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Dearly Beloved,

Greetings in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ!

We are happy to be in touch with you through this magazine. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and selfless offerings. We are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. We are called to live in the Spirit and work in the Spirit. The latter rain is going to be more glorious than former rain. Get ready for the harvest with signs and wonders.

This 41st batch Short Term Intensive Course was represented by 23 states – Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Chandigar, Daman/Diu, Delhi, Goa, Guajrat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andhaman and Nicobar and also from Dubai, Nepal, Netherlands, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, and United Kingdom. We had around 1500 participants including our ongoing batch School of the Holy Spirit students.

We believe that God has accomplished His purpose yet again through this 41st STC to revive and rejuvenate ministers of God who came broken and discouraged. To withstand upcoming persecution we need our ministers to become stronger and courageous like never before. The glory of God was manifested engulfing the participants and enabling commitment to do more for the Kingdom of God. There will be mighty miracle workers, healers and dead raisers that will come alive from these set of people who have come to attend our 41st STC. Now it is time for the baton to be passed on to the new generation of workers. I have

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- Prophet Ezekiah Francis

challenged our participants to yield to the Holy Spirit and let go of all control. These lives need to be fully possessed by the Holy Spirit for our part to be played.

We are praying and preparing for the Bhopal seminar. Check the dates and details in the advertisement in this issue. Kindly mobilize people from your place for this seminar. This seminar will take participants from a natural life into a supernatural lifestyle. This is your season to bear fruit and fill the earth. Feel free to contact our office for any details.

We are going to have three days fasting and prayer seminar from 3rd to 5th of December. This is the time dedicated to pray for our nation. Please set apart your time to pray for this crucial event. May this event raise up many passionate workers for the Kingdom of God so that India will never ever be the same.

Pray for all the programs in this year and also for me and my wife, for our ageing parents, as well as for our leaders and staff. May the Lord Almighty establish your territory and make you a blessing to the nations. Be the head and never again the tail. Lend to nations and never borrow again. Let the blessings run before you and overtake you, in Jesus Name!

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See Yourself In Christ

Prophet Ezekiah Francis



BALAK'S VIEW OF YOU IN CHRIST

Look, a people has come out of Egypt, and they cover the face of the earth. Come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overpower them and drive them out.

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - - and tremble! (Nu.22:11; Jas.2:19).

Satan and all demons are the most fearful, trembling creatures in this universe. The Amplified version of James 2:19 says, they tremble before God and shudder in terror and horror such as make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin! Since you are one with God the demons tremble before you in the same fashion.

Terrified Balak: Balak, the symbol of satan, knew all the victories of the Israelites. Balak planned to wage a defensive war against the invading forces.

In Christ, you are more than a conqueror. You started your life from the vintage point of Calvary's victory and go from victory to victory. Satan knows if he allows you to progress, you will drive him out of his world. He constantly lives in fear and terror of you. This "shoots up his blood pressure" and makes him mad at you! Rejoice!

Testifying Balak: The words of Balak about the Israelites reveal how the devil views you in Christ.

They lick up everything around us as an ox licks up the grass of the field (Nu.22:4). See the way the devil looks at you! You are God's ox that eats away the green pastures of the devil! You have tremendous power to consume and devour the enemy and his possessions! You devour the devourer (1.Pe.5:8)! Stop bragging about the devil!

They cover the face of the earth (Nu.22:5)! From Eden, the devil knows God's people will greatly multiply and fill the earth. He won't even have a millimeter left on this planet (Ge.1:28)! In Christ, you have the power to multiply and fill this earth with God's glory! If you know your power of influence, you will easily drive out the territorial spirits and possess the nations!

They are too mighty for me (Nu.22:6)! The devil knows you are too powerful and mighty for him! You have more angels at your disposal than he has (2.Ki.6:16-17)! In Christ, the devil is no match for you!

Tricky Balak: Since Balak saw the enormous power of God's people, he had to turn to tricky plots. He sought the help of a prophet to curse and weaken the Israelites in order to defeat them and drive them out (Nu.22:6). In Christ, the devil can never fight and win. He is neither clever nor strong before you. Only through his craftiness, he can find a foothold and weaken you. The Holy Spirit is showing you the devices of the devil and your invincibility (2.Co.2:11)! Even if your enemies try to do witchcraft against you, it cannot harm you! If you walk in the consciousness of who you are in Christ, you can break any power of curse against you!

