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Dearly Beloved of God,

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I consider it my privilege to meet with you through these pages every month. Hope you are doing well and enjoying God's favor in all areas of your life. It is God's will to prosper you, heal you, and to promote you. If you lack anywhere in your life, all you have to do is to find the mind and Word of God concerning your need. That is why you need to soak yourself richly with the Word of God. Remember, there is a miracle for each and every one of your lacks and needs in God's Word. Looking to God and begging and pleading is unnecessary. All things belong to you, and it is up to you to receive a miracle or remain deprived of your blessings.

Right now, we have a powerful time of the Holy Spirit in our 27<sup>th</sup> batch of School of the Holy Spirit. God is using all our teachers and especially Bro. Alex, the dean of the School. Mighty deliverances, healings and manifestations of the Holy Spirit are happening almost every day. We expect these hundred students to rise up and do powerful exploits for the Kingdom of God. Please pray and uphold these students that the Lord may send them forth as mighty harvesters into His harvest field.

We are also praying and preparing for our soon coming Holy Ghost Explosion seminars for the states of Andhra and Telegana in Hyderabad from 29<sup>th</sup> to Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Likewise, we have our Holy Ghost Explosion seminars at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct to 25<sup>th</sup> Oct and Pune, Maharastra from 27<sup>th</sup> Oct to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. I humbly request you to keep these days as a top priority in your prayer time. Our land desperately needs Holy Ghost miracle workers. This can happen by your prayers as you participate in the End Time Holy Ghost revival through your intercession and prayers. Please encourage all your friends and relatives in those regions to participate in these seminars.

We are building a small studio room to record all our messages and the New Testament commentary God laid on my heart so strongly. Please pray every day for this noble and magnificent job. I believe this will be one of the hallmarks of our ministry and a legacy for coming generations.

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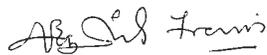
kind in India where women from all over this nation and even from other nations come and stay for a whole month under the mighty and glorious Presence of the Holy Spirit. We hear marvelous testimonies of the transformed lives and ministries through these schools in the past. This school would experience greater glory. Rush for your seats and recommend others to get drenched in the Holy Ghost river. This School of the Holy Spirit for ladies will have its culmination in our glorious Prayer Conference for the Nations from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

Make your plans now to attend! This Prayer Conference is open for all. The spirit of prayer and intercession will be released from your life and change your nations.

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# Horror of unbelief

Dr. Ezekiah Francis

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Today the Holy Spirit wants to open your eyes to the “HORROR OF UNBELIEF”. This is God’s urgent message for the Body of Christ today. The Holy Spirit is extremely serious about the sin of unbelief. In fact, unbelief is the mother of all sins. Unbelief breeds even murder, adultery, theft and other cruel sins. Insecure persons fall into moral sins. Unbelief is the cause for all low image and identity problems which in turn are the reason for all behavior problems people display.

That is why the main ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world of unbelief. See what Jesus said: *“But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged” (Jn.16:8-11).*

Millions go to hell not because of their idolatry or adultery but because they don’t believe in the Savior who came to save them from all sins. Even the believers backslide or fall into many sins because they don’t believe in God as a Sanctifier. Many are sick today in the Church because they don’t believe in the great Healer. The Church suffers from poverty because they don’t believe in the great Provider. If you have any lack today you can trace it to your undeveloped faith in God and His Word. Are you struggling with any habits that

you couldn’t overcome? Let me give you a suggestion. Instead of fighting with sin, better feed your faith constantly. Your faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1.Jn.5:4,5).

Jesus was mostly dealing with the sin of unbelief in His disciples while preparing them for the apostolic revival. Just see the Gospels and find out how many times He rebuked their unbelief. He couldn’t tolerate their unbelief. He even said, ‘How long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you?’. The One who forgave graciously the sin of the adulterous woman, the One who gladly ate with sinners and harlots, could not tolerate the unbelief of His own disciples. This is enough to show how serious the sin of unbelief really is.

