on Him. He wants you to discover and know His heavenly realms (Col.3:1-3). He even promises you tremendous peace as you keep your mind on Him:

3 You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You (Isa.26:3)

Your God is not a selfish God. Whatever He asks you to do is for your very own benefit and blessing! His apostle Paul understood His loving heart. He labored more than anybody and went through terrible hardship for the sake of God and His Gospel message. And yet, because of his eternity-consciousness, he could write joyfully to his churches in the midst of unimaginable physical distress,

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2.Cor.4.16-5:1)

God's special apostle Paul clearly understood God's plan and purpose. He was willing to lay down his life to bless humanity like His Savior had done. He

didn't care about worldly riches, although God would definitely have provided these also; but God specially blessed him with more spiritual revelation than any other human being (Phil.4:10-19; 2.Cor.12:7). Paul never allowed his revelations, his fame and his many travels to divert him from his one and only purpose: To make known Christ and the power of His resurrection (2.Cor.8:1; Ga.1:11; Eph.6:19; Col.1:27). That is why his life blesses the whole world still today, 2000 years after his physical death.

Do you really want to make history for God? Well, this is the way:

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Ga.2:20)

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your members as

instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace (Ro.6:10-14).

In a nutshell, you can sum up the whole matter in one verse straight from God's own Heart:

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you (Mt.6:33)

They SHALL be added to you as you seek His Kingdom. You need not worry and fret about anything. Your God takes care of everything (Mt.6:34).

But, dear child of God, let me ask you just this one question:

CAN God bless you??? Or will His blessings destroy you???

Please search your heart and give Him your answer today itself.

NEWS

⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort in New Delhi announces a countrywide health insurance scheme for the people Below Poverty line.

⇒ The nation erupts into joy as the ace badminton player Ms PV Sindhu won silver in the Rio Olympics, the first ever by an Indian woman in the nation's Olympic history. Woman wrestler Ms Sakshi Malik gets hard earned bronze in freestyle category.

⇒ In Gujarat, Ms Anandiben Patel resigns as the state chief minister following what observers say widespread discontentment, and Mr Vijay Rupani takes over as the new chief minister.

⇒ Tamil Nadu chief minister Ms J.Jayalithaa says the state would file a case in Supreme Court to secure the deficient water share in Cauvery. Karnataka chief minister Mr Siddharamiah says storage in the four dams catering to the River Cauvery downstream have no sufficient water and announces, his government is ready to face litigation.

⇒ Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi says many anti-socials unleash violence under the garb of cow vigilantes. He also said, "Shoot me if you can, but aim not your guns at Dalits."

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