Tireless Balak: Balak was very persuasive in his efforts to curse the Israelites. When Balaam refused to go, he sent a larger number of even more distinguished officials to persuade him with big promises (Nu.22:15-17,37,41). When Balaam didn't curse Israel from one place, Balak took him to another place that he might at least curse a portion of the nation (Nu.23:13,25,27-28,30). In Christ, no matter how much the devil multiplies his efforts against you, he cannot curse you or consume you! Remember, the devil will not stop his attempts easily. He never retires. He prowls around like a roaring lion, constantly seeking to devour you. Yet your resistance power will overcome him! The ultimate victory is yours! Persevere!

Tempting Balak: Like a smart business man, Balak tempted the prophet with his riches and honor again and again. He had man-power, money-power and muscle-power to induce the prophet to destroy the Israelites. He tried the same trading method with the Lord Jesus in the wilderness. He offered Him all the kingdoms of this world and their glory if He would worship him (Lk.4:5-7). Remember, no money-power, man-power or magic-power can overpower you! You are above the reach of all these inferior powers! Declare it TODAY!

Beloved, you must know how the devil looks at you. God took Gideon to hear what the enemies spoke about him (Jud.7:9-15). As long as you constantly live in the consciousness of who you are in Christ, you march from victory to victory, possessing your possessions, devouring your devourers. Take heart TODAY!

Thank You, Lord, I will lick up everything around me, as an ox licks up the grass of the field. I am too mighty for the devil. I cover the face of the earth because I am in Christ.

GOD'S VIEW OF YOU IN CHRIST

And God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed".

...not returning evil for evil or reviling for

reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing (Nu.22:12; 1.Pe.3:9).

You are eternally blessed in Christ. No power under heaven can steal your blessings. This truth must be deeply settled in your heart so that you may enjoy and share your blessings with your world. When Balaam enquired of God about the possibility of cursing God's people, God's stern command was, "You shall not curse My blessed people."

Indwelling blessings: God viewed His people as blessed people. All the tribes came from blessed Abraham (Ge.12:2). Time and again, they were blessed by the patriarchs. In short, they were called to be blessed.

In Christ, you are eternally blessed. You are immersed in His blessings. All His blessings are dwelling in your spirit (Eph.1:3). You are a mobile blessing (Dt.28:6)! Your eyes are blessed, your ears are blessed, every part of you is blessed to bless (Mt.13:16-17). You lack none of God's blessings. You are blessed spiritually, materially, physically, socially, in every way. The Old Testament saints received a portion of blessings from their forefathers, but you have received all the blessings through your union with Christ. You are blessed as Jesus is blessed!

Irrevocable blessings: Balak tried his best to thwart the blessings of the Israelites. Even Balaam tried and failed. At last he cried, "Behold, I have received a command to bless. He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it" (Nu.23:20). In Christ, your blessings are eternally sealed. Man may bless you today and curse you tomorrow, but your God is not a man that He should lie and change His mind (Nu.23:19). He has spoken blessings in the Old Covenant, and He performed them in the New Covenant. He has promised, and He has fulfilled. God Himself cannot revoke it. The devil cannot revoke it. Even if you have lost some of your blessings in negligence and sin, you have the right to demand restoration through repentance. Restore and reclaim TODAY!

Invincible blessings: Your indwelling blessings are not only irrevocable but also invincible. No matter how much the devil tries to break through your blessing, he cannot succeed.

You are shielded with invincible blessings. Neither man nor demon can penetrate. Both Balak and Balaam made vain attempts to curse Israel, and both were helpless against God's blessing. Balaam lamented, "How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And how shall I denounce whom the LORD has not denounced?" (Nu.23:8). The panic-stricken Balak, witnessing the invincible blessings of Israel, literally shouted at Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed them bountifully!" (Nu.23:11). Of course, words are so powerful that God had to restrain His prophet from speaking words of curse against His people. In Christ, you became impenetrable even for curses as long as you walk in obedience to the revealed will of God. All those who oppose your blessings will be completely exhausted in their attempts against you.

