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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is such a joy to meet you again through this magazine. I always thankfully remember you for all your faithful support and prayers. The blessing of Abraham has come upon you in Christ. You are a blessed people on this earth. Gentiles will come to Christ and to you seeing your blessed life. Live for His glory and enjoy heavenly surprises.

Last October during our 5-day-seminar in Bhopal, the Lord kept showing me fields ready for harvest and prompted me to pray for schools and centers in different states of North India. By God's grace, He spoke to a dear brother to donate one acre in Jabalpur for such a school. Please pray fervently for all the formalities, preparations, building procedures and permissions. We encourage you to sow also financially into this so very needy soil. You can even partner with us and sponsor students for the upcoming schools.

Rest assured that God is faithful and you will not lose your reward! "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Mt.6:19-20). "...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Ac.20:35).

My wife Benita received as a personal promise for 2013 God's reassurance, "Moreover *there are* workmen with you in abundance... all types of skillful men for every kind of work... Arise and begin working..." (1.Chr.22:15-16). If you are one of them and have a desire to use your skills and talents for God's Kingdom through this God-raised ministry in a short-, medium- or long-term commitment, please contact our office.

In the beginning of this year itself we are hearing many health attacks from our dear people, but our God is so good! He has already given us the weapons to overcome these devil's strategies. We are under His healing wings. Take the sword, the promise of God for this year, and wage the good fight of faith. Ours is the final victory. Hallelujah!

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God...." (1.Jn.3:1).



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You are His children, you are not under slavery. May the Lord open your eyes to see this revelation and truth! We had three very powerful days of fasting and prayer in Theni, Tamil Nadu. God gave me this revelation of God our Father and us as His children. This one revelation will take your Christian life into a different dimension and intimacy. It will take the strain and work out of your life and make you enjoy your Christian life.

Our first 40-day-School of the Holy Spirit for men is going on in our campsite. Candidates from New Delhi, Chattisgarh, Maharastra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Goa, Punjab, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Nepal are undergoing the training with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is working very deep in them and molding them into a mighty army. Don't forget to pray for this school.

I need your prayer as both me and my wife are continually writing books. Help us to carry this vision in whichever way possible.

Get ready to participate in the School of Apostles and Prophets from February 19th morning to 23rd afternoon in our Berachah campsite. Anointed Apostles and Prophets will take you into deeper revelations and mighty anointings. Please contact our office for your admission.

GOOD NEWS: As per request of many of our dear ladies, we are planning to start our third batch of School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies along with School of Apostles and Prophets. Send your wives, sisters and relatives for this life changing school. Servants of God, send your life partner for this school. Your family life and ministry will never be the same. We are receiving mighty testimonies from many of our first and second batch students. For further details please see the advertisement in this issue. Pray that all these schools may produce international ministers of the Gospel who serve Jesus faithfully in Spirit and in truth!

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Pray also for my dear wife, our aged parents, counselors, key leaders, coordinators, staff and partners. May God bless you and your generations!

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PART 3

Dr. Ezekiah Francis

Even as you sit down with this article, ask God to open your eyes to the truth that He longs for you to know. Your life will not be the same if you act on these words that God has put in my spirit. Let us continue on our meditation of the Old Testament saints who walked in the glory of God.

Moses

There is no need to convince you that Moses constantly walked in deep fellowship with God. The epitome of God's testimony concerning Moses makes it clear. "...Since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face" (Deut.34:10). "And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle that the pillar of cloud descended and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses. All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing *at* the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man *in* his tent door. So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (Ex.33:9-11).

Moses knew God and God knew him. This kind of most intimate knowledge came as a result of Moses being locked inside God's glory. New Testament standards definitely far exceed this. You have God's life and His total glory within you every second of your life. All you have to do is to lock yourself from every distraction and soak in His Word and His presence.

Moses was introduced to the glory of God when he was eighty years old. God took eighty years to break him and mould him. Moses was a highly qualified man in all Egyptian skill and a mighty warrior. He trusted his ability to save God's people and miserably failed. God took forty more years to strip him off all his self confidence. Now Moses had to lean on God and His ability fully. Yes, when we say 'everything is over'; God

says with a smile 'Now only we are at the inauguration of your glorious future'. Time and again God wants His people to lean on Him entirely that God could share His life and heart with them to release His glory to the world. In His very first experience God taught him a lesson of the power and glory of God through the thorn bush. The ordinary thorn bush became an extra ordinary divine bush when God's presence filled it. It's a clear lesson that the manifested presence of God in you makes you great and draws people towards you.

