

## Wrong Resources for Church Money Part 1

*“21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. 22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.” (Amos 5:21-24 KJV)*

*“13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, 14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. 15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.” (Amos 3:13-15 KJV)*

The following are the wrong financial resources for the church:

**I. Tithes, offerings and firstfruits from people who live in sin:** We start this message with the Word of God from the book of Amos where we can read that God would visit the sin of the Israelites and punish them for it, and not only that, He would punish and deal with them and cut the altar at Bethel. *“14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.” (Amos 3:14 KJV)* We know that the altar at Bethel was built by Jeroboam after his rebelliousness to divert the people of God away from the temple worship at Jerusalem. *“26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. 31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. 33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.” (I Kings 12:26-33 KJV)* So what we can conclude here is that the altar of Bethel was an altar of corruption, an idol, raised up by man’s will and with the wrong motive. Even those who were ministering were not genuine ministers and that added more to the corruption of that altar. There was no law of God and no discipline as God had ordained in the temple worship at Jerusalem. The people’s lives were of no concern to those who were leading them at the altar of Bethel. The priests were corrupted and their concern was that the people would continue to bring their tithes and their offerings, even if it were from sinful resources. *“4 Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: 5 And offer a sacrifice of*

*thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.” (Amos 4:4-5 KJV)* But God was not happy with the people and He declared to them, *“6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. 8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. 13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.” (Amos 4:6-13 KJV)* Though they had brought their sacrifices, yet they were in want for bread, the rain was withheld from their fields and their harvest was damaged and some of their cities were left without rain. Blasts and mildew were sent to them and pestilence affected them as in the manner of Egypt. He slew their sons in battles, some of their cities were overthrown, but they still didn’t repent or return to the Lord.

God said to them: *“4 Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: 5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.” (Amos 4:4-5 KJV)* When God said, *“Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression”*, it implies that there was a sin that needed to be dealt with. When the people came to worship, they brought their tithes and their offerings, but their life was in shambles, being filled with sin.

Now, one of the wrong resources for the church to obtain money from is through tithes and offerings from church members who live in sin and without correction from the church. If we read the first three verses of *Amos 4*, we can discover the sin:

*“1 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.” (Amos 4:1 KJV)* The, *“kine of Bashan”*, were the arrogant, upper-class women of the ruling class. They were so worldly and lavish and indulged themselves in food, clothes, and entertainment. They must have been fleecing their husbands of their money in order to splurge in luxury. When the men couldn’t cope with their growing demands, they must have probably preyed on the poor and extorted money from them and abused them. So their sin was worldliness, debauchery, injustice, and abuse. To make matters worse, the priests condoned the sin by keeping silent as long as they received tithes and offerings and sacrifices of various kinds. \*  
*Nowadays, many churches literally close their eyes to the sin of abuse, injustice, greed,*

worldliness, immorality, and other sins. They appear to be happy as long as the ministry is going on and the flow of money from the people is constant and they have resources to spend but sin is rampant. \* Such churches teem with people who come and go with no change in life. Church leaders are not willing to correct their members because they are afraid that members or families would leave the church. God has ordained His wrath to descend upon these churches and their members. *“2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. 3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD.” (Amos 4:2-3 KJV)* Such kind of church leaders who are aware of the wrongdoings of the people under them and yet choose not to correct them for fear of losing their favor and offending them will face the wrath of God. The Word of God says the following about such leaders, *“8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.” (Hosea 4:8 KJV)* \* Church leaders should correct and admonish the people; they should deal properly with the sin. They should instruct the people and turn them away from sinning against the Lord because they are the ones who are assigned by God to give instructions to the people. If they do that, they can prevent the wrath of God from falling on His people. \* But if the church leaders condone the people’s sin and compromise with them, then God’s wrath and anger will be sent in full. Curses and destruction will be sent to such church leaders and corruption will affect their seed and their descendants after them and also their disciples. The prophet Malachi wrote about that:

*“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)* We as church leaders should work with God to educate the people and impart to them the fear of God. God needs to be honored by His people. They must live a life free from the clutches of sin. For God to accept the people’s tithes and offering and other sacrifices, the people need to be clean from their sins, and we as church leaders shouldn’t hesitate to reprimand them for their sins and pursue them till they repent and turn to God. Otherwise, the tithes and the offerings that we receive from the people will bear the curse of God.

