Topic: The Lord eyes watches you – Part 1

Bible Reading: Psalm 34: 10-16

#### **Introduction**

The eyes of the Lord are spiritual eyes that are full of mercy and glory. There are abundance of favor and grace in the eyes of the Lord. Though, His eyes are invisible, still they scrutinize the activities of the world. The eyes of the Lord examine the earthlings and their deeds. The eyes of the Lord cannot condone evil but watches over every work of His hands. The eyes of the Lord are in every location on this planet called earth; His eyes are everywhere observing the wicked and the good. The Lord sees everything whether good or bad, and He is watching whatever we do. The Bible testified to this fact by saying, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3. Hence, there are no secret places on earth where anyone can hide from the Lord. No one can hide where the Lord cannot see them because He is everywhere in heaven and on earth: according to the Book of Jeremiah which says "Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?' says the Lord; 'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the Lord." Jeremiah 23:24. Don't you think it is time to abstain from every form of cruelty and wickedness? Since you cannot hide your activities from the Lord, why not be fair to others?

Many have rebelled against the glorious eyes of the Lord; their words and actions have caused them to stumble and fall into sin. Countless people have ruined their lives and they have fallen, because their speeches and deeds are against the Lord. Numerous people in the world are doomed, because everything they say and do is against the Lord. The Book of Isaiah confirmed this fact by saying, "For Jerusalem stumbled, and Judah is fallen, because their tongue and doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of His glory." Isaiah 3:8. Are you among those that are provoking the glorious eyes that are watching you? Are you

rebelling against the glorious presence of the Lord? Do you openly resist, or refuse to obey the commands of the Lord? Are you provoking the Lord to His face? Do you belong to the group of people who are defiantly provoking the Lord by supporting immorality and encourage people to fall into sin? You need to change immediately, because the wrongdoers cannot hide from the Lord. There is no darkness dark enough to hide the sinners from God. You will be punished for your atrocities, since no darkness is thick enough to hide the wicked from the glorious eyes of the Lord: according to the Book of Job which says "There is no darkness nor shadow of death where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves." Job 34:22. It is clear that no one can hide from God; therefore, the evildoers must not procrastinate, but change today in order to avoid the wrath of God.

## **Mankind is corrupt**

This earth is debased; all humanity had corrupted their ways on the earth and lost their true direction after Adam sinned. God looked upon the world and saw how degenerate and vicious it was because the fear of God was lost among mankind; so everyone on the earth was doing evil. God knew that everyone was terribly cruel and violent. The corruption in the world was very severe and all people were living evil lives: according to the scripture which says "So God looked upon the earth and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their ways on the earth." Genesis 6:12. You need to change today by departing from injustice and disobedience; then embrace humility and the fear of God. This call is to all humanity with exception of no one. Do not have false confidence that you are a righteous person, because your righteousness is like a polluted garment: according to the Bible passage which says "But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6. Hence, do not forget that the eye of the Lord is watching you.

Is anyone seeking God? The eyes of the Lord are constantly looking at the world to assess the situation of the earthlings. Start doing what is right and acceptable in the presence of the Lord, so that you will not be penalized, but rewarded. The Book of Psalms stated that "The Lord looks from heaven, He sees all the sons of men." Psalm 33:13. The eyes of the Lord are watching and monitoring the activities of the human race. Since mankind is the prime creation of God, He constantly looks down from heaven to see if people are longing for His priceless wisdom and guidance. The eyes of the Lord are observing the world to see if people are wise enough to search for Him, in order to seek His assistance and worship Him faithfully. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God." Psalm 14:2, 53:2. Are you insightful enough to seek God? Do you realize that your primary goal should be to seek God? Do you know that seeking God is essential to your survival in this world? It is not too late, start seeking the Lord to prove that you are wise.

The vineyard of the Lord: There is a song which says "Olorun logba" ajara kan, ile aiye ni, ile aiye ni: O funrugbin sinu re, awa enia ara aiye; sugbon nigbati kore de o, kiun lori ka; opo eso leranko ti je, opo eso loti ree danu; kiun lori kan." The interpretation is this, "God has a vineyard, it is the world, it is the world; He planted humans in it; but when it is time for harvest, He could only get little; many have been destroyed by the animals, and many have decayed; so, He only got little." The Book of Isaiah mentioned this fact by saying "For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; for righteousness, but behold, a cry for help." Isaiah 5:7. What is the Christian world doing concerning bloodshed and lawlessness that are prevalent throughout the world? What is the Christendom doing to curb oppression and injustice? Are the churches upholding honesty and justice? Are the leaders of Christianity practicing what they are preaching? Are they living double-life or exhibiting partiality? Are they worthy to be emulated?

Every Christian must act in conformity with the teaching of the Holy Bible, if they want to be among the 'little/good harvest' of the Lord.

So, Christians must take steps that will make the glorious God to visit His vine (the Believers) with mercy and grace. The time has come for the Beloved to do things that will prompt the Lord to fill His vine with favor and prosperity. The Christendom must plead with God not to forsake His vine, but continue to attend to this vine and care for it: according to the Bible passage which says, "Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine." Psalm 80:14. Christians must cry out to the Lord to consider their plight in this world, and come to their aid. The Believers need to implore the Lord to restore their glory and authority. They must beg God to make His face to shine on them with favor and approval, in order to be saved. As it is written, "Restore us, O God; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!" Psalm 80:3. Are you pleading with the Lord to show you His kindness? If not, do not delay because tomorrow might be too late. Today is the day that you need to remind the Lord that the Christians are His people and special treasure, so He should not be angry with them or keep their wickedness in remembrance forever. The Believers must beg God to overlook their iniquities, and not hold their sins against them forever, because they are His people: according to the scripture which says, "Do not be furious, O Lord, nor remember iniquities forever; indeed, please look—we all are Your people!" Isaiah 64:9. Christians need to beg for forgiveness of sins and return to God.