Increasing blessings: The Israelites were blessed to increase and multiply. There is no limit to it. As the dust of the earth, the stars of heaven and the sand of the seas, they can increase in numbers. Balaam saw this blessing upon the Israelites and commented, "Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number one-fourth of Israel?" (Nu.23:10). This is literally fulfilled in Christ. The natural and the spiritual Israelites are innumerable, and nobody under heaven can even count one-fourth of them (Rev.7:9)! You will increase not only in quality, but also in quantity. Your family and your church will increase in great numbers. Your bank account will go from thousands to millions. Your storehouses, vehicles, equipments, clothes, electronic goods, buildings

and movable and immovable properties will increase and multiply beyond measure.

Beloved, when you are so much blessed, how could you cry for your lack? Why magnify your enemies and their curses? Decide to speak about your blessings. Make it a practice to thank God for your blessings. Proclaim blessings to yourself and to others. You are one with the Lord who is blessed forever. Being in Christ is being immersed in His blessings. As the incarnate Jesus blessed His world, bless your world TODAY!

Thank You, Lord, You are not a man, that You should lie, nor a son of man, that You should repent. Have You said, and will You not do? Or have You spoken, and will You not make it good? You have blessed me, and nobody can reverse it because I am in Christ.

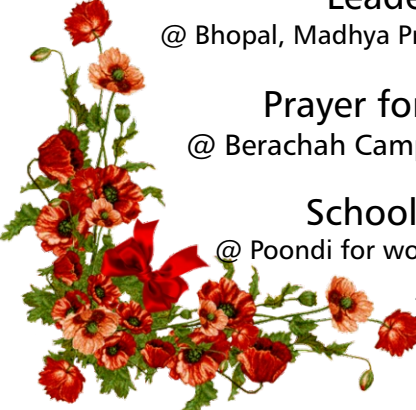
SPIRIT'S VIEW OF YOU IN CHRIST

And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God (Nu.24:2; 1.Co.2:10).

Balaam, being fully convinced of God's desire to bless Israel, raised his eyes and looked at Israel's orderly camps. Immediately, God's Spirit came upon him,

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opening his eyes, giving him utterances of God. Whatever he saw concerning Israel speaks of the Holy Spirit's view of you in Christ.

Lovely and beautiful: The very encampment and marching order of the Israelites was beautiful to behold. It was according to God's divine directions. No army under heaven could have such beautiful, orderly procession with colorful banners before every tribe. Even their tents around the Tabernacle were a lovely view. Balaam was admiring the beauty of their tents, totally lost in the Spirit. The book of Song of Solomon speaks largely about the Bridegroom's view of the Bride. To Solomon's eyes, the Shulamite was perfect and beautiful, without even a trace of fault. Every bit of her was enchanting to his eyes. She was the fairest among all women to his eyes (SS.1:8,15; 4:1-16; 6:4; 7:1).

In Christ, you look extremely beautiful and lovely in the eyes of God. The very beauty and loveliness of Jesus radiates in you. God's Spirit in you is constantly transforming your image into the very likeness of Jesus. Literally, in the eyes of Father God, you are blameless and without fault. The righteousness of Jesus has beautified you, taking away the ashes of your past life. He has anointed you with oil of joy and clothed you with the garment of praise (Isa.61:3). You are truly beautiful!

Spreading and fruitful: Balaam, who came from the land of gardens, could see Israel as spreading valleys and flourishing gardens (Nu.22:5; 23:7). They were like trees planted by the Lord, trees of aloes and cedar beside the waters. He saw the spreading of the camp of Israel and their fruitfulness like gardens. He smelled them as fragrant aromatic aloe wood and saw them as majestic and strong as cedar trees (Nu.24:6; Ps.92:12; Jn.19:39).

In Christ, you will spread out and never diminish. God has planted you in Christ, and you shall be like a ever-green watered garden. You will not fear heat nor be anxious in drought (Ps.1:3; Jer.17:8). You are the fragrance of Jesus (2.Co.2:15). You are God's aloe tree. You walk in God's majesty and strength, and you are His cedar tree.

