

My dear precious partners in the Lord,

Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We had a very powerful fasting prayer for three days in Theni last month. Nearly three thousand people attended the meeting. God manifested His glory through His Word revelation and power. The Holy Spirit challenged the younger generation for the glorious call of God and many were filled with the burden and they committed their life for His calling and ministry. We give all the glory to the Lord and thank you for your prayers.

Right now, the forty days School of the Holy Spirit is going on in our campsite. Around 194 candidates have come from Maharastra, Chattisgarh, Uttrakhand, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, New Delhi, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telugana, Tamil Nadu and Srilanka. Pray that God may work very deeply in them and make them powerful weapons to destroy the kingdom of the devil and to establish the Kingdom of God with signs and wonders.

Last year we had a very powerful apostles and prophets conference. We are hearing mighty testimonies from it. This year we will again have our apostles and prophets conference from 23rd to 27th of February. This conference is for you if you are already an apostle or prophet or if you have this calling. This conference is going to take your ministry and anointing into another level of glory.

We have our next batch of school of the Holy Spirit for Ladies in the month of March. Ladies, please visit our website and YouTube to watch the testimonies. Do not remain quiet, apply immediately and come to the school to discover your calling and to release your anointing. You will never be the same person again. The Holy Spirit is faithfully and eagerly waiting to release His joy, healing and liberty into your life.

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We are praying and preparing for the School of the Holy Spirit for men in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Pray and send the right people to take the challenge and to rise up powerfully to do mighty ministry in the northern part of India with signs and wonders.

We are planning to conduct 5-day-seminars in different states of India this year also. We need your prayers and participation. Continue to follow us on Facebook and visit our website www.ezekiahfrancis.org to know the details of our seminars and pray for all our programs this year.

Beloved, you are an imparter of God's Spirit and gifts. This is your privilege and position in Christ. The apostles imparted the anointing upon the deacons and believers (Ac.6:6; 8:17). Paul was full of the Spirit and imparted spiritual gifts (Ac.19:6-7,11-12; Ro.1:11; 15:29; 1.Ti.4:14). As Moses' anointing came on the seventy and Joshua, Elijah's anointing came on Elisha, your Lord's anointing came on you. You can also impart your anointing upon others. You can transmit God's power to the needy. Stay full of the Spirit and impart freely TODAY!

Pray for me and my wife, for our ageing parents, leaders, and staff. May the Lord Almighty establish your territory and make you a blessing to the nations. Be a 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!

Yours in Christ,





# FEAR NOT IN CHRIST

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# FEAR NOT NEW TERRITORIES IN CHRIST

And the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon' (Dt.3:2)

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father" (Ro.8:15)

Life in Christ is totally free from fear. Throughout the book of Deuteronomy, God encouraged His people not to fear at all. Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear paralyzes you and deprives you of your victory. Fear drives you out of your possession and inheritance. Fear keeps you from taking any responsibilities. Fear is cruel and must be treated like a terrible and deadly enemy. Fear is a spirit as faith is a spirit. Thank God, you are a believer with a spirit of faith. Come on, let us wage war against this hellish fear that torments humanity (1.Jn.4:18). At least five kinds of fear are mentioned in this book for us to resist.

No fear of new territories: At their first arrival at Kadesh, Moses commanded his people nor to fear neither to be discouraged but to possess the land of the Amorites. 'Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged' (Dt.1:21). Before you enter any new

level or territory, fear will try to grip you. It could be straight from hell or from your own fallen nature. It is impossible to possess anything with fear and discouragement in your heart. Resist fear with all your strength in Jesus' Name, and step into the new level of glory, anointing, riches, health and vitality. Every time you overcome fear and doubt, you are promoted into a new level and enlarge your territory. Let us see a few steps how to overcome this fear of new territories.

Firstly, you must see that all God's possession is given into your hand. God Himself had given all the land of Canaan into Israel's hands. When you see that everything is given to you, your faith increases to dispel fear.

Secondly, you must see that your God Almighty is involved and interested in taking you into new levels of possession. He is ambitious and jealous to take you into all His fullness. He is grieved when you stay where you are spiritually for a long time. He longs to see you growing into high levels of glory, authority and influence.