Make amendments today: Whenever you are working for the Lord, you must not relent or look back. Whoever that is doing things that pleases the Lord must forge ahead without looking back at the worldly/carnal things left behind. The wife of Lot looked back and she turned to a pillar of salt; the Bible confirmed this fact by saying "But his wife looked back behind him and she became a pillar of salt." Genesis 19:26. Learn from Lot wife's act of disobedience, if

you do not want to turn to a spiritual pillar of salt. Jesus also warned that anyone who starts plowing and look back is not worth a thing for the kingdom of heaven and such a person is of no use for the kingdom of God. The Book of Luke attested to this fact by saying "But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62. Do not look back, if you want to inherit the kingdom of God. Hence, turn to God and be saved. The Lord alone is the real God; He is the immortal and eternal God who can save you. People all over the world who desire to be saved must turn to the Messiah: according to the Book of Isaiah which says, "Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." Isaiah 45:22. Let the earthlings look to Jehovah for salvation, because there is no other God who can save beside Him.

Therefore, trust the Lord God to save you, and wait for Him to answer your prayer. Have confidence in God, and wait with hope and expectancy for Him to resolve your issues: according to the scripture which says, "Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me." Micah 7:7. Inasmuch as salvation belongs to God; He is your Savior, so look to Him alone for assistance, and He will certainly find solution to your problems because of His promise. God promised that if the Christians can humbly pray and turn back to Him by stop sinning, then He will answer their requests. The Believers must crave for the face of Lord and turn from their evil ways; if they want God to heal their Nations, and forgive their sins: according to the Bible passage which says, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. The only way for God to hear your prayers from heaven is to fear of Him and depart from your sinful lifestyle. If you want prosperity and peace in your Nation, then the populace must depart from their nauseous ways, humble themselves before the Lord, and seek His glorious eyes.

**Topic: The Lord eyes watches you – Part 2** 

Bible Reading: Psalm 34: 10-16

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that the eyes of the Lord are monitoring the activities in the world.

## God is monitoring the world

The eyes of the Lord are roaming throughout the earth to defend those who are walking blamelessly and are wholeheartedly devoted to Him. The eyes of God are scanning the whole world to monitor the activities of the earthlings. The Lord is constantly watching everyone and He strengthens those who are committed to Him and faithfully obey Him. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars." 2 Chronicles 16:9. Since the eyes of the Lord searches the whole world, are you doing what is acceptable to Him? Do you realize that you have to be loyal to God before He will strengthen you? Are you acting foolishly like king Asa, or you are doing what is right? Though, the Lord is sitting in His sacred temple on His throne in heaven; He knows everything we do because He sees us all. God observes people everywhere from His heavenly throne. He sees and knows what we are doing.

The Lord rules from heaven from where He watches everyone closely by examining every person on earth; according to the scripture which says, "The Lord is in His Holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men." Psalm 11:4. Either you believe or not, the vision of the Lord examines all of humanity and He will repay them proportionally, according to their deeds. Beware of your acts, and make sure that your heart is loyal to God; because, even though you can deceive humans by your physical appearance (or facial expression), but you cannot

deceive God, since His eyes are gazing at your heart. The Bible demonstrated this fact when Samuel was sent to the house of Jesse to anoint one of his sons as the king of Israel. The Bible stated that "So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:6-7. David who was the youngest son of Jesse was anointed by Samuel and later became the king of Israel because his heart was loyal to the Lord.

Do not misbehave: Abstain from wrongdoing, because the Lord sees everything whether good or bad. God sees what happens everywhere in the world; He is watching humans, whether we do good or evil. The Lord is watching everywhere on earth, keeping His eye on the endeavor of mankind. The Book of Proverbs stated that "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3. Therefore, the eyes of the Lord are on the path of every person and He watches where we go and whatever we do. The Lord sees and clearly knows what anyone does by examining every path that anyone takes; according to the Bible passage which says "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths." Proverbs 5:21.

Inasmuch as the eyes of the Lord are watching you, are you doing what is good and right? Because the eyes of the Lord keep guard over the knowledgeable and keep them safe, but overturns the words of the treacherous people. The Lord watches over everyone who shows good sense, but He frustrates the plan of deceitful liars. As it is written "The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, but He overthrows the words of the faithless." <a href="Proverbs 22:12">Proverbs 22:12</a>. It is either you seek the knowledge of God and be established, or you are unfaithful to God and your plan will be ruined.

Do not be wise in your own eyes: It is important that people must never think that they are wise enough to successfully swim the spiritual river/ocean of this world to a safe haven; instead, they must respect God and stay away from evil. Nobody should consider himself/herself wise; they should rather reverently fear and worship the Lord. Christians must not be conceited about their wisdom, else they will fall spiritually. So, it is time for the Christendom not to depend on their own wisdom, but simply obey the Lord and refuse to do wrong; according to the scripture which says "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:7.

Are you impressed with your own wisdom? Do you think that you are wiser than you actually are? Are your ways clean in your own eyes? Do you think that you are innocent, and you see nothing wrong in your actions? Your way may seem right to you, and you may think that you know what is right, but the Lord is the One that will judge your motives. The Book of Proverbs testified to this fact by saying "All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits." Proverbs 16:2, 21:2. You may believe you are doing right, or think everything you do is right, but God will still judge your reasons. He will examine your intent, in order to justify or penalize you. Hence, do not be wise in your own eyes, but loose the sash of unrighteousness today before it is too late.

The Lord eyes will determine your fate: Though the Lord watches over the whole world, but He pays more attention to the poor and the less privileged. If you are among those who are exploiting and oppressing the poor, you must stop immediately, else the eyes of the Lord will turn against you. The governments throughout the world must stop defrauding the needy, and cease committing any form of injustice against them. The Bible stated that the Lord protects the sojourners and defends the socially vulnerable people, but destroys the wicked. The Book of Psalms says, "The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down." Psalm 146:9.

Are you among those who are depriving the poor/needy their rights and dues? Change before the eyes of the Lord turns against you, and consume you. We need to realize that the Lord is watching over the evil doers, not to take care of them but to hurt them. He is watching over the wicked to bring disasters and not blessings upon them. The Book of Jeremiah stated that, "Behold, I will watch over them for adversity and not for good. And all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, until there is an end to them." Jeremiah 44:27. Why don't you 'turn a new leaf' if you don't want to suffer, or die prematurely? If you don't want spiritual starvation, why not change now? Since the Lord is watching for chances to harm the wicked, why not remain loyal and obedient to Him? If you don't want to suffer the same fate like the Biblical king Pharaoh and his army who drowned in the Red Sea, obey the commands of the Lord Exodus 14:24-28.

