

# Christ Apostolic Miracle Ministry Sunday School

## Topic: Your soul is rented – Part 1

### Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4-15

#### Introduction

The soul is the spiritual part of a person that people believe continues to exist in some form after their body has died. It is the part of a person that is not physical, but capable to experience feelings and emotions. The soul is the principle of life and center of communication from our Creator, because it is a distinct entity that is separate from our physical body. So, the soul can be described as the incorporeal essence of every living being; it is intangible, because it can neither be touched nor grasped, and it does not have physical presence/form, material existence or composed of matter.

The Bible stated that, “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” **Genesis 2:7** God created man from dust, but not until the immortal God breathed the life giving breath into his nostrils that he became a living being. **The breath of life that made man to become a living creature was the soul that was rented from God. The Living God is the owner of the living breath called the soul, so humans are renting their souls from God to be used during their existence.**

Though God reserves the right to ask for the soul of anyone at any time; whereby such a person will cease to exist. However, He is a merciful God that has no pleasure in the death of sinners, but for the sinners to change/repent and live; according to the scripture which says, “For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies, says the Lord God. ‘Therefore turn and live!’” **Ezekiel 18:32.** You have heard the declaration of the Lord God, repent today because tomorrow might be too late. **Depart from wickedness and turn to God, else your right to your soul may be withdrawn.** If you want to

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live a peaceful and fulfilled life, you must abstain from iniquities.

**If humans can think deeply and realize that their souls are rented, then every form of cruelty and injustice will disappear from our communities.** If people can discern that God can terminate their lives, if and when they misuse their souls, then immorality and nauseous activities will be drastically reduced among mankind. **If Christians are knowledgeable, they will be pacesetters, instead of their scandalous activities that are making the precious name of God to be blasphemed among the Gentiles.** If people are aware that God can take their souls any day, anywhere and anytime, they will seek and worship Him. Are you one of the people who are misusing their rented souls? Are you using your soul according to the rental agreement that you signed with God?

Nowadays, most of the wealthy people are like the Biblical rich fool, because they are mostly concerned about themselves. They are so selfish to the extent that they are only concerned about their own interest and pleasure. Numerous of them are inconsiderate, because they neither care about the poor nor assist the needy. **These people are not thinking about the kingdom of God, all they care about are their investments and enjoyment.** **Majority of the wealthy people are thoughtless of laying their treasures in heaven. The ambition of countless of them is to amass wealth, instead of having rich relationship with God.**

The Bible stated that "...But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 'So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.'" **Luke 12:16-21.** **Is your aspiration about how to hoard possession in this world? How can you describe your relationship with God? Are you insensitive to the plights of the poor? Is your self-centered attitude making you to abandon or reject what matters to the Lord? What is the assurance that your soul will enjoy the wealth obtained and stockpiled by hurting or inconvenience to others? Do not procrastinate?; change today**

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**before God asks for your soul; because He owns your life.**

**The life of every living thing belongs to God, because we rented our souls from Him, and He will only punish whoever errs.** The Book of Ezekiel attested to this fact by saying, “Behold all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul of who sins shall die.” **Ezekiel 18:4.** **It is for God alone to judge all souls, and those who are influenced by Satan to misuse their souls will die, unless they repent.**

**We need to realize that God is merciful and nice to those who trust and seeks Him. He is gracious and good to the people who obeys and require Him by right of necessity. God will never disappoint those who wait hopefully for Him;** according to the scripture which says, “The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.” **Lamentations 3:25.** **Do you depend on God or something else? Are you searching for the owner of your soul? You must seek God if you want Him to manage your affairs. If you wait expectantly for God, He will protect you and your rights. God will rescue and redeem the lives of those who look to Him. He will come to your defense and champion your cause, if you look for Him.**

**The only way to be saved is to search diligently for the owner of your soul.** The Book of Lamentations affirmed this statement by saying, “O Lord, You have pleaded the case for my soul; You have redeemed my life.” **Lamentations 3:58.** **Is God your portion or carnal things? Is the Lord all you need to survive in this world, or your possessions/wealth? Can you declare that the Lord is all you have? You must put your hope in God and rely on Him, before you can be saved.**

The Bible stated that “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will he keep His anger forever.” **Psalms 103:8-9.** **It can be deduced from the passages that God is kind, patient and full of unfailing love, however, He will not allow the sinners to go scot-free. God will**

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**neither accuse nor be angry with us forever; otherwise human lives will grow weak and we will die. The endless love that God had for mankind will not make Him to be angry always with us because if He does, all people will pass away and none of the souls He made will survive; according to the Book of Isaiah which says, “For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would fail before Me, and the souls which I have made.” Isaiah 57:16.**

**The fact that God did not want to frustrate His purpose of creating the souls of humans must not be seen as slackness; according to the scripture which says, “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9. Though God is patient, however, He will not hesitate to ask for your soul if you fail to repent. If you don’t want to lose your soul, abstain from sins. Do you know that you will perish if you don’t use your soul judiciously? Your conception of slowness does not apply to God, because He will act when you least expect. Therefore, change your heart and lifestyle if you don’t want to be punished perpetually.**

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### Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4-15

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that God alone has power over the souls of humans.

### God alone has power over souls

**Humans need to know that they are strangers in this world, and they have limited time to use the souls that were rented from the Lord on earth.** People must realize that they are foreigners on this terrestrial ball, therefore they should abstain from sensual urges and evil desires. **If you believe that your stay on earth is not limitless, you will avoid worldly desires that are waging war against your soul;** according to the Bible passage which says “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.” **1 Peter 2:11. Are you ready to depart from your corrupt nature? Don’t you think obedience to God is better than sinful desires? Are you prepared to forgo your dishonorable desires according to your rental agreement?**

Do not give in to bodily passions, instead worship the Lord in truth and spirit because; God has instructed you today, to obey all His decrees and regulations. **It is inevitable for you to obey the rules and laws of the Lord in order to keep your soul;** according to the Book of Deuteronomy which says, “This day the Lord your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.”