Thirdly, you must know that possessing new territories is completely your choice. The Lord had set the land before Israel. It was up to them to possess it. You can be your Daddy's heir, staying in His own house, but still complain that He never gave you a little goat to enjoy while ALL your Daddy has is set before you, waiting for you to use it (Lk.15:29,31)! When you know new territories are set before you,

you will shed fear and dare to plunge into action.

Fourthly, it is you who must go and possess! Nobody else will do it for you, not even God! God did His part on the cross (Jn.19:30). You better do your part (Mt.28:20; Mk.16:15)! Going and possessing demands your energy and your effort. Put your faith into action, risking everything, trusting God. He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap (Ecc.11:4).

Fifthly, turn every promise of God into a praise and possession. God has promised Israel's forefathers to give Canaan to them. Now, they had to be smart enough to fulfill God's promises. If God has promised anything to you, don't plead and beg! Just praise and begin to act. See what God has accomplished on the cross for you. Don't wait and wail for its fulfillment! Just praise and possess!

Beloved, don't fear the baptism of the Holy Spirit! When you ask for a fish, your Daddy will not give you a serpent (Lk.11:11-12). Shed your fears and receive the Holy Spirit! Don't fear to have fellowship and conversation with the Holy Spirit. After all, He is a Person just like your Father and your Savior. He is sent forth just to talk to you, enjoy your fellowship and help you in all your endeavors (2.Co.13:14). Don't be afraid of operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in you with all His wisdom, knowledge, healings, miracles and manifestations. Don't reject any of it because of fear of failure or over-cautiousness. Don't be afraid of acquiring wealth and riches of this world. It's not the money but the lust of money that is evil (1.Ti.6:10). God's work needs millions and billions of dollars. The atonement includes even your material riches (2.Co.8:9). Dare to become rich like your forefathers Abraham, Isaac etc. (Ge.13:2). Don't be afraid of starting new projects and going to new regions. The whole world is your field. Use all the means and novel technologies to fulfill His commission. Learn new languages! Study new subjects! Acquire new skills (Eccl.9:10)! No more fear of new territories!

Thank You, Lord, You have set the land before me. I go up and possess it, as You have spoken to me. I do not fear. I am not discouraged. Whatever my hand finds to do, I do it with all my might, because I am in Christ.

Dt.1:21: Pr.9:10

#### FEAR NOT THE ENEMIES IN CHRIST

And the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.' So the LORD our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining (Dt.3:2-3)

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith... (1.Pe.5:8-9)

Almost before every warfare and new possession, God warned His people not to be afraid of the enemies. God knew victory was not possible with fear, and the enemies' power increases when we fear them. The king of Bashan was one of the mighty giants of his day. His iron bedstead itself proves it (Dt.3:11). This was one of the strong nations fenced with high walls, gates and bars Israel had to conquer. It was very natural for the Israelites to give in to panic and fear so God commanded them not to fear. Let's see a few tips to overcome the fear of enemies from this passage.

Firstly, never focus more on the enemy than on your God. The size of the enemy has nothing to do with your victory. Your God is the One who does the battle (Ex.14:14; 2.Chr.20:17). There is not even one verse in the Bible that tells you to fear the devil! We are commanded to acknowledge the Lord in all our ways, not the enemy and his maneuvers (Pr.3:6-7). "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you..." (Dt.20:1). Be more

conscious of the Greater One who lives in you (1.Jn.4:4).

Secondly, tune your spiritual ears to the personal voice and the written Word of God. Rhema-Word, which is the sword of the Spirit, quickly dispels the fear of the enemy. Just before confronting the king of Bashan, Moses heard the voice of God. That gave Israel enormous courage to smite the enemies. Thank God for the illumination of the Holy Spirit! When your eyes of understanding are enlightened, you will see that you are highly exalted with your risen Lord, far above all principalities and evil power (Eph.1:14-21).

Thirdly, not to fear the enemy is purely your choice. You need not ask God to remove fear. If it were God's job, He wouldn't command you repeatedly not to fear. You have the power to resist any form of fear, but you can also yield to it. Fear is a demon. You are authorized and empowered to resist and cast it away (Lk.10:19)! You have divine weapons to pull down the stronghold of fearful thoughts and imaginations (2.Co.10:4). You can refuse to think fear, talk fear and act fear!