The Lord will bless the work of the hands of the righteous, and take them to the Promised Land. No harm will befall them, and God will take them to the land of the fulfillment, where their dreams will become a reality. God took the children of Israel from the land of Egypt to the land of Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey. God can keep His eye on your Nation, and take care of your country all year long, if the populace of your Nation will be obedient and depart from evil. God will watch over throughout the year, any Nation that fear Him, and He will take care forever, any country that does not reproach the truth: according to the scripture which says, "A land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year." Deuteronomy 11:12.

If the people in your country humbly seek the Lord and uphold justice, then the Lord will watch over your Nation through each season of the year, and no plague will come upon the land. The inhabitants of your country will prosper, if they do not elevate

anything in this world above God, but worship Him faithfully. If people go to Church regularly, listen to teachings and act accordingly, then they will find true happiness. The Bible attested to this fact by saying "Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors." Proverbs 8:34. You must neither ignore nor trivialize the word of God, if you want to be blessed.

**Topic: The Lord eyes watches you – Part 3** 

Bible Reading: Psalm 34: 10-16

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that humans cannot hide their activities from the eyes of God.

#### You cannot hide from the eyes of the Lord

Humans cannot conceal their deeds from the eyes of the Lord. Whatever that people are doing in darkness, is not hidden from the **Lord**, because the darkness hides nothing from the face of the Lord. The darkness is not dark enough so as to conceal anything from God. So, wherever you are on this planet, and whatever you are doing are exposed before the Lord. You cannot hide anything, even those things that you do secretly from the eyes of the Lord: however your Father who sees your secret deeds will either reward or penalize you; according to the testimony of the Book of Psalms which says "Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You." **Psalm** 139:12. Nothing is hidden from the eyes of the Lord, all the activities of the earthlings including those of the principalities of this universe and the contrary/invisible spirits are exposed before Him. Since there is nowhere to hide from the Lord why not change today? Start doing what is right and acceptable to the Lord so that you will not be punished but rewarded.

Those who think that they can hide from God because they are living in a fortress or a bunker are deceiving themselves, because God will use the works of His hands to punish and inflict hardship on them, unless they change. The Book of Amos confirmed this fact by saying "And though they hide themselves on top of Carmel, from there I will search and take them; though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea, from there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them." Amos 9:3. It is time to change and turn to the Lord, if you don't want to be punished. The powerful people and the

influential figures who are living in presidential mansions and fortified villas must realize that they can neither hide from the eyes of the Lord nor His punishment; hence they should produce fruits that are worthy of repentance. Repent today, else, the ancient/spiritual serpent will strike you.

Your activities are not hidden: Do not deceive yourself; nothing about you is hidden from the Lord. Your frame and mind are not hidden from the Lord: since the day of your conception when you are being formed in secret inside the belly of your mother. Your activities are not hidden from the Lord, because He watched you as you are being formed in utter seclusion, as you are woven together in the dark of the womb. Everything about you is exposed to the Lord, who saw your bones being formed as you took shape in your mother's body. The Book of Psalms attested to this fact by saying "My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest part of the earth." Psalm 139:15. Therefore, whatever that you have been doing from the onset is not hidden from the Lord; because He can see everything you are doing, even if you try to hide your sins from Him. Since the Lord is watching your every move, not one is hidden from Him and your sin is not concealed from His sight: why not depart from your sinful lifestyle? Why not stop the embezzlement of the church/Nation's fund? Are you ready to stop your gluttony activities? The Bible stated that, "For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes." Jeremiah 16:17.

God is watching you closely and He sees your activities. Hence, nothing is hidden from God: He sees through everything, so we have no other choice than to tell Him the truth. Nothing in the world can be hidden from God. Since everything is clear and exposed to His eyes, and we must explain the way we have lived: are you ready to be fair and honest in all your dealings? Are you prepared to stop reproaching the truth? Are you ready to refrain from treacherous plots and be considerate? Are you ready to flee from the ambitions/aspirations that can make you end your journey in hell?

The Book of Hebrews corroborated this fact by saying "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:13. Since it is clear that you cannot hide your activities from the Lord, why not do what is good and right? Why not depart from whatever that can ruin your relationship with God? Remember that you will give account of your stewardship to the Lord, so abstain from iniquities.

# Many are rejecting the guidance of God

Nowadays, many in the world cannot endure temptation; they have abandoned the love they had in the beginning for their Maker due to their ambitions and aspirations. Numerous people don't love God or others as they did at first, which prompted the Lord to bless them and make them financially stable. Countless Christians have forsaken the love they had at first for their Creator who is kind to them and settled their lives. The Book of Revelation cautioned about this issue by saying "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love." Revelation 2:4. Are you among those who always complain instead of appreciating the Lord? Do you belong to the group of the discontented people? The new trend now is that during their turbulent period, majority of the Christians always complain to God, instead of perseverance and total submission to the instructions of the Lord. They have forgotten that endurance and perseverance are the core values of Christianity; without which no one can inherit the kingdom of heaven. It is rampant among the leaders of Christianity to openly oppose the teachings of the Lord, instead of yielding to His directives. They are refusing to comply with the commands of the Lord, because they want to do things the way they like or want, rather than obey the order of the Lord.

Brethren need to realize that God sees and knows whatever that is happening to the Believers; and there is a reason/reasons why He permitted it to occur. Whenever you are being tempted and your feet is fasten in shackles, do not complain, but have the assurance

that God will keep close watch on wherever you go and guard all your paths. If you endure and overcome the temptation, God will mark the soles of your feet in order to leave a distinctive footprint which can be easily followed by other Believers: according to the scripture which says "You put my feet in the stocks, and watch closely all my paths. You set a limit for the soles of my feet." Job 13:27, 33:11. Whenever God is examining your paths and tracing your footprints, it is to guide you, so do not complain. You need to realize that God is guiding you because He loves you, and He didn't want you to perish with the world. The Lord always convinces the Beloved, He will reprove and chasten those that He loves; so change your mind and attitude towards your Creator. God corrects and disciplines those who are precious to Him, so change your mindset and be eager to do what is right; according to the Book of Revelation which says "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent." Revelation 3:19. Are you ready to turn from your indifference and be diligent? Are you ready to choose compliance instead of rebellion? Are you prepared to be a vessel of honor to propagate the Gospel? We pray that God will assist you in your Christianity journey and establish His eternal covenant in your life. Amen.

