

ETERNAL SECURITY: A CASE STUDY OF JUDAS ISCARIOT.

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¹ God bless you, be seated. Happy Resurrection Morning! Amen. God bless you once again; just greet your neighbor by your side. Your brother, your sister, Give them some Christian greeting, the best you can. Say something that will make your neighbor to be happy (irrespective of) whatever situation your neighbor maybe going through. From your heart, can you tell somebody around you “I love you”? Say it and mean it. (The congregation exchanges pleasantries as instrumentalists play soft music in the background).

² Halleluyah! Praise the Lord! And we are going to take a little Bible study I promised and listen church, this is important (because there are) a lot of people that come to church and they come and leave the same way they came. When we come to church, we have come to worship God and not just to worship God, but we must come and something must happen that will draw you closer to Him and the only way that makes one to draw closer to God is not the healing you received. It is the revelation of Him that you have and something (profound) about the God we worship; the God we serve; is that you will never finish knowing Him and the day you say that you have known Him, that is the day you begin to die because knowing Him produces life. Praise the Lord! Halleluyah! The day you stop knowing Him that is the day, you will begin to die!

³ Halleluyah! (Congregation says, “Amen”) There is something about the knowledge of God; the knowledge of God is so deep and He purposely leaves it that way, so as to drop a hunger and thirst for Him in us, so that every day you are positioned to know Him the more and the more you know Him, the better the relationship you have with Him.

⁴ I say this passionately. I say this from my heart because I know what that knowledge has done to me. I had to discuss with my sister yesterday, I was telling her something about gifted brethren: those who see vision; those who are anointed; and those who see things in the Spirit; that if you watch it, the generality of the carnalities that you see displayed in Christianity comes from that group of people and that they are the most carnal people that live among believers. Gifted people!

⁵ We that don't see, we only hear and maybe have small signs around us that make us to believe and hold on to God but they; they see the angels, they see the glory, they hear the voice of God and it is expected that they would be better Christians than us (and that) they will fear God more than us. But you will see he who sees vision, he is fornicating. You see him lying, you see him cheating. Every carnal thing, you see it among them. Then, how has that knowledge benefited them?

⁶ I have said this before as I likened that to a medical doctor, who knows everything about the anatomy of man; of a human being, who knows the evils of cigarette smoking, but he is a chain-smoker and he is a medical doctor. How has his medical profession profited Him? How has his knowledge of the anatomy of man profited Him? So it is, with the gifted people.

⁷ The reason is that they think that it means they are working well with God as long as the gift is still flowing. They are the ones that when you try to tell them; “you are doing something wrong”, they will dismiss you. “Get out! What do you know? It is between me and God”. To Him, what you are thinking is sin, God does not see it as sin and that is why even though he

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slept with a woman last night, that is not his wife, he is waking up this morning and the angel is saying, “My son, I’m going to use you mightily today” and you are saying that he is a sinner! You see! Halleluyah! But I am saying this so that you understand that the mystery of redemption is too deep.

⁸ The only way, you can relate with God is in knowing Him and that’s exactly what I want to share this morning, so that somebody will know who he/she is. See, serving God, working with God, is not about you obeying some set rules: Don’t do this! Don’t do that! Don’t do this! Don’t do that! That is not the meaning of grace! And that is why God removed the Law. Where has He written it? He has now written it in your heart. What do you mean by it being in your heart? It has to do with your conscience because He has now shifted from obeying the law and shifted it to a relationship. It is now about a relationship that comes through a flow of divine love between you and Him and that love only comes alive the day you understand God’s mercy.

⁹ The day you understand the meaning of mercy, Mercy! That is what makes a woman live true to her husband. That is what makes a husband live true to his wife. There is something that binds them. It is not because of some set of laws. Then the woman says, “Well! Since Bible say that I should subject myself to you, Ok! *But na because Bible talk so o... Ikechukwu! Na because Bible talk so o... If not hmm! Na God I dey fear o, Ikechukwu*”, If you are going to love your husband or subject yourself to your husband because God says so, then you have missed it. Even that kind of subjection is not acceptable by God and it will not last. It cannot withstand “for better or worse”. It cannot! It cannot!

¹⁰ So when you come to church, there is time to worship and there is time to listen to something that will strike your spirit man and give you cause to have a better relationship with God. And God Himself does not come at once and reveal himself like that to man. He chooses to do it precept upon precept, line upon line. This is just like the human academic system; it takes years before you can become a professor. You go through a process of seeking a particular kind of knowledge until you hit a particular point. It takes years.

¹¹ Perfection does not come automatic. Perfection is also gradual. It says, “Be ye perfect even as your Heavenly Father is perfect” but you don’t get born again today and become perfect that day. You will grow in perfection and what causes that perfection is not some anointing that hits you. No! It’s not some anointing that hits you. It is what you hear. “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing the Word of God” that is what builds you to perfection.

¹² And so we have the Word of God that the Bible says, “...is hidden in my heart that I may not sin against you”. It’s important, therefore, that you take Bible study seriously and one thing about Bible study is that God raises teachers Himself. Somebody was telling me about the current reading culture of people and kept echoing at intervals: “People don’t read! People don’t read!” and I quickly added Ok! And I said, “It is not about reading, you are not perfected because you read. If not, what of our illiterate parents who don’t know how to read or write? They won’t go to heaven, *abi?*” They have ears to hear and so in every locality, God raises pastors. In every language, there are pastors. There are pastors that preach in every language so you see that man has no excuse.