**Deuteronomy 26:16. Are you ready to obey the teachings of this publication wholeheartedly? Are you prepared to comply with the ordinances of the Lord as directed? Do you prefer the commandments of the Lord to passions of the flesh? It is time for you to do His precepts with all your soul.**

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**God alone can save souls: God alone can save a soul or kill a soul. He has the capability to bring souls back from the spiritual pit of destruction, in order to enjoy the light of living. He possessed the might to save anyone from death, and brings such a person into the light that gives life. God alone can give you the joy of living, and make you to shine with the light of life. As it is written “To bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of life.” **Job 33:30.** Do not forget that only God can rescue your soul from the grave, so that you will enjoy the light of life. Hence, **you must show appreciation to the Lord who brought your life up from the place of the dead, and kept you alive. God spared you from among those going down to the grave.****

God is the Supreme Being who saved you from death and the grave. **You are a living soul today because God lifted you out of the grave.** God saved countless people who were on their way to the spiritual depths below the ground and He restored their lives. The Bible testified to this fact by saying, “O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.” **Psalm 30:3.** How are you thanking the Lord for this grace? Are you praising God who kept you from falling into the pit of death? Do you realize that God not only rescued your soul from death, He also saved your feet from stumbling?

**Your duty is to glorify God, and do things that please Him. Give thanks to the Lord who saved you from death and keep you from being defeated;** according to the Book of Psalms which says, “For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?” **Psalm 56:13.** Are you walking in the light that shines on the living or darkness? Are you following the light that leads to life? Do you depend on God’s life-giving light?

**It is God who saved you from spiritual attack while you are sleeping, and made you to wake up as a living being.** He rescued your soul from death, your eyes from tears and your feet from

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**stumbling. The Owner of your soul stopped your tears and kept you from defeat;** according to the scripture which says, “For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.” **Psalm 116:8.** **Are you grateful to God who erased inconsolable weeping from your life? How are you showing appreciation to your Creator who terminated secret crying permanently from your journey?**

**The time has come, for you to fear and obey the owner of your soul. Do not be like most people in the world who fear humans rather than God.** You can respect or honor people, but you must be afraid of God alone who can destroy both your soul and body in hell. The Book of Matthew corroborated this fact by saying, “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” **Matthew 10:28.** **If you are obedient and fear God, you will not end your journey in hell; instead, God will destroy death for you, and you will not partake in the second death.**

**The Lord will wipe away your tears, and pacify you in every possible way; and He will turn your reproaches to glory. God will remove forever all insults and mockery against you;** according to the Book of Isaiah which says, “He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.” **Isaiah 25:8.** **You must acknowledge and abide with your rental agreement, if you want God to remove your disgrace from the entire earth. Obedience and the fear of God is what will make you not to be insulted anymore, anywhere in the world.**

**God will redeem your soul:** God will redeem your soul if you are obedient and worthy; therefore, you need to admit that the Lord God is your Redeemer. **Mankind must confess that there is only one Redeemer who has the power to redeem humans from spiritual battles and death.** The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “As for our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name, the Holy One of Israel.”

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**Isaiah 47:4. Do you have redeemers or a living Redeemer? Is Jesus Christ your Redeemer? Do you accept Him as your Lord and Savior? Do you depend on the Almighty God who saved you from death and set you free as your Redeemer? Christians must confess God who rescued their souls from the pit of destruction and crowned their heads with faithful love as their Redeemer; according to the Book of Psalms which says, “Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.” Psalm 103:4. Is your soul blessing the Lord who delivers your soul from the grave, and blesses you with compassion?**

**You need to thank your Redeemer who protects your life from death, and surrounds you with grace. You must appreciate your Redeemer who beautifies and dignifies you, by proclaiming that He lives. You must announce to the world that your vindicator is a living Being who will stand upon the earth at last. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth.” Job 19:25. It is time for Believers to declare that their Savior is alive and He will come to their defense, but He will judge the world.**

**God is the one who brought back your life from death, so that you will continue to enjoy life. He kept you from going to the world of the dead, and you are still alive for a purpose; therefore, you must neither deny the existence of your Redeemer nor betray His covenant, if you want to continue to enjoy life. The scripture stated that, “He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit, and his life shall see the light.” Job 33:28. God alone is capable of rescuing you from the grave and fill your life with the light of the living. You must hold fast to the statutes of your Redeemer, if you want your soul to be saved from untimely death; according to His promise which says, “The Lord redeems the souls of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.” Psalm 34:22.**

**It is evident from the passage that if you take refuge in the Lord, you will not be held guilty. The only way to escape punishment is**

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**to run to Him for protection, and serve Him faithfully. You must have faith in the Lord, before He will save your soul from the power of the grave, and spare your life. You must be worthy before God will redeem your life, and snatch you from the power of death; as it is written “But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me.” Psalm 49:15. If you love your soul, do what pleases the Lord, so that He will redeem you from the place of the dead.**

**God has power to restore souls: God alone is able to restore souls. He has the power to refresh your life, and keep you alive. You must seek God if you want Him to renew your life. The Bible affirmed this fact by saying, “He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” Psalm 23:3. You must be obedient if you want your strength to be renewed. You must trust your Creator, if you want your soul to be reinforced and your life revived. God demonstrated His awesome power to restore souls, when He revived the soul of the son of the widow of Zarephath. Elijah prayed to God, then he stretched himself three times on the child and the soul of the child was restored. 1 Kings 17:8-22. God also utilized Elijah again to restore the soul of the son of the Shunammite woman. 2 Kings 4:8-37.**

Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer woke Lazarus who was dead for four days. Christ restored the soul of Lazarus, a dead man, whose body had decayed with stench. John 11:12-44. God used Peter to restore the soul of Dorcas called Tabitha at Joppa. Acts 9:36-41. **From all the aforementioned events, and many more stated in the Bible; it is evident that God alone has power over souls. God can utilize you too to restore souls, if you abide with the rental agreement of your soul.**

**You soul needs God’s assistance: Humans should realize that whatever they achieve in this world is not by their might or their power, but it is by the Spirit of God and His assistance. Zechariah 4:6. Therefore, their souls need the assistance of the Lord; else**