**Topic: The Lord eyes watches you – Part 4** 

Bible Reading: Psalm 34: 10-16

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning how people always query the Lord to justify themselves whenever they are in trouble.

## Numerous people are querying God

Nowadays, it is rampant in the world for people to query the Lord whenever they are in trouble. Even many Christians usually question God during their turbulent period, by saying "Why me?" Everyone will be trying to justify himself/herself, but when they are committing their atrocities, they think God did not see their deeds. The evil doers think that God doesn't care; He has closed His eyes, because of the transgressions of the earthlings, and will never see what is happening: according to the scripture which says "He has said in his heart, 'God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see." Psalm 10:11. Are you one of the wicked who think God is not watching you anymore? Do you have the mindset that God will not see whatever you do? Will you query God by saying, 'why did You veil Your face when I am in distress?' Numerous people throughout the globe always complain, that God distance Himself from them in time of desperation (caused by their deeds). The Book of Psalms stated that "Why do you stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble?" Psalm 10:1.

It is an abomination to criticize the Lord. No human has the right to probe God. You must never question Your Creator. It is forbidden for mankind who is dust to query the Lord. Hence, stop saying "Why do You hide Your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?" Psalm 44:24. Even, if your disappointing situation is due to temptation, and not because of your iniquity; still you must not query God. Inasmuch as He will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand 1 Corinthians 10:13. You also need to realize that God will neither look the other way, nor ignore your

suffering, if you do what is right and acceptable to Him. Therefore, stop questioning or querying the Lord because of your condition, instead implore Him to change your situation. Plead with Your Maker to pity your situation. You must beg the Almighty God to be merciful to you, so that you will not die untimely: according to the Bible passage which says "Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit." Psalm 143:7. Hence, do not query the Lord, but beg Him. If you don't want to go down to the world of the dead, entreat the Lord instead of questioning Him.

Humans are glamorizing misconducts: People throughout the world are not ashamed of misconducts anymore, instead, they are proud of them. Nowadays, people are glamorizing ungodliness and injustice. Many are so proud of their wrongdoing to the extent that they will be proclaiming them. Countless people continue to wallow openly in sin, like the Biblical people of Sodom did. These ungodly behaviors are the causes of the troubles and the disasters that are happening across the globe. The Book of Isaiah testified to this fact by saying "The look on their countenance witnesses against them, and they declare their sin as Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought destruction upon themselves." Isaiah 3:9. It is clear that majority of the unrest/rebellion that is happening throughout the world are caused by waywardness, extortion, and injustice. The Nations of the world are bringing destruction upon themselves, because of their unrepentant attitude, towards their wrongdoings and shortcomings. Are you among those who are flaunting their iniquities? Do you care to conceal your transgressions because you are ashamed? Are you parading or declaring your misconducts in any way or form, because they are pleasing you? Repent and turn to God before it is too late.

Majority of people will be complaining whenever they are in a dissatisfying situation, and they will be querying God, as if they are been treated unfairly, instead of seeking God. The Book of Job

stated this narrative by saying "Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have you set me as Your target, so that I am a burden to myself?" Job 7:20. Humans have short memory, if not, they will realize that our mothers conceived us in sin, and we were brought into the world in guilt. We have sinned and done wrong since the day we were born, because we have inherited the sins of our parents and forefathers. The Book of Psalms summarizes this fact by saying "Behold I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me." Psalm 51:5. Furthermore, it is time for mankind to acknowledge that we are all defiled by sin and unfit to worship God; our righteous deeds and best actions are like filthy rags to Him: according to the scripture which says "But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6. For this reason, stop querying or questioning Your Creator, because it is an abomination, instead, plead with Him to transform your life.

God will not answer the disobedient: We need to know that God will hide His face, and withhold mercy, when the insubordinate cry out to Him. The Lord will turn away from the rebellious, because of their evil deeds. God will not answer the prayer of anyone who defies His commands; instead He will hide His face from such person. You must abstain from evil, and do what is good/right, if you want the Lord to lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and make His face to shine upon you. The Book of Micah corroborated this fact by saying "Then they will cry to the Lord, but He will not hear them, He will even hide His face from them at that time, because they have been evil in their deeds." Micah 3:4.

Do not act wickedly, if you do not want the Lord to hide His face, but answer your cry when you are in distress. You must neither oppose the teachings of the Holy Bible, nor speak against the Lord, if you don't want to cease to exist. If you don't want your life to expire before your time, do not rebel against the Lord. Resist the Devil and not the Lord, if you don't want to die prematurely. God

will not get rid of you if you are obedient, instead, you will be preserved. Learn from the story of Hananiah who made the children of Israel to believe his lies and rebelled against God. The Bible Chronicles the event by saying, "Therefore, thus says the Lord: 'Behold I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against the Lord." Jeremiah 28:16. Listen to this warning and make amendments. We pray that none of the members of our families will die this year in Jesus name. (Amen).

## God will hide His face from the wicked Nations

If God hides his face because of wickedness, the Nations of the world will be prone to disasters and chaos. The situation throughout the world confirmed that God hid His face from the Nations, because of their disobedience and injustice. Some priests/pastors who are novice are giving the world false confidence that all is well, while others are criticizing God; because the Lord has chosen to remain quiet during this period. They have forgotten that curse is anyone who is condemning or accusing His Creator. Woe to anyone who is declaring the Lord guilty in one way or the other. God has the power to give peace, prosperity, and security from oppression if the people are worthy; however, when He withdraws His favor and help, no Nation or human can force/make Him to be gracious. The Book of Job stated that "When He gives guietness, who can make trouble? And He hides His face, who then can see Him, whether it is against a nation or a man alone?" Job 34:29.

