

Watchman Part 27

Watchmen with Wrong Attitude and Purpose. The Teaching of Balaam

The Scriptures tell us there are people whom God gave them good abilities and gifts that would enable them to be effective watchmen and watchwomen but instead they used what God gave them for not good purpose.

1. Balaam the son of Beor: The Bible tells us about Balaam that he was one of the false prophets who wanted to serve God while still keeping and entertaining evil things and wickedness. He was summoned by Balak king of Moab to go and curse the Israelites who were passing by his land. Let us read his whole story in *Numbers 22, 23, 24 and 31*, and explain to find out what evil Balaam did: **“1 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho. 2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. 4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. 5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me: 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.** (Here it is very clear that Balak the King of Moab was in great trouble because of the huge size of the Israelites who were beyond his capacity to handle them. With such situation he resorted to ask help from Balaam to come and curse them so he will be able to overcome. In his message he confessed to him that the Israelites were beyond his capacity, so he asked him to come in order to curse them that he may be able to prevail against them and overcome. He sent to Balaam who was at distance from him, and it seems that Balaam was well known with his ability to curse and to practice witchcraft that may turn situations and that was why Balak sent for him to help him in such situation which showed that Balak trusted much in Balaam. He trusted that if Balaam will curse the curse will come and if he will bless the blessing will come. **Many people who do not know God they have believe in people, therefore when we meet such people we need to direct them toward God and not toward ourselves.** So here very clear that Balaam had a prestige and reputation that he needed to keep so he can continue to get revenues from that using the gift that God gave him for an evil purpose. **Many ministers they have Spiritual gifts and they have vision but they want to keep their reputation and their prestige, and get revenues more than keeping their obedience to God. Take heed from the message and refrain from being as such evil example like Balaam.**) **7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.** (The messengers who were the elders of Moab came to Balaam carrying with their hand the rewards of Balak to Balaam and they gave him the message and what he was asked to do. He received them

and most likely he received his reward for that visit, therefore he needed to act on it.) **8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.** (He asked them to stay that night so he can ask God and give them His Word. Indeed God came to him that night and asked from where those men who came to him.) **9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee? 10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying, 11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.** (Balaam told God everything the messengers said to him. So here Balaam was in relationship with God. **Like many who have relationship with God but they want to do their own way and continue in their wickedness.**) **12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.** (God very clearly said to Balaam not to go with the messengers and added to him that he shall not curse those people, the Israelites, for they are blessed. So God’s message to him in that vision was clear and he had nothing to do with Balak.) **13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.** (Here Balaam did not say the truth to the messengers, he told them that God did not give him permission to go with them, but he hid from them that God told him not to curse the Israelites because they are blessed. Why he hid that from them? If he will tell that to them it means that he will never be able to do what Balak was asking from him, and in such way he will be totally losing Balak and his support. Balaam hid the truth so he can still use and take advantage of Balak. **Many like Balaam in the body of Christ, they know God, they speak with God and God speaks with them, but they are not willing to loss people, friends, members, or workers by telling them the truth that will set them free. They will hide the truth so they can still keep the people in intimacy with them so they can use them for their own purposes. Repent and amend your ways from such behaviors.**) **14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.** (Those people they did not report to Balak their king the whole truth what Balaam told them. They said that Balaam refused to go with them but they did not tell that God refused to give him leave. Possibly those people did not know God and that was why they thought that it was Balaam who refused to come. Perhaps with such Balak would understand that Balaam was bargaining to gain more from him.) **15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.** (He sent perhaps high princes than the previous ones to impress Balaam so he will come.) **16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: 17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.** (Balak’s message to Balaam was not to be hindered by anything from going to him, promising him that he will promote him perhaps by giving him an office in his government. Asking him just to come and curse those people, the Israelites. With such request Balaam should tell the truth of what God told him and end up such, but he refused to do that because he still wanted to go and earn his wages.) **18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.** (See how he was bragging with his integrity in front of the messengers that he was not after money that even if Balak would give him his house full of silver and gold he cannot go beyond the Word of God and of what God would tell him, boasting in saying **“the LORD my God”**, and was not ashamed of God who clearly told him don’t go and don’t curse the people.) **19 Now**

therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more. (Again he invited them to stay overnight to find out what God will say to him more. God had already told him don't go and gave him the reason. So here clear Balaam desired to go even against God's will. **Some people when they will speak they will show that they will not do but only what God had told them, but from inside they are trying all what they can in order to do their own will like what Balaam was trying to do here.**) **20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.** (God here did not change His mind but He was testing Balaam of what he was going to do because already told him not to go and not to curse the people. So even if God told him now go, but with the condition that He put that Balaam should do only what He will say to him it is clear that God did not want him to go.) **21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.** (He did not tell them anything because he knew that God had told him not to go and not to curse the Israelites.) **22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.** (God was angry with him and wanted to kill him of what he had done.) **23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.** **24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.** **25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.** **26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.** **27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.** (The ass of Balaam was able to see the angel of God and avoided him three times to save Balaam. But Balaam was blind and did not see and so he smote the ass three times because he first turned aside, second crushed Balaam's feet and third time because she fell down under Balaam.) **28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?** **29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.** **30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, Nay.** (God finally opened the mouth of the ass and spoke and reasoned with Balaam in order to make Balaam realize that there was something wrong going on in his life but he was not giving attention to correct that wrong doing.) **31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.** (Finally God opened the eyes of Balaam and Balaam saw the angel of God who was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, with a sword drawn in His hand, and in seeing Him Balaam bowed down his head and fell flat on his face. So Balaam was seeing God and spoke with God in visions and now seeing and meeting the angel of God, who was the Son of God. It confirmed He was the Son of God because He told him in verse 35, **"but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak."**) **32 And the angel of**

the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: (God questioned him why he smote the ass, and God explained to him that he went out before him in order to stop him because his way was perverse before Him. Here very clearly God told him that he was in sin and his way was perverse, which means he was moving with the people with a wrong motive to gain what his belly desiring to have from material things, fame, prestige and keeping friendship with wicked people and helping them in doing wicked things. **Many people who know God and serve Him drag long course on such a way living in sin and do not want to give up while God is patient with them giving them chances to live but they are not willing to repent. Are you like that, don't want to repent and drag long course in sin? If yes, then that is a time for you to repent and give up your perverse way.**) **33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.** (God told him that the ass saw Him and turned from Him three times otherwise he, Balaam was dead by now.) **34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.** (Here Balaam confessed his sin, but there was no repentance. He told God that he did not know that God stood on the way to oppose him. Then he said to God that if his going with the men would displease Him then he will go back. That is not repentance but that is mocking God. God was not waiting for Balaam to say that but he was waiting to hear from him, I will go back, or more than that to turn back and go to his home. **Many people like that, they say sorry and sorry but no repentance, no tuning away from sins, no cutting to the relationship, no returning back the things they had taken, no changes in their ways and so on.**) **35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.** (God said that to Balaam because he was not willing to repent. God was waiting for him to repent spontaneously and not by force and such will be a true repentance.) **36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast.** **37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?** (Balak went out to meet him as formalities required and asked him why he did not come to him and if he thought that he will not be able to promote him or honor him, which entails that he will give him a position or an honorable office in his government. **Many workers and ministers are after titles and positions of whatever cost even if they need to compromise and work with evil people; be aware of such and refrain from such wicked behavior and purpose in serving God.**) **38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.** (Here again Balaam started to show his self righteousness to Balak that he was so conscious about what God will put in his mouth to speak but he again hid from him what God had told him that he shall not curse the Israelites.) **39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjathhuzoth.** **40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.** (Here Balaam accompanied Balak who offered sacrifices to his god, such was Balaam he went with Balak accompanied him as he offered to his idols. **Such as are those false workers and ministers who goes along the people wishes and accompany them in their feasts offered to idols, like birthdays, Christmas, New Year, Father Day, Mother Day, Valentine, and Halloween, etc.**) **41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the**