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**they will go early to the grave. The souls of humans will settle in the silence of the grave without the help of God. Anyone who doesn't want to dwell among the dead, due to untimely death must seek the support of God;** according to the scripture which says, "Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul would soon have settled in silence." **Psalm 94:17. We can deduce from the passage that without the assistance of God anyone can die at anytime, anywhere on earth; which means mankind has nothing good beside God.**

**Every good thing that humans have is a gift from God.** The Bible authenticated this statement by saying, "O my soul, you have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from you.'" **Psalm 16:2. For this reason, you must accept that without the Lord nothing you can do successfully. Humans must realize that apart from the Lord, there is nothing that they can successfully achieve.** The Book of John certified this statement by saying, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing." **John 15:5. You must rectify your relationship with God, if you want to accomplish your dreams in the land of the living. If you don't want to be fruitless and unproductive during your existence, be united with the owner of your soul. Make sure you are not cut off from vital union with the Lord, if you want to fulfill your mission on earth.**

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## Topic: Your soul is rented – Part 3

### Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4-15

We shall continue our discussion by enlightening humans that their soul must not abhor the Almighty God their Creator and the owner of their souls.

### Your soul must not abhor God

**Mankind needs to realize that whatever the circumstance, their souls must not regard Almighty God their Maker with extreme repugnance or aversion. Even if things are not going as planned, it is not a justification for you to detest the owner of your soul. If you are currently in an unsatisfactory condition, do not hate God, but plead with Him to positively change your condition.**

**Let your soul thirst for the Lord:** Humans are commanded to love God with all their hearts, souls and strengths. **It is inevitable for you to love your Creator with all your soul and resources;** according to the scripture which says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength” **Deuteronomy 6:5.** **Whoever abhors the Lord has broken this powerful directive of the Lord.** Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior also confirmed that this instruction is the greatest commandment in the Law, when He was asked by one of the Pharisees. The Book of Matthew attested to this fact by saying “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all our mind.’ This is the first and great commandment” **Matthew 22:37-38.** **Anyone whose soul abhors God has broken this first and most important command. If you don’t want to displease the Lord, do not break this principal command.**

**Make sure that your soul does not despise God; instead let it pants for the owner of your soul. If you actually value your soul, you will allow it to long for your Maker; according to the Book of**

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Psalms which says, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" **Psalm 42:1-2**. **Is your soul thirsting for God or abhors Him? Are you craving for the owner of your soul or the lustful things of this world? Do you think that your soul is longing for God or your aspirations? If your soul does not abhor the Lord, then it must pant for Him and His house. Are you yearning to be in the Church? Is your heart crying out to your Creator and your soul singing for joy to the living God? Do you think that singing joyful songs to the Lord has replaced His abhorrence in your soul?** The scripture testified to this fact by saying; "My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the lord; My heart and flesh cry out for the living God." **Psalm 84:2**. **If your soul does not abhor God, then it will praise Him whenever you are in the Church.**

**Do not follow the way of the Gentiles: Christians must not act like the unbelievers. The Believers must not follow the practices of the Gentiles. Anyone whose soul does not abhor the Lord will not learn the customs of the pagan;** according to the Bible passage which says, "Thus says the Lord: 'Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them.'" **Jeremiah 10:2**. **You must heed this warning if you don't want the Lord to abhor you.** As it is written; "And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nations which I am casting out before you, for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them" **Leviticus 20:23**. **Remember that your soul must not abhor God, and you must not do disgusting things that will make the Lord to abhor you. Anyone who is living like the unbelievers has demonstrated that his/her soul abhors the Lord.**

**You must neither adopt the customs of the pagans nor practice the way/tradition of the Gentiles, in order to prove that you are keeping the command of the Lord. Since whoever obeys the teachings of the Lord will keep his/her soul. Your soul must neither abhor the Lord nor disobey Him, if you don't want to die. The only way to protect your soul and preserve your life is to obey**

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**the instructions of the Lord;** according to the Book of Proverbs which says, “He who keeps the commandments keep his soul, but he who is careless of his ways will die” **Proverbs 19:16**. **The secret of long life is the obedience of the directives of God. Therefore, do not disregard/ignore the statutes of the Lord, if you don’t want to lose your life prematurely or die untimely death.**

**The people whose souls abhor God, and reject His ordinances will have themselves to blame. Those who spurn the rules of the Lord, and make their souls to despise His regulations will have a series of calamities. You must neither disobey the laws of your Maker nor break His covenant, if you don’t want disasters to befall you;** according to the Book of Leviticus which says. “And if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenants” **Leviticus 26:15**. **You must not treat the regulations of the Lord with contempt, if you don’t want the consequences** that were written in the Book of **Leviticus 26:16-32** to come to pass in your life.

**If your soul does not abhor God, but keeps His commandments, you will be rewarded in this world and the world to come.** The Book of Isaiah corroborated this fact by saying, “Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to him whom man despise, to him whom the nation abhors, to the servant of rulers: ‘Kings shall see and rise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel; and He has chosen You” **Isaiah 49:7**. **Your soul must crave for the Lord, before you can wine and dine with dignitaries and celebrities.**

**The conditionality that will make kings to stand and honor you, with the princes prostrating is to obey the instructions of the Lord. It is then that God will not abhor you, instead, He will dwell in your home and He will never again look on you with disgust. God will set His habitation in your community, and He will neither reject nor despise you;** according to the scripture which says, “I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you” **Leviticus**

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**26:11. We pray that the manifestation of God will live among your household, and God will never turn away from your family. Amen.**

**Your soul must abhor evil: Many people neither reject nor despise evil. Do not embrace, support or encourage anything evil. Nowadays, numerous people in the world have committed themselves to the path that leads to destruction. Majority of these people always stay awake in the night scheming and thinking up mischief. Most of them are refusing to turn from sin, and they are following the wrong road that leads to perdition; according to the Bible passage which says “He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil” Psalms 36:4. Are you among those who made evil their way of life? Are you hatching sinful plots against others? Are you committed to a sinful lifestyle? Are you making any attempts to turn from evil? Do you abhor evil or not? If you love God, you will hate evil. If you hate evil, God will protect your soul, and rescue you from violence. As it is written; “You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked” Psalm 97:10. God will watch and guard you if you hate evil. You must be godly and loyal, before God will rescue you from the power of the wicked.**

