

Kneeling Down Part 6

Scripture will state more about kneeling down as meaningful prostrate posture in intercession before the Lord.

26- “1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.” (Numbers 14:1-4 KJV) When the leaders who explored the land brought bad report and discouraged the people, the people wanted to go back to Egypt, because they thought that they will be killed by the sword if they will go to possess the Land. They preferred that they would die in Egypt or in the wilderness than they and their wives and children will be killed by the sword in the land of Canaan. *Certain times when you or we do what is correct and what God wanted you or wanted us to do the people may misunderstand that, and will react and become wild and start to do something which is against God, and the Lord allow such event to take place, so what is inside the people will be exposed and their real color will appear.*

And what we can do for such when things are out of our control? Let us see what Moses and Aaron did: **“5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.” (Numbers 14:5 KJV)** They fell on their faces before all the congregation, before God, and they did nothing but to pray to God and to intercede for the people who were wild and about to do evil and things against God and against them. *In such situations where people react to things that God is doing in our midst, then nothing ahead of us that we can do except to fall and prostrate before God and asking Him to intervene.* Moses and Aaron did not fall prostrate in surrender to people, but in surrender to God and to His will. *We in the same way, when we face such circumstances, we ought to surrender to God and to His will.*

“6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.” (Numbers 14:6-9 KJV) While Moses and Aaron were fall prostrate before the Lord, God used Joshua and Caleb to speak to the congregation and to explain to them that the land is good and God is willing to give to them, and they should not be afraid, for they will not be killed by the sword, because God Himself will bring them into the land. Only what they needed to do is not to rebel against the Lord and they need to trust Him and not to fear the people. *In the same way, as we fall prostrate before the Lord and surrender our lives and the situation before Him then He will raise up people to speak for the Lord and explain to the people that what we did was right and God*

shall fulfill that but they need to obey God, not to rebel but to trust God that He will fulfill what He had promised them.

“10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. 11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them? 12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.” (Numbers 14:10-12 KJV) The people continued to be wild and wanted to stone them, either to stone Moses and Aaron or to stone Caleb and Joshua. *Church ministry and doing the will of God might be leading us to such situation with the wild people who do not fear God and who are non reasonable for all the explanation that we can make out to explain to them and to show God’s will.* While both Moses and Aaron were kneeling down, God came, appeared and showed Himself in the midst of such situation, and spoke to Moses that wanted to end up their lives by a pestilence, and to take them out from the life of the congregation. They were hard headed inspite of all the miracles that God did to them. Therefore God decided with such to disinherit them, (take them out of His assembly, similar to that He will take them out from the New Testament church), and promised that He will multiply Moses and will make out of him a greater nation and mightier than they. In the same way when we face such terrible situations with prayer and supplication God will come to us with such announcements:

- 1. Assuring message that He can and He will deal with the people who did evil and non willing to repent; that He will protect us by taking them out of the church and they will lose their salvation.* Imagine they were about to stone the elite leaders Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Caleb.
- 2. The justice of God’s message. Such kind of message that when we receive is painful because people will be end up in hell, our church and ministry will be affected because people will be taken out, but that is the justice of God because they were non willing to comply with God’s Word and will, and they cannot be in eternity with us.*
- 3. Comforting message that He will increase us and multiply us and He will bless our families as He promised that He will bless the family of Moses.*
- 4. Therefore we continue to pray and intercede on behalf of the people who left the ways of God.*

“13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) 14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.” (Numbers 14:13-16 KJV) Here Moses started to intercede further and tell to God what the people around them, the non believer nations will say and speak about our God if He would kill those who rebel in one day, that He could not bring them into the Promised Land and so they will conclude that He is not a powerful God. *That is also correct that when the people will leave the*

church then the non believers will think that our God is not an able God because the church size is smaller, and consequently their gods are stronger than our God. Therefore this is another reason for us that we need to intercede and continue to pray for those who left the way that God will consider such a point.

Therefore Moses continue to pray and intercede before God

“17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,” (Numbers 14:17 KJV) Moses asked God here to increase His power, that He will do something that the nations around them will not think that God is a powerless God. Moses was not agreeing that people will sin against God, but he did not want the action of God to be manifested as weakness in the life of the assembly. Therefore in the same way, we need not to agree with the people to sin against God, not to agree with their sin, but we need to pray that the action of God shall not be manifested as weakness in the life of the church.