Fourthly, see that all your enemies are delivered into your hand. In the Old Testament, God repeatedly said, "I will deliver him and all his people into your hand" (Dt.3:2). After Calvary, all your enemies are already delivered into your hand! You have all power and all authority to overcome all the power of the enemy (Mt.10:1). It's definitely not God's will for you to be defeated before even one single enemy! You can smite them until NONE is left (Dt.3:3)!

Fifthly, remember your past victories. Constant remembrance of your past victories will drive out the fear of new challenges. Not only the eternal victory of Calvary, but also the battles you have won in the past will build up your faith and banish fear. See how God reminded them: "you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites" (Dt.3:2). David's memory of how he slew both lion and bear enabled him to say, "this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them" (1.Sa.17:34-36).

One of the scriptures that shock me to the core is

found in Jeremiah 1:17: "...Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them." The NRSV translation says, "Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them." Can you imagine God Himself will confound you or break vou down before vour enemies if vou fear them!? Your Savior came into this world to deliver the captives of fear forever! The greatest fear under heaven is the fear of death. Your Lord has destroyed even the author of death and set you free from a lifetime of bondage to fear (Heb.2:14-15)! Fear is a bondage and a spirit of slavery! You have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear (Ro.8:15)! You can shout and sing like David, "I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Ps.34:4).

Beloved, can you imagine Jesus trembling in fear before His enemies? Did He fear satan and his demons? Was He in panic in midst of the cruel storm? Did He ever give in to fear and panic once in His life? Remember, you became totally one with Him (1.Co.6:17). "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" (Ga.4:6)! You can stand like your Master before the enemy and all his attacks. You can laugh at the storm and roar before your enemies! Do it NOW!

Thank You, Lord, through death You destroyed him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release me who through fear of death was all my lifetime subject to bondage. I did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but I received the Spirit of adoption by whom I cry out, "Abba, Father", because I am in Christ.

Heb.2:14-15; Ro.8:15

#### FEAR NOT LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN CHRIST

And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass. You must not fear them, for the LORD your God Himself fights for vou'(Dt.3:21-22)

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men" (Lk.5:10)

Life in Christ happily assumes God-given responsibilities without fear. Here we see another "fear not!" spoken to the blossoming leader Joshua. Naturally, we fear to accept huge responsibilities and demanding leadership. Every leader in the Bible showed fear and panic when God called him into leadership. Even the great Moses was trembling in fear when God called him, and cried, who am I that I should go to Pharaoh? (Ex.3:11). The great apostle Peter felt guilty and fearful in the Presence of Jesus and even asked Him to depart from him. Jesus dispelled his fear by saying, "Fear not!" (Lk.5:8-10).

If you feel God has called you for a higher mission, hear the Word of the Lord: "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. And the LORD, He is the one who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed" (Dt.31:7-8).

You can never fulfill God's mission in your life with fear. Extraordinary courage is needed for extraordinary missions. 'Fear not!' is not God's counsel or advice but His strong command. Living in fear is living in disobedience and sin. "Whatever is not from faith is sin" (Ro.14:23). The man with the one talent buried it only because of fear. God wants you to develop every skill He has given you! Dare to use it! Dare to expand it! New responsibilities always produce new fears. Resist them! Let us consider some tips to overcome the fear of leadership responsibilities right from this passage.

Believe in God's training in your life: If God is calling you for a ministry and a position of

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leadership, He has given you enough training in the past. He never heaps responsibilities on an untrained, feeble shoulder. "Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings" (Dt.3:21). You are well-trained. Why fear?

Believe in God's accomplishments through others: What God has ever achieved through His leaders in the past, He is able to do through you also, as you take their place and position. "...so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass" (Dt.3:21). Your God is impartial. Why fear?

Believe in God's honor: When God calls you into any position, He will honor you publicly. Moses summoned Joshua in the sight of all Israel to confirm his calling and confer his honor upon him. God said to Moses, "Take Joshua... set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight... give some of your authority to him, that all... may be obedient" (Nu.27:18-20). Jesus affirmed, "If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor" (Jn.12:26). The God of the universe honors you! Why fear?