**Learn a lesson from the children of Eli who treated the Lord’s offerings with contempt. The sin of Hophni and Phinehas was severe, because they treated the offering of the Lord disrespectfully, and paid dearly for this extreme sin. The Book of Samuel chronicled this event by saying, “Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord” 1 Samuel 2:17. Do you think your attitudes abhor the sacrifices/offerings of the Lord? Have you ever behaved in ways that will make people to abhor the Lord? If so, change before it is too late. Hate evil and abhor dishonesty. You must hate deceits and despise falsehood. Be among the people who cannot stand liars, but love the law and the teachings of the Lord. The Book of Psalms verified this fact by saying; “I hate and abhor lying, but I love**

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Your law” **Psalm 119:163**. Do you detest falsehood? Are you disgusted with dishonesty? You must be sincere and frank in all your dealings, to prove that your soul abhors evil.

**Do not abhor justice or the upright:** You must never abhor the upright or justice, in order to demonstrate that your soul does not abhor the Lord. Do not be like most leaders who hate justice and twist the truth. The Book of Micah stated that “Now hear this, You heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity” **Micah 3:9**. Are you twisting all that is right? Do you hate fairness? Are you turning right into wrong, because of your selfish interest? Time has come for you to repent and change. You must not hate those who reprimand the unrighteous, or anyone who speaks with integrity. Do not hate whoever that is promoting justice and honest people. Christians must not detest people who speak the truth, or reject those who are speaking uprightly. So, do not abhor anyone who speak out against injustice, or those who are publicly challenging injustice; according to the scripture which says, “They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks uprightly” **Amos 5:10**. Do you despise anyone who tells the truth? Do you see honest people as a threat? Are you ready to uphold justice under any circumstances? Why is it that you cannot stand those who are frank and sincere? Change today and stop rejecting the rebuke of the honest people.

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### Topic: Your soul is rented – Part 4

#### Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4-15

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that **humans must not mortgage their souls to the Devil, because of vanities of this world.**

#### Do not mortgage your soul to the Devil

**Humans must wake from their slumber, and turn to God instead of mortgaging their souls to the Devil. People should stop exposing themselves to future risk of hell, for the sake of immediate enjoyment in this world.** Mankind must stop limiting or restricting his chances of inheriting the kingdom of heaven, because of instant advantages of this world. Had it been that those who mortgaged their souls to Lucifer are wise and knowledgeable, they would have realized that the pleasure and superiority of this world cannot be compared to the eternal joy that awaits them in heaven.

**You need to realize that your soul is the most valuable possession that you have in this world, and it is irreplaceable. Satan has nothing good to offer you; so do not mortgage your soul to him.** Many people are not aware that they have signed the titles of their souls to the Devil until it is too late. The inconsiderate and deceitful people have signed the titles of their souls to Lucifer due to their conducts, and Satan had already put a (lien) the right to possess their souls on them.

Whether you are aware that the Devil has put a lien on your soul or not is immaterial; once you are not considerate and honest; your soul is mortgaged to the prince of this world. **Anyone who is not truthful, but practices unrighteousness and gratifying lustful desires has mortgaged his/her soul to Lucifer.** Jesus Christ clarified this issue by saying, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a

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lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.” **John 8:44**. Are you against the truth or not? Do you hate the truth, but prefer falsehood? Are you upholding the truth or not? It is time to abstain from deceit and unrighteousness; else your soul will be mortgaged to Satan.

### **The deceitful people have mortgaged their souls**

**Any liar who consistently deceives or defrauds people has mortgaged his/her soul to the Devil. The soul of such a person is in a spiritual bondage**, either the person believes or not, whether the person likes it or not.

**Deception and lies are signs of bondage: Nowadays, people are always looking for a new way to cheat and exploit others. People in the world are misleading their friends/colleagues and they have trained their tongues to lie. Majority of the people are not telling the truth; instead, they do one violent thing after another; and one deceitful act following another. Most people in the world are fooling and defrauding each other, immaterial of their relationship. They tell lies to take advantage of others with practice tongues.**

**The mindset of people is that we live in a world of deception, so people are heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit; in a manner that makes it easy for Satan to hijack their souls and difficult for them to acknowledge God.** The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, “Everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me, says the Lord.” **Jeremiah 9:5-6**.

**Are you controlling your mouth or not? Are you using your tongue to praise the Lord or make wicked speeches? Are you among those who unleashed their mouths for evil? Do you harness your tongue for deceit? Are you talking only about violence and telling**

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**nothing but lies? Are you always ready to speak evil and you never hesitate to tell lies? If the answers to these questions are yes/true; then it is a sign that your soul is mortgaged;** therefore, refrain from using your mouth for evil and your tongue from planning deceit; according to the scripture which says, “You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.” **Psalm 50:19. You must stop filling your mouth with wickedness and your tongue with lies; else, it proves that you are not wise.**

**The perception of most people is: crime makes their lives easy; but when their wrongs are discovered, then they will hate crime. Whoever is telling deceitful lies and doesn't have sense to live right is in bondage;** according to the Book of Psalms that says, “The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; he has ceased to be wise and to do good.” **Psalm 36:3. Are your speeches mischievous? Whatever you say must neither be crooked nor deceitful, in order to demonstrate that your soul is not mortgaged.**

**Deceptive people will be penalized: The directive of the Lord is not to say cruel things, or tell lies. Since God abhors lies and evil, the Beloved must avoid speaking hurtful/evil words, or use deceptive speeches;** according to the Bible passage which says “Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.” **Psalm 34:13. We pray that you will neither be spurned by God nor abandoned by the heavens, in Jesus name: because failure to abide by this instruction, will make the heavens to reject the person, and it will be easier for the devil to put a lien on the soul of such a person.** The scripture chronicled this issue by saying “You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.” **Psalm 5:6. Inasmuch as the Lord detests murderers and deceivers, make sure that you neither deceive nor shed innocent blood; else you will be penalized.**

Let it be clear that David through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit said; those who act deceitfully together with those who are telling lies will not be retained in his house, due to his obedience and love for God.