In this article, we will see some of the instances where Christ Jesus rebuked the unbelief of the twelve apostles. Remember, the three years of training period was the foundation for the apostolic movement. It is better to ponder how Jesus dealt with unbelief in His earthly walk.

## **Unbelief makes you powerless**

(Mt.17:19,20)

Unbelief truly makes us impotent and unable to release the power of God and to help the suffering humanity. We live in a sin-sick and satan-ruled world and are unable to help because of our unbelief. The alarming fact is that we fail to combat the powers of darkness not because of a lack of authority or power. Jesus gave His disciples His power and His authority over all unclean spirits on the very first day (Mt.10:1; Lk.9:1,2).

Nine disciples could not cast the demon out of the epileptic boy when his father pleaded with them. When they asked Jesus why they could not cure him, He very emphatically said, because of your unbelief. This is a solemn lesson for you and me today. Every believer can cast out every kind of demons. If your name is written in the Book of Life, you have authority to trample on serpents (satan) and scorpions and all demons. Every believer has authority over ALL the power of the enemy (Mk.16:17,18; Lk.10:19). There is absolutely no excuse for a believer to bow down or to be defeated by any demons. This is why Jesus was extremely angry at the unbelief of His disciples.

You might think it is because of the lack of fasting and prayers they couldn't cast out the devil. No, there are many people who fast and pray and yet live in utter unbelief. Fasting prayers, Bible study, all must be focused on building your faith; otherwise your prayers alone have no power without faith. Somebody said, "Faith without prayer can do wonders but prayer without faith can do nothing".

The father of the child pleaded the Lord directly to have mercy and compassion upon him, but Jesus said, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes'. Here once again He made His point very clear. It is not the question of God's compassion but the question of our faith. People are pleading for God's mercy for miracles. God is full of compassion and rich in mercies. No need of begging and crying for His compassion and love. It is God's love that gave up His only begotten Son to die on the cross. Every miracle you ever need was abundantly released on the cross. All authority is given to you when you are given the legal right to use His all-powerful name.

Why should you allow the enemy to torture people? How could he steal and destroy your dear ones? Why should you stand folding your hands when there is so much need all around you? You are the only answer for the victims of satan and his groups. You have the mighty Holy Spirit upon you, the wonderworking Jesus living

in you, and the name above every name is given to you. The very resurrection power of God is working in you. The only thing that limits the Holy One of God is your unbelief. This great resurrection power is restricted by your unbelief. Christ in you is locked up in your life by your unbelief. Can you take this sin of unbelief lightly any longer? As long as you tolerate unbelief and doubt in your life, your usefulness and productivity will be greatly hindered. Rise up and release the captives from today onward!

When the disciples cried to Him in the midst of a heavy storm, Jesus didn't comfort them but sharply confronted them. He didn't sympathize with their fear and panic. Anyone would think that it is very natural to be frightened when there is a great storm and heavy waves fill the boat with water. Jesus didn't approve this natural fear but rebuked them sharply saying, 'Why are you fearful, oh you of little faith... where is your faith'?

### **Unbelief makes you fearful and insults God**

When Christ is in the boat, fear is abnormal. The day Christ came into your life you became a supernatural person. When you know who is in you, you will not fear any storm in your life. The disciples had only a partial knowledge of the One who was in their boat. That caused them to tremble and fear, even to doubt His utmost care. Just see how they complained to Jesus! "They awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing'" Ah! What an insult to the One who cares so deeply for His people (1.Pe.5:7). Unbelief truly insults God and doubts His care and character. A lack of knowledge of God and His faithfulness is the cause for our unbelief. This is clearly explained when the disciples exclaimed after Jesus manifested His power. "So the men marveled, saying, 'Who can this be? That even the winds and the sea obey Him'". Yet still they were not sure of who He was! Truly, unbelief underestimates the greatness of God and belittles Him. Unbelief makes God seem to be a careless person. Unbelief makes God a liar,

and unbelief makes God a mere man. That is why they screamed, "What kind of man is He?". No wonder unbelief is the mother of all sins. May the Lord deliver us from the horror of unbelief.

