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Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It is the pure mercies of the Lord that we meet every month through these pages. Hope everything goes well with you as you depend upon the Lord who cares for you passionately. God's angels are around us all the time whether we feel or not, constantly protecting us from every fiery arrows of the enemy.

Thank you for standing with us faithfully all these years through your love, prayers and generous giving.

We hear many testimonies of the transformed lives from our liberty school. Parents thank us for the change of their addicted children. I could sense the heart of God rejoicing over the lost sheep that comes back to the fold. Keep praying for the clear direction for such future schools.

Just now we gloriously finished our 37<sup>th</sup> Short Term Intensive Course. Delegates came from all over India and other countries especially from Germany, Australia, United Kingdom, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and United Arab Emirates and also from Madhya Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharastra, West Bengal, Chattisgarh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Telungana, and Tamil Nadu. The Lord who gave me a mandate to conduct ten days seminar has faithfully attested this seminar with His manifested Presence and prophetic words. Almost everyone testified that they had answers from God for all their failures and understood to stay in the Presence of God. The lord gave me prophetic teachings on 'The Presence of God' for all the ten days which is available on DVD's on request. You can now order multi-lingual DVD's with soundtracks in English/Tamil, English/Telugu and English/Hindi, English/Kannada, English/Malayalam. Please rush for your copies and hear what God is speaking today. A senior apostle from South America, my wife and all my team members ministered with the Holy Ghost unction. The people were richly blessed and liberated. Thank you so much for praying for this seminar and keep doing it for remaining fruits.

Right now we have our three months School of the Holy Spirit in our campsite. Please pray for deep and mighty work of the Holy Spirit in each of our students and a special wisdom and anointing for our brother Alex who shoulders huge responsibilities.

In the month of November we will have our one month School

of the Holy Spirit for Women. Pray, participate and send potential candidates for the total transformation.

God willing we will be ministering with our team in the Holy Ghost Explosion seminars in Hyderabad, Bhopal and Pune. Please intercede for a mighty breakthrough to release mighty Holy Ghost miracle workers into the harvest field.

We have the burden and desire for a long time to extend the Schools of the Holy Spirit for North India. Now we are planning to have one month School of the Holy Spirit in Madhya Pradesh in the month of March next year. Pray that the Lord may stir up the hearts of our North Indian believers.

I kindly exhort you, "In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Pr.3:6). Only thing the Lord requires from us is the love to love His Presence in us in all the areas of our lives and He will faithfully handle all our struggles and smoothen our path. Practicing the Presence of God constantly is the secret to release all the rivers in us. Your provisions, protection, power, promotion and everything you need in life is freely available in His Presence. Love His Presence, cherish Him and celebrate Him. You will be amazed to see how God manifest Himself for you in the days to come. Throw all your cares and heavy weights on Him and you will be filled with the weight of His glorious Presence.

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# *The Spirit of glory*

**Dr. Ezekiah Francis**

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The Spirit of God can be compared to fire. On the day of Pentecost, He descended upon those in the upper chamber like divided tongues of fire. (Ac.2:3.4) Every time the Divine Glory came, either fire or cloud was seen. I believe that was the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Another beautiful name that the Spirit has in the Bible is the 'Spirit of Glory' (1.Pe.4:14) In the book of Exodus, the Glory of God appeared as either fire or cloud or a pillar of fire. At times, the Father and the Son appeared on that. However, the cloud that brought the presence of God was the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of Glory.

## **Apparition in the bush**

God came down from heaven to deliver His people from the hands of the Egyptians. We read this episode in the third chapter of 'Exodus'. Moses came up to the mountain of God, Horeb, pasturing the flock. 'And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in the blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed' (Ex:3:2). The angel of the Lord Who appeared to Moses here was the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Bible scholars.

We meet with the Triune God here. He said, revealing Himself, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." (Ex.3:6) It was, in fact, the Holy Spirit who brought the Father and the Son to Moses. The bush began to burn in His divine presence. The major function of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the Father and the Son to men. No one can see the Father or Son without the help of the Holy Spirit. Nor can they hear their voice. Only

those filled in the spirit can look into the heavenly realm.