How could you carry the heavy fragrance of His presence when you are full of this world and find no time to fellowship with the indwelling presence of God? If a bottle of scent spilled all over you, you carry the smell everywhere you go. You don't need to tell anyone that you have God in you. This is what happens when you linger in His presence for a longer time.

For nearly forty five years I carry this glory of God and manifest Him to the body of Christ. I know the difference when I spend time with God and when I am distracted with worldly affairs. Whenever something comes between me and my God, the presence of God diminishes. At such times I feel miserable like a fish out of water. I take a few days off from the world and seek God with fasting and prayer. That's the way I have experienced the presence of God all these years. Don't misunderstand me. This doesn't imply that you and I can lose the presence of God. God never leaves us nor forsakes us. Christ lives in us as the hope of Glory. It is our soul that cuts off from God's presence and entangles with the world. The rivers within you are trapped and are unable to flow out of you. I challenge you to find time with God's Word and stay in the inner closet till your soul gets immersed in the living presence of God.

This is what our Savior tries to explain to His disciples. He said, "I am the true vine... abide in Me and

I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me... If you abide in Me, and my Words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” (Jn.15:1-7). Abiding in Jesus is abiding in His Word. If you spend an hour with His word, it means you spend time with Jesus Himself. Jesus is the Word of God.

Moses was engulfed in the glory cloud and listening to the words of God all the time. I can boldly say that Moses was addicted to the presence of God. We have heard about various kinds of addictions. Some are addicted to alcohol. Some are addicted to immorality. Moses was addicted to the presence of God and listening to God’s voice. I always wonder how much time he had for his family and friends. He was always available to God - to climb the mountain at His bidding. Prayer is not a lazy man’s job. It’s a labor in the Holy Ghost. If you lock a lazy man in a room for ten days, he will not pray but only sleep.

Spiritually strong people alone can enjoy lonely times with God. Moses’ spirit was always in tune to God’s whisperings. Just go through the Bible from Exodus to Deuteronomy and underline all the words where it says “God said to Moses... God spoke to Moses”. You will be surprised that you will soon lose count (Ex.6:1, 7:1, 8:1, 9:1, 10:1, 11:1, 12:1 and so on). This is the most prized privilege of a man who walks with God and gives his quality and quantity time to God. Moses spent the last forty years lost in God’s presence. That is why miracles were plenty in His ministry. Miracles always follow one who communicates with God and listens to His voice constantly. Mark the ten judgmental miracles Moses did before Pharaoh. Every time it happened after hearing God’s voice.

The methods were always different. Once God commanded Moses to lift up his rod, another time He asked Aaron to lift up his rod. Once He asked him to go to the river. Another time He bid them to throw the ash. All these methods look weird to the natural mind. How could Moses hear God so distinctly and differently every time? There’s no doubt that it was his intimate fellowship with the God of miracles. Seek the great miracle worker and miracles will follow you.

Moses and God’s glory

Moses longed for total manifestation of God’s

glory. Moses was literally spoiled by glory. The more he saw and experienced God’s glory, the more his hunger for God’s glory increased. When he had an encounter with the glory of God at the thorn bush of Horeb, his life was totally changed. Thank God he did not stay satisfied with that level of glory. He always wanted more of God’s glory. He could not live without God’s visible glory. God granted his desire and sent the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire which is the manifested presence and glory of God. That glory was guiding Moses and the Israelites night and day in the wilderness where there was no map of any kind. Anyone would be excited with this level of God’s glory but not Moses. As I mentioned earlier, he was addicted to God’s glory. He became like an intoxicated drunkard. You ask any drunkard. First he starts with a little quantity of alcohol. Then he needs more and more and more to get intoxicated. This is what happened to Moses spiritually. God came down on Mount Sinai. No one was allowed to touch the foot hills of Sinai. The whole mountain was completely in the glory smoke and quaked greatly.

Only Moses could ascend and stay in that consuming fire glory of God. Wow! What a glory man. If you or I had a small taste of such an encounter, we would have been satisfied forever. Alas! How many men of God remaining in the glory level of the thorny bush or the pillar of cloud and spend their entire ministry only bragging about past experiences. Oh Lord! Forgive us of such cursed satisfaction. Stir up our hearts to seek and experience more of your glory. Amen.