“18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.” (Numbers 14:18 KJV) Moses started here while he was in prostrating position to pray and to intercede before God in behalf of the people. He mentioned to God that He is a longsuffering God, bearing much with the people, and of great mercy on them, forgiving them their sins and transgressions, giving them another chance to repent, as well as Moses mentioned that God will not clear the guilty, but will deal with them, and will continue to deal with the sins of the fathers who had imparted the sin to their children up to the third and fourth generation. Sin of parents are imitated by the children, therefore they will be also punished for that. So here in the same way we need to pray and intercede in such situations telling to God that He is a long suffering, merciful, forgiving but as well as we need to agree also with Him that He is a God who will not let the guilty go unpunished.

“19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.” (Numbers 14:19 KJV) Moses continued to plead the situation with the Lord to pardon according to His mercy and to give them a chance to repent, with all the consideration that we had discussed above. In the same way we need to continue in prayer with the same understanding that we discussed above in the previous verse, because that is the will of God.

“20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:” (Numbers 14:20 KJV) God approved the way Moses prayed because that was the same with the mind of God and with the Word of God and with His will. The purpose of Moses to intercede to the Lord to forgive the people is not to put all those people to death in one day, leaving none alive in the congregation, and the Lord accepted Moses’ prayer and intercession, In the same way, we need to be consistent in our prayers with what is go along the Word of God and with His will as Moses did.

“21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.” (Numbers 14:21 KJV) The glory of God is the mercy of God, the longsuffering of God, the

loving kindness of God in giving another chance, and as well as the judgment of God on sinners who refused and persistent in not amending their ways before God as we can read here:

“22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:” (Numbers 14:22-23 KJV) Here God pronounced His judgment on those who sinned against Him, that He will not allow them to enter the Promised Land. Those who had seen His glory through the miracles that He did in Egypt and in the wilderness, they tasted His goodness, but inspite of that they tempted Him to judge them in sinning against Him ten time and have not respond to His voice when He was calling them. Repeatedly they were sinning against Him. So here now clearly we can see the mercy and the loving kindness of God that He will not judge and show His glory from the first time that people transgressed against God, but He will wait on them and give them chances to repent until clearly they are not willing, then He will judge them as He did here in this event in *Numbers 14*.

“24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.” (Numbers 14:24 KJV) God here spared Caleb and Joshua as we read here, ***“38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.” (Numbers 14:38 KJV)*** from His coming judgment, because they behaved and acted as God expected and wanted from them to act. They were having different spirit, and faith; fully trusted and wholeheartedly obeyed God and were willing to continue to obey and follow God.

“25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) Tomorrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.” (Numbers 14:25 KJV) God here gave this order to implement what He decided, as He spoke to them to get into the wilderness so He will not allow them to enter the Promised Land.

“26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.” (Numbers 14:26-27 KJV) Here God opened up to Moses all His grievances in His heart that He had with His people and how they had murmured and spoke bad against God, and now no more He will bear with such, but He will judge them.

“28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:” (Numbers 14:28 KJV) God spoke to Moses and told him that what he prayed and asked God to do then that is what He will do in accordance to the grumbling of the people, for as they wished to die in the wilderness then God will allow them to die in the wilderness as they wished and will not allow them to enter the Promised Land, as the following:

“29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me. 30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. 32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. 34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. 35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.” (Numbers 14:29-35 KJV) God explained here to Moses how He will answer his prayer and their evil wishes, that all those who were numbered twenty years old, who murmured against God, tempted Him ten times and sinned against Him, they will die in the wilderness and their carcasses will scatter in the wilderness over the span of forty years until all of them will die. They will continue to wander and turn around in the desert until they will die all. But their little ones who were less than twenty years old who the people said should be a prey, those God will bring in the Promised Land, but they will suffer wandering forty years in the wilderness and bear the spiritual adultery of their fathers until the death of all their fathers and the scattering of their bodies in the wilderness. Forty days they spent to search and explore the land, then one year for each day, so forty years they will wander in the wilderness; so they will not die all of them in one day and the congregation number will be less in number and about to be consumed, but the population number will be preserved until all those who were above twenty years who murmured against God will be taken out slowly and replaced by the younger coming generation.