## **In the Spirit**

John was 'in the Spirit' before he could peep into the heavenly realm. (Rev.1: 10) He could hear the heavenly voice and see the vision of Jesus Christ only after coming into the power of the Holy Spirit. Again, he had a glimpse of the throne and the One sitting on the throne; he saw the twenty-four elders, the angels, and many other heavenly visions. But only when he was 'in the Spirit' (Rev. 4: 2)

## **Heavenly Vehicle**

It is common knowledge that vehicles carry us from one place to another. The spacecraft takes us to the moon. The aero-plane carries us to several places. The Holy Spirit is like a heavenly vehicle that takes us to the presence of the Father and the Son. We saw that in the burning bush. First, the flame appeared in the bush. Amidst that, Christ, the Angel of God appeared. The Holy Spirit carries us into the presence of God the Father and God the Son. In the same way, He is the Carrier who brings the Father and the Son to us.

Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.... I will not leave you as orphans; I'll come to you" (Jn.14:16,18).

Christ said that the Holy Spirit the comforter would go to you. In the same breath, He added that He would go to them as well. What does it mean? It means that when the Holy Spirit comes, Jesus Christ comes along with Him. In other words, the

Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, Himself.

Listen to what Christ said further: “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and My Father will love him; and we will come to him and make our abode with him”(Jn.14:24) Does it not make it abundantly clear the Father and the Son also come to us when the Spirit of God comes to us? Do we not refer to the Spirit of God as the Spirit of Father, as well?

There is therefore ample proof to say that every time the Spirit of God appeared to the Israelite in fire or in cloud, God the Father and the Son also came with Him.

### **Through the pillar of fire & cloud**

Just recall the episode of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea. The formidable Egyptian army was at their heels. God had already decided to annihilate that army. “And it came about at the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.” (Ex.14:24) God caused chaos and confusion in the camp of the Egyptians with the help of the Holy Spirit.

When the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, the Holy Spirit also came along in smoke and fire. (Ex. 19: 18) When Moses went up the mountain, the Triune God dealt with him. God the Father called him to go up on the mount. Christ, as ‘Word of God’ was heard by Moses. The whole mount was surrounded with fire.

I will be very happy if you understand the truth, I am trying to explain. A man filled with the Holy Spirit alone can hear the voice of the Father and the vision of Christ. Only the Holy Spirit can bring the heaven to the earth. He alone can open the eyes of our inner man and show us the heavenly visions. The Spirit of God brings the Father and the Son to live within us. He is the one who covers us with the glory of the Father and that of the Son. That explains why He was called the Spirit of Glory(1.Pe.4:14). In fact, any one who has no fellowship with the Holy Spirit will have

nothing to do with God.

Yes, my beloved, do you long to see what the early saints saw? Do you earnestly seek to see Jesus face to face? Does your heart pine for the voice of the Most High? Do you desire to see the glory of God like king David? If your answer is ‘yes’ to all these queries, then you certainly need the favor of the Holy Spirit. He alone is capable of fulfilling your desire.

All the biblical saints enjoyed the heavenly experiences only through the Spirit of God. This is the secret of Moses seeing God and hearing His voice. All the patriarchs saw God and heard His voice because the Holy Spirit had anointed them. Do we not seek the assistance of someone closer to an important man when we desire fellowship with him? Those who are desirous of praying with me seek the good offices of my brother. If he takes a fancy for that person, he somehow brings him to me.

This is how the Holy Spirit acts also. If you are filled in Spirit, He brings you to the Father and the Son without any problem. He alone can bring the Father and the Son to where we are.

Now let us briefly go over what happens when the Spirit of God comes upon us in the form of fire.

### **Bush that burns**

See the importance that the bush received in the wilderness. Moses must have seen that every time he passed that way. Nevertheless, suddenly it became very important. It started glowing. It dazzled like gold. He could not believe his eyes. What happened to that bush? How did it gain that dazzling brilliance? We know that a thorn symbolizes a curse. However, that bush became very special that day! It acquired such importance that it was a red-letter day in Moses’ life. Thousand of believers even today meditate upon the glory that came to rest upon that bush! This glory came upon the bush because of the Holy presence oh! God.

Yes, my beloved. If you are not filled in the Holy Spirit, you are more like a bushy growth.

Your life will be a wasted one. You are of no use to anybody unless His light shines upon you. Without the presence of the Holy Spirit, anybody's life is a cursed one. However, if the Holy Spirit begins to shine upon you, those curses become blessings.