The Book of Exodus talks about various levels of God’s glory. It is a deep study in itself. Another time God called the elders - Aaron and his sons to see His glory along with Moses. All of them had a wonderful feast at the foot hill of the mountain. Then they saw the glory cloud at the Lord’s feet. It was shining like heaven. They were so satisfied and came down. But Moses and Joshua went up to the mountain to another level of glory. The whole mountain was covered with the glory cloud for six days. The seventh day God called Moses to come up to the top of the mountain. The glory of the Lord was burning on the top of the mountain and all the Israelites could see it from the distance. It thrills me every time I imagine Moses standing with God in this consuming glory. No food! No drink! No wife and children! No ministry and congregation! No day and no night. He could see nothing other than God and His glory. He was

filled with God's tangible presence and glory head to foot! Wow!

If saints under the Old Covenant could experience and encounter such a level of glory, how much more you and I should experience it. Dear friends, what made the difference between seventy elders and Moses? If I could answer in one phrase, that would be fellowship with God! Time with God! Intimacy with God!

Seventy leaders were soon caught up with the congregation and including Aaron could not withstand the pressure of the mob to make a golden calf to worship. They saw the problem with their natural eyes and led the whole congregation into sin. People who lack intimate fellowship with God easily give in to temptations and the pressures of their loved ones, spouses, friends and circumstances. But those who linger in the presence of God on a regular basis like Moses will stand like a rock and refuse to budge to the pressure of loved ones. They see the problem through the eyes of God and rise up with God's zeal to stop it. Such people not only carry the glory but release the rivers of blessing upon the nations.

Beloved, as you hear this message, God is working effectively in your life to mend your fellowship with Him. He is actively destroying anything that has come between you and your God. Having walked with God for so many years, I have seen that one of the main attributes of God is His Holy zeal for you to possess you exclusively for Himself. Our God is truly a jealous God. He is very possessive of you. He wants you to love Him with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, all your strength. Your Father God is a jealous God. "You shall have no other gods before Me... You shall not bow to them, nor serve them. For I the Lord your God am a jealous God" (Ex.20:1- 6). He is your jealous lover. He is grieved when you share your love for Him with anyone else.

Your loving Savior is also jealous for you. Once He entered into the temple and made a whip of cords and drove out all the oxen, sheep, cows and money changers. He could not tolerate His father's house used as a house of merchandize. Zeal for His father's house was eating Him up. You are the house of God today. He wants to see

that you are the house filled with all the fullness of God Holy Spirit who indwells in you is also jealous of you in such a way that He won't let anyone take the place of God in your life. Adulterers, adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God! Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the scripture says in vain, "The spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously for you. But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble". Even under the grace period, the Spirit of grace in you yearns jealously for you. He is grieved when you love the world more than God and jealously tries to guard you.

Why should God be jealous of you and me? Who are we to Him? The very fact that the God of heaven and earth is possessive of you must thrill your heart with joy. It is the greatest privilege to be His object of love. He loves you too much that He jealously guards you from anything that would quench the love for Him. You should be proud of Him.

Under the Old Covenant whenever the people of God left God and turned to idols, God rose up against them and destroyed them. Jesus is the embodiment of grace. When His father's house was used as a business house He could not tolerate it. In fact he could not find any sin there but business in the house of God was a stench to Him. Of course God is not angry with you anymore after Jesus was punished on the cross for you. That doesn't mean that God's longing for your total love is in anyway quenched. It doesn't mean that the One who called you into the fellowship of His son Jesus Christ has changed His mind towards you. Rather He longs for your intimacy after the cross more than ever before.

Right now shout with me: **I am the object of God's love. He is number one to me. He is very possessive of me. I am the friend of God, not a friend of the world. I am the house of prayer and praise. I am the habitation of God. I am not God's busy person but beloved person. I am primarily God's lover, more than God's laborer. I decide to love God with all my energy and all my time and all my soul. I am full of God's glory and I go from glory to glory. Amen!**

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DON'T WASTE YOUR PLANET!

Rev. Benita Francis

As we enter the warmer season again, I would like to call your attention to an amplified version of a chapter from my book "HEALTH - ATTAIN IT, MAINTAIN IT". The tips for energy conservation and money saving I gave in that chapter have become much more important in the recent past. In our campsite, we suffered 14 hours of power shutdown every day for many months. At the same time, the cost of electricity as well as of petrol, diesel and kerosene has gone up dramatically. This is definitely the right time to heed God's wise counsel. Let us study...

