

Kneeling Down Part 2

“If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.”

The longing of the presence of God in man's life is what many of God's people are hope to have and to be in. During trials and hardships man might be tempted to think that God is far at distance. Therefore the Lord would ultimately show Himself near, intervening and doing miracles to revive His people and encourage them to continue to put their trust on Him and to direct them further of what they need to do.

6. “27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. 28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him. 29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: 30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.” (Exodus 4:27-31)

When the Lord sent Moses to the Israelites He sent with him his brother Aaron. Moses told Aaron all the miraculous signs that God had commanded him to do. And both of them went and gathered the elders of the Israelites. ***“30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.” (Exodus 4:30-31)*** When the people heard and seen that God is concerned about them that brought revival inside their souls and felt God's love and He is really present in their lives. As if they saw God is standing and is there in the mid of their meeting and responded to that by bowing down and worshipping the Lord who was in the mid of them.

Be sensible to worship the Lord and have faith in Him. Any act and sign of concern and love toward you is from God and the Lord wants to tell you that He loves you and he cares for you and has concern and good plans for you to prosper you and to bless you.

We need always to move and go to the people and tell them about God's love for them, His concern, and His good plan for them, to deliver them out from their sins and his concern about them.

The Hebrew word for ‘worshipped’ is ‘Shachah’, which means bow down which also repeated in other Scriptures.

7. “21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. 22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. 23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. 26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? 27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. 28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.” (Exodus 12:21-28 KJV)

The people of God in Egypt when they responded to the call of God they bore the pressure of the persecution from Pharaoh as well as they witnessed how God dealt with the Egyptians in sending them plagues in order to set His people free. The last plague was putting to death the first born of the Egyptians. Therefore He instructed His people to slaughter the Passover lamb and put the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. And that not one of them shall go outside the door of his house that night until morning. Therefore, when the people heard that the time and the date for their deliverance out of Egypt had drawn near and had been decided they felt God's presence and His love and concerns for them and bowed down and worshipped Him. ***“And the people bowed the head and worshipped.” (Exodus 12:27)*** They did so because they were rejoicing in their salvation and with what the Lord is going to do to them and to free them from their troubles.

Are you not glad that Jesus, the Lamb of God, offered His life and died on the cross for your sins to give you eternal life? Will you not bow down in adoration and worship him? Show your faithfulness and gratitude to Him. He is really present in your life, saving you from your sins, bondages, leading you in the way everlasting, prepared to you a place in Heaven and He is coming to take us to be with Him forever.

8. The Israelites after their deliverance they sinned against the Lord by making and worshipping a golden calf that made the Lord angry with them. Moses interceded for them to be pardoned, for the Lord who was about to destroy them, as you can read, “9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: 10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. 11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? 12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. 14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people..” (Exodus 32:9-14 KJV) Moses further interceded for them before God, ***“30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. 31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. 33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out***

of my book. 34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. 35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.” (Exodus 32:30-35 KJV) As a result of Moses intercession and prayer the Lord relented of destroying them totally. That is why we need to pray and intercede for our brethren who went away in idol worship in doing their own and enjoying the worldly things of life, that the Lord may spare them destruction and give them another chance to repent of their sins.

But the Lord said to Moses that He will not go with them because they were stiff necked people: “1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swear unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: 2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way. 4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. 5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. 6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.” (Exodus 33:1-6 KJV) Therefore when we do wrong and worship idols the Lord no more will walk with us and our lives will be miserable.

What are the idols and the sins that we need to be reminded to avoid and to repent from are the following:

A. Lust and immorality; having boyfriend and girlfriend, dating, courting, watching pornography, live-in relationship, divorce and remarriage, adultery, multiple marriages and unlawful marriages in marrying non believers, and accepting a single father or a single mother to marry someone other than the mother or the father of his or her child or children.

B. Celebrating feasts of idols; celebrating New Year and Christmas with its Santa Claus, Christmas tree, celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and death anniversaries, celebrating Father’s Day and Mother’s Day, Halloween (Harvest), All Saints Day, Valentine’s Day, Pastor’s Month, and Farewell parties. All these celebrations should be out of our lives. And you can add more to the list, for almost every culture and ethnic group had added certain idols and days for celebration, without any Biblical reason, into the life of the church.

C. Pride, boasting and showing off.

D. Greed, covetousness, and love of money.

E. Wasting and spending too much.

F. Gluttony, eating too much, loving food more than God, buying food from restaurants, loving feasts and celebrations but refusing to fast.