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**Likewise, liars and cheaters will never have meaningful spiritual positions before the Lord. The hypocrites and dishonest people will not live in the tabernacle of God.** As it is written; “He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; he who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.” **Psalm 101:7.** **Remember that God will not allow deceivers to serve in His house (Church) and liars are not welcome in His presence.**

Hence, **flee from deceitful acts so that you will be blessed, and you will abide forever. If you depart from dishonesty and falsehood, you will be blessed;** according to the scripture which says, “Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.” **Psalm 32:2.** **You must live in complete honesty to claim this blessing.**

**You will be allowed to worship before the heavenly throne of God if and only if, you are blameless and untainted. Whoever wants to worship before God in heaven must be innocent and faultless.** The Book of Revelation confirmed this fact by saying, “And in their mouth was found no deceit; for they are without fault before the throne of God.” **Revelation 14:5.** **Desist from deceitful acts, if you want blessings instead of penalty. The conditionality that will make you to be given a white garment and mingle with the throng/crowd that will worship before the heavenly throne of God is honesty and righteousness.**

**Do not compare the Beloved to the mortgagors:** Worldliness is neither similar nor have equal qualities/values as the Glorious Home. Therefore, do not compare the people who have mortgaged their souls to Satan; those whose primary concern is for the material values, to the people who are faithfully serving God in truth and in Spirit. **The opportunity to gain this world, and profit dishonestly is what is paramount to those who have mortgaged their souls to the Devil;** while what is uppermost and supreme for the Beloved is the heritage of the kingdom of God that has endless benefits. The Book of Matthew testified to this fact by saying, “For what

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profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" **Matthew 16:26.**

**Is anything worth more than your soul? Do you think that mortgaging your soul to Lucifer, by living an ordinary life is better than spiritual existence? Are you ready to forfeit your soul because of wealth and fame? What will be your gain, if you destroy your soul by mortgaging it to Satan? What do you think you can give in return for your soul? How are you going to buy back your rented soul that you mortgaged? Since there is nothing you can give to regain your life, why not serve the Living God who has power to redeem your soul? Do not forget that you will lose your soul, and forfeit your birthright to inherit the kingdom of heaven, if you mortgage your soul to Lucifer. If what is foremost to you is success, enjoyment and the pleasure of this world; then your soul may not be freed from the spiritual imprisonment of Satan.**

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## Topic: Your soul is rented – Part 5

### Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4-15

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that humans must not allow sin to reign in their bodies.

### **Never allow sin to reign in your body**

Mankind needs to realize that God is the owner of their body and soul. He created the dust which He used to create the body of human, before He breathed the life-giving breath (the soul) which made man to become a living being. **Therefore, people must neither pollute their bodies, nor desecrate their souls; instead they should keep their bodies and souls holy for the Lord. Humans must sanctify not only their souls, but also their bodies for the Lord. It is the duty of everyone created in the image of God to keep himself/herself holy for the Lord. If you believe that God is your Maker, you must dedicate yourself completely to Him. It is when you do not allow the sinful/lustful things of this world to defile you that you can be referred to as a Beloved of the Lord.**

**You must keep yourself holy for the Lord before you can claim to be a Christian;** according to the Book of Leviticus which says, “For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **Leviticus 11:44. We need to understand that defiling ourselves is not limited to eating forbidden things alone; but it encompasses all the abominable conducts and the repulsive things, together with the vanities of this world. For this reason, do not forget that holiness and dedication are the essential part of the rental agreement that you signed with the Lord when you rented your soul.**

**It is time to depart from iniquities:** Humans were brought into this world in a state of iniquity, our mothers who conceived us were sinful;

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which means, all of us are sinners. **Mankind was born in guilt, from the moment of conception; he/she shared a portion of the sin of his/her parents.** The Bible testified to this fact by saying, “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.” **Psalm 51:5.** **If you admit that you are a sinner from conception, then you need to depart from iniquities, so that you will not provoke the owner of your body and soul to anger. Remember that you need to plead with the Lord to be merciful and gracious to you. You must beg God to have pity on you, and overlook your sins; according to the scripture which says, “I said ‘O Lord, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.’” Psalm 41:4.**

**Are you ready to depart from iniquities? Do you realize that God will heal your heartache, if you abstain from wickedness? God will have compassion on you if you flee from sin and He will resolve the issues of your life. Inasmuch as He is a just God who will neither punish children for the sins of their parents, nor penalize parents for the sins of their children; according to the Book of Ezekiel which says, “The soul who sin shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.” Ezekiel 18:20. With the knowledge that God will reward the good people, are you making efforts to dedicate and keep yourself holy? Are you prepared to leave your corrupt lifestyle?**

**Flee from immorality: Nowadays, sexual immorality is very rampant across the globe and it is the norm of the day. Christians need to shun every form of immorality. Anyone who wants to keep himself/herself holy for the Lord must flee from impurity in thoughts, in word, and in deed. If you have the desire to dedicate yourself to the owner of your soul, you must avoid fornication, adultery and sexual looseness; because it will affect your body and soul.**

As it is written, “flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against

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his own body.” **1 Corinthians 6:18**. Are you among the shameless people who are glamorizing sexual immorality? Are you watching adult films or publications? Do you have any immoral behavior? Do you think that your behaviors portend immorality?

Time has come for you to stop your immorality, and start applying the wisdom of God to your journey; if you don't want to lose your soul/life. You will only injure yourself, if you fail to find the wisdom of God. **If you refuse to seek the wisdom from God, you will harm yourself and die prematurely**; according to the Bible passage which says; “But he who sin against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death.” **Proverbs 8:36**. Are you one of those who hate God and His wisdom? Are you destroying yourself because of your hatred for the wisdom of God? You must neither offend the Lord nor miss His wisdom, if you don't want to die untimely death. Hence, do away with whatever that is causing lusts in your life.