Abundance of water and riches: Balaam saw the irrigation buckets of the Israelites full of water and their offspring filled with great

abundance of supply. The many waters speak of prosperity, popularity and many people (Jer.51:13; Rev.17:15). In Christ, you are rich and prosperous. God doesn't see you as a beggar. All His abundance is for you to inherit and enjoy (Lk.15:17,31; 1.Ti.6:17). God supplies all your needs over-abundantly. In Christ, there is no water-scarcity, no food-scarcity, no money-scarcity, no health-scarcity, no joy- and peace-scarcity. The word "scarcity" doesn't even exist in the dictionary of a new creation. Let your buckets be full, in Jesus Name!

Posterity and promotion: God's Spirit showed Balaam that the seed of Israel will spread out in many waters, and kings shall come from Israel. Their kingdom will be highly exalted over other kingdoms. He also prophetically saw the coming King of Israel, the Lord Jesus and His highly exalted Kingdom, far higher than king Agag. Agag was the title for all the kings of the Amalekites and means, "highly exalted". The Amalekites were considered the most powerful nation at that time (Nu.24:7; 1.Sa.15:1)

Beloved, in Christ, you are one with the Messiah-King who is higher than the highest of the earth. Kingdom and rulership is yours now! You are born to rule! No king or domain, no ruler or government can challenge your authority in Christ. Every knee will bow down to you when you exercise the authority of His Name. Heaven is waiting for you to use His authority and establish His Kingdom on earth. All hell is trembling at your authority and trying its best to dim your authority-consciousness. The world is waiting for God's Kingdom to be established. Go in this might of yours!

Thank You, Lord, my tents and dwellings are lovely, like valleys that stretch out, like gardens by the riverside, like aloes planted by the Lord, like cedars beside the waters. I shall pour water from my buckets, and my seed shall be in many waters because I am in Christ.

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DIVINE HEALING AND THE WILL OF GOD

By John G Lake

Excerpts from the book 'The Basics of Divine Healing'
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III. What is God's will? Matt. 7:12 - Therefore **all things whatsoever ye should want men to do unto you, do ye even so unto them:** for this is the law and the prophets. (KJV)

A. If you were sick and someone had the power of God in their life to heal you, would you want them to come to you and minister healing? Anyone who will answer honestly would have to say they would. (In your answer is the commission to the healing ministry!!!) In the Greek New Testament there are two primary words translated into English in the KJV as "word",

1. One of these is **logos** (log'-os); something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation;
2. The other is **rhema** (hray'-mah); an utterance (individually, collectively or specifically); by implication, a matter or topic (especially of narration, command or dispute); with a negative naught whatever;
3. As you can tell, there is practically no difference between the two words in the Strong's Concordance Dictionary. In today's Christianity, we have a teaching that has infected virtually every aspect of the Christian life and doctrine.

B. We have had "Bible Teachers" tell us that the word "rhema" means a special divine impartation or leading. "They" have said that a Rhema word from God was necessary before you could act on a Scripture.

1. They have taught that you do not have to obey or perform every Scripture, just those that the Holy Spirit "quickens" to you.
2. These "Teachers" must have received a "rhema" word from God to get this teaching because it is not in the Bible.
3. There has been much said about the difference between the two words, Logos and Rhema. Below is the article reproduced from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words.

a. **The significance of rhema (as distinct from logos) is exemplified in the injunction to take "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." <Eph.6:17>;**

I. Here the reference is not to the whole Bible as such. But to the individual scripture which the Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in the time of need, a prerequisite being the regular storing of the mind with Scripture. (Copyright ©1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

ii. Mark 4:14 - The sower soweth the **word** (logos) (KJV)

iii. Mark 16:20 - And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the **word** (logos) with signs following. Amen. (KJV)

iv. Luke 11:28 - But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the **word** (logos) of God, and keep it. (KJV)

v. Rom. 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the **word** (rhema) of God. (KJV)

vi. James 1:22 - But be ye doers of the **word** (logos), and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (KJV)

b. **A "Rhema" word is any "Logos" word that you act upon. When you read a scripture you are reading Logos, but when you remember that scripture and act upon it in any situation, it becomes Rhema. If**



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you want more Rhema start acting upon more Logos.