G. Worldliness; wasting time on TV, You-Tube and facebook, etc.

H. Slander, malice, envy, jealousy, bitterness, having grudges, anger, hatred and unforgiveness, boasting, showing off, laziness, complacency and lack of commitment to God, and serving the worldly things but not willing to serve God.

I. Homosexualities, allowing a relationship between man to man, and woman to woman, condoning transgender and homosexual attitude and actions, and allowing homosexual marriages.

God further here disciplined them by stripping the ornaments from them, because they used it in a wrong way to make the golden calf. * God discipline us always by taking away the things that He had given to us and we used them in a wrong way of life. * Our life style should show the correct way to live for God and that is our spiritual act of worship. “1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1)

“7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. 8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. 10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. 11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.” (Exodus 33:7-11 KJV) We can see clearly here that each family worshipped and bowed down to the God everyone in his own house with his family. Therefore, we have corporate worship in the church in a weekly basis and we have worship daily in our homes with our families.

Moses pleaded with the Lord to keep His presence with him. God wanted to send His angel but Moses wanted God personally to go with Him: “12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.” (Exodus 33:12-13 KJV) Therefore we need to continually plead with the Lord to go with us and to keep His presence accompanying us and that He will not leave us and will guide us and help us. The Lord agreed with Moses prayer and He will agree with our prayer when He will find us sincere in our prayer: “14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.” (Exodus 33:14 KJV) And Moses had a beautiful

fellowship with God and poured out his soul and rejoiced with the Lord, ***“15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. 16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. 17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.”*** (Exodus 33:15-17 KJV)

Followed after that, the Lord asked Moses to chisel out two tablets stone and to come up on the mountain, ***“1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. 2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. 3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. 4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. 5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. 8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. 9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O LORD, let my LORD, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance. 10 And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.”*** (Exodus 34:1-10) Here the Lord proclaimed to Moses who He is, ***“6 ...The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.”*** (Exodus 34:6-7) When Moses heard from the mouth of God, ***“and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.”*** Moses further pleaded with the Lord; he bowed down and worshipped, ***“8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.”*** (Exodus 34:8) Pleading with the Lord in the behalf of the Israelites, asking Him, ***“9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O LORD, let my LORD, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.”*** (Exodus 34:9) In kneeling down position Moses pleaded with the Lord that He will go not only with Moses, but as well as with the whole Israelites. And the Lord responded to his prayer, ***“10 Then the LORD said: 'I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you.’”*** (Exodus 34:10) The prayer and the intercession of Moses was directed that God's

covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would continue in the life of the whole Israelites. In the same way we need to learn to kneel down at the feet of the Lord and intercede in behalf of the whole church and those who sinned against God and left the right way that God had ordained for them to pass through in their lives. ***Our intercession for them and bowing down to God in prayer will make a way for God's mercy to go back to them in order to restore them back to the right way.***

My Dear and Beloved: From the above sequence in the life of the Israelites you would learn to see God really moving in your life, to respond in bowing down and worshipping the Lord who is gracious and compassionate in saving your life from sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord. You learn also from this message to repent and to appeal to God's grace and mercy to save you and to restore you back to Him and to the covenant that He had bestowed on you, as well as to kneel down and intercede on behalf of others who sinned against God that might be restored to Him.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word and your clear message to me.

Lord I thank you for all the wonderful miracles that you had done for me to be the person and to have all what I have today.

Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord I appeal to your grace and mercy to keep your presence in my life and to live in covenant with you. Lord as I kneel down and pray, answer me dear Lord, protect me, provide all my needs, refill me once again with the Holy Spirit and give me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to go and serve you. Lord answer my prayers and intercession for those who left you and your right way that you may restore them back to you and make them go again through the narrow gate. .

Lord I pray for my Brethren who repented and come back to you, Lord restores them back to your good plan that you have for them. Lord I pray that they will submit themselves fully to you and start to reproduce the fruit of the Holy Spirit that you want to see in their lives and they will have the same character of you that people will see Jesus through their lives.

Lord we commit ourselves as a church to prayer and fasting that your presence will go before us; ***“If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.”*** Lord open to us a new mission fields, and a new missionary journeys to be started, new workers to be called and set apart for the new work of God, new areas and territories to be open for the gospel, and new souls to believe in Jesus and to come into the Kingdom of God and new disciples to be made. Lord protects us and provide for us and enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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