The Nations of the world should stop blaming the Lord for their precarious situations, instead they should seek the Lord; else God will be furious with them, to the extent that He will abandon them, and ignore their prayers. This is a wake up call for all Believers to remain on the righteous path, and be loyal to God; else He will hide His face from them, and they will become food for their enemies; then, every kind of misfortunes and calamities will come

upon them. The leaders of the Christendom should wake up from their spiritual slumbering, and make amendments instantly, since the Christians are now realizing that many of the things that are happening to them is because God is no longer with them; He has hidden His face from them: according to the Book of Deuteronomy which says "Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?'" <u>Deuteronomy 31:17.</u>

The antidote to the situation of the world is to change and turn to God; if not, God will continue to hide His face, and disasters will be coming down on the earthlings. God will hide His face from the Nations until they stop every form of extortion and injustice. The Nations that wants the face of the Lord to shine upon them must abstain from idolatry and nauseous conducts. As it is written "And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods." <a href="Deuteronomy 31:18">Deuteronomy 31:18</a>. Do you think the government of your country is ready to stop bloodshed? Are the people in the position of authority ready to abide with the commands of the Lord? Are the residents of your community resolved to live in harmony and love? If not, it will be difficult to see the face of God.

Those who hide their atrocities are cursed: Anyone who is trying to hide his/her wicked plot from the Lord is cursed. Any government that is hiding its nefarious activities from the public is cursed. The people in position of authority who are concealing their selfish plans from the citizens are cursed. If you don't want to become accursed, you must neither hide your plan from the Lord, nor conduct your work in darkness. Those who are having secret meetings that can adversely affect their Nations will be doomed: according to the Bible passage which says "Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, and their works are in the dark; they say, 'Who sees us?' and, 'Who knows us?'" Isaiah 29:15.

Are you carrying out any scheme in secret? Are you deceiving yourself by thinking that no one will see or know what you do? Have you forgotten that the eyes of the Lord are watching every location on earth? Don't you know that anyone who conceals his/her transgressions will never succeed? Don't you know that whoever confesses and renounces his/her sins will obtain compassion?

The Book of Proverbs confirmed this fact by saying "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." Proverbs 28:13. If you don't want to be a failure, confess, and abandon your sins. If you want to receive mercy, do not hide your plans from the Lord; else God will not answer when you plead for His help. You must depart from violence and injustice, for God to listen to your prayers. God will look the other way from many who are imploring Him, because their hands are stained with blood of innocent victims. The Book of Isaiah stated that "When you spread your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood." Isaiah 1:15. The Nations of the world should abstain from shedding the blood of innocent people, if they want the face of the Lord to shine upon them. They must depart from every form of injustice, if they want the Lord to answer their prayers.

**Topic: The Lord eyes watches you – Part 5** 

Bible Reading: Psalm 34: 10-16

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that majority of the people on earth are twisted and they will be punished if they refuse to repent.

## **Evil doers will be recompensed**

The eyes of the Lord are too pure to approve evil, and He cannot look favorable on wickedness. God cannot tolerate wrongdoings and He will not look inactively upon injustice. The eyes of the Lord are too holy to look at wickedness, and He cannot stand the sight of people doing wrong. God cannot stand sin or wrong and He won't keep silent while the evil doers gobble down people who are better than them: according to the Book of Habakkuk which says "You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look wickedness. Why do you look on those who deal treacherously, and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he?" Habakkuk 1:13.

Let it be clear that God will judge the wicked, and the evil doers will not escape punishment unless they repent. So are you ready to change since the Lord cannot condone wrongdoings? Numerous people in the world hate the Lord, but they are pretending obedience to Him; such people cannot deceive the Lord, instead they will be punished at the appropriate time. The haters of the Lord will be doomed forever. Had it been that the haters of the Lord submitted themselves unto Him, their time would have endured forever: according to the scripture which says "The hater of the Lord will pretend submission to Him, but their fate would endure forever." Psalm 81:15.

Are you one of those who are deceiving themselves thinking that they are deceiving God? Are you faking your submission to the

Lord? Is your confession to love God genuine? You must humble yourself before the Lord, and submit to His authority. You must be subject to God, and resist the devil instead. The Book of James testified to this fact by saying "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." <a href="James 4:7">James 4:7</a>. Are you ready to surrender totally to God? Are you prepared to use your earthly possessions to promote and propagate the Gospel? Give your life completely to God, today.

Numerous people are twisted: Majority of the people in the world are depraved, and they are walking in the stubbornness of their evil hearts. Corruption is very rampant across the globe, to the extent that people are following their lustful impulse, instead of keeping the statutes of the Lord. Nowadays, the debased are more wicked than their ancestors and they are following their evil desires rather than listening to God. The Bible stated that "And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me." <a href="Jeremiah 16:12">Jeremiah 16:12</a>. Are you one the perverted who are parading themselves as angels? Are you walking after the imagination of your sinful heart? Do you allow the societal pressure to dictate the direction of your life instead of obeying God? Do you rely on deceptive words that bring no benefit?

Many Christians will come into the church after committing atrocities, and they will expect the Lord to answer their prayers or accept their offerings. This conduct is like a pandemic among the Christendom. The Book of Jeremiah explained this issue by saying "Behold you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, "We are delivered to do all these abominations'? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,' says the Lord." Jeremiah 7:8-11. Are you among those who are polluting the house of God? Have you forgotten that the

# Church is a house of prayer and not a house of immorality or injustice?

Jesus confirmed this fact in the Book of Matthew by saying "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer," but you have made it a 'den of thieves." Matthew 21:13. Are you among those who have turned the churches to business centers or market places? Do not pollute the house of the Lord; else He will turn His back on you. You must neither desecrate nor profane the Church, else God will show you no pity: according to the Book of Ezekiel which says "Therefore, as I live,' says the Lord God, 'Surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also dismiss you; My eyes will not spare, nor will I have any pity." Ezekiel 5:11.

Numerous people have stumbled, because their remarks and actions are against the Lord. Countless people have fallen because the way they are talking and acting are insulting the Lord. Several Christians have ruined their lives because they have spoken and acted against the Lord. The speeches and deeds of the leaders of Christendom are provoking the glorious eyes of the Lord. Many leaders of Nations are rebelling against the glorious God and they are defying His glorious presence; according to the Book of Isaiah which says, "For Jerusalem stumbled, and Judah is fallen, because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of His glory." Isaiah 3:8. Are you speaking out against the Lord? Do you refuse to obey Him? Are you provoking Him to His face? Are the things that you say and do against the Lord? Are you insulting God openly or secretly? Are you rebelling against Him indirectly? Are you defying the Lord in any way?