The Beloved must refrain from everything that is making them to fall into sin. Christians must flee from anything that the darkness can use to ensnare them. The Christendom must abstain from things that can scandalize them and blaspheme the name of God. The leaders of Christianity throughout the world must avoid whatever that can make them to stumble and lead them to sin. Believers must depart from anything that Satan can use to make them to fall in the presence of God. Jesus Christ our Lord sounded these warnings by saying, “If your right eye causes you to sin pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you, for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.” **Matthew 5:29-30**.

It is time for you to remove yourself from your source of temptation, and whatever that can cause your downfall spiritually. Therefore, you must not allow sin to rule your body in a manner that will make you to yield to its cravings. Do not allow immorality

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**to dominate your body, or be subject to its lusts and evil passions. Wake up from your slumber do not let sin control the way you live or give in to its sinful desires; according to the Book of Romans which says, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.” Romans 6:12. Is sin controlling your life? Do you consciously or unconsciously allow sin to establish any power over your body? You have been warned, do not let sin exercise dominion in your body, or interfere in the way you conduct your life.**

**Pay attention to God and live: Humans must not desecrate their bodies because they are the temples of God. Your body is the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit and the soul that you rented from God; so keep it holy. You need to realize that you don't belong to yourself, but you belong to God who owns your body and soul. Therefore, do not use your body as you like, but use it in a way that pleases the Lord. As it is written, “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” 1 Corinthians 6:19.**

**You need to discern and understand that you are the temple of God, so do not defile the temple of God, else you will face the consequences. God will destroy whoever corrupts His temple. If you keep the temple of God holy, you will stay alive, however, if you violate the temple of God, you will die; according to the scripture which says, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.” 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. Hence, listen to God and your soul will live.**

**Turn to God, and pay attention to Him in order to live a fulfilled life. God will make an everlasting covenant with those who submit and consent to His divine will. If you want to inherit the blessings promised to David, you must not stray from God, but pay attention to His teachings; according to the Book of Isaiah which says, “Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will**

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make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David.” **Isaiah 55:3**. If you want the compassion and the unfailing love promised to David to manifest in your life, you must form a relationship with your Maker, and obey His directives. However, if you reject instructions, you will only hurt yourself. Whoever does not hate himself/herself will not neglect the instructions of the Lord. People who spurn discipline detest themselves. You must not ignore instruction, if you want to acquire understanding and grow in wisdom. The Book of Proverbs corroborated this fact by saying, “He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding;” **Proverbs 15:32**. If you do not refuse to learn, you will become wiser, but if you neglect correction, it demonstrates that you hate yourself.

**You are brought at a price**: Majority of the people in this world are repaying God who protected and preserved their lives with evil. Numerous senseless people are provoking the Lord who made them to be successful. Are you thanking God who created and sustained you? Is your foolishness making you not to show appreciation to the Lord? How are you treating the Supreme Being who is merciful to you and established you? Are you among those who are treating God as if He is non-existent? It is time to praise and give glory to Him; according to the Bible passage which says, “Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?” **Deuteronomy 32:6**.

Honor the Lord in whatever you are doing and everywhere under the sky; because He paid the great price for you. You are purchased with preciousness and paid for by Christ on the Cross; therefore do not become a slave of anyone else except God. The Book of Corinthians confirmed this fact by saying, “You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.” **1 Corinthians 7:23**. You must neither be enslaved by the world nor its lusts, instead use your body to honor and glorify God; according to the scripture which says, “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and

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in your spirit, which are God's." **1 Corinthians 6:20**. Since you are purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, why not honor and glorify God with your body that belongs to Him?

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## Topic: Your soul is rented – Part 6

### Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4-15

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that people need to keep themselves holy and give their souls to God, else they will face the consequences.

### Be holy and give your soul to God

**God is warning the world to pay attention to His messages, in order to avoid catastrophic events.** Humans should pay attention to the Lord before it is too late. It is important that people listen whenever the owner of their souls corrects them. Be cautious and follow the instructions of your Creator. The Lord wishes that mankind would heed His voice, so that the world would have been transformed; according to the scripture which says, “Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me!” **Psalm 81:8.** Are you listening to the Lord, or you only call Him when you are in distress? Are you paying attention to God because of the salvation of your soul, or because of vanity? If people will hearken to the warnings of the Lord, this world will be the most beautiful and peaceful place to live.

**You will be judged/perish if you don't turn to God:** Time after time, Almighty God has sent His messengers to the world to turn from their wicked ways, and start doing things right. The Lord had sent the priests/pastors to inform mankind to turn from his sinful way. **Many of these Beloved transmitted these messages to the world through the Television, the Radio, and the internet; so that people will give up their nauseous ways, and do what is acceptable to the Lord.** Likewise we are warning people across the globe through this publication not to mortgage their souls to the Devil, but follow the instructions of the Lord. It is time for you to stop all your misconduct, and reform your actions before the Lord.

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The Book of Jeremiah corroborated this fact by saying, “I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, ‘Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.’ But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me.” **Jeremiah 35:15.** **Are you among those who turned a deaf ear to the messages of the Lord? Are you prepared to depart from your sinful ways, and do what is right? Are you ready to change today and be good? You must improve your actions and correct your deeds, before you can claim obedience of the directives of the Lord.**

**Since the immoral practices of most people in the world will not permit them to turn to God; you must depart from abominable things, before you can declare that you have turned to the Lord.** **Are you among those that their deeds won’t let them return to God? Do you think that the evil that you have done secretly will allow you to turn to God? Are you among those that are determined to be unfaithful to God? Are you just a Christian, or you acknowledge the Lord as the owner of your soul? Do you allow any contrary spirit to dominate your life?** The Book of Hosea testified to this fact by saying, “They do not direct their deeds toward turning to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is in their midst, and they do not know the Lord.” **Hosea 5:4.** **Is it the Holy Spirit that is operating in your life or another spirit? What is obstructing and delaying your return to God? Do you appreciate the owner of your soul and cherish Him? If not, change today.**