Believe in God's strength: God's strength will abound in your weakness and cause you to complete your ministry (2.Co.12:9). God told Joshua, "Be strong!" (Dt.31:7). God worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised and also worked effectively in Paul toward the Gentiles (Ga.2:8). You will have enough strength to complete everything God assigned for you! "As your days, so shall your strength be" (Dt.33:25). He is your strength. Why fear?

Believe in your mission: When God calls you for a higher position, He has already assigned your mission, your message, your ministry partners, etc. Joshua's mission was clearly assigned before. "...you must go with this people to the land... and you shall cause them to inherit it" (Dt.31:7). You are sent with a divine purpose. Why fear?

Believe in your calling and grace: God's grace always goes with your calling. It is irrevocable and inseparable. Everybody will recognize your grace for your calling and stand with you (Ga.2:9; Ro.12:3). His grace abounds in all your weakness.

Why fear?

Believe in His faithfulness: The One who calls and equips you will stand with you faithfully till you finish your race. "And the LORD, He is the one who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you..." (Dt.31:8). He who began a good work in you will complete it (Phil.1:6). He is faithful! Why fear?

Beloved, God's anointing is upon you to make your ministry a delight and dignity (Dt.34:9). His yoke is always easy and light (Mt.11:29). Don't be afraid of accepting God's high calling. It's the greatest life! Shed fear and shine for Jesus TODAY!

Thank You, Lord, Your gifts and calling are irrevocable. As my days, so shall my strength be. You will honor me as I serve You, because I am in Christ.

Ro.11:29; Dt.33:25; Jn.12:26

## FEAR NOT LEADERS' DEPARTURE IN CHRIST

They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger. They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear (Dt.32:16-17)

...we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one... (1.Co.8:4-6)

Life in Christ never fears idols or their power. As God is moving all over the world with His revival power, you will see the devil's revival also. Everywhere, idols and temples will increase as the devil knows his time is short (Rev.12:12). Witchcraft, sorcery and spiritism will abound. Satan will throw his arrows of fear and panic against the Body of Christ. You need not be intimidated or terrified by any of his demonic powers, as you are the beloved child of the God of gods and Lord of lords (Dt.10:17).

The horror of fear: The Israelites constantly provoked God to jealousy with their strange gods. They sacrificed to those demon gods whom their forefathers neither feared nor bowed down to. The Bible clearly says that your fathers did not fear those gods (Dt.32:17)! Fearing idol powers was the

Berachah Prophetic Voice - February 2015 www.ezekiahfrancis.org main cause for the Israelites' idol worship. If you fear idols and demon gods, you attribute power to them, which is equal to worship. The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, worshiped pagan gods and became captives. God's prophet explained the cause for their plight: "Also I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell'. But you have not obeyed My voice" (Jdg.6:10). See here! Fearing the pagan gods is nothing but serving them! In fact, the whole heathen worship is purely based on the fear that their gods might harm them. Whenever you see the power of idols increasing all around you, be careful not to allow any kind of fear to attack you. Fear not!

Idols are nothing: Idols are absolutely nothing but man-made dolls. They can't see, hear or smell or harm you a bit (1.Co.8:4; Ps.115:4-8). Don't worry! Idols cannot handle you nor walk towards you. The only power idols carry now is when people worship them and invite demons to indwell them. When the Gentiles worship their gods, they actually offer worship and sacrifices to the demons behind the idol (1.Co.10:20). What does it matter to you?! Demons

are not your superiors! You can easily resist them, drive them crazy and ultimately crush them in pieces under your feet (Mk.16:17; Jas.4:7; 1.Pe.5:8; Lk.10:19; Ro.16:20). You are anointed, called and authorized to cast them out, paralyzing their powers, destroying their works (Mt.10:1,7-8; Lk.9:1-2). Fear not!

Ark in dagon's temple: The revelation of what the ark of God did to the national god dagon will banish your fear of idols forever. The Philistines brought the Ark of God to their idol temple to prove the powerlessness of the God of the Hebrews. What foolishness! God's power rose up against their god and threw dagon on its face to pay homage to the true God. On the next morning, their god had lost its head and its hands (1.Sa.5:1-12). Brain lost, power lost! This is the power of your God! Fear not!

As a new creation, you are God's ark in this idolfilled world. You are a mobile temple of the mighty Holy Ghost. If every believer in a city realizes this truth, who will be majority - pagan temples or Jahwe temples? Now is the time for the Body of Christ to see the glory and power of God working in them mightily!