\* Injustice is one of the grievous sins that God abhors. The strong oppress the weak and abuse them. We ministers of God are called to practice justice and righteousness. \* The affluent church members may donate freely and lavishly to the church but we need to know the source of their income. We also need to check if they are abusing and taking advantage of the people who are under their care.

\* We don’t depend on people’s tithes and offerings for our living but we trust God who will provide all our needs. Therefore, we serve Him and serve the people according to the will of God, leading them in the way that God wants them to live. \* We should not be under obligation to anyone, especially the rich who contribute to the church lest we find it very difficult to handle and discipline them when we discover sin in their lives, especially injustice, because we are afraid that we may lose their financial support. \* Let’s not forget God is the one who is the backbone of our lives and the Sustainer of our church and our ministry.

There are members of our congregation that I admonish for their wrongdoing and whom I urge to set their ways right. If they choose to leave, I don’t get intimidated by the fact that their tithes and offerings will not be available to the church. I would rather avoid facing the wrath of God and I’m convinced that God will bless the church more and meet her needs and will add more finances when I correct people with His Word. We ought, to be honest before God and deal with people, including the rich, in the manner that God wants us to deal with them.

I refuse to accept tithes from people who don’t come to church or attend Bible studies. What use is their money if their life is not changed? I explain to them that the church collects tithes after fulfilling her duty to provide the spiritual food, the Word of God, to the church members.

In the case of those who are not able to attend the church or Bible study because of work schedule or load, we visit them and meet their spiritual needs so that they are not victimized by the enemy and led astray.

In the book of Micah, God spoke clearly to the Israelites that giving their burnt offerings and other sacrifices, their firstfruit and their firstborn to God cannot be a payment for their sins. *“6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” (Micah 6:6-7 KJV)* We need to understand that we really need to disciple the people and help them to understand that we are interested to see their life change for the better and their act of giving will not exempt them from following God. *“8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” (Micah 6:8 KJV)* We need to tell the people that if their lives are not changed, then we are not interested in their finances. People’s lives are to be valued more than their finances.

There are ministers who are not blunt with people in dealing with their sins because they don’t want to lose their favor. Balaam was one of those who prophesied for wages: *“5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.” (Micah 6:5 KJV)* Here is the account of his story and what he did against the Israelites because he could not stand to lose his reward from those who hired him.

*“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. 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. 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. 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. 12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. 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. 14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us. 15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. 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. 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. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more. 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. 21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.” (Numbers 22:1-21 KJV)* When God told Balaam not to go, he found it a struggle because he was drawn to the reward promised by Balak. He knew that God’s will for him was not to go, but he insisted on God sanctioning it, not because he delighted in serving God, but because his delight was in the reward. He even said that he would say what God wanted him to say when he went with the men. But the most profound underlying message is that Balaam should have downright refused Balak’s request because it was not God’s will for him to go. Moreover, by his act of disobedience, Balak would have known that God was against him. **There are ministers who run from church to church to preach in order to receive gifts and love offerings and use them as their source of income. They maintain friendships and relationships, making compromises so that they will be in good favor and invited all over again and receive remuneration all in the name of doing God’s work. “11 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)**

Samuel was so assertive with Saul when the latter totally rejected Samuel’s reasoning regarding keeping and offering sacrifices that came from wrong resources for the ministry. This was the command of God to Saul through Samuel. **“3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant**

**and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.” (1 Samuel 15:3 KJV)** But Saul did not obey God fully, **“7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.” (1 Samuel 15:7-9 KJV)** What Saul did grieved God’s heart. **“10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, 11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.” (1 Samuel 15:10-11 KJV)** Samuel was greatly upset with Saul for having grieved the Lord. Therefore let us read what Samuel did:

**“12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. 13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. 14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. 16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. 17 And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? 18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. 19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? 20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.” (1 Samuel 15:12-23 KJV)** Samuel rebuked Saul face to face and gave him the Word that He hated to hear. That was the right medicine for him and for his whole army who compromised. Samuel rejected the burnt offerings and the sacrifices of Saul and the army with him. **\* Nowadays, there are many like Saul and we should not be enticed by what they give or offer of tithes, offerings, firstfruits or whatever gifts or sacrifices to the church. We should not be like Balaam. \* Curses and sickness will follow us if we do that. God’s provision will be cut when we compromise and our lives will be under threat. Therefore, church, let us pay heed to the message and repent.**

Samuel did not stop till he put Agag to death. **“24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. 26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with**



*thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. 27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. 28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. 29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. 30 Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. 31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD. 32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. 33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. 34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. 35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.” (1 Samuel 15:24-35 KJV)*

Samuel did not go to Saul until the day of his death. **We should not be fearful of disciplining those who compromise and are not willing to repent just because we might be in need of their resources. In fact, they are resourceless spiritually and whatever they give will be at equality with witchcraft and idolatry before God. “27 The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?” (Proverbs 21:27 KJV)** Therefore, we should avoid receiving from them.

Some would ask then what they should do with the offering of people who have just come to Christ and are not fully committed to God. I am not speaking about the new people or those whom we are reaching out in evangelism, but about those who are being disciplined and are going through the process of purging and pruning. If they will not hear the truth from us, then from whom will they hear? If we don't correct them then what ministry and service are we doing? What use is their offering if they are not changed? What right are we to avail of God's blessings?

**“17 There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.” (Deuteronomy 23:17-18 KJV)** God's Word forbids any income that is gained from evil things to be used for God's work. Quality control is required in the case of the following:

1. From whom the money is taken.
2. From where the source of money is.

**My dear and beloved:** \* The purpose of God in stating all these rules is to direct us to scrutinize those under our care so that we will disciple them and help them to go in the way that God wants them to move. Therefore, we need to be more careful in how we conduct ourselves with regard to the collection of money. \* God wants us to work with Him to clean the vessels and to clean the resources. His blessings will flow to us when He sees us interested in keeping to the pattern that He has designed as mentioned in the Scriptures.

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 and the teaching that we received about the wrong resources for church money. Lord thank you for all the corrections the rebukes and the admonishments that we received in this message.

Repent and renounce all your sins. Renounce your abuse, taking advantage, corruption, compromises, condoning the sin of people, and your fear of man. Repent of your lack of fear in God and your lack of trust on Him that He will provide all the needs for the church and the ministry. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word and life of prayer. Repent of serving God with people who are not living in holiness. Repent of your non willingness to stand firm on the Word of God. Repent of your non willingness to suffer for Christ and to serve Him. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord thank you for all the resources that you had placed in the hand of your church to go and serve you. Lord I commit myself to stand with you to discipline the people and to correct them and direct them not to sin. Lord I commit myself to teach your people to offer their lives and their best resources to you. Lord I commit myself to cleanse your church and the ministry from evil doers and those who are abusing your grace.

Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and decided to live a honest and Godly life in the fear of you and in the way you ordained for them to serve you. Lord protect them and sustain them as they commit their lives to stand on your Word and not to compromise with those who sin. Lord watch over them, provide for them and protect them from the evil one so they will continue to serve you and do your will.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to teach your Word and your will to your people. Lord thank you for all the resources that you had placed for your church and for all the brethren. Lord we trust you that you will provide all the needs of the church and in all circumstances and at all times. Lord help us to continue to correct and admonish those who are in sin to bring them back to you and to your will. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water Baptized and receive the Holy Spirit Baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord take the message and spread it to bring the fruit that you desire to see in the life of your church and your people. 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.

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