Do not be dismayed if your life is devoid of the fruit of the Spirit. Fear not if your life is very dry. If only you allow the Holy Spirit to shine upon you with His Divine Fire. In a fraction of a second, you will be transformed into dazzling golden plant. Every one will look up to you.

Check with any man God has exalted. They will all agree that they are nothing but a bushy growth but for the Spirit of God shining upon them. No one will cast a second glance at me if the Holy Spirit of God is not upon me. It is not my talents that draw people to me; nor are they my people-skills. It is the fire of God that is burning within me. I realize this better than anyone else does.

Just imagine. What, if the Divine Presence of God is not in you? You will not only not have that charisma, but also become a scandal and stumbling stone to others. It is all right if the bush is not useful; but what if it hurts any one who comes near it. That is how a life devoid of Holy Spirit hurts and wounds many.

### **In my youth**

As a student in the college, I was very thin when compared to many other students. I did not get my due respect. Many mistook me for a school-boy. There were occasions when I was physically stopped while proceeding to the Church and asked to join the children's Sunday school! It was very delicate and embarrassing.

Not for very long, though. Soon the presence of God began to swell within me and the Spirit of God filled me mightily. God opened the road for my ministry. Invitations came from several quarters.

Whenever I received a call, I would proceed to that church to preach, alone. Calm and composed externally, I would shiver internally

because of my poor self-image. The very thought of what those that invited me would think on seeing my small-build sent shivers up my spine.

.Very often, the reception would be very casual. It would be rather callous, bordering even on being cold. However, once the Holy Spirit starts ministering through me, there would be a visible change in their attitude. Their initial apathy would soon give way to bewilderment. There were several occasions when the organizers would come to me at the end of the ministry and conveyed their regrets for slighting me. Many who had displayed a condescending attitude initially had told me later that the Holy Spirit dealt with them and that they could feel the presence of God during the ministry.

New doors opened to go abroad and minister even when I was quite young. I really worried when I went to Germany for the first time. However, because the fire of the Holy Spirit was burning within me, people started receiving me well.

Yes, brethren, Holy Spirit indeed changes the thorny life into a glorious life. I have seen what would happen in a man's life if the Holy Spirit honors him. People just overwhelm me with their love and respect.

Is your life full of pains, my beloved? Fear not. The Spirit of God is going to take you places and honor you. Those that despised you until yesterday will suddenly start singing your praises. Do not forget the esteem that the bush received.

May be that Moses had struck the bush with his rod just the previous day, pushing it aside, without giving a second thought to it. However, today he was wonder struck before that very bush. It made a lasting impact in his mind. Glory, Hallelujah!

Praise the Holy Spirit with a grateful heart, saying, "O Spirit of God, Had you not come into my life and brightened it, my entire life would have been a waste like a thorny bush. You have brightened my life and given me recognition. I praise You, Lord".

## Reveals Christ

The Holy Spirit appeared as burning flame and revealed Christ to Moses. Today He reveals Christ to us. One of the major functions of the Holy Spirit is to lead the sinful man to the Savior. He is the One who glorifies Christ (Jn. 16:14). It is because of the Holy Spirit that Christ has become our own. He made it possible for us to partake of the blessings of Mt. Calvary.

## Divine Voice

The voice of the Angel of the Lord was heard from the burning bush. Yes, it is the Holy Spirit

Who enables us to hear the voice of God. He is like the spokesman of the heaven. Without His help, we cannot hear the voice of either the Father or the Son.

In other words, He is like the ladder between the heaven and the earth and brings the heaven down to the earth. He brought the word of The Father to Jesus while He was on this earth. It is not an exaggeration to say that He is the Spokesperson of the Triune God.

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# soulties and your callings

Rev. Benita Francis

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Soul ties are a great obstacle to the fulfillment of your calling. Our father Abraham, the great hero of faith, also experienced the problems of soul ties hindering his calling! God had told him very clearly to get out of his country, from his family and from his father's house, and he obeyed. In one small detail, however, we see Abraham giving in to a soul tie: "So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him" (Ge.12:1-4). Again and again, Lot brought heartbreaking situations to Abraham by choosing the best land for himself, settling in a sinful city, being captured by enemies... This one soul tie even endangered Abraham's life as he had to set out with his 318 household servants to fight against five kings on Lot's behalf (Ge.14)!

