

Kneeling Down Part 3

Further events we can read from the Scriptures about bowing down and worshipping before the Lord, as the Word 'Chachah' for worshipping is repeated in other places:-

9. In giving the first fruit: *"1 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; 2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there. 3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us. 4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God. 5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: 6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: 7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: 8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: 9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey. 10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God: 11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you."* (Deuteronomy 26:1-11 KJV) The first fruit is the first income that God will bring into your life and that you need to give back to God. Here they will bring it to Him with adoration and worship, in kneeling down, after they will enter the Promised Land.

Majority of Christians do not practice the giving of the first-fruits though they want to obey this requirement of the Lord because they do not know how to manage it. If we consider putting God first in the area of our finances, surely the Lord will give us the wisdom to give our first-fruit in a timely manner. We have learned from the Scriptures that the practice is to give the firstfruit of every harvest which is corresponding to our first income of every year, first increase, and first profit of every business. The month that we give our firstfruit, we also need to give our tithe for that month.

Giving the firstfruit it has to be practiced from the first income. But in certain times the person will not able to give the first income because he has no means to support himself. If we are not able to give our firstfruits because we do not have enough means to support ourselves or our families, in such cases, we need to give our whole tithes every month. Thereafter, we practically prepare ourselves to give the firstfruit by learning to budget and to save, willing to suffer by abstaining from unnecessary expenditure and worldly pleasures, parties, journeys, extravagant and unnecessary spending, so that we can save and finally be able to afford to give the firstfruit to the Lord on time. We can also discipline ourselves to set

aside an amount equal to our one month's income so that we can give our first-fruit to God within a year. Every person need to program himself, that in a year, he need to set aside one month income to the Lord as the first fruit. Even the Lord had commanded the Israelites that after they settled in the land the Lord had given them, that they needed to set apart the firstlings of their cattle and the first of all the fruit of the earth.

"30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house." (Ezekiel 44:30) "9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10) Come now to Him with gratitude in your heart, bringing your first fruit and bow down at His feet and worship Him so that His blessing will flow in your life.

10. In building the temple of God: *"1 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house. 4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: 5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD? 6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, 7 And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. 8 And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. 15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.*

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. 18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: 19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision. 20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.” (1 Chronicles 29:1-20 KJV) In preparation for building the temple of God, the Lord provided Solomon to be the successor of David and to build the temple, and provided the finances and the materials needed. These were came as we read of what David collected over the years to build the house of God, as well as from the people willingly offer to the Lord in that setting to meet the rest of the needs. In Response to what the Lord did David led the people to praise the Lord and they bowed low and fell prostrate before Him, expressing their gratitude, loyalty and their willingness to accept what God wanted from them to do in order for His temple to be build and erected. ** In the same way let us dedicate our life, time and our resources to build the temple of God, His, church, and that is we as His temple, where His Holy Spirit reside in us. * Let us come to Him in prayers bowing down at His feet, praying, and to be in full submission to His will to be an active part and to have a key rule in building His church as we go and evangelize and make new disciples.*

11. Solomon knelt down in his prayer in dedicating the temple of God after he built: “13 For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven.” (2 Chronicles 6:13) “And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.” (1 Kings 8:54 KJV) In the prayer for the dedication of the temple King Solomon made a long prayer kneeling dedicating the temple with different kinds of prayer, thanksgiving, gratitude, and supplication and at the conclusion of his prayer fire came from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and when the people saw the fire of God they bowed down and worshipped the Lord. “1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. 2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. 3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.” (2 Chronicles 7:1-3 KJV) *The question here is this: If we kneel down and pray will this bring the Holy Spirit in the mid of us and anoint all the work that we are doing for the Lord? The answer, Yes, this can be possible because when we are kneeling down, we are inviting God*

to come into our lives and we are inviting the Holy Spirit to come and fill us, for we are the temple of God and submitting ourselves to His will.

12. In receiving the Word of God: “1 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them. 3 Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.” (Deuteronomy 33:1-3 KJV) Moses made it very clear to all the tribes of the Israelites that the Lord would give His Word and instructions to those who come to Him, humble down, showing that through bowing down at His feet, looking to receive instructions from Him. ** God will not give His Word to those who have pride and walk with high nose, but to those who are humble and willing to kneel and bow down at the feet of the Lord and willingly do His will in listenining to His Word. * Learn to humble down and come to the Lord in kneeling down asking Him to help you, guide you and instructing you with His Word. * You need to kneel down at His feet, so you will be fed with His Word. * The best position to hear His voice is when you are at His feet.*

13. Good example being at the feet of the Lord and listening to His instruction and Word is the example of Mary the Sister of Martha: “38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:38-42 KJV) Mary stayed at the feet of the Lord to hear from Him the instructions that is needed before she would go forward and get involved in her daily activities. Many people who are worshippers of God they do lot of things and got involved in many services and activities but are not of God because they do things from their own mind and imagination without listening to God and what He is saying to them, because they do not spend time at His feet.

My Dear and Beloved: ** The various Scripture that we reviewed would show us clearly the value of kneeling down at the feet of the Lord, for from Him you will receive all the good things and His instructions to lead you to do the right thing in your life. * The kneeling down at His feet can be the expression that you are willing to do the commands and the instruction that he is giving to you as in giving your firstfruit to God and in your willingness in taking your active part in building the temple of God, inviting God to refill you with the Holy Spirit and receive the spiritual gifts to go and evangelize and make disciples: and your willingness to hear His voice and receive His Word and His instructions that you need to live for Him and to serve 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 to me that teaches me to be thankful and grateful to all your blessings in my life.*

Let us confess and renounce our sins; your non willingness to serve God and non willingness to give what is due to God.

Lord forgive me the following sins _____.

Lord I kneel down at your feet, thanking you for all what you had done, and asking you to instruct me and lead me to do the very thing that you wants me to do. Lord refill me once again with the Holy Spirit and give me the spiritual gifts that I need to serve you and reach the lost.

Lord I pray for my brethren who committed their lives to you and to serve you and doing your will, Lord help them to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit so that their character and attitude to be like Jesus and that people shall see you in their lives.

Lord bless your church and make it grow. Lord I pray for more evangelism and more people will be reached out for Christ. Lord I pray for more Bible study groups and congregations to be planted. 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 help us and protect us as we persevere in serving you. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let you hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord 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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