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¹³ The only thing is that your education is supposed to profit you in that direction but if you don't subject yourself to studying, what has your education profited you when you cannot read? So all these funny-funny preachers tell you anything and because you have no time to go and confirm as the Berean Christians, you begin to "*follow-follow, follow-follow, mumu-mumu*" so how has your education profited you? You! Going to school is neither for the sole purpose of getting a job nor is it just so you can fill yourself with earthly knowledge; it is also a means by which you can know God the more. You must be like the Berean Christians!

¹⁴ In my former church, all my pastors - four of them – four different churches before this one started. They all knew the type of believer I was. I was not a minister in any church before this church but every pastor knew there was somebody sitting down in the congregation. You misplace scripture before you leave the pulpit I will send note to you there and when my pastor wanted to shout at me one time, I went to his office and I told him, "please, you people should know that the books you read, we too, we read them so don't think that you have absolute custody of knowledge because you are a pastor." Praise the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) The Bible puts it this way, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

¹⁵ Halleluyah! When I gave my life to Christ, maybe it's because God was preparing me for a period like this, knowing that He will use me in the future to defend the faith (as for me back then I didn't know). People take off and go to the camp and go to the mountain to pray, seeking whatever they are looking for, but I have never gone to any mountain and see anybody carry books and say, "I have withdrawn to come and study" but I am telling you now that I used to pack books, you will think I am preparing for an examination. I'll go and stay three days, four days in the camp just studying. I was not studying because I was hoping to be a pastor; I didn't know I would be a pastor. God revealed it but He didn't allow me to understand what He was showing me years back until it came to pass. I just wanted to know Him; I wanted to know who this God of creation is. When you study Him, you want to know Him the more and the more you study Him, the more mysterious He becomes.

¹⁶ Have you ever flown by air and gone far above the clouds? You look to your left, you are seeing nothing and look to your right and still you are seeing nothing and yet scientific instruments show the things that live millions of light years apart in creation; in the distance between the earth and maybe the sun, or maybe Pluto and other planets and all of them in the galaxies created by one being. (Congregation claps)

¹⁷ Now! That is not the interesting part. The interesting part is that when you put the whole of the galaxies together and look at you as an individual in relation to the whole of this creation and ask, "Who am I?" You just see that you are less than a speck. And yet God comes down and He is interested in you and He is talking to you.

¹⁸ Ha! Who am I that He is interested in me? There must be something about it that He will leave all these things - His creation - and come and look at a speck, a speck like me. He even gets so interested in me until he will come down by Himself, Emmanuel, to redeem me. That knowledge makes you fear Him. That knowledge makes you love Him. That makes you appreciate His mercy. These are the things that determine how you work with Him but the spirit

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of religion has beclouded these facts. The spirit of religion has reduced us so much that we just see ourselves as PDP and APC – political parties.

¹⁹ I am of this. I am of that. I am this. I am that. That's why we try by all means to knock it off. I told a sister this morning, I said, "Your Christianity must be defined to a realm where you are not a Christian only because you are in the church or because you are among believers or even because you are in your house" and so maybe I will just live well, but why? 'well, you know, I'm a pastor and everybody in my house knows I am a pastor, so I must live a life so that people go know say I be pastor or everybody in this street know say I be pastor so make I *dey* careful'. Ok! The day I go to Korea *nko*? Where, nobody knows me. The day I leave and go to a place where nobody knows me. It is at that time that I will prove whether I am a Christian or not".

²⁰ It is not when we go to church and you dress with flowing gown and you are dancing more than everybody else and maybe somebody even looks at you and says, "Kai! This sister loves God" that we will know that you are a Christian o! So don't look at somebody here and conclude that He is of God o or that she is a Christian o! It is dangerous! That is why I believe in courtship. I believe it. Don't marry until you know the person very well o! Don't marry until you know her very well. Don't marry until you know Him very well o. We are not Christians because we are in the church.

²¹ All of us here now, we are Christians. Are we not? Eh! Eh! (Congregation laughs) Oh! You came to church before me. Oh! You love God so much. Oh! This man loves God so much. That's not the type of knowing very well o. Oh! Praise God! (Congregation responses Halleluyah) Halleluyah! That's why I keep saying that any brother that is married, the first person that can give your testimony whether you are a Christian or not, is your wife. It's your wife o...! And if your wife cannot testify that you are a Christian, you are truly not a Christian. Amen! You are not a Christian o! How many married women here can say my husband is a Christian? Don't worry, he is not seeing you now; bend down your head and put your hand up. You are not sure your husband is a Christian, put up your hand! Okay if you are sure your husband is a Christian let me see your hands up. *"Na because of chop money you put up your hand, (laughs) chop money na him make you put up your hand. This pastor wan put me for trouble"* (Congregation laughs) I want you to be a Christian that is why I say it the way I say it.

²² Now, when God wants to reveal Himself to us, First, I told you the other time that He moves from stage to stage. First is the ADOPTION. He makes you appreciate salvation by the revelation of adoption and I have said it before that most Evangelical Churches stop at ADOPTION. Oh! You were nothing. You were lost. (Sings: "I once was lost but now I am found [singing stops here].) And then (Sings: "I've wandered far away from home [singing stops here].) And then oh! Come and see Billy Graham speaking about adoption and everybody will be crying. All of them will be crying. You know He is one of the most renowned Evangelists of this our time. Billy Graham! Not William Branham! I am talking of Billy Graham, the American. Go and see Kumuyi preaching adoption until they take it so far to tell you that you can lose it and since you don't want to lose it, you are treading carefully everyday with so much fear, as you frequently check yourself: I hope I did this? I hope I had done this? I hope? I hope? I hope? Then the day you fall "*yakata*"; the day any situation turns you to crayfish, you say, "No more hope. According to the teaching, I am gone".