### Unbelief forgets miracles

(Mt.16:8)

Here again, Jesus was rebuking the unbelief of His disciples. When Jesus was talking about the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees, the disciples began to reason out that He spoke because they had no bread. Jesus was upset with their little faith and rebuked them for reasoning among themselves. He was angry because they had not understood the past miracles Jesus has performed. Unbelief forgets God's past miracles and provisions. Every time you come across some crisis, you can allow fear to come in by thinking naturally. That indicates unbelief and an underdeveloped faith. All reasoning that contradicts God's Word and doubts God's power is the result of unbelief. Can you see the seriousness of it? Just imagine, a person comes and tells you laughingly that he is addicted to alcohol or smoking. How will you react? Yet the same people come to you and easily say that they can't believe God for a miracle? We are not

shocked by such people. This shows how much we underestimate the horror of unbelief. We don't know how much it grieves the heart of God. Many preach against the sin of adultery, murder, wrath etc. but don't speak much against unbelief which is the mainsin the Holy Ghost came to convict the world of.

### Unbelief fails to wrestle

God, the Holy Spirit, is waging war against unbelief which is the cause for all sins (Gen.6:3). Why did the disciples fight against themselves who was great among them? Because they were not secure in their God-given place and position. Today there is so much politics and competition even in the Body of Christ. The simple reason is a lack of trust and not being secured in Christ.

Faith in your anointing, faith in your calling, stops all competitions. Beloved, the Holy Spirit is striving against all unbelief and doubts. He is the Spirit of faith, and He hates all unbelief. He knows the reason for all your sufferings and failures. We don't wrestle against all the demonic spirits and don't conquer all the battles only because of unbelief. Instead of dominating the storms of life, we became poor victims because of unbelief. The Bible clearly says that sin cannot

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have dominion or lordship over a child of God. And yet, no one seems to claim they are victorious hundred percent. The reason again is the unbelief.

Unbelief is the reason for poverty. Unbelief is the reason for a low self imagine. Unbelief is the reason for sickness and accidents. All things are possible to him that believes. All things look impossible to him that doubts. When doubt comes, faith goes. There are only two forces in the world; one is faith, the other is doubt. One is love, the other is hatred. Faith is of God. Unbelief is of the devil. Every time you walk in unbelief you allow satan to freely enter your life. Hate unbelief as you would hate the devil himself. If you fail in any area, check the level of your faith and rebuke unbelief. Allow the Holy Spirit to fight against unbelief in and through you. He is keen to take you into the supernatural realm. The only thing that hinders Him from operating in your life is doubt and unbelief. Raise a banner against unbelief, fear and all kinds of doubt. Launch out into your God-given ministry of power and might.

### **Unbelief imprisons to this earth**

Mathew 6: 25 to 33

***“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, What you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”***

Mathew 6: 30

***Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, o you of little faith?***

Mathew 6:33

***But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.***

This is another passage that shows the horror of unbelief. Worrying about your earthly life and needs is a sure indication of little faith which is unbelief. That is why Jesus rebuked His

disciples saying, “Oh you of little faith” (v.30). Worry is sin, and it is prohibited in the Bible. Worry is the child of unbelief. Worry makes you double-minded. Jesus condemns all worries. Unbelief, the mother of all worries, anxieties and cares of this world keeps you as a prisoner of earthly life. Unbelief blocks your calling and diverts your attention from seeking the Kingdom of God. Many people with a high calling cannot serve the Lord because they are bound to this earth. They don’t have eternal values. Many have a desire to serve the Lord but are terribly hindered by these worries.

They set their mind on earthly things and forget that their citizenship is in heaven (Phil.3:19,20). “What shall we eat? How will I raise my children? How can I save for the future? How can I please my spouse....?” Such questions torment them. What do you think is the root cause of all these anxieties? They don’t believe that their loving heavenly Father who feeds the birds of the air and clothes beautifully the perishing flowers would feed them and beautify His darling children.