Please note that although Abraham obeyed God and left Ur in Chaldea, his greater vision and promises could come only after Lot separated from him:

14 And the LORD said to Abram, **after Lot had separated** from him: "**Lift your eyes now** and look from the place where you are - northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your

descendants also could be numbered.

17 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you" (Ge.13:14-17).

After Abraham had proved that he wouldn't allow his soul to be bound to riches nor to any person who might later on claim that he made Abraham rich, God again appeared to Abraham in a vision and confirmed his covenant. He once again promised him descendants and lands (Ge.15:1-7,14).

When Abraham obeyed the Lord in sending away Hagar and Ishmael at Sarah's request, again the Lord rewarded his soul-tie-cutting with a promise: "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed" (Ge.21:12-13). More and more nations were promised to Abraham as he went cutting more and more soul ties!

We already studied in the last chapter God's marvelous answer to Abraham's willingness to cut his soul tie with Isaac, but let us read it again to get it deep into our spirit! Soul-tie-cutting has a great reward! It will make you fulfill your divine destiny:

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to

Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son -

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice” (Ge.22:15-18).

What a reward! What a promise! Hallelujah! And yet, Abraham had to cut still one more soul tie. When Sarah died, Abraham wept; but he had to get up immediately, talk to people, bargain for the burial ground, etc. His strong spirit subdued his natural grief (Ge.23:1-20)! Can you imagine bargaining for the burial place when the wife of his youth was lying dead before him? How calmly and composedly he could act after he subdued that soul tie in Hagar’s, Ishmael’s and Isaac’s case! Overcoming soul ties will make you a great leader whom God can safely trust in any distressing situation.

Since he was so well trained in cutting soul ties, Abraham was even able to marry again and have children again with Keturah (Ge.25:1-4). In all this, he didn’t lose track of his calling but made very sure he had provided well for Isaac, giving him all that he had (Ge.25:5). He fulfilled his calling by bringing forth Isaac and caring for him until his last breath. Both Isaac and Ishmael buried him together, and God blessed Isaac after Abraham’s death (Ge.25:9-11). Overcoming soul ties unites your generations and brings God’s blessing upon them.

Only by cutting all soul ties as God commanded him, Abraham could step by step walk into his calling and fulfill his divine destiny.

In our day and age, many people lose their marriage partner by death or divorce, but they fail

to cut soul ties. That leads to an inability to bond again with another partner since all the pros and cons from the former marriage will be carried over into this new relationship.

It is one thing to cry at the death of a loved one, but it is an entirely different thing to be swallowed up by grief to the point of being unable to take care of your daily responsibilities. When soul ties are involved, people remain bound to the deceased person in such a way that they themselves are in danger of dying an early death! They have a kind of gloominess and a death atmosphere around them that comes clearly from that bondage of their soul to the dead person.

Mothers who have lost a child often become completely unable to love or care for their husbands and even the other children because they are so swallowed up by grief. You need to cut the soul ties even to deceased loved ones if you want to live life in its fullness!

Recently I ministered in the beautiful island of Sri Lanka on soul ties. Terrorism and civil war have taken a toll of millions of lives over the years, and there is a sense of gloominess even over many Christians. As I was teaching, the Lord directed me to place special emphasis on cutting the soul ties to deceased loved ones. We could clearly see a change in the atmosphere as ties to death and grave were broken and life more abundantly was invoked over the congregation (Jn.10:10). After the ministry, faces were shining with God’s glory and joy. Hallelujah to the mighty Blood of the Risen Savior!

Being called to serve the Creator of heaven and earth is the greatest privilege we could ever imagine, and yet, many forfeit it because of soul ties! The temptation comes to all of us, even in the New Testament, as we see in Luke 9:57-62:

57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.”

58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me."  
But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Lk.9:57-62).

Many things can keep you back from following Jesus whole-heartedly, but see Jesus emphasizing relationships twice here! In calling His disciples, He made sure they had to deal with soul ties from the very beginning: James and John had to leave their nets and their father (Mt.4:21; Mk.1:19-20). Simon Peter and his brother Andrew immediately left their boats and their nets

(Mt.4:18-20; Mk.1:16-18). Imagine! Such a drastic step would definitely upset many people that had soul ties with them. If you want to follow Jesus, soul ties must be cut by whatever means it takes!

