Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 53 The Letter of Jesus to the Church in Thyatira Part 5

"18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (*Revelation 2:18-29 KJV*)

"24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden." (Revelation 2:24 KJV) As we spoke previously that God wanted His faithful people in the church of Thyatira to stand firm against all the idols and the wickedness that people like Jezebel and Ahab were doing. * We spoke that God wants us to be like Elijah, not to run away, but to stay where we are assigned to continue to do the work of God and what He assigned to us to do. * God in giving His assignment to Elijah, we can notice the following things that we need to understand so that we can use and apply in our ministry unto the Lord to stand firm and to face valiantly the wickedness of Jezebel and her followers in the church of Thyatira today.

"15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:" (1 Kings 19:15 KJV) That is one of the terrible thing that God asked His prophet to do. God asked Elijah to anoint a king for a heathen nation and not of the people of God. That is something strange and we cannot recall in the Bible that God had sent any of his prophets to anoint a king for a nation who are heathen of the Gentiles. The Bible tells us that God call heathen kings and anoint them to serve Him like King Nebuchadnezzar and King Cyrus, but to send a prophet from Him to go and anoint, that is only mentioned here. The Syrians were against Israel, so what we understand that the anointed king will attack and destroy the Israelites.

Elijah was also called here to anoint Elisha to be a prophet after him who will be the one later in to anoint the king of Syria, "16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.? 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword

of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him." (1 Kings 19:16-18 KJV) Here are also the details of how Elijah anointed Elisha, "19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him." (1 Kings 19:19-21 KJV)

Then after the taking of Elijah to Heaven, God sent Elisha to anoint Hazael. Let us read how Hazael was anointed to be a king over Syria and how the Lord had orchestrated the events for such important event to take place. "7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. 8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die. 11 And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept. 12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. 13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria. 14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover. 15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead." (2 Kings 8:7-15 KJV) Elisha told him that he will become king, "And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria." (2 Kings 8:13 KJV) Elisha here did not lay hands on him and did not put oil on him as they use to do to anoint the kings of Israel. Either because that man is from heathen who will not understand such, or because Elisha himself abhorred doing such because of the destruction that this man is going to do against God's people. When Elisha told Hazael he will become king that prompted him to kill the present king. Elisha also told him clearly what destruction that he will bring on Israel: "Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child." (2 Kings 8:12 KJV) Elisha told Hazael that he will kill the men and the children of Israel and he will rip pregnant women who are alive and take their children out from their tummies and kill them. That is one of the terrible things that the Scripture tell us. Why God allows such?

- 1. To judge His people and to punish them, who followed Jezebel and all her wickedness. Death is the last remedy of God to stop and to restrain his church from continuing of doing evil.
- 2. To avenge the blood of His servants the prophets.
- 3. God will do such to relief His servants and His prophets from the harms of Jezebel and her followers. God do such because He wanted to protect the 7000 who were obedient to God and are willing to follow God as He said to Elijah, "18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him." (1 Kings 19:18 KJV) Therefore we need to obey God and do even what is terrible for Him in order to be safe and protected.
- 4. God will do such, so that His people may repent and start to serve Him.

God confirmed such destruction that He will allow to happen in the writings of the prophet Hosea when He said the following about Samaria that is built by Ahab, "Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up." (Hosea 13:16 KJV) So God anointed Hazael through the ministry of Elijah and Elisha to destroy His wicked people, and it agrees with what Jesus said in 90 AD through His servant John, "And I will kill her children with death." (Revelation 2:23 KJV) God did the same to the Jewish who persecuted his apostles when he destroyed them using the Romans Empire who destroyed the temple of God in 70 AD when they destroyed Jerusalem.

Did Jesus confirmed that in the New Testament or nullified it? Yes, Jesus confirmed such destruction and the punishment to His people when He said, "And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works." (Revelation 2:23 KJV) His people who sold themselves to do evil in the form of immoralities, celebrating the feast of idols and eating their food, practicing politics and corruption in the church, playing church, using church offices and church government for living, grabbing faithful people ministries and persecuting true prophets who rebuke them for their sins. * Yes Jesus will allow and will anoint kings of the Gentiles, non believers, to destroy His people who are living their lives as Jezebel and her followers in the church of Thyatira. * This message is a prophetical message, declaring the Lord shall fulfill His Word and anoint certain Gentiles men to be leaders for nations that God will use them to destroy His wicked church people, and that will be evident and clear to the churches to realize that God shall repay everyone according to his work as He promised.