C. Matt. 7:24-27 – 24. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. (KJV)

1. What is the purpose or meaning of this story?

a. Obviously it is to convince us to hear (read) what Jesus has said and is saying **AND DO WHAT HE HAS SAID**. The only difference between the wise man and the fool is that one did what he heard and one didn't. There is absolutely no indication that any further leading (by the Holy Spirit) or revelation is necessary for one to be responsible to do what he has heard from the Scriptures.

b. **It is always God's will for us to apply (by doing) a Scripture to a situation that the Scriptures can be applied to.**

c. If Jesus is the full expression of God, then why did Jesus **NEVER** put sickness on even one person? Why did he always remove sickness and disease, rather than put it upon anyone? Jesus had "healing services" everyday, **NOT ONCE** did **He EVER** tell anyone to keep their sickness or disease. Any time He mentioned the cause of sickness or disease, He always attributed it to Satan

d. **No one really questions whether or not God CAN heal.** *.(even atheists will admit that if there was a God, of course He would be able to heal or He wouldn't be much of a God.)* **Some Atheists are actually "one up" on some Christians in this respect. The doubt comes in when God's WILLINGNESS to heal is brought up. Any time the topic of God's willingness to heal came up, Jesus always said the same thing, "I will".**

IV. Is Healing Always God's Will?

A. Matt. 8:2-3 – 2. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (KJV)

B. Matt 8:2-3 – 2. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." 3. Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy. (NIV)

C. Matt 8:2-3 – 2. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3. Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (NKJV)

D. Matt 8:2-3 – And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (NASU)

E. Matt 8:2-3 - Look! A leper is approaching. He kneels before him, worshiping. "Sir," the leper pleads, "if you want to, you can heal me." Jesus touches the man. "I want to," he says. "Be healed." And instantly the leprosy disappears. (TLB)

1. "I Will" - Strong's thelo, NT:2309

i. Thelo (thel'-o); or ethelo (eth-el'-o); in certain tenses theleo (thel-eh'-o); and etheleo (eth-el-eh'-o); which are otherwise obsolete; apparently strengthened from the alternate form of **NT:138**; to determine (as an active option from subjective impulse;

ii. whereas **NT:1014** properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations), i.e. choose or prefer (literally or figuratively); by implication, to wish, i.e. be inclined to (sometimes adverbially, gladly); impersonally for the future tense, to be about to; by Hebraism, to delight in: showing a disposition of the nature, and is in a continuous sense, and can be translated: **"I am always willing"**. **KJV**- desire, be disposed (forward), intend, (be) will.

Legends continue writing...



SAFE SEX?

Rev. Benita Francis

Once again, satan, the great liar and deceiver, is preaching at you. Now he tries to tell you that there is a way to have safe sex. Through the media and even through doctors and psychologists, he is telling you that sex is healthy and needed for your mental and physical well-being. Satan is telling you that in order to avoid unwanted pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), you can just simply use a condom, a rubber supposed to catch the semen.

In many nations, automatic condom vending machines are placed inside public bathrooms, both in gents' and in ladies' bathrooms. As the world goes further and further astray from God's Word and God's principles, satan becomes more and more aggressive and bold. Nowadays, these vending machines are placed in public places, without any shame, in full visibility. In some nations, governments distribute free condoms to school students as young as 12 and 13 years old to avoid unwanted pregnancies. What is that? It is an open invitation to "have fun", as "safely" as possible.

Is this kind of sex really safe? No, it is NOT, for many different reasons.

First of all, it removes the knowledge that God has placed very deep inside your heart for your own protection - the knowledge that sex before and outside marriage is sin. "Ah sister, don't come to us with these outdated words! There

is no sin. That is only some old men's tale."

Oh, I think you don't know what sin really means. Sin just means missing the mark. Sin means, you were created to be excellent and supposed to do exceedingly well in life, but you missed the mark. Your arrow didn't hit the bull's eye. It did hit, but somewhere outside the goal, totally out of competition. Sin means: God had so many plans, dreams and visions for your life, but you miserably disqualified yourself by your actions. Sin is a real tragedy because it diverts the course of your life and makes you miss your desired haven.