The higher the calling, the more you must be cautious of soul ties. The Israelites were called out from among the nations, so God demanded them to prove their allegiance to God above all else. From His priests and His high priest, He expected even more! Let us study.

Every Israelite had the God-given obligation to kill even the closest person without any pity when that person tried to entice him away from his God. Notice the hint: the person 'who is as your own soul'. What was God's intention? He was after their soul ties!

6 If **your brother**, the son of your mother, **your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul**, secretly entices you,

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saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers...

8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him;

9 **but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him** to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

10 And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you (Dt.13:6,8-11).

Just as in any field, there are different levels also in the spiritual world. The higher the calling, the greater the cost of dedication and commitment that must be paid. The Lord Jesus said, "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Mt.22:14). I am sure that this is a heart cry straight from God's heart! Why could they not be chosen though they were called? They had somewhere along the way failed the test of cutting their soul ties (Lk.9: 57-62)!

Out of the Israelites, God separated the tribe of Levi to serve Him. What were His criteria for choosing one specific tribe? They had to be willing to cut all their soul ties even to their closest heart relationships for God's cause and for the destruction of sin, rebellion and disobedience!

26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD'S side come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man

his neighbor.'"

28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day (Ex.32:26-28).

To have the privilege to judge God's people, to teach God's laws and judgments and to offer incense and sacrifices, they had to forget all their family ties and obligations. God had tested them and found them faithful to be put into the ministry, as Paul puts it (1.Ti.1:12). What was their specialty?

8 And of Levi he said: "Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one, whom **You tested** at Massah, and with whom **You contended** at the waters of Meribah,

9 **Who says of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them'; nor did he acknowledge his brothers, or know his own children;** for they have observed Your word and kept Your covenant.

10 **They shall teach Jacob Your judgments,** and Israel **Your law.** They shall **put incense** before You, and a whole **burnt sacrifice** on Your altar (Dt.33:8-10).

Out of the tribe of Levi, the family of Aaron was chosen as God's priest. For them, God's requirements were even stricter. In the Old Testament, God allowed His priests to defile themselves only with the corpses of their closest relatives, not for any other dead body:

25 They shall not defile themselves by coming near a dead person. Only for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister may they defile themselves (Eze.44:25).

From the high priest, however, a much higher level of commitment was required. He was not even allowed to show any emotions at the death of his own father or mother! He was not allowed to leave the sanctuary or profane it by soulish entanglements and sorrow! This is what our Lord Jesus meant when He said, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and

children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Lk.14:26)!

10 He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes;

11 nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother

12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD (Lev.21:10-12).

Of course, in the New Testament, we all are kings and priests, but still the same principles apply (Rev.1:5f). Not all are equally used by the Lord, and many high callings are wasted in daily relationship routines and struggles, just because they were not willing to cut their soul ties! Jesus

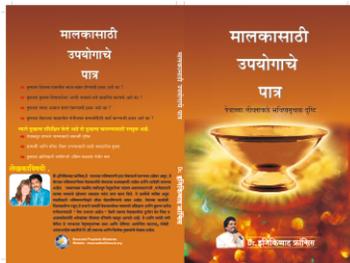
Himself told one of His soul-tie-afflicted followers unmistakably, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God” (Lk.9:60).

If you want to serve the Lord, you must strive to be able to say with His disciples and apostles: “See, we have left all and followed You!” (Mt.19:27; Mk.10:28; Lk.18:28). They all followed their Lord and master into a glorious death as martyrs, except John who was sent to the island of Patmos. They all faithfully carried their cross and finished their race with endurance and joy (2.Ti.4:7; Heb.12:1).

God has a very high calling for your life! You are a dream conceived in the loving heart of God! You are to bless the world with your pure existence and relationship with your Creator! Don’t be satisfied with lower stages of calling, ministry and usefulness for God. Strive to fulfill you high calling in Christ and cut those soul ties once and for all, in Jesus’ Name!

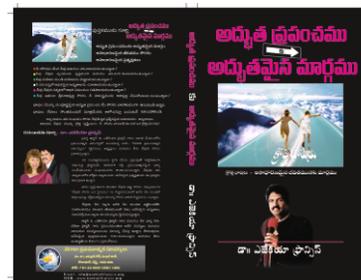
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