**Though God does not have pleasure in death of sinners, instead, He wants them to turn to Him and live; but any sinner who refuse to change and turn to God will perish;** according to the Bible passage which says, “Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘I have no pleasure in death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’” **Ezekiel 33:11.** **Do you prefer death to turning from your sinful ways and live? Since God is not pleased with the**

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**death of sinner, why not stop sinning and live? Change the way you think and act, else you will lose your soul. You must turn back from your wicked ways and turn to God if you want to live.**

Hence, we are proclaiming to humans to repent, turn away from worldliness and disgusting practices. People should turn away their faces from vile acts and return to God. It is time to change our hearts and lifestyles, by stop worshiping creations instead of the Creator. As it is written, “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.”” **Ezekiel 14:6.** **Are you prepared to repent and stop all your detestable sins? Since God will judge each of us, why not stop sinning to avoid punishment? Since you will be judged in accordance with your conduct, don’t you think you ought to turn from your transgressions?**

**If you don’t want iniquity to cause your downfall, repent and abstain from your rebellions acts;** according to the Book of Ezekiel which says, “Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways,’ says the Lord God. ‘Repent and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.” **Ezekiel 18:30.** **The Judge of all judges will judge each of us, so stop sinning, else it will be a stumbling block that will make you guilty and unworthy before the heavens. Change the way you think and act, if not, you will be doomed. Do not procrastinate, repent today and refrain from your corrupt ways, otherwise, you will be destroyed.**

**Repent before it is too late:** Though God in His infinite mercy had disregarded the former ages of ignorance of mankind; however He has instructed Humans to show remorse for their past sins and seek His purposes for their lives. The directive of the Lord is for people throughout the world to amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins. **Inasmuch as God forgave our past sins, because of the Blood of Christ that was shed on the cross; He now orders that everyone everywhere must turn to Him.** It is

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**repentance time, are you ready to change your heart and lifestyle? Are you prepared to turn away from your evil ways?** As it is written, “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.” **Acts 17:30.** **Will you allow the Blood of Christ that was shed on the cross to be in vain? Are you ready to turn from your evil ways and return to God? It is inevitable for you to change the way you think and act, otherwise, you will perish.**

**Therefore, repent of your depravity, and pray to God to expunge your contriving thoughts. You must quickly get rid of your evil thoughts, and ask God to forgive your sins. You need to pray to God to forgive all the wicked intent of your heart;** according to the Book of Acts which says, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.” **Acts 8:22.** **Repent for the wicked things that you have done, and the evil plans of your heart before it is too late.**

**You must quickly repent if you don't want the same fate as the Galileans whom Pilate killed while they were offering sacrifices to God. Jesus warned that unless people change their old way of thinking and turn from their sinful ways, they will die in like manner.** **If you don't change your mind for the better and turn back to God, you may die untimely death;** according to the scripture which says “.....I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” **Luke 13:1-3.**

**In addition Christ cautioned us that if we don't amend our ways, with abhorrence of our past sins, we will have the same fate as the people who died when the tower in Siloam collapsed on them. If you don't want to die a miserable and painful death, you must abstain from your sinful lifestyle and turn back to God;** according to the Bible passages which says, “.....I tell you, no, but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” **Luke 13:4-5.** **We pray that we will neither die in our prime, nor before our time, in Jesus name.**

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However, we need to repent on time before it is late, because the Lord neither plays nor joke with His words. God is not slow about keeping His promises, but He is patient, so that no one will be lost. Since the Lord doesn't delay His promises, do not procrastinate, but repent today in order to escape destruction. God is patiently holding back His judgment, do not keep Him waiting, but repent now; else you may perish; according to the Book of Peter which says, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9.

For this reason, **you must produce fruit that is consistent with repentance, by demonstrating new behavior that proves a change of heart and a conscious decision to turn away from sin. You must do things that show that you have really given up your sins.** As it is written, "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance." Matthew 3:8. Let your lifestyle reflect your change of heart during this Easter period. You must prove by the way you live, that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. We pray that God will grant you a repentant heart in Jesus Name. Amen.

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## Topic: Your soul is rented – Part 7

### Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4-15

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that humans need to turn to God before they lose their souls.

### Turn to God before you lose your soul

Humans need to express sincere regret for their sins while they are still alive by turning to God. It is essential for everyone to show remorse for their wrongdoings when they still have the opportunity. It is inevitable for you to be penitent because of your transgressions, before you lose your soul. Whoever wants to inherit the kingdom of heaven will repent before death and judgment come. Inasmuch as humans are destined to die once, and after death come the judgment; are you prepared for judgment if you die now? Based on your conducts, do you think that you will be exonerated, and admitted into the Glorious Home? If not repent and turn to God in the land of the living; according to the Book of Hebrews which says, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this judgment.” Hebrews 9:27.

With the knowledge that you will not live in this sinful world forever, are you ready to turn to God? Since it is laid down that mortals must die, are you prepared to retract your hateful speeches? Are you ready to abhor your corrupt ways, and turn to God? Do you think you can be sorry for your past mistakes, and embrace the commandments of the Lord? Are you prepared to detest yourself, and sit in the dust/ashes to show your sorrow for your nauseous behaviors? You must repent, flee from things that are provoking God but turn to Him instead. As it is written “Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.” Job 42:6. Are you ready to despise yourself because of your filthiness, and repent before you die? Do not procrastinate; depart from things that are displeasing the Lord and turn to Him before you lose your soul.

