

The Peace of God Part 2

The following are the instructions that God had given to the priests in the book of Malachi: *"1 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. 3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law."* (Malachi 2:1-9 KJV)

Some they say that priests are in the Old Testament, but now we are in the grace of Jesus. Peter who was called by Jesus and on him He built up His church, called the believers of Christ as, *"royal priesthood"*: *"9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."* (1 Peter 2:9 KJV) So it is fit for us to read and apply what God had instructed through His prophet Malachi. God mentioned that His covenant with Levi was a covenant of life and peace, *"My covenant was with him of life and peace."* (Malachi 2:5 KJV) **God when He called us to serve Him, we have a covenant with Him that from Him we will receive eternal life and peace,** *"2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord"* (2 Peter 1:2 KJV) **Life and peace will come from God, but we need to work it out observing the following:**

1. We need to fear God: *"5 and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name."* (Malachi 2:5 KJV) **God is very serious with us and He needs us to abide with His Word and His instructions.**

2. Speaking the truth even if people get upset with us: *"6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity."* (Malachi 2:6 KJV) *** To let the real peace of God to come into our lives, we should speak the truth to the people, even if they will not like to listen to us or even if they will get upset of it, we still need to tell them the truth and not to compromise; that what it means with, *"he walked with me in peace and equity"*.** *** Siding with people's sins and shortcomings that they do against God will kindle the wrath of God against us and against the people whom we are ministering to. Siding with people is a betrayal action against God. We ought to be more alert not to compromise with people in condoning their sins because that will promote God's anger and jealousy. * Not only that, but let us think about the**

people and let us love them in the true way. If we, who are called by God will not tell them the truth and will not speak to them to be aware of their sins, then, they will not turn away from their sins. God will not change the people and will neither bless them nor bless us if we continue in that attitude and wrong concept.

3. Endeavor to present the Word of God to the people in a wise and convincing way to let them depart from their sins: *"7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts."* (Malachi 2:7 KJV) **We are sent by God to tell His law to the people so they will be enlightened with God's Word.**

4. We should abide in the ways of God and not to corrupt the covenant of peace that we have with God: *"8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts."* (Malachi 2:8 KJV) *** We should not allow anything come in between us and God and disturb that close relationship that we have with God. * Circumstances will come into our lives that Satan will push and try to introduce and try to convince us to accept sins or wrong practices and ways that contradict the Word and the ways of God. * Therefore the more we need to be alert not to allow such things to happen in our midst.**

5. We need to have zeal for the Lord: In *Numbers* chapter 25 it speaks about how this covenant of peace was instituted between us and God:

"1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. 2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. 5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. 6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. 10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. 14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief

house in Midian. 16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them: 18 For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.” (Numbers 25:1-18 KJV)

The people of God started to sin by committing immoralities with the women of Moab and Midian who led them also to worship idols. God requested Moses to put to death those who did that. Meanwhile one of the Israelites, *“6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.” (Numbers 25:6 KJV)* It was a clear defiance to the command of God and to the whole congregation when that man brought that woman in front of everyone to his tent, inspite that he knew it was sin. Everyone saw what that man did, but only Phinehas acted in a way to please God by making an end of that man and woman and ending the immoral sin that they were committing against God and against His people. *“7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.” (Numbers 25:7-8 KJV)* Everyone recognized it a sin, but only one person, Phinehas, had a zeal for the Lord. Only one from among them his heart was knitted with God and moved to do things to please God. Notice also that Phinehas was not waiting for someone to instruct him or someone to encourage him or to give him order to do it. When he did that, the Scripture said, *“So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.” (Numbers 25:8 KJV)* Now we can clearly see how he worked with God to end up the peoples’ sins and troubles. *When we keep silent and don’t do anything about it to correct it we are igniting more the anger of God. But when we deal with it properly we save others and we keep peace and the covenant of peace that we have with God.* The Lord upon what Phinehas did, He instituted His covenant of peace with him, *“10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.” (Numbers 25:10-13 KJV)*

6. We need to be more aware about what will bring peace into our lives and in the life of the church: “14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian.” (Numbers 25:14-15 KJV) The meaning of Zimri is ‘music’, and the meaning of Cozbi is ‘my lie’. Now a day music has invaded the churches in a profound way. ** I am not speaking against using music in worship, but it should not be used more than what the Word of God should be used in attracting the people to the truth and in correcting them and bringing them away from sins. * Now if the*

music become dominant and the church is more concern about it more than the Word of God, and when other things as make up, dress, perfumes, food, friendship and flatteries in our midst, then Gozbi ‘my lie’, satan will not find it difficult to send her into the church. When Zimri brought the woman to his tent, if someone would ask him who is she? He would probably answer and say, ‘Cozbi’ or ‘my wife’. ** Now many in relationship with ladies outside the marriage life and they consider it ‘my wife’, but the truth it is Cozbi or ‘my lie’, and under this category you can find girlfriend, boyfriend, divorce and second marriage, second or third wives, single parents who did marry not the father nor the mother of her or his child or children. * Many who do their own and if you ask them, why you are doing that? They will answer you and say ‘It is my life’. Isaiah say about those who live worshipping idols the following: “20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?” (Isaiah 44:20 KJV)* Zimri when he brought Gozbi to his tent, it was an idol in his hand. *We need to clean God’s church from whatever will bring lies and work of devil in our midst so peace will come back to us. We need to be more aware when we see the church is so concern about music (Zimri) because lies (Cozbi) is not far away*

7. We need to vex the false teachers and those who introduced evil things against God’s church and His people: “16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them: 18 For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.” (Numbers 25:16-18 KJV) The message in your hand is a stand with God against all who try to come in between and bring sin and compromises and break the covenant of peace that we received from Jesus as we continue to abide in His will, in His Word, and in His plan.