At the very beginning of creation, God gave a special commission to Adam and Eve, the crown of all of His beautiful creation:

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Ge.1:28)

See this! God has given to His people a wonderful authority, actually an authority over the entire earth and everything on it. First He gave the authority, and then He put His man in that wonderful garden of delight He had created for him. As always, with privilege and authority comes responsibility. See what God entrusted into Adam's - and your - hand:

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

We have the authority, the wonderful privilege and the awesome responsibility to tend and keep the entire creation of God. Wow! So let us see what YOU can do personally to fulfill God's plan for humanity.

Water

Did you know that 97% of the earth's water is salt water contained in the oceans? Did you know that only less than 1% of all the water available on our planet is actually available as drinking water? The other 2% of fresh water is trapped in glaciers and ice bergs or deep below the earth's surface. Our small supply of fresh water deserves therefore your very special care and attention.

Nations like Israel are using such powerful innovative techniques that they can cater their water demand by 80% from recycled water. By the year 2020, Israel plans to use 100% of recycled water for their citizens. The problem is that once we waste or pollute water, painstaking measures must be taken to purify and detoxify it again for human use. Nevertheless, God's wise composition of minerals in the water, perfectly adjusted for the different places and living conditions, just cannot be imitated by any human brain.

Many other natural resources like coal and oil take millions of years to develop under the earth and cannot be filled up once they are used up. Science is working hard on finding alternative energy sources - but why not you do your share in avoiding wastage that affects not only your planet, but also your very own money purse?

Electricity

In India, we suffer a thing I had never heard of in my life and I have never seen in around 50 nations: "Scheduled power cuts" meaning, the Government switches off the power supply for any extent of time because of lack of power production. What a horrible ordeal in such a hot nation,

especially for old or sick people! Do we really need to put up with this?!?

Many alternative power sources are very readily available, actually created by our loving Daddy Himself: Wind can be used by wind mills to produce electricity, water can produce power if you make it go downhill, the sun creates tremendous amounts of energy that can be captured and used by solar systems, especially photovoltaic systems. Unfortunately, starting to reap this energy involves a big initial investment. Even then, it must be tackled immediately in order to avoid health hazards like the pollution from burning coal to produce energy or building nuclear power plants with their tremendous danger for all living beings.

Again, what can YOU do? First and foremost, become conscious of the many ways you waste electricity every day. Do you leave the door open when using air conditioning or a heater? Do you leave the light or fan on when you leave the room? Do you let the water run unnecessarily when brushing your teeth, washing your face etc., so that the water pump and maybe even the water heater must run extra hours? Apart from the dangers of leaving electric equipment switched on when leaving a room, you waste money and precious electricity!

Always switch off your electric appliances using their main power switch. In our small nation of Germany with only 86 million inhabitants, we would need four additional nuclear power plants only to produce the power needed if everybody would keep his electronic appliances in standby position!

Never forget: Even the standby status consumes energy, and more than you would expect! Because of the unstable power supply in India, you also run the risk of having your precious electronics destroyed by a sudden power peak, as it happened to a friend's computer, keyboard, fan and other appliances.

A member of the German embassy in Chennai even had a fire in his house caused by a sudden power peak! Take the time to completely

Change your light bulbs into energy-saving ones - they even come with a 3-year-warranty! The initial higher cost is very much worthwhile since they last for many years and use only 20% of the electricity conventional bulbs and tube lights use! Imagine! Just by changing a light bulb, you can save 80% from your electrical bill!

Another big power-glutton is your water heater in the bathroom. Switch it on only if you are really going to use it within the next 10-20 minutes and switch it off BEFORE you finish your shower or bath. Try to finish all the hot water in it. If you keep the hot water inside the water heater, calcium deposits will form much faster, and your water heater will require more electricity to heat the water through these deposits. If you forget to switch it off, it will periodically heat the water that just cooled down, and you waste a lot of precious and expensive electricity.

Air conditioners and heaters

Did you know that just making your air conditioner 3°C warmer can save you hundreds of dollars, many thousands of rupees, every year? The same is true for your heater. Turn the heat down a few degrees, and your electricity bill will also go down considerably. Make sure your windows and doors are well insulated and close tightly. And don't forget to close your door...