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²³ Adoption! So everybody, eh! Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Then everybody is careful; you watch how you talk? How you walk? Where you go? Who you associate with, so that you do not lose your sanctification? You don't shout: 'in Jesus name' and then you are very careful so that you will not lose your salvation. Then when you reach that stage that God does not want you to fear, He then tells you your origin by the doctrine of redemption that He came to redeem His own.

²⁴ What is Redeem? To Redeem is to buy back what was originally yours (take note: originally yours) but you lost it to some kind of slavery. The process of buying it back is called Redemption. You can only redeem what originally was yours. We were already His own. Then the confidence comes back more. "Oh! Na my Papa be this. No be say He adopt me. No be say... I was an orphan somewhere then a very kind man came and picked me up. Oh! Na Him born me *sef*. Oh!" You know the day you discover that; you will be more relaxed in that house. That's the period that you begin to look for your Father's property so that when the man die, you go know which one go be your own because you are not a stranger, you are not a slave. I'm a son. I was His, originally, Halleluyah!

²⁵ So how does this come about? Let's open **Romans chapter 8** to see the way Apostle Paul puts it. Halleluyah! What we are trying to look at is **ETERNAL SECURITY**. We are going further now to look at eternal security that "**once you are saved, forever you are saved**". And this is where we get that security from: **Romans chapter 8 verses 28, 29 and 30**.

²⁸*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called* (those he has called) *according to his purpose* (he calls us according to his purpose).

²⁹*For whom he did foreknow* (foreknowledge – knowledge in advance), *he also did predestinate* (I know you know this scripture but let's dissect it again, I repeat Verse 29)

²⁹*For whom he did foreknow* (foreknowledge - something He knew in advance – something He knew in advance concerning you. Before you were born, before your great grandfather was born, He knew you. Am I correct? [Yes!] He knew you).

²⁹*For whom he did* (foreknowledge) *foreknow, he also did predestinate* (because he knew you in advance; your destiny, how you will end up was also determined before you began).

(I repeat verse 29 again).

²⁹*For whom he did foreknow* (know in advance), *he also did predestinate* (What is the destiny?) *to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he* (Jesus Christ, now!) *might be the firstborn among many brethren*.

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²⁶ Here He is talking about inheritance. If Jesus is the Firstborn, then He is my Elder Brother. What belongs to Him belongs to me too from the Father. You see another stage of the revelation now? We are heirs and joint-heirs with Christ of an inheritance. Then verse 30:

³⁰ **Moreover** (He's going deeper for you to understand those that He called because He does not just call like that. He doesn't call as if He was gambling), **whom he did predestinate** (only those whose destinies have been determined in advance because of a foreknowledge – something he knew about you in advance), **them he also called** (so He is not calling anybody to see whether the person will disappoint Him or not. Before He calls you, there is something He has considered [Someone in the congregation shouts: Yes sir!] concerning you before calling you).

²⁷ You see now! Revelation is going deeper and deeper. Therefore, if God has called you, amen! Oh! Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts Halleluyah) Ok! Let me finish that verse

³⁰ **and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified** (by the baptism of the Holy Ghost).

²⁸ So He will not gamble and give somebody eternal life and then regret it. Eternal life is a life that has no ending, so God will not give you a life that will allow you to live forever, when He knows that you cannot be converted or rather that you lack the ability to be converted. That is the reason why quickly before they will go and partake of the tree of life, he sent them (Adam & Eve) away from the Garden of Eden because death was already in them. Halleluyah! And once you eat of the Tree of Life, He cannot change His mind again, so He will not gamble to give you eternal life.

²⁹ Oh! Glory be to God! (Someone rings a bell in affirmation) Blessed be the name of the Lord! Halleluyah! (Congregation says, 'Amen') So He chose us in Christ. When did He choose you? Was it the day you gave your life to Christ? No! Where is the proof for saying "No!"? The proof is in **the book of Ephesians chapter one from verse 3:**

³ **Blessed** (this is Apostle Paul speaking now!) **be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (WHERE?) in Christ:**

⁴ **According as he hath chosen us in him** (because we read where he said that we are predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ now He is saying, "According as he hath chosen us in him" When did He choose us in Christ?) **before the foundation of the world** (He did not choose you the day you gave your life to Christ! Oh glory be to God! He had already chosen us in Him before the foundation of this world began. Do you see what He has done?) **That we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

⁵ **Having predestinated** (our destiny was determined before we were born, before this earth began) **having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus**

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Christ to himself, (this is where I am going to... Is it because you worked hard for it? No! It is) *according to the good pleasure of his will*, (Not because you worked hard for it. It is according to the good pleasure of His will. [Sings: For thou art created, all things are for thy pleasure, they are and were created]).

⁶*To the praise of the glory of his grace - his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

⁷*In whom* (that is, Jesus Christ) *we have redemption* (I have told you what it means to redeem) *through his blood* (which was used as a ransom to pay the price for our salvation. The buying back - the payment of the ransom - is for our redemption), *the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

⁸*Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;*

⁹*Having made known unto us the mystery of his will* (there is something mysterious about it - the mystery of His will), *according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself* (He does not take counsel with anybody. He does not have meetings with anybody to do whatsoever He wants to do. What was it that He counselled himself? The next verse):

¹⁰*That in the dispensation of the fullness of times* (He decided that) *he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

¹¹ *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:* (To do what?)