Beloved, don’t you know that your heavenly Father cares about your needs more than any earthly father ever could? Can’t you hand over all your future, children and needs into His mighty hand? Do you realize you are called for God’s Kingdom purpose? Will God lie to you by saying that when you seek first the Kingdom of God, all your needs shall be added to you? Why not you take a bold stand against the spirit of unbelief? Remember, unbelief is a demon. Know the horror of unbelief. Unbelief magnifies your problems and makes you see them bigger than your God, Unbelief makes you turn your attention from heaven to earth and stops you from fulfilling your calling.

Right now shout it with me, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth: I hate and rebuke unbelief! I refuse to be a prisoner of this earth! I resist all worries and anxieties! I resolve to seek God’s Kingdom and give top priority to my calling, in Jesus name!

Some of you are called into the fulltime ministry. God has already spoken to your heart and revealed it to you. Yet you are waiting and waiting for a long time because of so many worries. You think, "If I go for fulltime ministry, who will take care of my kids? How will I meet my financial needs? How can I..." etc. Remember, God gave you a family and children. He gave you health and everything in life. It is one thing to care about them and another thing to worry and fret. You cannot afford to lose your calling and precious time because of your earthly responsibilities. Throw all your cares upon the

Lord and step out into your fulltime calling. Rebuke unbelief vehemently and act on your faith right now.

The good news to you today is that Jesus lives in your life. He is the author and finisher of your faith (Heb.12:1). He utterly hates all unbelief. He rebukes unbelief with all His might. Throughout His earthly life, He rebuked and dispelled unbelief from His disciples. Right now, He is rebuking all unbelief in and through you. Just cooperate with Him today as His coworker.

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# SUICIDE

- Part 2

**Rev. Benita Francis**

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## **Job**

Let us continue our study on what can lead people to throw away their own life, this most precious gift anyone can ever receive, this tremendous miracle nobody can ever imitate. Never forget: Only God can create life, and only God should decide when to allow that life to leave a body. Life is precious and has millions of opportunities to give every day. Never judge by today's situation what tomorrow may bring. Your God is the eternal, almighty Creator who can turn things around in the twinkle of an eye once you really and fully surrender to Him.

Let us look at a person today who really had many valid reasons for committing suicide. He lived in Old Testament times where connecting with God was not as easy as it is today, but he had a burning desire to live a God-pleasing life. God had always desired to be close to His people, but our sin separated us from Him and hid His Face from us (Isa.59:1-2). True fellowship with God was therefore only wishful thinking. Jesus had not yet been born and gone to the cross to pay for our sins. The way into the Holy of Holies was not yet opened, so people didn't have the privilege of holding God's Word in their hands and hosting its Author in their spirit. They could not hear the sweet voice of God's Holy Spirit speaking to them from within their own spirit, comforting and correcting them. They could only go to priests and temples and bring blood

sacrifices to appease God's righteous wrath against sin. Poor people! What a horrible life! How blessed we are in this New Testament time! Thank You, JESUS!!!

Well, let us now study the life of a very special, precious man of old. See Job 1:1-3:

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

Even though his sons were already living in their own houses, he still performed the duty of a good father and spiritual covering, sanctifying them and bringing offerings for their spiritual life and well-being and making sure they also were blameless before God (Job 1:5). This man was a real example of spiritual life in these dark times!