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DAVID'S LIFE, A PREPARATION FOR POWERFUL PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Bro. Manuel Jeyaraj

David was no ordinary man. His life was completely spent in battles. He was a man who saw more enemies in his lifetime than any other. He used his sword more for accomplishing victories for his kingdom. But do you know why he was the most successful person to establish victories? It is because he did not forget to take his harp before God whenever he wanted to use his sword against his enemies. Wow! What a mighty praise and worship! That's why I view many of his Psalms to be a kind preparation of his own soul through praise and worship before he had a conflict with something or someone.

King Saul with all his jealousy said about David, "... Now what more can he have but the Kingdom?" I Sam.18: 8. Yes, worshippers are Kingdom people. They are Kingdom establishers. They are the people who are after God's business. Worshippers have a great responsibility in bringing the Kingdom of God into anything and everything. I urge all the worshippers to focus on how you all can operate the Kingdom of God in your areas through your praise and worship to God. Our Lord Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is now at work." Yes, His kingdom is always a 'Now' Kingdom. Remember, it is always at work. What God expects from us is to work alongside the Kingdom because we are the citizens and ambassadors of this Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God that I am seeing here first, is His presence. It's the unseen Kingdom but it can be experienced. We are living in the days where we are going to see His Kingdom even with our naked eyes. His Kingdom is not of this world which means it doesn't start from here but starts from God Himself. His presence is His Kingdom that can change anything in this world. Dear worshippers, only the presence of God can change your life or the lives of others. Be Kingdom craving people. Love His presence more than anything. Only in His presence, there is fullness of joy. Only in His presence, you have your fullness out of His fullness. And

His presence in you is very real. Only from His presence, the Holy Spirit can work and produce something. It is the Holy Ghost who brings everything into existence when you start worshiping the name of Jesus. In fact, it is the Holy Ghost who brings you the presence of Jesus whenever we worship Jesus. When Jesus lived on this earth in His physical body as a son of man, He was able to activate the Kingdom of God from the supernatural into the natural, starting from the presence of the Father through the Holy Ghost who was very much real in Him. The Bible says that when He stepped out of river Jordan, there came a voice from heaven and the Holy Ghost descended on him like a dove. The Kingdom of God in the supernatural affected the natural and the voice was heard by the people who stood near Him at the banks of river Jordan. Jesus' praise and worship lifestyle affected the natural realm. Jesus said that He spoke what Father God was doing.

Beloved, it is through a powerful praise and worship lifestyle, that you can make the Kingdom of God available at any time. Jesus with this revelation was able to accomplish a great salvation for all of us by bringing the Kingdom of God to work for every one of us. That's why we see and read that He was able to perform any kind of miracle or healing in anyone's life. The presence of God was so full in Jesus that He went into the synagogue and said that the Holy Spirit was upon Him. What we need to learn very urgently is how to get along with this Kingdom when it is already very active in work. Praise and worship is a great anointing through which our dear Holy Spirit operates this Kingdom to work on this earth. Without His presence, there is no solution for any problem on this earth.

Praise and worship is a heavenly weapon through which we can save and protect our lives. It is a shield of protection. Whenever the evil spirit troubled King Saul, he tried to kill David, the real worshiper. But when David took the harp before God and praised His

holy name, the evil spirit was not successful in killing him. David escaped twice from the spear of King Saul because of his harp. David was a man who longed to live in the presence of God. The presence delivered him from so many traps laid by his enemies. The Lord keeps a constant watch on His worshipers. Several times King Saul planned to kill David, but David escaped from all his schemes and strategies because the Lord kept a constant watch on David. God Himself is the watch over His worshipers and so dear worshipers, -“Do not fear any evil”.

It is always better for worshipers to stay alongside the prophets because worship ministry is usually taken to be a prophetic ministry. David ran to Prophet Samuel when King Saul tried to kill him. (I Sam. 19:18) The Spirit of prophecy on Prophet Samuel and the sons of the prophets saved David. King Saul himself was influenced by the Spirit of prophecy when he came to kill David. I urge and encourage every pastor and church leader to come under the influence of the prophetic mantle which would be a protection and guide all through your lifetime.