Why does God hate sin? Is it because He doesn't want you to enjoy your life? No way. God hates sin because sin destroys you, His beloved child and creation. In this case, God, the Creator of sex and marriage, warns you against sex outside of marriage simply because it destroys YOU and robs you of your bright future. God knows there is no safe sex. Your heart and your soul will also be united when your bodies unite, but since this God-given act is done outside of its God-given boundaries, God's blessing and help will not be there.

Most of the times, such relationships break after some time, leaving both partners hurt and bleeding in their innermost feelings. As the Bible says, the deceitfulness of sin hardens our hearts (Hebrews 3:13). Think about it! How painful is it when you have a fight with your best friend! If any

kind of emotional attachment breaks up, the pain is already very strong - how much stronger when spirit, soul and body were actively involved in that relationship!

In the Western world, we see too many young people walking around like zombies, without any joy and zeal for life, destroyed in their emotions, hardened by sin and full of anger and revenge. This is mainly created by the free exercise of sex outside of marriage. The Bible calls it fornication in unmarried people and adultery if at least one of the partners is married. Both are condemned in very strong words:

15 Drink water from your own cistern, and running water from your own well.

16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets?

17 Let them be only your own, and not for strangers with you.

18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth.

19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love.

Can you see it? God fully intends you to be enraptured and rejoice in the blessings of your own wife, your own life!

20 For why should you, my son, be

enraptured by an immoral woman, and be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths.

22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin.

23 He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray (Proverbs 5:15-23)

Can you feel the pain on God's heart as He warns you so thoroughly? He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11). He desires that all men come to repentance and to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). He has given you His eternal, living, active, powerful Word to keep you on the way of life! See this:

23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

24 To keep you from the evil woman, from the flattering tongue of a seductress.

25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, nor let her allure you with her eyelids.

26 For by means of a harlot a man is reduced to a crust of bread; and an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.

27 Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

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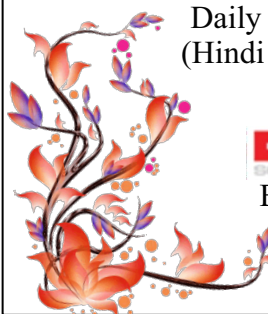
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28 Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared?

29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife. Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

30 People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

31 Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold. He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding. He who does so destroys his own soul.

33 Wounds and dishonor he will get, and his reproach will not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy is a husband's fury; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will accept no recompense, nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts (Proverbs 6:23-35)

Even the New Testament warns us that "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4).

The idea of "safe sex" induces people to indulge in sex outside of marriage which brings on them all these horrible consequences. Can't you hear behind all that talk about "safe sex" the evil laughter of that somebody who wants to steal your life? Can't you see that this is a road to sure destruction? Don't you want to run away from this deception with all your might? Don't you prefer to wait for God's right time and God's right person and GET a life - preferably your own?

Yet there are still more reasons why "safe sex" is such an atrocity. The idea and practice of it destroys society by taking away the need to marry, thus destroying the safe haven of marriage where children can grow up in a healthy way. Though it is not the right motive for living a pure life, at least the fear of sexually transmitted diseases will keep people in some moral restraint. Taking away that

fear just opens the door to more adultery and more fornication, bringing more heartache, hardening of hearts, broken homes and desperate lives. This will result in more and more children experiencing the trauma of separation from one of their biological parents and being thrown into the turmoil of accepting another person as mother or father.

Since sin hardens the heart, many of these relationships are very abusive and painful, and they end all too soon, throwing the child and the remaining parent into every time deeper despair. Oh yes, there IS a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). "Safe sex" definitely is one of these ways of death, not only for this generation, but also for the innocent children that have to live in this delusion.

Another reason why this so-called safe sex is NOT safe is that condoms DO break, and many unwanted pregnancies DO happen, even with the use of condoms. Many were shocked to find out they got pregnant even while using condoms, and many abortions were committed because that couple just wanted to enjoy sex but was not at all ready for a child, not even for a marriage.