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**Elijah mocking gods:** One man with God is majority! The one man Elijah was standing before 850 pagan prophets like an immovable rock. The chanting, mantras, leaping, gushing blood, nothing could move this Spirit-filled man even a bit. Such is the power of the Holy Ghost in you! Neither sorcery nor divination can touch you, God's covenant partner (Nu.23:23). No weapon formed against you shall prosper (Isa.54:17).

God has invested all His power and authority in you (Lk.9:1). Whatever you bind on this earth shall be bound in heaven (Mt.16:19). All the witchcraft powers of 850 prophets were simply bound and paralyzed! Elijah was severely mocking the god of these false prophets. Their poor god was deeply sleeping... (1.Ki.18:25-29)! His successor Jehu even broke down baal's temple and made it a permanent latrine (2.Ki.10:27). Rise up with this zeal of Elijah and Jehu! Fear not!

**Paul in Athens:** Athens was the most idolinfested city of the ancient world. Paul was least intimidated by it, rather His spirit was highly stirred up in him. He became bold to declare the vanity of their gods and won quite a number of people to Christ (Ac.17:16-34). When he went to Ephesus in the power of the Holy Ghost, the entire idol city was

swept by the power of the Gospel. The temple committee that accumulated great wealth through the idol business lost their jobs. They even cried that their temple would be despised and their universal goddesses' magnificence destroyed (Ac.19:18-27). The God of Paul lives in you! Fear not!

Beloved, as you walk in your new creation privileges and in the power of the Holy Ghost, you will see with your own eyes an idol-destroying, demon-expelling revival. Even the names of idol gods will be forgotten (Zec.13:1-2). Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess the Lordship of your Savior (Phil.2:9-11). FEAR NOT!

Thank You, Lord, You will cut off the names of the idols from our land, and they shall no longer be remembered. You will also cause the false prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from our land. I am of You and have overcome them, because You who are in me are greater than he who is in the world, because I am in Christ.

Zec.13:2; 1.Jn.4:4

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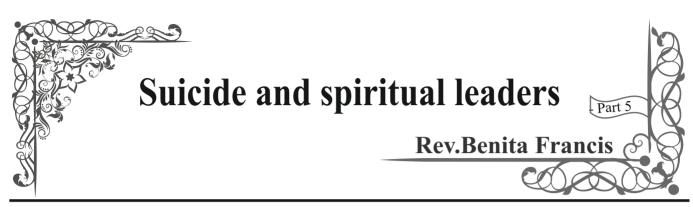
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Tragically, the spirit of suicide doesn't respect anybody. If at all possible, it will try to kill even God's precious servants. Think about it! Could there be any greater victory for satan than putting God and His power to shame and into discredit, telling the world that God had not even been able to save His very own worker? How many lies can he derive out of one suicide! How much can he mar the image of God, our loving Father, by pointing out just one single case of suicide. What a triumph for the devil who hates God and His people with every fiber of his being!

The most shocking fact for me is that even out of Jesus' second-closest circle of twelve, one committed suicide. God's Word clearly says that Judas Ischariot not only traveled with Jesus as an onlooker or well-wisher; he was actually one of the twelve disciples who were called, authorized, commissioned and sent out by our Lord Jesus Himself (Lk.22:3,47)! He had been healing the sick, casting out demons and cleansing the lepers! He had watched Jesus doing all His miracles and even raising the dead. He had had part in this ministry and apostleship (Ac.1:25) - and yet he committed suicide. How can this be?

Maybe satan, the master schemer, has been using this fact to work on your mind and tell you that there is no hope for you. Maybe he has already convinced you that, no matter how much you have worked with and for Jesus, no matter how many miracles you have witnessed or even done, you

have fallen too deep for even God to forgive and rescue you (Heb.6:4-6). Maybe he has condemned you, telling you that you have committed the unpardonable sin against the Holy Spirit (Mt.12:31). Maybe satan told you there is no way out for you except by ending your own life.

Let me tell you the truth. When satan, the father of lies, really goes to work on you, he can twist things in your mind so strongly that his arguments seem so real, so genuine, that you might even be tricked into thinking that committing suicide is the best thing you can do for God! As you well know, satan has tricked too many people all over the world into believing that killing their fellow humans is the best act of worship they can render to their god! Oh yes, satan is a master schemer and deceiver! He might tell you that you are such a shame and such a disgrace for God that you should get out of this world as soon as possible.