“36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, 37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.” (Numbers 14:36-37 KJV) But those ten leaders who sent to search the land and came and caused the congregation to be discouraged and murmur against Moses the servant of God by bringing a slander or wrong information about the land, that they cannot possess because the people there are giants, those God put them to death by a plague. ***“38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.” (Numbers 14:38 KJV)*** Because they brought a good report and stood with God and supported Moses and Aaron. *So you too need to stand with God and support the leaders of the church who are leading according to the will and purpose of God.*

“39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. 40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. 41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. 42 Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. 43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. 44 But they presumed to go

up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. 45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.” (Numbers 14:39-45 KJV) Moses informed all that to the people, who when they heard the judgment of God on them were sad and they wanted to go to take the land and possessed it, but that was too late, and God would not consider that action of them because they had abused the grace of God and His patience and His long suffering to them and took advantage of Moses and Aaron their leaders; they knew what they were doing was wrong, but now they wanted to go out and obey to possess the land because they were told they will not enter the Promise Land. Therefore they were denied because they refused to obey God while He was waiting and calling for them to obey Him. Moses and the ark of God did not depart from the camp. Moses and the Levites stood firm with God in announcing His judgment on the people.

My Dear and Beloved: *When people sin that causes us pain and grievances; but as we fall face down, we will be able to be led by the Holy Spirit to pray and intercede in accordance with the will of God, and we would finally understand and be informed and pleased with God's final decision and actions to deal with the people's sins and shortcomings.*

But when we are informed of His judgment we need to stand with God and proclaim His judgment in full to the hard headed people who refused to obey, and continued to abuse the grace and the mercy and the long suffering of God.

** At the feet of the Lord, facedown, we are in the right position to face problems, to deal with hardships, to understand what is going on, to receive wisdom and direction from the Lord, to intercede, to pray, to receive miracles, solutions and God's provision and to move forward for the next step of our lives. * Ponder on the message and apply the new things you learned, and adopt in your lives so you can move forward in your faith and walk and service to God.*

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 all what I have received and learn from your Word to me.

Lord forgive my sins and the following wrong doings _____. Lord have mercy on your people who did evil against you, you are merciful and a long suffering God, forgive Lord and clean your church from wrongdoing, ***“17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,” (Numbers 14:17 KJV)*** Lord let your glory be prevailed, Lord consider the size of your church, Lord consider what the enemies will speak, Lord let all the nations know that you are the Almighty God who do miracles and wonders.

Lord I pray for my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins, Lord restore them, bless them and fill them with the Holy Spirit and continue to teach them your ways so that they will be effective to go and serve you. Lord protects them and provides all their needs.

Lord bless us as a church, once again you fill us with the Holy Spirit and enable us to evangelize and reaching new areas with the gospel of Jesus and making new disciples. Lord

enables us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. 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 the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

Kneeling Down Part 6. Numbers 14:1-45.

Dr. Ramiz Khalaf
The Church Overseer
Church of God
United Arab Emirates
Email: thebread1@gmail.com
Mobile Tel #: 00971551902647

Note: The Bread of Life is a weekly publication from the Church of God, United Arab Emirates. For further issues and more spiritual enrichment you can visit our web site at: www.churchofgoduae.com.

Share the message with your friends.

Please share with us your view about the message and if you have any question.

If you have a prayer request, please send it to this whatsapp Number: 00971551902647, or to this email: thebread1@gmail.com.

Please send your tithes, your first fruit, and your various offerings to the church to this account

BANK NAME:
First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)
ACCOUNT NAME:
RAMIZ BAHNAM ABBO KHALAF
ACCOUNT NO.:
1576003753162014
IBAN:
AE380351576003753162014
SWIFT CODE:
NBADAEAAACPU

Or contact me to this whatsapp Number: 00971551902647, or to this email: thebread1@gmail.com.

If you need counseling in area of your life, whether about family, children or finances, please be free to contact me to this whatsapp Number: 00971551902647, or to this email: thebread1@gmail.com.