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**Do not forget that you have limited time to repent and turn to God. You must exhibit penitence, before the owner of your soul asks for it. Humans must realize that our bodies will return to dust/earth and our souls will return to God our Maker. Whether we like it or not, either we believe or not; we will turn back to the dust of the earth again, and our breath of life (soul) will go back to God, who rented it to us. The Book of Ecclesiastes testified to this fact by saying, "Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:7. Hence, show regret and remorse for your past atrocities, and turn to God before you die, else you may end your journey in hell. Therefore, let the wicked people abandon their ways and the evildoers their thoughts; let them return to God.**

**You must give up your crooked ways and lustful thoughts today; return to God who will have compassion on you, and freely forgive your sins; according to the scripture which says "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7. Are you prepared to give up your sinful schemes? Are you ready to stop doing wrong, and start doing right? Do you think you can leave your corrupt way of life, and change your way of thinking? Can you ever banish the thoughts of doing wrong from your mind? Do you think that your plans and imaginations are acceptable to the Lord? If not, repent now and turn to God before you lose your soul.**

**It is time to return to God: The scripture stated that, people from every part of the earth will remember Almighty God their Creator, and come back to Him. So, everyone on this earth must remember the owner of their souls, and all races in the world must turn and worship Him. It is time for the whole earth to acknowledge the Lord as their Maker and Savior, and return to Him before it is too late. As it is written, "All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You."**

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**Psalm 22:27. Are you ready to turn to the Lord? Is your country among the nations that are currently remembering the Lord? Since people everywhere must remember their Creator, do you have time to worship God?**

**Time has come for mankind to check and investigate what they have done wrong. Humans must think about the way we are living, make amendments, and turn back to God. Whoever does not want Satan to gain or take advantage of him/her will probe his/her ways, and quickly turn back to God;** according to the Bible passage which says, “Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord.” **Lamentations 3:40. Do you think your lifestyle pleases the Lord? When was the last time that you scrutinize your ways, if they are acceptable to the Lord? Are you exercising restraint concerning worldliness? You need to rectify your ways, before you lose your soul.**

**When you obey the Lord by keeping His commands that are written in the Holy Bible, and return to Him with all your heart and all your soul, then it shall be well with you. If you pay attention to the regulations of God and turn fully to Him; you will live a fulfilled life. You must decide to listen to the voice of the Lord and obey His instructions; if you want to inherit His eternal kingdom. Whoever wants God to be delighted in him/her must be obedient and keep the rules and decrees written in the Bible;**

The Book of Deuteronomy confirmed this fact by saying, “If you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” **Deuteronomy 30:10. Since the prerequisite to live a peaceful life is to be obedient; are you ready to turn to God with all your heart and soul? Is your lifestyle in conformity with the teachings of the Bible? Can you proclaim that keeping the ordinance of the Lord is paramount in your heart? Do not delay, because time is of essence; turn to God with all your heart and soul before it is too late.**

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**Return to God for your own sake: Humans need to return to the Lord, because we have fallen due to our sins. The nations of the world are visited by calamities due to their iniquities. Mankind has fallen in the presence of God; that is why we find ourselves in a precarious situation. It is inevitable for you to return to God in repentance, if you don't want any tragedy to befall you; according to the Book of Hosea which says, "O Israel, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity." **Hosea 14:1.** We pray that sin will neither bring you down, nor cause your downfall, in Jesus name, Amen.**

**However, do not believe in the deception of the Devil, but come back quickly to the Lord. We are advising you to return to God, and obey His commands. You are warned to turn to the Lord with all your heart and soul, according to these messages. Pay attention to everything that God is commanding you today through this medium;** as stated in the Bible passage which says, "And you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul." **Deuteronomy 30:2.** **If you and your descendants can turn back to God; your lives will be meaningful and you will prosper throughout your existence.**

**Anyone who forsakes Satan and turns to the Lord with his/her heart will be delivered from his/her problems. If you are really serious about turning to God, then you must abstain from sinful things. You must dedicate yourself completely to the Lord, before He will rescue you from your troubles;** according to the Book of Samuel which says, "Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.'" **1 Samuel 7:3.** **God is waiting for you, so refrain from immorality, and turn to Him in order to be saved.**

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**For this reason, return to God, before you lose your soul. You must first turn to the Lord, before He will turn and assist you. The conditionality for God to return to your life is for you to first seek Him with all your soul, and turn to Him; according to the declaration of the Lord which says, “Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Return to Me,” says the Lord of hosts, “and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts.’” Zechariah 1:3. Are you ready to turn to God, so that you will achieve your ambitions and aspirations? Do you know that if you return to the Lord, you will be successful on earth? Time has come for you to return to the owner of your soul for your own sake. If you change and turn to God, then He will become active on your behalf, and bless your home.**

**Doing the right thing will make the Lord to bestir Himself for you; He will reward you and fulfill your needs. If you are moral and ethical, God will restore your captivity; and you will prosper with a dazzling future. If you are pure and live with integrity, then God will rise up and restore your happy home; in a manner that will make your future to be brighter than your past; according to the Book of Job which says, “If you were pure and upright, surely now He would awake for you, and prosper your rightful dwelling place. Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would increase abundantly.” Job 8:6-7. You must be honest and dedicated, before God can rouse Himself for you. If you start living right, the Lord will rescue you, and give you your heart desires. Do not forget that holiness and uprightness is what you need for God to intervene on your behalf.**

**Finally, the time has come for humans to return to God in repentance, though He has hurt us due to our iniquities, but He will heal us. The Lord will comfort us if we turn to Him, despite the fact that He has punished us for our transgressions. Today if you turn to God with all your heart and soul, He will bandage your spiritual wounds and transform your life; according to the scripture which says, “Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.” Hosea 6:1. It**

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is necessary and important that mankind seek the Lord for the salvation of their souls.

Remember the owner of your soul when you are suffering, and when you are comfortable. You must not forget your Creator when you are joyful, and when you are sad. It is your obligation to remember God in whatever you are doing, and let Him take control/preeminence in your life. Always think of your Maker in your youthful days, and when you are old. Inasmuch as God is the owner of your soul, remember Him thoughtfully, and keep Him in your mind; because you don't belong to yourself, but you are His property; according to the Book of Ecclesiastes which says, "Remember now your Creator in the day of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'" Ecclesiastes 12:1. Are you thoughtful of your Maker? When was the last time that you reflect about your Creator? Is the excitement of your success making you to forget God? Do you realize that everyday humans are getting nearer to the grave, because our lifespan decreases? It is your duty to remember God the owner of your soul in wealth and in poverty.

The Seal: Amos 5:4: "For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel, 'Seek Me and live.'"