¹² *That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.*

¹³ *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth* (you also trusted, after that you have heard the word of truth), *the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed* (after you believed), *ye were sealed* (oh! What is the meaning of the word “seal”? A seal means the work is finished. You were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise).

¹⁴ *Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

³⁰ Blessed be the name of the Lord! Halleluyah! So with this you should be able to understand what Peter said in **1 Peter chapter 1 and verse 2**. It's the same revelation that Apostle Paul had that Peter also had. Let's see the way he puts it in **1 Peter chapter 1 and verse 2**, just one statement there. He (Peter) said, **“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...”** We are elected and the election there is the calling. We are Elect according to what? According to God's foreknowledge; Apostle Paul got that revelation – the mystery of salvation - not from a

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meeting he had with Peter but by the same Holy Ghost. Oh! Blessed be the name of the Lord! Halleluyah! Then you will begin to also understand that if you were not saved the day you gave your life to Christ, then it means that you were saved and called before the foundation of the world and Christ Himself died from the foundation of the world.

³¹ Now! This is exactly what you must know because Halleluyah! The call was in Him – Jesus - and as far as God was concerned, He had concluded everything already. What you are seeing that is happening now, is just God watching the play as it rolls out because the script had long been written. Oh! Glory be to God! Halleluyah!

³² Film makers understand that there must be a script before you bring the actors to act the script. The actors acting the script, they are not the writers of the script. Halleluyah! The actors are popular but the script writers they are the directors and nobody sees the director of a film, you only see the characters. God is the scriptwriter and we are the actors acting the script that has already been written. Oh glory be to God! Halleluyah! Then you will understand **Revelation chapter 13 verses 8** concerning the beast, He says:

***And all that dwell upon the earth** (see this statement) **shall worship him** (that beast), (see those that shall worship the beast, they are those) **whose names are not written in the book of life of** (who?) **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.** (Who is the Lamb that has been slain? We all know that that Lamb is Jesus Christ, but according to this scripture when was He then slain? That was from the foundation of the world and not in A.D. 33).*

³³ He was not slain in A.D. 33 as far as God is concerned. The script was written from the foundation of the world and the Actor acted it in A.D. 33. Praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord! Halleluyah! So if you were chosen from the foundation of the world and similarly, Christ was slain from the foundation of the world, then we have to know about the Book of Life. Let's see **the book of Revelation Chapter 17 and verse 8**, this is the way he put it:

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder,** (and those that will wonder are those) **whose names were not written in the book of life** (from when?) **from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

³⁴ So when was the Book of Life written? It was written from the foundation of the world. All that will be saved, had long been known by God Himself, and their names were written down and they are the ones that God came for, when He came as Emmanuel (God with us). Ah! They are the only ones that will be saved. Only those whose names are written in the Book of Life will be saved! The problem is how to identify them. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

³⁵ Now! Those of you who see movies a lot, I think there is something that is called "The Preview" (Trailer) or something like that, in which you are shown clips from the finished production. These clips give you a view of what to expect in the Big Picture even though it's not

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the real and final movie. They put a bit of the final movie production in it just to whet your appetite for the finished work. Now this is called the preview and even apart from the preview, there is also the backstage in which you are shown things that happen at the back of the stage, the things that finally brings the total picture for us to watch. Well, that's the Gospel according to Hollywood.

³⁶ Now, God was about to activate what He had written down. Then, He began by picking one man, Abraham, for a preview that is called "the law". Halleluyah! And this cumulated into producing Moses and we all know that Moses is a type of Christ. We also know that Abraham is a type of God the Father. Everything there is a preview. Everything in the Old Testament is a preview of the real thing that we are enjoying now and even if we were to begin from the Garden of Eden, it was still a preview. Halleluyah! You must understand this because if you do not see Christ and His Church in it, you will miss the story.

³⁷ Alright! Let me just jump to Abraham so that we end up in time, because if we go back, the story is long. When you look at Abraham, Abraham is a type of God the Father, that has a son of promise - Isaac - that must get a wife and he sends Eleazar; a type of the seven stars that are in the right hand of God to go and pick a wife for his son - Isaac.

³⁸ Blessed be the name of the Lord! Halleluyah! We must understand this so He picks on and on and each is typing something, and then He gave them laws and ordinances to observe and each of those ceremonies had something to do with Christ. Now, Christ came down in the running of that agenda and He played His part in that script that had been written of Him. He came *in the volume of Books written of Him* and He came just as it had been written of Him, but they could not understand, being that they were too carnal.

³⁹ But nothing can stop the agenda of God for even their rejection was part of the script. Oh praise the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!). Even their rejection was part of the script; you have to understand that, so that you know the role that Judas played was part of the script. Halleluyah! (Congregation shouts: Amen!) And I'm not here to talk about Judas, because every one of us sitting down here, if we are to watch careful, we are even worse than Judas.

⁴⁰ I am talking about you but with Judas later on as an example of you, so that if you condemn Judas, you must condemn yourself too. (Bell rings in affirmation). So that if you say that you are called unto adoption, full authority and power, Judas too is called. (Pastor laughs) so it's not about Judas, it is about you and me.