God Himself gives twice an impeccable testimony about his life, even putting his as an example before satan! See for yourself:

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you

considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” (Job 1:8; 2:3)

3 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause” (Job 2:3)

Shockingly, after such wonderful praises from God, (which were of course not known to Job, since they happened in heaven,) all of a sudden, Job started experiencing one disaster after another. Bible scholars have been wondering and pondering for centuries without coming to a commonly accepted answer. How could God allow such pain, agony and tragedy if Job was such a blameless man? How could a loving God willingly give His beloved, faithful servant into the murderous hands of satan? Many answers have been offered to this dilemma, so let me just add another possible view point to the mystery. Could it be that sins from Job’s forefathers had given some legal rights to satan? Could it be that a loving, but also just and righteous God had to accept the fact that “legally”, because of those sins committed by his forefathers, satan had a rightful access to Job? I dare to infer this based on God’s word spoken even twice to satan, “Behold, he IS in your hand” (Job 1:12; 2:6). It is one thing to say, “I give him into your hands to test him”, but it is another thing altogether to say, “He IS in your hands (already)”. Since God confirms his blameless, perfect lifestyle, could it be that his forefathers’ sins put him into satan’s hands? Could it be, as so many Bible scholars believe, that his fear about his sons’ spiritual purity took him out of the realm of faith and into the realm of the flesh and thus opened the door to destruction? I leave it to your discretion...

Fact is that Job lost all his sons, daughters and possessions in a matter of just a few hours! After God praised Job before satan the second time, even his health was attacked to the point of making Job despair of life. Do you think he would

have found any encouragement? I don’t think so, since even his closest friends didn’t know any better than to accuse him and question his integrity. After almost forty chapters of discussion, finally God speaks up. See what He says to Job's friends who had proven their love to him by staying with him in his pain for so many days, weeks, maybe even months:

7 ...My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me *what is* right, as My servant Job *has*.

8 Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you *according to your* folly; because you have not spoken of Me *what is* right, as My servant Job *has*” (Job 42:7-8)

Imagine! Not only did Job have to bear the excruciating pain of losing all his children, possessions and health; he also had to bear with such friends who had no idea how to comfort him! Instead of real comfort, they offered their explanations and ideas about God, which were all proven to be wrong by God Himself!

Maybe you feel exactly like Job right now. Maybe you go through excruciating pain, be it some physical, emotional, social or financial problem, and all you get is frowns and rebukes. Don’t despair. There WILL be a good end because your God is a GOOD God who has GOOD thoughts and plans for your life! See His Word: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jer.29:11). If you give Him free Hand in your life, your God will ALWAYS bring out the best for you and for everyone around you!

But let us come back to Job. Not only did his friends torture him with their wrong ideas. There was still more for Job to swallow. His very own trusted wife gave him her counsel what he should do:

Then his wife said to him, “Do you still

hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!”  
(Job 2:9)

Wow! See this! Not only she told him to die, which means, to commit suicide, she even counseled him to CURSE GOD and make doubly sure he would end up in hell! What a counsel! What a loving wife!

Praise God, Job did not succumb to satan’s desire which was expressed through the lips of his very own wife. Please receive this warning. Even the people closest to you are not exempt of falling into satan’s trap and being used by him to tempt you. And what a danger - if you are not strong in the Lord, satan might try to use YOUR mouth to tempt others into ungodly actions, even all the way into spiritual and physical suicide! So better beware and keep your tongue under the scrutiny of the Holy Spirit!

Probably Job’s wife would have thought she did him the greatest favor with her counsel. Entire nations are struggling nowadays with the

subject of euthanasia - the “mercy death” administered by a physician to patients science has no cure for. Yet have you ever thought in how many cases the person wakes up from years of coma, totally unexpectedly? Euthanasia takes out the element of faith, God, miracles and the supernatural. It lowers man to a purely natural plane. Of course, its defenders are well-meaning philanthropists, but by their actions they deny God (Tit. 1:15-16).

Job’s wife might have been one of them in our modern times. She would have felt pity for her husband’s pain and suffering, and since she was unable to offer any solution, she thought death would mean rest and a peaceful place for him to be. That is what the devil will try to tell you if you are not careful. NO! Death is NOT a peaceful, desirable thing! There is eternal torture and eternal damnation in hell, the place created for satan and his fallen angels, but never for man, God's treasured creation! Weeping and wailing, gnashing of teeth, unquenchable fire, worms that

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never die... all this horror was never meant for you (Mk.9:43-48; 2.Pe.2:4; Rev.19:20; 20:10)!