The conducts of many people in the world proved that they are arrogant yet they neither repent nor turn to God. Countless people in the world are egotistical, to the extent that they neither seek the Lord nor desire Him. The haughtiness of many leaders in the world cries out against them, because in spite of what has happened in

their countries, they have not returned to God or look to Him for help. The Book of Hosea corroborated this fact by saying "And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek Him for all this." Hosea 7:10. Are you one of the conceited people who think they are real Believers? Don't you know that your refusal to turn to God will cause your defeat? Are you behaving in a manner that pleases the Lord, or your conducts are provoking the Lord to anger?

We need to realize that those who intend to provoke God, are indirectly provoking themselves to confusion and vexation. The People who are trying to provoke God, are in fact humiliating themselves, and they will ruin their lives. It is time for humans to acknowledge that they cannot hurt God; instead they will only hurt themselves. As it is written "Do they provoke Me to anger?' says the Lord, 'Do they not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?'" Jeremiah 7:19. Are you one of people that are hurting and embarrassing themselves thinking they are provoking God? Change now, since you now know the truth.

God is planning to bring disaster on the world: Mankind must be cautious and repent at this end time, in order to avoid the disasters that the Lord is planning to bring upon the world. God is planning calamities against the disobedient, and such people won't be able to save themselves. Catastrophes are coming to punish the nations of the world for their wrongdoings, and they won't be able to escape, unless they change. The Book of Micah attested to this fact by saying, "Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. They covet fields and take them by violence, also houses, and seize them, so they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance. Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Behold, against this family I am devising disaster, from which you cannot remove your necks; nor shall you walk haughtily, for this is an evil time.'" Micah 2:1-3.

Hence, people should abstain from their sinful lifestyles and return to God. Humans should depart from their evil way, they should reform their ways and make their actions good/right before God. God won't change His mind, unless mankind stop sinning and start living right: according to the scripture which says "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good."" Jeremiah 18:11. The only way to escape the disaster is to repent, turn away from your nauseous ways and amend your ways; in conformity with the scripture which says, "for a fire is kindled in My anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell; it shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. 'I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them." Deuteronomy 32:22-23.

This is the year of visitation of the Lord and many will be penalized. The world will be punished with disasters; several Nations will slip and fall in the darkness. Many peoples' lives will be slipping and endangered, and they will be defeated. You need to 'turn a new leaf' today, because the punishment of the Lord will make countless to stumble and fall spiritually; according to the Book of Jeremiah which says, "'Therefore their way shall be to them like slippery ways; in the darkness they shall be driven on and fall in them; for I will bring disaster on them, the year of their punishment,' says the Lord." Jeremiah 23:12. If you don't want the path that you are taking to become slippery, you must desert Satan and his works. You must quickly return to God, if you don't want to be chased through the dark where you will fall.

The antidote of these pending disasters is for the Nations to turn away from their evil way; then, God will change His mind, and reverse His decision concerning the pending catastrophes. God will not inflict any tragedy on the nations that turn to seek Him, instead, He will terminate His plan to destroy them; according to the Bible passage which says "If that nation against whom I have spoken

turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it." <u>Jeremiah 18:8.</u> Do you think that the government of your country is ready to renounce its evil way? It is time for the Nations of the world to reject injustice, and give up their nauseous ways, so that God will relent concerning the pending disasters.

The world will be judged: Unless people repent and change their attitude towards God, the sounds of joy and gladness may cease in many Nations of the world. If care is not taken, jubilation and celebration may disappear from many locations on earth. During these last days, people may not witness feasting in many communities across the globe. As it is written, "For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold I will cause to cease from this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride." Jeremiah 16:9. Our happiness will not turn to sorrow, and our laughter will not turn to weeping in Jesus Name. The divine peace of God will reign in our Nations throughout our lifetime, in Jesus Name. Amen.

However, you need to depart from wickedness and injustice; else God will not pity you. God will punish you for the evil that you have done, unless you flee from a lustful lifestyle. You must refrain from disgusting activities, if you want God to spare you and show you mercy; according to the Book of Ezekiel which says, "My eyes will not spare you, nor will I pity; but I will repay your ways, and your abominations will be in your midst; then you shall know that I am the Lord." <a href="Ezekiel 7:4,9">Ezekiel 7:4,9</a>. You must turn away from nefarious activities; else, the Lord will recompense you for all your detestable sins.

The eyes of the Lord are on the disobedient and stubborn nations, in order to wipe them out. God is watching the nations that are reproaching the truth; and He will soon destroy them from the face of the earth. The Book of Amos detailed this narrative by saying "Behold the eyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom, and I will

destroy it from the face of the earth; yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,' says the Lord." Amos 9:8. Hence, the nations of the world should change and turn to God, so that He will not set His face against them. Any country that doesn't want God to wipe her out with disasters must be obedient and honor Him; according to the statement of Jeremiah which says, "Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold I will set My face against you for catastrophe and for cutting off all Judah'" Jeremiah 44:11. The Christians should raise their voices in prayer so that God will not turn against and destroy their Nations.

**Topic: The Lord eyes watches you – Part 6** 

Bible Reading: Psalm 34: 10-16

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that God will deliver the righteous and He will not hide His face from them.

# The righteous will be rewarded

The righteous will be rewarded for their deeds in this world and the world to come. Whatever the circumstance the righteous people who endure till the end will be honored in this world and they will be decorated in the kingdom of heaven. King David through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit confirmed this fact by saying "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread." Psalm 37:25. Do not depart from the righteous path, so that it shall be well with you throughout your lifetime. If you don't want your offspring to be abandoned by the Lord, or left helpless in distress, do not disobey God. For this reason, your loyalty to the Lord is very important to your survival in this world and it will act as catalysts that will make you inherit the eternal kingdom.