⁴¹ **Matthew chapter 5...** It's one thing to know these things. It's another thing to know how to teach somebody. I pray that God will cause me to say it in a way that you will understand and my reason is that as for me, I understand it but to make you understand it, that is another matter and whether you understand it or not, it is not a thing for argument, if you are already a Christian homebound, go ahead. Go ahead! I'm only trying to help you more. That's all! So nothing to argue about, now **Matthew 5:17-18:**

¹⁷***Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets*** (By "the law or the prophets", He is referring to all the ceremonial laws and all that the Prophets

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prophesied, He said but): *I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*

¹⁸*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all (all – every ceremony there) be fulfilled.*

⁴² Remember, there was the ceremony of the Passover before they eventually passed over from Egypt to the Promised Land and a lamb had to be sacrificed and the blood had to be applied on the doorpost and the lintels as the Angel of death was to pass through the land. It was only the houses that had applied the blood that the firstborn in those family houses were saved. So it is important that you understand the language that Apostle Paul and the rest used in the New Testament as you see that in **1 Corinthians chapter 5 and verse 7**, Apostle Paul referred to Christ as our Passover.

⁴³ Now, the Angel of death will be coming upon this world soon. A lamb has to be slaughtered and its blood applied on the door post of our houses but this time, it is not to be applied on physical houses. It is to be applied on the door post of your heart and Christ Jesus is our pass over lamb that had been slain from the foundation of the world. To apply the blood, you have to accept the life that is in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ which is Eternal Life and the only way to accept that life is by receiving the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost comes in and transforms that sinner to a saint.

⁴⁴ In **Leviticus chapter 16**, if you read it **from verse 3 to verse 10**, we have something like a ceremony that was done there. I just pray that somebody will catch it. Let's read it:

³*Thus shall Aaron* (remember I am trying to explain that Jesus Christ came to fulfill these ceremonies, to fulfill these ceremonial laws) *thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.*

(Making how many goats there? Three! There are three of them there. Let's jump to Verse 6)

⁶*And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself* (one of those three goats there, one is for Aaron, for himself - the high priest - to wash himself first. He will wash himself first!), *and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.*

(Verse 7)

⁷*And he shall take* (now! The remaining two that he received from the congregation) *the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.* (He will take the two goats from the congregation and present them unto the Lord).

⁸*And Aaron* (when he presents them now! Aaron) *shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.*

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⁴⁵ That is, one of them is supposed to be a scapegoat, one of them is supposed to be the Lord's – to be sacrificed unto the Lord. One will be left to go with the sins into the wilderness, free! They are all sacrificial goats o! Now but which of these two will be for God and which one will be the scapegoat? They will cast a lot. Lord! The one I pick that is for you, show me now as I pick it and then he will take it and then open it. Ok! You are the scapegoat; you are the one to go free. Praise God!

⁸And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

⁹And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering (Sin offering: Offering for the sin of the people).

¹⁰But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD (they will not kill it), *to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.*

⁴⁶ And we see that fulfilled on the cross of Calvary. Praise God! Two criminals, supposedly criminals condemned: Barabbas and Jesus, and mind you, it is the people that brought the two goats o! And so Pilate brought them as the custom is that one of the criminals must be released as the scapegoat and that is pointing us to what the scripture was speaking of.

⁴⁷ I told you that the script had been written. They were only acting the script that had been in types and shadows. Halleluyah! (Congregation shouts: amen!) Halleluyah! (Congregation shouts: amen!) And Barabbas was the scapegoat. He was released and the offering for sin – Jesus Christ – was accepted by the Lord, hanged on the cross and was offered. He was fulfilling the Law. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Praise the Lord! Yet they didn't know what was happening, and though Pilate screamed, "Ah! But this man has not done anything!" yet they unanimously shouted: "Crucify Him!" and so Pilate said, "*My hand no dey o! I wash my hand off this*".

⁴⁸ And they still said, "Yes! Let His blood be upon us" and while they were saying that, they didn't even understand what was happening. It was not judgment that they were passing upon themselves like we teach sometimes and mind you that they screamed out in response to Pilate, "Let His blood be upon us and upon our children". The question now is: "Are we not pleading the blood of Jesus Christ to speak for us today? And where was that blood released? Was it not on the cross?" We still scream out: I plead the blood of Jesus upon my children. I plead the blood of Jesus upon my mother. I plead the blood of Jesus. It is the same thing they were saying? Let His blood be upon us. For what! For the remission of their sins oh! It was not for punishment. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

⁴⁹ Jesus came to fulfill the Law! Let's see the prophecy in **Malachi chapter 3, verse one:**

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of

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hosts.”

⁵⁰ Just in case you are coming across this for the first time, let’s read it carefully again:

“Behold (Now! This is thus saith the Lord and remember that Jesus did not come to destroy the Law or the Prophets, so we shall examine this because it is one of the prophecies concerning Him) **Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me** (who is that messenger? [Congregation shouts: John!] John the Baptist is the messenger that he sent): **and the Lord, whom ye seek** (that God of Israel that you have been worshipping), **shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant** (and Jesus Christ is the Messenger of the covenant that God has between Himself and His people. John the Baptist is not the Messenger of the covenant! Who is the Messenger of the covenant? The Lord Jesus Himself! Praise the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) Halleluyah! (Congregation shouts: Amen!) **The covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come** (that God will come), **saith the LORD of hosts.”**

⁵¹ And when was this prophesy fulfilled? It was fulfilled in **Matthew chapter 3, from Verse 13** pointing out that He (Jesus) came to fulfill the law.