What a lie! Never forget: Once you are dead, you have no more chance to ever improve. The picture you will leave behind will be a picture of total defeat and failure - not only for you, but even for your God. As long as there is life, there is always hope and a possibility to overcome any problem. The very weapon satan used to try and kill you will be the weapon YOU will wield to save many other lives from satan's trap of suicide. Just like David did, you will use Goliath's sword to kill that Goliath of suicide (1.Sa.17:50-51). You WILL

rise again. You WILL bring joy and glory to your God. You WILL destroy satan and his palace and stronghold of lies!

Let me tell you why I am so sure about it. I can be so confident because Judas Ischariot is no example for you to look at. There was only ONE son of perdition. Jesus Himself told His disciples, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve (Jn.6:70-71). Now let me ask you: Has your Lord Jesus ever called you a devil? Definitely not! He has shed His own Blood to make you His brother and to spend eternity with you in heaven! Can you see it? He said, ONE of you is a devil - not many of you are devils!

Judas had to betray Jesus. He was beforeordained for that very purpose (Jn.17:12). Praise God, Jesus has already been betrayed. He already gave His life for the sins of the world. He already rose from the dead for our salvation. He lives forever to make intercession for us and, ves, for YOU! No more betrayal will ever be necessary. So please, don't let satan tell you that you are just

another Juadas Ischariot who has to betray Jesus. Don't believe satan's lie that you have no other option. Rise up and break that lie right now, in Jesus mighty Name!

I used to think, okay, I understand that somebody had to do the dirty job of betraying Jesus - but could Judas not have repented and still gone to heaven? Well, that might have been possible, but did you notice Judas' attitude? Yes, he cried. Yes, he was full of remorse. He even went back to the high priest and confessed, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Mt.27:4). Unfortunately, though, he never addressed Jesus Himself. And more than that - his attitude had been wrong and money-minded long before already, as we have seen already.

So please, don't ever let satan tell you that you are just another Judas Ischariot! You are NOT! You CAN repent! You CAN change your mind and the course of your life! You can turn and run to your Lord Jesus right now. Your life can once again become a joy and a blessing to God and to humanity. So arise and rejoice TODAY!



## **NEWS**

- In Srilanka, President Maithiribala Sirisena assumes charge after having won the presidential election that was closely contested against his predecessor Mahinda Rajapakse, who was in the fray for a third term but got defeated. President Sirisena announces that his first foreign visit would be to India.
- BJP announces Kiran Bedi, the former police officer who was earlier part of the Anna Hazare team and later joined the party, as its chief ministerial candidate for Delhi Assembly elections.
- Election Commission of India announces dates for Delhi Assembly Polls. Polling would be on February 7<sup>th</sup> and votes would be counted on 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. The Union Territory is headed for mainly a triangular contest with the BJP, Aam Aadmi Party and Congress fielding candidates.
- Islamic terrorists gun down 17 including 12 journalists and cartoonists of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical magazine, in France. Later, a policewoman and 4 civilians were also killed in a series of hostage taking and firing incidents in the country. The terrorists were killed after a long chase. In many parts of the world, churches were burnt and many killed in the aftermath of violence against the Hebdo cartoons.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

- 1. If you don't have this attribute, your words are like a tinkling cymbal...
  - 2. Who shall confirm us to the end?
  - 3. In what should our faith stand?
- 4. What did Paul say the saints would judge?
- 5. Who will not inherit the kingdom of God?
- 6. Paul says let every man have how many wives?
  - 7. Which virtue never fails?

(Hint: The Book of 1 Corinthians)

#### Answers for the Last Month Trivia

- 1. As thyself Romans 13:9
- **2.** Yes, True Romans 1:20
- **3.** Salvation through Jesus dying on the Cross Romans 5:10
  - **4.** Yes Romans 7:4
  - **5.** Absolutely not Romans 11:2
  - **6.** Coals Romans 12:20
  - **7.** Paul Romans 1:1
  - **8.** All the saints in Rome Romans 1:7
  - **9.** Rome Romans 1:10
  - **10.** None Romans 3:10

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