Lord will deliver the righteous from miseries: Nowadays, many people believe that the Lord does not see their nefarious activities because they think God has abandoned the Nations and forsaken the world due to their wickedness. These people are only deceiving themselves, so, listen to God those of you who are following righteousness and justice; look to the eternal Rock of refuge. Those of you who are seeking the Lord and pursuing righteousness must stand firm on Christ the eternal Rock. Those who want to be saved, come to the Lord for help and ask the Rock of Ages to cleft for you, so that you will hide yourself in Him; according to the Book of Isaiah which says "Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the Lord; look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were

dug." Isaiah 51:1. If you hope for deliverance, seek the Lord and consider the Rock of Ages who will reward you abundantly.

Though the Lord made everything on this planet and heaven, however, He will look graciously at anyone with a contrite spirit, who honors His commands. The people that God treasures most are the righteous who depend only on Him, and tremble whenever he speaks. The Lord is pleased with those who are humble and repentant, who fear Him and obey Him; according to the Bible passages which says, "For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exists,' says the Lord. 'But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word." Isaiah 66:2.

For you to be blessed, you must live right. If you want God to look at you with a merciful eye, you must have a contrite heart and humble yourself; it is then that God will hear your cries, when you call out to Him for assistance. If you are righteous God will look upon your suffering and misery, and He will resolve your situation today in Jesus Name; Amen. The Bible testified to this fact by saying "Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression." Deuteronomy 26:7. Today, God will hear your prayers and transform your life. If you are righteous, your miseries will turn to fortunes, and your struggle will turn to success in Jesus Name. God will look upon you with gracious eyes and change the story of your life, in Jesus Name Amen.

God will not hide His face from the righteous: God will not hide His face from the righteous; instead He will pour out His Spirit on them, as a way of rewarding them for their loyalty. The Lord will not turn His back on the righteous but He will permit His Spirit to live in them eternally. God will pour out His Spirit on the righteous in order to survive in this sinful world and He will not turn away from them; according to the testimony of Ezekiel which says "And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My

Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord God." <u>Ezekiel 39:29.</u> You must be in right standing with the Lord before He will pour His Spirit on you. If you don't want the Lord to hide His face from you but give you the gifts of the Holy Spirit, then you must be worthy.

If you are righteous and virtuous, then God will keep and guard you as the pupil of His eye. The Lord will protect you as the apple of His eyes and He will hide you in the protective shadow of His wings. As it is written, "Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings." Psalm 17:8. You must be righteous before God can keep you safe in time of difficulty. If you are upright, the Lord will conceal you in His shelter in the day of adversity, and hide you under the cover of His tent. God will keep the honest people safe during the perilous time, and make them secure on a high rock; according to the scripture which says "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock." Psalm 27:5.

God will hide you in His sanctuary, and place you out of reach if and only if you are blameless. You must be righteous before the Lord can protect you from danger and the conspiracies of humans. If you are upright, God will hide you in the shelter from human schemes, and quarrelsome tongues as a token of appreciation. The Lord will reward the virtuous by protecting them from harmful plots and vicious gossip; according to the Book of Psalms which says "You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of men; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues." Psalm 31:20. You must be decent, if you want the Lord to shield you from accusing tongues, and the insults of your enemies.

God will show the righteous favor: The Lord will look with favor on the righteous as a form of reward, and He will give them peace. Almighty God will lift up His approving countenance upon the righteous; He will give them tranquility of heart and life continually: according to the Book of Numbers which says, "The Lord lift up His

countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:26. If you want the divine peace of God to reign in your life, do not compromise. You must be righteous, if you want the Lord to lift His face upon you for good. God will make His face to shine only on the virtuous people, and He will watch over them throughout their existence.

If you want to see the face of the Lord, then you must be honest in all your dealings; according to the scripture which says "For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright." Psalm 11:7. Anyone who intends to live forever in the presence of God must be decent. You must be upright in order to inherit the kingdom of heaven. Since only the righteous will enjoy the blessing of the Lord; why not change today? It is inevitable for you to start doing what is good and acceptable to the Lord, so that He will reward you, by giving you access to the Glorious Home.

The righteous will not be ashamed but restored: God will devour death for the righteous, and they will not be hurt by the second death as a token of reward. The Lord will abolish death forever for the upright; since the second death will neither have power nor sway over them; He will wipe away their tears and pacify them in every possible way. God will remove the disgrace of the honest people from the whole earth, and turn their reproaches to history. The Book of Isaiah testified to this fact by saying "He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He ill take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 25:8. You must be virtuous, if you want God to remove forever all your insults and the mockery against you.

The Lord will reward the decent people by taking away their shame and turning their reproaches to glory throughout the world. Then, the dignitaries will be your attendants and the noble will care for your needs. The rulers will bow low to you and honor you whenever they are in your presence. The leaders and the prominent people will humbly show their respect for you whenever

you come in contact with them. These are your rewards from the Lord, because no one who hopes in the Lord and waits on Him will be disappointed. As it is written "Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers; they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord, for they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me." <u>Isaiah 49:23.</u>

Be upright if you want the celebrities/famous people to serve you and cater for all your needs. God will make the monarchs to prostrate before you, if you are righteous. You must trust in the Lord, if you don't want to be put to shame during your lifetime. Then, your captivities will be restored and God will make His face to shine on you with favor because of your fidelity. The Lord will show you His kindness and you will be saved; according to the Bible passage which says "Restore us, O God of hosts cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved!" <a href="Psalm 80:7,19">Psalm 80:7,19</a>. If you want the Lord to smile on you, and show you His mercy, be honest in all your ways.

God will give fame and praise to the righteous: The Lord watches over those who do what is right, and His ears open to their prayers. God sees the good people and listens to their supplication. You must be virtuous, if you want the eyes of the Lord to be upon you and His ears attentive to your prayers: according to the Book of Peter which says "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:12. Flee from sinful/lustful lifestyle, if you don't want the Lord to turn His face against you. If you are decent, the Lord will neither oppose nor confront you; instead, He will give you fame and praise throughout the world.

The Lord will reverse your captivity; He will restore your fortunes and freedom. God will bless you bountifully; He will make you famous and make you prosperous once again. As it is written "At that time I will bring you back, even at the time I gather you; for I will

give you fame and praise among all the people of the earth, when I return your captivities before your eyes, says the Lord." Zephaniah 3:20. God will reward you with a name of distinction, if you remain loyal to Him. For this reason, do not stray from the righteous path, if you want the Lord to reward you. So, do not defile yourself but maintain your piety, if you want to be honored in the sight of the Lord and be glorified.