¹³**Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.**

¹⁴**But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?**

⁵² Remember before then that in John 1:29, John the Baptist saw him and said, **“Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”** Jesus Christ is the Lamb, making reference to the sacrificial lamb. Halleluyah! See **Matthew chapter 3 from verse 15:**

¹⁵**And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.**

¹⁶**And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.**

¹⁷**And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

⁵³ How is this fulfilled? He said, **“behold I send my messenger before you who will prepare a way for me”** and John the Baptist was there preaching, preparing the way for the coming of the Lord and then in **Matthew chapter 3 and verse 16**, it was declared to the whole world that Jesus Christ is now God’s dwelling place. So now you understand that statement that Jesus Christ made: **“destroy this temple and in three days I will build it up.”**

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⁵⁴ Now just in case someone wants to ask, “Who is Jesus?” From what we have seen here, Jesus is God’s dwelling place. Halleluyah! Jesus is God’s dwelling place and that is the reason why the holy of holies; where the ark of the old covenant was kept, where the glory of God was kept such that no (ordinary) man had access to it, the holy of holies that was separated from all other places with a veil became accessible by all on the day Jesus Christ gave up the ghost, Glory be to God! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!)

⁵⁵ That glory left! Halleluyah! (Congregation shouts: Amen!) Unknown to them, the glory of God is no more there, for where God chooses to place His name, which is the only place that He chooses as the place to worship Him; and the Father made a body for Himself and that body became His temple. Therefore, He placed His name in His Son *and the Lord whom you seek* while the messenger was there – John the Baptist - preaching in fulfillment of that prophecy, the God whom they sought after, suddenly came to His temple and announced: *“this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”*.

⁵⁶ From that day, Jesus Christ became the temple of the Holy Ghost. He became God’s dwelling place. He came to fulfill the Law and that is exactly what happened as you see in that verse in **Matthew chapter 5**. Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) Halleluyah! (Congregation shouts: Amen!).

⁵⁷ You will always find Jesus Christ saying at various intervals, *“That the scripture might be fulfilled... that the scripture might be fulfilled... that the scripture might be fulfilled... that the scripture might be fulfilled...”* and that is because a script had already been written and it must be acted out. Halleluyah! (Congregation shouts: Amen!)

⁵⁸ Jesus came to fulfill scriptures, He was predestinated to do what He was doing and just like Jesus, many more people are predestinated with Jesus to fulfill all these scriptures. Judas is one of them. Those Jews at that time including Caiaphas (the high priest), they were also some of those that He (God) had predestined. Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Amen!)

⁵⁹ But when we look at Judas, let’s see **John chapter 17** - one of the scriptures which many of you quote to finish Judas and justify yourself that you are better than Judas - for in it, we see the way Jesus made His prayer as regards the situation He knew was about to happen at that time and that is in **verse 12**:

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

⁶⁰ That is where many of us finish him because “the anti-Christ” is also referred to as “the son of perdition” and because the anti-Christ is referred to as the son of perdition and in **the book of Revelation, chapter 20 and verse 10**, we see that the son of perdition is placed in the lake of fire.

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⁶¹ Therefore, we conclude that Judas will also end up in the lake of fire, but there is a serious difference that you must see between these two sons of perdition. Praise the LORD! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!). Jesus Christ said in **John chapter 6 and verse 37:**

³⁷All that the Father giveth me shall come to me (All that the Father – take note that it is “All!” because these statements are very weighty and my learned colleagues that might be reading this now, they all know the weight of every statement in law, because you are going to quote it back to the Father at the throne of judgment. Now let’s read verse 37 again):

³⁷All that the Father giveth me shall come to me (and watch it!); and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

³⁸For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

⁶² Did the Father give Judas to Jesus? (Bell rings in affirmation as brethren express various reactions and Pastor asks the congregation again) did the Father give Judas to Jesus? Now let’s read further;

³⁹And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

⁴⁰And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, (seeing that is, understanding Him) and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁶³ The emphasis in **verse 40** is “*on the last day*” - **the resurrection day**. That is where the emphasis is. That you die now does not mean that is the end! Your end will be determined only after the resurrection. If you don’t partake of the resurrection, you are finished and here is the evidence in **John chapter 6 and verse 44:**

⁴⁴No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁶⁴ Now! All the disciples that Jesus Christ had, the Father gave Him; **Judas did not come to join them but the anti-Christ comes to join the body**. The anti-Christ is not called by God. The anti-Christ is placed in the midst of the body of Christ by Satan but Judas was not placed in the midst of the disciples by Satan. Judas was called just as Peter was called. The same criteria fitted the two of them. Judas played his own part, Peter played his own part. Glory be to God! It was part of the apostolic ministry. (Bell rings in the background in affirmation and mix reactions still trail the pastor’s statements).