Those wicked in the church of Thyatira have sold themselves to do evil that is why God sent His judgment on them. Even the present church today worldwide is like the church in Thyatira. I have a testimony about that. Just recently a Sister approached me, she is translating my English written messages into Tagalog. I already told her to use King James Version in the translation, so she came to me as she is translating the message about the marriage of Joseph and Mary, and she told me that the Word 'Virgin', is not there in the tagalog translation, as well as she found that they are using the terms boyfriend and girlfriend. So here we can see how the church today had sold themselves to do evil; when the people read the Bible and they will not found that boys and girls should kept themselves virgins till marriage and they will found that boyfriend and

girlfriend are in God's Word, then they will be seduced and go to do evil and fall into immoralities.

Therefore, the Lord may ask us to do certain things that may irritate others and cause them to hate us but we need to abide with God and do our assignments well to please the Lord. Like in this letter that Jesus sent through John to the church in Thyatira, 'Do you think the people who were like Jezebel and her followers in that church will love John or hate him? They may repent, but very possible they may hate him also. Now, here, as we are standing with God, let us pray, 'Lord let your prophetic message that you gave us today come true in the name of Jesus and let the Churches of God and the Churches of Christ that are not willing to repent to be dealt by you, even, in a terrible way as you ordained, in the name of Jesus, Amen.'

Let us continue the events of what Hazel did. He fought against Israel and injured Joram the son of Ahab, who upon his return to recover in Jezreel was killed by Jehu who was anointed by one of the prophets who was sent by Elisha. Let us read these events: "I And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramothgilead: (Here oil was used to anoint). 2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber; 3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. 4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead. 5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain. 6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel. 7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. (Here the anointing of Jehu was to revenge for the blood of the righteous people and the prophets, and to protect the remaining 7000 who are obedient to God) 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel: 9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah: 10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled. 11 Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication. 12 And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. 13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king. 14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria. 15 But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel. 16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram. 17 And there stood a

watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace? 18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again. 19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. 20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously, 21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? 23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot." (2 Kings 9:1-24 KJV) Jehu destroyed the house of Ahab, who killed the true servants and the true prophets of God. In such God was protecting and delivering out His prophets and His servants from Jezebel and her wicked followers. When God is doing such things and we agree with Him and work hand in hand with Him, then we are protected. Here God is fulfilling what He was telling to Elijah, "16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay." (1 Kings 19:16-17 KJV) God orchestrated the events to totally destroy the wicked, to relief His people, and He anointed certain people to do such. In the same way, what is not destroyed by the earthquake, will be taken by the flood, and what is remaining after the flood will be destroyed by COVID-19. and what is not destroyed after COVID-19 will be taken by wars, and what is not taken by the war will be taken by famine and financial collapses, and so on until Jesus will complete His full judgment against such churches.

The further destruction that God done through Hazael king of Syria to destroy his unrepented people we can read here, "In those days the Lord began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel." (2 King 10:32 KJV) "3 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all their days. 22 But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz." (2 King 13:3, 22 KJV) I am fully convinced and believe that the current situation of the churches now are like the church of Thyatira, and the Lord shall use the kings of the world to fulfill his full judgment on them.

My dear and beloved: The Lord shall continue to protect us and provide for us, but we need to keep the places that is assigned for us; even if we are assigned in the church of Thyatira, we need to remain and to stand firm and oppose the evil doing and do our assignments well unto God, who will continue to anoint us and give us certain instructions that we need to do to achieve His will; to bring God's judgment on the

wicked, in order to protect ourselves and those who are willing to follow and to give chance for the wicked to repent and come back to God and start to serve Him.

Let us now come to God applying the principles of what we learn from God, not to run away, but to resist the devil, by going back to our assignments and ministries and committing ourselves once again to God to finish the tasks that He want us to achieve for Him. Let us do our best to continue to live in holiness, and to continue to focus on the tasks entrusted to us and to do the works that He wants us to do. Let us trust God that he is in full control and He will orchestrate things according to His plan and will. Let us continue to give the message to whomever God is sending us to. Let us continue to stand firm against the devil and against sin and against those who are used by the devil like Ahab and Jezebel. Let us stand firm against all these challenges and to continue to do the various good works and His services in holiness and in purity Let us continue to go and make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to lay our hands and anoint new people to do the service and the ministry of God as He is showing us.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your Word that encouraged me to continue to serve you knowing that other people standing the same in your church and having the same suffering of what I am passing through.

Confess your sins now to God. Lord forgives me the following sins ______. Repent of the fear of man and from running away from doing the assignments of the Lord in full.

Lord I commit myself to abide with this Word of yours that I received in this message. Lord I commit myself to stand firm against corruption, greed, false teachings, immoralities, and all the schemes of the devil. Lord I am willing to go and do all the assignment that you entrusted to me to do, to evangelize reaching new people and to make new disciples.

Lord, I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who accepted your Word and are willing to live their lives and serve you and suffer for your Word. Lord protect them and provide all their needs. Lord deliver them from all persecution and the attacks of the devil.

Lord bless us and sustain us as a church. Lord help us, protect us, and provide for us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church and 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.

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