Safe sex? No way! It is just another one of satan's strategies to lure people into thinking they can enjoy what they want, without following God's ways and without taking any responsibility for their actions. See again God's wise words from the Book of Proverbs:

22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked *man*, and he is caught in the cords of his sin.

23 He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray (Proverbs 5:22-23)

How true is once again God's Word when it concludes:

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25). Can you see that there IS somebody who wants to steal your life? Don't fall into the trap of

his lies! Warn others also. Doesn't our own judgment tell us clearly that it is better to follow the instructions of the fabricator than the ideas of someone who later on tries to figure out how the product might have come into existence? Your Creator has given you His instruction manual on how to use the precious life He has given you. Won't you heed His instructions? Do you really want to follow every new idea and fashion science, medicine and psychology invents instead of checking first with the Producer of life Himself? He says it so clearly:

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Do you see what God is telling you? He is inviting you to GET a life - preferably your own!

Satan, that master deceiver, might go even a few steps further in his attempts to deceive you. First of all, he will put a thought into your mind and watch carefully how you react. If you don't resist him, he will not flee from you, but he will keep talking to you - directly into your mind, or

through TV, internet, friends and even teachers. He will do that until he has made sure you are fully convinced that this is the truth. He works diligently on building in your mind what the Bible calls strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4-6). Once he has that stronghold securely established, he goes on to the next step.

He puts another thought into your mind. That thought at first contradicts what you perceive as truth. As satan keeps bombarding you with his thoughts, however, you slowly adopt them as your own - unless a higher truth kicks in and breaks the skillfully woven lie in the fracture of a second.

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- * The southern state of Kerala witnessed unprecedented flood last month, leading to a trail of deaths and devastations. Torrential rains, overflowing rivers, flash floods, landslides and building collapses caused havoc in the state. Lakhs of people were stranded for many days as their entire habitations were cut off due to water inundation. A conservative estimate says more than 200 people lost their lives and thousands of poultry and cattle were washed away. Hundreds of houses were destroyed in the fury of floods and heavy rainfall. About two lakh people were evacuated for safety and sheltered temporarily in safer areas.
- * Former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, aged 93 and Tamil Nadu former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, aged 94, passed away. Both the tall leaders were given full state honours during their final rites. Lakhs of people paid their last respect to the departed leaders.
- * The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party leader and former cricketer Imran Khan took over as the neighbouring country's 22nd Prime Minister following his victory in the last general elections. He inducted 21 people in his cabinet, of which 12 are said to have been ministers during the military dictator Gen. Pervesh Musharaff's cabinet also.
- * The Election Commission of India (ECI) has said, it is expecting all the 16.15 lakh Voter Verifiable Paper Verification Trails (VVPATs) to be delivered by the manufacturers, Bharat Electronics Ltd and the Electronic Corporation of India Ltd by November end, for use in the forthcoming Parliamentary General Elections. The machines would be fitted with hoods to protect them from over-exposure to sunlight. The ECI has also placed orders for additional supply of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) including 13.95 lakh Ballot Units and 9.3 lakh Control Units. The Ballot Units and Control Units are the two main parts of the EVMs, and their supply is to be completed by the end of August this year.
- * The BJP and a few other parties have favoured simultaneous elections to the Parliament and all the state Legislative Assemblies. The party conveyed its suggestion to this effect to the Law Commission of India. However, the Congress and several other opposition parties opposed the suggestion tooth and nail, saying the move would be against the Constitution. The Election Commission of India has maintained that, simultaneous elections would require a legal framework including a constitutional amendment and a change in the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, both of which are yet to happen. Moreover, the ECI has also highlighted that simultaneous polls would require more number of EVMs and VVPATs, making it non-feasible now.
- * The 18th Asian Games got kicked off to a colourful start at Jakarta on 18th August 20, 2018. The 16-day sporting event would go on till the 2nd September 2018 and are being hosted by Indonesia in Jakarta and Palembang. Wrestler Bajrang Punia defeated Takatani Daichi of Japan 11-8 to clinch his maiden Asian Games gold medal, which is also the first for India in the current edition of the games

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