⁶⁵ Until the day you catch that. Amen! You will not appreciate salvation and why I am saying this, is so that you will not be quick to condemn anybody, that he is a serpent seed. Don’t be quick to condemn anybody and refer to that person as a serpent seed! Don’t be quick in doing

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that! It is not easy to identify a serpent seed like that! But there is something that we use to immediately identify a serpent seed. We have a reference point! And that reference point is the first visible serpent seed we know in the Bible and that is Cain. So for you to identify a serpent seed, you **MUST** know the characteristics of Cain, that is, what was his identity? **Nothing in him to repent!**

⁶⁶ There was nothing in Cain to repent even when God came personally to ask him in **Genesis 4:9**, “*Where is Abel brother?*” what did he say? “*I know not: Am I my brother’s keeper?*” He killed his brother and his conscience felt no guilt at all, but what of Judas? Let’s see **Matthew chapter 27 and verse 3**:

³*Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned (what did he do?), repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, (Restitution!)*

⁴*Saying (What did he say? [Congregation echoes: I have sinned]) I have sinned (How can a serpent seed talk like that. A serpent seed can never repent! [Congregation claps in affirmation as bell rings also in affirmation at the background]) I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, “What is that to us? See thou to that.*

⁵*And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.*

⁶⁷ Notice something! Where did he throw the pieces of silver? (Congregation echoes: “in the temple!”). In the temple, he didn’t throw it in the gutter. None of us has repented to that level of our past sins, (so) repented until he could not even forgive himself. Judas repented, Cain did not repent. Cain! (Did not repent) because there was nothing in him to repent.

⁶⁸ Oh blessed be the name of the Lord! Take note that there are two types of sin: the pardonable sin and the unpardonable sin and the Bible says, for the purpose of our study, **Matthew chapter 12** for emphasis (as he flips through the pages of the Bible) **verse 31 and 32**:

³¹*Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto Men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.*

³²*And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man (if you like say anything against Jesus, call him beelzubub. Call Him a liar! Do anything you want to do in His earth ministry, the Son of man), it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

⁶⁹ The sin that Judas committed, was it against the Son of man or against the Holy Ghost? (Congregation echoes: “the Son of man!”). Is that sin forgivable hereafter or not? (Congregation echoes: “It’s forgivable!”). It’s forgivable! And He (JESUS) hanged on a cross

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while His brethren, the Jews, were finishing Him, nailing Him; He turned down and said, **“Father! Forgive them for they don’t know what they are doing?”**

⁷⁰ Judas did not know that what he did will end up like that and take note (of) these two groups of people: Judas and those that hanged Jesus Christ on the cross. Judas did not on his own, go to betray Jesus. Jesus Christ was the one that released the demon to enter him (Congregation claps and bell rings in affirmation) to fulfill all righteousness! (Congregation reacts in affirmation as bell rings in background in affirmation) Halleluyah! Halleluyah! Because, when Jesus Christ at the last supper said, **“one of you will betray me”**. Everyone said, **“is it I? Is it I?”** Judas as at that time, there was nothing in him (and) in his plan to betray Jesus. Judas said, **“Is it I?”** (Congregation reacts in agreement as bell rings in the background).

⁷¹ Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) Praise the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) The second group, were those Jews that were saying, **“Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”** In **Isaiah chapter 6**, Isaiah was sent by God to go and blind the Israelites. They were under that blindness and it was for a purpose. God blinded them so that they will not recognize Him and so that salvation will come to us.

⁷² **Romans chapter 11**, let’s go to the Bible. Let’s read it: **verse 25** Glory be to God! (Congregation shouts: Amen!) Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Amen!) **Chapter 11**, let’s read **verse 1**;

¹I say then (Romans 11 verse 1), I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin

(Verse 25)

²⁵For I would not that brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, (because it is a mystery) lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part (because it is not forever blindness, it is only for a season) is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

²⁶And so (watch it!) And so all Israel (All Israel!) shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

²⁷For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

²⁸As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes (you gentiles!): but as touching the election (somebody shout “election!” [Congregation shouts: election!]) That is the key! That is the key! Election! Because), they are beloved for the father’s sakes

²⁹For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

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⁷³ For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance, therefore, all Israel shall be saved. All! When you talk of saved there! We are talking of life hereafter. We are talking of life hereafter because salvation is not now! Salvation will be finally established after the white throne judgment, after the rapture. Whatever we are doing now, Halleluyah, is the salvation process. When you die now, Halleluyah! As it is written of you that is the place you will take. I will come to that! Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!)

⁷⁴ A lot of us when we look at Judas, we are looking at some wicked man. Amen! Let me quickly tell you: God is God, not a human being. Halleluyah! When you fall, He knows why you have fallen. He judges you according to the reason you fall. God will not send a demon to Judas and then again find him guilty at the same time of killing Jesus. God does not act like that! Until you understand how God works, listen Church! You will not understand mercy and grace. Pray that God will help you to understand His grace and mercy.

⁷⁵ We look at another example for instance, that may bring out this thing for those who want to argue with me. You will ask me questions if there is time, if there is no time you go and ask God because there are some people that may have locked their minds. It is not how you determined Judas end to be that matters; it is what God has determined for him that matters. If it is left into our hands, you will be like Hitler, you will be like even Luther, those Lutherans - all those early people that they were – they condemned the Jews that they were the ones who killed Jesus. They were condemning the Jews. They were killing the Jews.

⁷⁶ They saw them as wicked people that killed an innocent man and you forget that if they didn't do it, you won't be saved and somebody said Jesus would have died anyhow! Whether they killed him or not, that he would have died anyhow because God must save His people through the death of Jesus Christ but He cannot by-pass the script He has written from the foundation of the world for that, in His wisdom, is how He had determined and planned it to be and you cannot argue it.