people.” (Balak further took Balaam to the high places of Baal and Balaam did not object to go there to the place of idol worship, so that he can see the spread of the tribes of the Israelites in the plains of Moab) (*Numbers 22:1-41 KJV*) Although God spoke to Balaam not to go with the men that Balak sent, but Balaam desired to go in order to get the gift and the rewards that Balak prepared for Him. *“1 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. 2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.* (Balaam did a show business here, prepared seven altars and offered on them sacrifices to impress Balak and the people, but Balaam knew such will not alter the outcome. ** Many false ministers they do such things just to impress the people and the crowd but they will not face them with the truth about the sin in their lives that they needed to repent of. * Such false ministers exhaust the resources of the people and spend much money on things not of God and cause the people finally to fall in poverty.)* *3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.* (Balaam was thinking that God might change His mind.) *4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.* (Here Balaam boasted in front of God of what he offered, but all that what he made and offered was from his own imagination and not from God nor for God.) *5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. 6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab. 7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel. 8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied? 9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. 10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!* (Here what God allowed Balaam to proclaim and prophesied was a blessing to Israel, and that was expected and Balaam knew that would most likely happen, but all these procedures he was doing to convince Balak that he was with him, but Balaam was after the material things that he might take from Balak which he did not like to forfeit.) *11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. 12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth? 13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. 14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.* (Again the same story, Balak spent much and Balaam would not restrain him by telling him the truth. *Many people spend much on religious and prayer meetings perhaps they can convince God to do them what they wanted which will never be happening as long as it is not God's will.)* *15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the LORD yonder. 16 And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus. 17 And when he came to him, behold, he*

stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken? 18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: 19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? 20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. 21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. 22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. 23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! 24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain. (Again the same as what had happened in the first time, and Balaam would not say the truth to Balaam that God refused him to curse the Israelites.) *25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. 26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?* (Balak was bargaining with Balaam and Balaam did not tell him the truth that the Israelites were the people of God and they will be ever blessed and he was prohibited to curse them.) *27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. 28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward jeshimon. 29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.”* (*Numbers 23:1-27 KJV*) Again for the third time huge preparation and much expenses and Balaam would not be willing to speak the truth to Balak and tell him it was impossible to curse the Israelites. *“1 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.* (So here clear that Balaam was practicing witchcraft. *The ministers who know the truth of God but they side with people's sins and compromise and connive with them they are the witchcraft of the New Testament who oppose and suppress the truth. Many they desire from serving the Lord material things and gaining fame, position and money and they would compromise and condone people like Balak and tolerate their sins in order to receive from them material things. Woe to them, “Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.”* (*Jude 1:11 KJV*) *You can't serve God for a profit.)* *2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. 3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: 4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: 5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! 6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. 7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. 8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. 9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.* (Balaam went on his business and the Spirit of God would

not allow Him to speak any curse but blessings upon the people of God. He mentioned this statement about himself in verse 3, ***“and the man whose eyes are open hath said:”*** Which is repeated in verse 15. So he was a watchman and he was able to see that God will never approve any sin or wickedness. He also saw clearly that God will not send calamity to His people who follow Him wholeheartedly.) ***10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. 11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour. 12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, 13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak? 14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days. 15 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:*** (Here Balaam continued his prophecy and declared the blessing of God on Israel and his dominion over other nations and the coming of Christ out of Israel, and he prophesied also about what will take place to some other nations and peoples.) ***16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: 17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. 18 And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. 19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city. 20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. 21 And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. 22 Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive. 23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! 24 And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. 25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.”*** (Numbers 24:1-25 KJV) But in spite of that Balaam continued to be with Balak and tried his best to support Him. He would never drop Balak from his hand because he did not want to lose money, fame and power from his friendship with Balak.