Yet even if you would come to heaven, but you reach there too early, would it not be a tragedy? Dying before God's time is possible even without committing suicide, did you know that? You can actually talk yourself into the grave because "Death and life are in the power of your tongue..." (Pr.18:21)! Talking about life or death, the great apostle Paul said he didn't know what to CHOOSE (Phil.1:19-26). He even reaffirms it, saying, "Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come - all are yours" (1.Co.3:22). You CAN end your life too early by asking God to take you like Elijah did (1.Ki.19:4). God gave him his desire after making sure he transferred his calling and anointing to others who would finish his assignment (1.Ki.19:15-18). How tragic! Can you imagine standing before God too early, with His job assignment which He so graciously had entrusted to you fulfilled only to a certain extent? What a horror that would be! No, my dear! Let us live out the full number of our days, and let us make sure we fulfill all of God's plans and desires for our lifetime!

Now come back to our exemplary friend Job. What an admirable strength! Job was able to withstand all these temptations and still keep his love to God and his trust in Him! Wow! What a man! What was the reward for his faithfulness? It was a personal encounter with God, a revelation of Him that seemed impossible in his day and age. Chapter 38 of the book of Job begins with the words, "Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said..." (v.1). Interestingly, not Job had been speaking, but one of his friends. God simply ignored the man and spoke straight to Job, almost 5 full chapters long. Wow! What a privilege! What a surprise! See Job's reaction:

5 I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.

6 Therefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes (Job 42:5-6)

Job's whole attitude changed. We don't know when and how his healing happened. I

believe he would have been instantly healed when God started speaking to him (Ps.107:20). And that was not all:

**10 And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.**

11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

12 Now the LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.

13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch.

15 In all the land were found no women *so* beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren *for* four generations.

17 So Job died, old and full of days.

Restoration of health! Restoration of possessions! Restoration of relationships! Restoration of social status! Restoration of family blessings! And so much more was added - he was restored double than what he had before. His daughters were the most beautiful women in the nation. He had a long, satisfying life and could enjoy the full blessing of family life.

Imagine he had followed his wife's advice, cursed God and died. He would have gone to hell without ever having the privilege of know God personally. His wife would have been left behind in utter desolation and bereavement. His

generation would have been blotted out from under heaven. Seven sons and the three most beautiful women of the nation would never have been born, neither all their descendants. Just think about the great loss for God and for humanity!

Dear reader, please understand. The torturous, hopeless situation you may find yourself in right now is not your final destination. If you just persevere for a little while, you will definitely be able to experience what Job learned: “that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful” (Jas.5:11).

There might be times when all may seem lost. Never despair. When the great apostle Peter had to go through such a painful situation, Jesus promised him already ahead of time that He prayed for him and that there was a great plan and

future and purpose for his life:

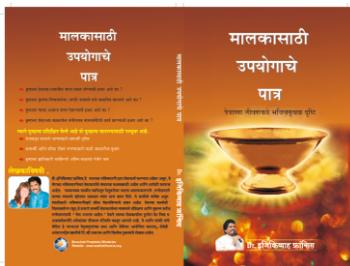
31 And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat.

32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren” (Lk.22:31-32)

So please, for heaven’s and earth’s sake, don’t allow satan to put thoughts into your mind that will slowly lure you into suicide. Stop his onslaught right from the beginning! Resist the devil, and he WILL flee from you (Jas.4:7)! Keep your faith, keep walking, and you will experience a blessed, blessing future!

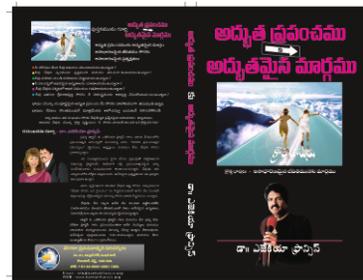
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