**Topic: The Lord eyes watches you – Part 7** 

Bible Reading: Psalm 34: 10-16

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that humans need to learn from the righteous and we must be focused on the Lord so that we will be rewarded.

#### Learn from the righteous people

Nowadays, many people are disloyal to the Lord, and when God is punishing them for their faithless conducts, they always refuse to take correction or instruction, but remain adamant. Numerous people in the world are refusing to learn what is right and acceptable to the Lord, instead, they are becoming more stubborn, and they are refusing to depart or turn from their sins. Despite the fact that humans knew that the Lord is searching for honesty, countless people still continue with their lies and deceits; when the judgment of God comes upon them, they will become more obstinate, in spite of their pain and refuse to repent. The scripture chronicled this matter by saying, "O Lord, are not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to return." Jeremiah 5:3.

Are you faithful to the Lord, or you are living a deceptive life? Are you ready to show that you are sorry for your past sins? Are you prepared to exhibit signs of remorse, in order to avoid punishment? Change today and make integrity your watchword; so that you will be able to proclaim your uprightness publicly like Samuel who says, "Here I am, Witness against me before the Lord and before His anointed: whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed; or from whose hand have I received any bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you." 1 Samuel 12:3.

How many Christians can openly say, 'I have never received a bribe'? Can the leaders of Christianity proclaim that they have neither exploited nor oppressed anyone? How many people in the world can honestly say they have neither wronged nor mistreated anyone? Have you ever denied anyone justice, or given an unfair decision? Have you ever looked the other way when a crime or sin is being committed? Have you ever cheated anyone or committed a crime/sin through omission? It is time to change by learning from the righteous people.

Noah: Noah is a human being like you and he was shown kindness that is beyond usual by the Lord. Noah found approval and support in the presence of the Lord due to his faithfulness. You too must be upright if you want to find favor in the eyes of the Lord. Loyalty and integrity are among the best conducts to find grace in the sight of God; according to the Bible passage which says "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" Genesis 6:8. Learn from Noah, and be honest in all your ways so that the Lord will be pleased with you.

King David: You need to learn from King David who was faithful to the Lord throughout his lifetime with the exception of the error he committed with Bathsheba Uriah's wife. The Lord made an eternal covenant with David because of his uprightness, when he thought of building a house for the Lord; God sent Nathan to King David to deliver this message "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." 2 Samuel 7:12-16.

God sealed the covenant that He made with David because of his loyalty, by saying "Thus says the Lord: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My Ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me." Jeremiah 33:20-22.

God demonstrated His righteousness when King Abijam who was a descendant of King David committed idolatry during his reign. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "Nevertheless for David's sake the Lord his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem; because David did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite." 1 Kings 15:4-5. Do you always obey the Lord's commands, or you are deviating from what He ordered you to do? Are you doing what pleases the Lord, or you are provoking Him? Do you think the heavens can vouch that you are worthy and loyal? If not, learn from King David, and be virtuous throughout your lifetime, so that God will make a new covenant with you, or renew His covenant in your life.

Focus on the Lord: The time has come for the earthlings to set their eyes on the Lord for security. Humans need to recognize that any security apart from God is a false security; and such security can neither provide shelter for them, nor deliver them. Mankind must focus on the Lord for safety, so that no harm will befall them. God will neither pour out the life of anyone who looks to Him, nor leave such a person defendless. Don't you think you need to seek the protection of the Lord, if you don't want to die prematurely?

The Book of Psalms says "But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; In You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute." **Psalm 141:8.** 

You must pay attention to the Lord if you don't want your life to be cut short. You need to trust and take refuge in the Lord, if you want the assistance of the heavens; because God alone works and shows Himself active on behalf of those who trust in Him. No other god except the living God can perform miracles for His followers. Hence, be focused on God who performs wonders for those who put their hope in Him. The Bible testified to this fact by saying "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him." Isaiah 64:4.

Are you ready to trust and seek refuge in God who works for those who wait for Him? Do not forget that those who trust in their prowess, or influence, or earthly possessions will stumble and fall; according to the scripture which says "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright." Psalm 20: 7-8. If you don't want to be overwhelmed and defeated, pay attention to the Lord and trust in Him.

You must be watchful: Christians must be alert and watchful throughout their existence. They must be cautious, calm and collected in whatever they are doing, because of Satan their enemy. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying "Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:6. We are at the end time; believers must stay alert and be clear headed. Do you have self-control? Are you watchful or you are sleeping spiritually? Are you wise and circumspect in all your ways?

Since everything will soon come to an end; be serious and be sensible enough to pray. Inasmuch as the culmination of all things is close, you must stay balanced and focused on the things of God;

so that your prayer will be clear and pleasing to the Lord. The end of all things is near; therefore Christians must be sound minded and exhibit self-restraint. As it is written, "But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers." 1 Peter 4:7.

Are you joking with prayer, or your prayer is reasonable and specific? You must be self-controlled and alert to be able to pray. Remember the end of the world is coming soon; therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers; because Jesus Christ our Lord will return to take the Beloved home. The Savior of the world is coming without warning, so be faithful and pure, else you will walk around spiritually naked. The Book of Revelation attested to this fact by saying "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame" Revelation 16:15. Are you ready for the Lord's return? If the Redeemer returns today, do you think you will not be exposed to shame? When Jesus returns, will you be blessed or cursed? If Jesus comes unexpectedly, do you think you are worthy to accompany Him home? You must think carefully and make necessary changes before it is too late.

Finally, we must realize that the Lord watches over all who honor Him and trust His kindness. The Lord sees those who are worshipping Him with reverence and obedience; He will consider the people who hope in His compassion. God will look after you, if you fear Him and depend on His covenant love: according to the scripture which says, "Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy." Psalm 33:18. Do you rely on the unfailing love of God or something else? Do not procrastinate, instead reconcile with your Creator today because tomorrow might be too late.

The Seal: Psalm 34:16: The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.