The Lord in His message to the church in Pergamos mentioned the following: ***“14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”*** (Revelation 2:14 KJV) Balaam in giving way for his wrong motive to rule over his life and ministry he was used by the devil to bring destruction on God's people when he taught Balak to use women to invite the men of Israel for their feast and caused them to fall into sexual immoralities. ***“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.” (Numbers 25:1-3 KJV) * The teachers, pastors and the leaders who promote sexual sins by approving intimacy between boys and girls, using the men of the church to invite girls and using the ladies of the church to invite men, approving boyfriends and girlfriends, approving dating and courting, approving second wife and or remarriage while the spouse still alive, or allowing the single parents to marry not the father nor the mother of their child and children they are promoting immoralities. * What he meant in ***Revelation 2:14*** with ***“to eat things sacrificed unto idols”***, is the food that are prepared and offered to other gods, food of birthday parties, food of the feasts of this world like Christmas, New Year celebration, Valentine Day, Halloween, Father Day, Mother Day and the rest of the celebrations of this world that had entered the church, and food that is come from stealing or bribes and food that is used to entice people to be attracted and respond to the other gender invitation, all such kinds of food are food sacrificed unto idols.

Moses described the wickedness of Balaam when he declared to the Israelites who went to vex Midianites and came back and brought with them the women who enticed the men to worship idols and to get involved in sexual immoralities: ***“9 And the children of Israel took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. 10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire. 11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts. 12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by Jordan near Jericho. 13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. 14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle. 15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? 16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.”*** (Numbers 31:9-16 KJV)

Because of the wickedness that he did God's Judgment finally came upon Balaam and he was killed by the Israelites ***“7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males. 8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.”*** (Numbers 31:7-8 KJV)

My Dear and Beloved: You need to repent as you are aware of your sins and start to serve God wholeheartedly before His judgment would come upon you. God gave you spiritual gifts and talents in order to serve Him and be a good example and testimony for others to serve God and walk in His ways. Let us pray ...

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 the teaching, the correction and the rebukes that we received in this message and for opening our eyes to the truth of your Word.

Confess and renounce your sins. Confess your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess your greed and your love for money. Confess your boasting, showing off, your love for positions and fame. Confess your corruption, injustice, disobedience, rebelliousness, witchcraft and all your compromises. Confess your sexual immoralities and your condoning to such kinds of sins. Confess your idol worship and your involvement in feasts offered to idols. Confess your lack of reading your Bible and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your bondage with the Media and friends. Confess doing your own will and plans and not God's will and plan. Confess and renounce your fear of man and your lack of the fear of God. Confess your non willingness to serve God in the way that He wants you to serve and to suffer for Christ and for His church. Lord forgive me, I confess and renounce the following sins

Lord I commit myself to serve you and suffer for you in the way that you want me to serve. Lord I commit myself to say the truth and not to compromise with the people who sin and condone their wrong doings. Lord I commit myself to use all the gifts and the talents that you gave to me to serve you and to achieve your purpose in my own generations. Lord continue to build me up and make me the person that you wants me to be. Lord continue to protect me and provide for me to continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins and are willing to come out of their perverse way. Lord lead them out of all their compromises and the fear of men and set them free from all the bondages of the devil. We come against all the works of the devil and demons, we rebuke them and cast them out of their lives in the name of Jesus. Lord lead them to do your will. Lord protect them and provide for them and help them to continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to stand firm against all the challenges and against all the false teaching and the false teachers and ministers who are corrupted and who are condoning and involved in immoralities and feasts offered to idols. Lord protect us from persecution and help us to deal with the false teachers and false ministers who are teaching against your Word and leading the people astray. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit, and lead us to evangelize and make new disciples and train new workers. Lord enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more workers to receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming that when you come we are ready to go with you. 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. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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