“11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.” (Numbers 25:11 KJV) The meaning of Aaron is ‘light bringer’. Aaron, as the light bringer, was the first in his family to get involved in God’s service. His four children, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar got involved in serving the Lord. The meaning of ‘Nadab’ is ‘generous’. The meaning of ‘Abihu’ is ‘he is my father’. The meaning of ‘Eleazar’ is ‘God had helped’. The meaning of Ithamar is ‘coast of palms’. All these names has linked with God and the good things that He did in the life of His people. Aaron, the light bringer, was the first generation, and his four children were the second generation in serving the Lord. But Phinehas was the third generation in the family in serving the Lord, and the meaning of Phinehas is ‘mouth of brass’ and it is a strange name. If we meet somebody who named his son ‘mouth of brass’ we sure will question him about the meaning of such strange and non palatable name. There must be a reason why such name with such a meaning was given. The priest according to *Malachi 2:7* He is the mouthpiece of God: *“7 For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 2:7 KJV)* *Phinehas was called the mouth of brass, it may mean a mouth that you cannot twist, and it will utter precisely the Word of God in a precise way.* Phinehas was the third generation God’s servant in the family of Aaron, and His ministry would be expected to be more in honoring God than people.

I had searched the Scripture and the history to find out why Eleazar named his son Phinehas ‘mouth of brass’. Eleazar might be prophetically named his son this way seeing that he will perform with zeal his ministry toward the Lord. Or it might be as I thought that a painful events that passed through the life of Eleazar made him experience God in a more serious way that convinced him more and made him understand that drawing near to God is not about receiving more comfort and privileges but it is more about seriousness in service to honor the Lord by keeping His Word and His law intact.

Leviticus 10 speaks about a painful event that had passed upon the family of Aaron and how they were disciplined seriously by the Lord for some misconduct they achieved after the event of ordination of Aaron and his sons to the service of God at the tabernacle, and might be that event contributed to the name that was given to Phinehas by his father Eleazar: **“1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. 2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. 3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. 4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. 5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said. 6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled. 7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.”** (Leviticus 10:1-7 KJV) Eleazar witnessed the death of his two brothers, Nadab and Abihu, they were killed by fire from the Lord, and he was neither allowed to mourn for them nor to leave the tabernacle to bury them. Painful event as such when God would do is to glorify Himself, as Moses said to Aaron, **“3 This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified.”** (Leviticus 10:3 KJV) Such things God will do will keep a great and unforgettable impact on the life of the souls who witnessed such events.

Eleazar was a second generation God’s servant in His family. * Therefore, second generation Christians should use all the opportunities to know God better and to draw near to Him. * Second generation Christians should take seriously the Word of God and to apply seriously in their lives and to teach and inculcate in the lives of their children so the Lord will be honored in the lives of the third generation.

The meaning of ‘Nadab’ is ‘generous’. The meaning of ‘Abihu’ is ‘he is my father’. The meaning of ‘Eleazar’ is ‘God had helped’. The meaning of Ithamar is ‘coast of palms’. The meaning of those who buried Nada and Abihu, ‘Mishael’ is ‘who is what God is’: the meaning of Elzaphan’ is ‘my God has protected’. The meaning of ‘Uzziel’ ‘my strength is in God’. All are second generation names who speak about the goodness of God toward mankind. That is true of God, but man need to fear God and revere Him and walk and live according to His degrees and statutes so that

God’s wrath due to sin would be prevented and peace will rule in the mid of our families and congregations.

My dear and beloved: * Names and people with actions like Phenihis are the glory of God and are kind of servants and ministers that the church needs today so that God’s name will be feared and His Word would be applied and His peace be reign. * We really need to have the three kinds of names and actions in God’s church; to bring the light, to claim God’s promises and trusting Him that He will help, and not to forget to use a mouth of brass that will speak the precise Word to correct, to rebuke and to deal with sins so we can bring the peace of Jesus to God’s church and to His household. Let us pray ...

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that makes me understand the way to receive peace from you. Lord thank you for your teaching and the admonishments I received from you in this message.

Come now to God and repent and renounce all your sins. Repent and renounce your compromises, lies, and flatteries. Repent of condoning and covering up sins to please people. Repent of your lust and immoralities in the form of dating, courting, boyfriend, girlfriend, masturbation, pornography, divorce and remarriage, live-in relationship, a single parents married not the father nor the mother of her or his child or children. Repent of the fear of man and your lack of the fear of God. Repent and renounce your worldliness, your love of money, and material things. Repent of your lack of reading of God’s Word, life of prayer and being yoked with non believers and wasting your time on the Media, News and games. Repent of all your idols and the wrong things that you are doing that contradict the Word of God and His will. Lord forgive me I repent of the following sins

Lord I commit my life to the principles of your Word to clean myself, my family and your church from the sins that we tackled in this message.

Lord thank you for my brethren and my sisters who repented and came back to you and are willing to amend their ways, Lord bring peace in their lives and use them to clean their families and the ministries they are in from all the sins we tackle in this message. Lord continue to rebuke and correct those who are not yet repented.

Lord bless us as your church as we continue to serve you combating the sins of immoralities and idols worship among your people. Lord exposed sins and help us to deal wisely with those involved in them. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, and lead us and enable us to reach new people, making new disciples and training new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so 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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