Many pastors are worried about this truth. Some have already decided not to implement this truth. But there is a great danger when you don't have the prophetic mantle on you. David was a man who mostly relied on prophets. All through his lifetime he had prophets with him. A worshiper needs prophetic guidance from a prophetic office. It is not having someone prophecy over you, but receiving the prophetic mantle. I see the Holy Ghost pushing many pastors into this truth these days. Many have repented but the remaining should also come into this truth.

Every ministry needs this prophetic mantle. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that prophets were also there in Jerusalem when the apostles devoted their time for continual Bible reading and prayer. Though David received God's word and direction from God's presence, he did not fail to attach himself with the prophets. If you want to become a powerful and successful worship leader, you will have to come under the prophetic umbrella. In the current trend, I find many worship leaders remaining independent and not coming under this prophetic mantle. They claim to be worship leaders but they are not under the influence of any prophetic office.

Remember worship leaders, during your evil days, you need a prophetic office to guide you and protect you. God has ordained this and no man can overthrow this principle. David ran to Prophet Samuel for protection and direction. Prophet Samuel was able to give both protection and direction to David. Never say that you don't need any prophetic office to influence you. It is a great danger for a worshiper. Actually, prophetic office strengthens your faith for praise and worship. No one can claim to do everything when he is in God's presence. It is not like that my beloved. You may get a word from God Himself, but you need a hug from a prophetic ministry. Dear Pastors, don't be biased about this truth. Give way for the Holy Ghost's leadership. You will see incredible results.

A worshiper should not fall into the trap of falling into a close relationship with someone else other than Jesus. No love should evolve from you at the soul level towards anyone or anything. It is very dangerous because it robs your emotions, feelings and your precious time. The Bible says in I Sam.18: 1, "... when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself". When I read this verse, the Holy Ghost asked me to read this verse very carefully. It doesn't say that David was talking to Jonathan but it says that David was talking to King Saul.

When David was talking to King Saul, why was there an abnormal bloom of love from the soul of Jonathan towards David's soul? I found this love very abnormal. David didn't even start talking to Jonathan, but how did this love come? And this love did not fetch anything. We read in I Samuel 18:4 that Jonathan gave his own robe, his sword, his armor, his bow and his belt to David. But none of these things saved David from all his battles. Only the name of the Lord saved him from all his battles. These weapons were not of great use for David. God has put on you a multi-colored robe which is more attractive than any other robe you have seen or admired.

The Holy Spirit on you is the most precious robe you can ever have in your life. The Bible says we've been clothed with Christ. When you have Christ on you, why should you need any other ability (anointing) to succeed? You are a mighty weapon and sharpened tool in his hands, why should you need a bow of your friend's?

Refuse your friend's love and enter the chamber of your bridegroom. He is waiting for you to satisfy you with His love. Get intoxicated in His love. His wine doesn't cease intoxicating. Worshipers, let your soul be knit to God alone and not to any man or woman even if they are great men and women of God. Your complete love is only for God. You can love God only through agape love and not any other love. It must come from your spirit. You can have friends but your love for them should not rob all your emotions from the soul realm. You can have friends but they should not rob your time. Everything must start from the spirit not from your soul. Otherwise, it will be a great danger. One of the things I learnt from this passage is that if you don't refuse such strange love towards others, your real love for Jesus will cease. Real love for Jesus starts from your spirit. Only your spirit part is able to commune with God not your soul. God is spirit and so you love Him from your spirit. I really fear whether we have fallen into the danger of loving Jesus from our soul and not from our spirit. Don't ever pave way for an abnormal love from your soul for someone.

In the New Testament you are a new creation.

You are new in spirit. Your spirit which was dead is now alive. And so, God should be loved only from your new creation (regenerated spirit). This can be enhanced only when you are full of His word. His word teaches your status in Christ. David believed all the words of Jonathan. You will have to believe the word of God.

David went to the extent of making a covenant with Jonathan. (I Sam. 20: 14-17) Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him. This covenant was completely from the soul. Nothing was so significant about this covenant. It did not in any way help David and his household. Jonathan like David should have sought only the loving kindness of God and not of a man. Jonathan failed and so died in the hands of the philistines. But David was successful in all his ways because the loving kindness of the Lord did not depart from him. Never enter into a meaningless covenant based on love. St. Paul says we've been already betrothed to Jesus. So don't expect human love but the love of Jesus

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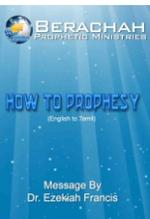
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