⁷⁷ We are talking about eternal security. First and foremost, we saw in the book of **Genesis chapter 35** just write these scriptures down. They are long reading, but we have and we know about the 12 sons of Jacob and they are completely listed there, but there is a law that God gave in **Deuteronomy chapter 29**, let's read that one. **Chapter 29, Deuteronomy**, let me read it from verse 16 again. **Deuteronomy chapter 29:**

¹⁶(For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

¹⁷And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them :)

¹⁸Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

¹⁹And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself

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in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

²⁰(verse 20 is my emphasis) *The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.*

⁷⁸ The Lord shall blot out the name of anyone that goes into idolatry. Any of the children of Israel that goes into fornication, spiritual fornication, idolatry, spiritual fornication, bowing down to images other than the one true God of Israel. Anyone that does that, the Lord says, “The name will be blotted out from under heaven”. Go to **Revelation Chapter 22 and verse 18 and 19:**

¹⁸*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:*

¹⁹*And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part (God shall take away his part) out of the Book of Life (In Deuteronomy, He says that his name shall be blotted out from under heaven and here, He says that his part shall be blotted out of the Book of Life), and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

⁷⁹ Go to **Luke Chapter 10** just for emphasis, I know many of you know where we are... just for emphasis... **verse 17 to 20:**

¹⁷*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.*

¹⁸*And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

¹⁹*Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

²⁰*Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice rather, because your names are written in heaven.*

⁸⁰ There are names that are written under heaven and there are names that are written in heaven. The names that are written in Heaven are the names written before the foundation of the world, they are written in the Book of Life. The names that are written under heaven; they are the positions you will occupy in the Kingdom and here on earth, that is, the role you will play here on earth. You commit (Spiritual) fornication and your name will be removed. Your name will be blotted out. Remember the Twelve (12) tribes of Israel! Dan and Ephraim! They committed whoredom. They went and joined themselves with idols under Jeroboam, we know the story and this brought forth God’s anger.

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⁸¹ Even in the book of Judges, they did the same thing and according to the law in Deuteronomy 29, their names had to be blotted out, and so here we are when the one-forty-four thousand (144,000) they were to be sealed in Revelation chapter 7, twelve (12) from every tribe to make one-forty-four thousand (144,000) we don't see the name of Dan there (why?) because his name had been removed as a punishment, so also for joining himself with idols.

⁸² So also, by the time we come to **Ezekiel chapter 48** we see a picture of the setting in the millennium, when the whole 12 Tribes again will be in their places; Dan is mentioned there again. That lets you know, blessed be the name of the Lord! That lets you know that you forfeit it here but in the eternal age you are restored. Judas has to be replaced also, his name was blotted out. His name was removed and when you are counting therefore the twelve Disciples of Jesus Christ, you will be counting the twelfth person as Matthias. To fulfill the prophecy, he had to be replaced so that they will remain twelve but Jesus has his original twelve and Judas' name is among.

⁸³ And please let me correct myself again, we have taught several times that Apostle Paul is the twelfth disciple. No! In the fulfillment of the script that has been written from the foundation of the world, Paul has his own. None of the 12 Disciples was a Star Messenger. The seven Star Messengers in the right hand did not include the 12 Disciples. The 12 Disciples have their own roles to play.

⁸⁴ Apostle Paul is one of the seven Star Messengers, the first from where we pick the others from. He cannot play dual roles. He cannot be a Star Messenger and be among the Disciples again. He has his own part to play. He was a Star Messenger to the age, a different role from the twelve Disciples. (Congregation claps as bell rings in the background in affirmation).

⁸⁵ Therefore, Matthias filled in the gap to make them twelve but in the resurrection before the throne of God in **Revelation chapter 4**; the twenty four Elders there, the twelve Patriarchs of Jacob, the twelve sons of Jacob, Dan is there! Twelve Disciples of Jesus Christ, Judas too must be there to make the 24 Elders before the throne (Congregation claps), but his position, he lost it here on earth.

⁸⁶ That is **ETERNAL SECURITY**. That is the **doctrine of pre-destination**. Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) So that you understand **1 Corinthians chapter 3**, let's read it. Watch the language there. (As he flips the pages of the Bible, he says) **1 Corinthians Chapter 3 verse 13**, you can read it from verse 9 but let me just cut it for want of time:

¹³Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴If any man's work abides which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
(Now see where I am going)

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¹⁵If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved (he will suffer loss but he himself shall be saved); yet so as by fire.

⁸⁷ You will be saved because you have eternal life. It cannot be cut short but your reward, you will lose it for the way you worked for God, for the way you lived your life here. You will lose it. You will lose your reward. **1 Corinthians also Chapter 5** (as he flips through the pages of the Bible) **verse 5**, this is the way Apostle (Paul) spoke of that man that took his father's wife. He had the Holy Ghost but he took his father's wife. **Verse 5:**

⁵To deliver such a one unto Satan (deliver him unto Satan) for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

See the way he put it there, let the flesh be destroyed but the spirit will be saved in the day of the Lord. He will lose his reward. Praise the Lord!

⁸⁸ Let me give you another example. We all know the story of Joseph. If I give you this one and you do not catch this one, I don't know how you will ever catch it again. Joseph is a type of Jesus Christ, Am I correct? (Congregation echoes: Yes!) Everything about Joseph, everything about Joseph was a story, a shadow, a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the spiritual one among his father's children and he was given a revelation. He was destined to be a king that even, his father, his mother, all his brethren, they will bow before him. Why did they crucify Jesus? It is because He said that He is the Son of God, and this brought out the thinking among the religious leaders in His time that "If He is saying that He is the Son of God, then it means that He is saying that He is God. It means that we are going to worship Him" and that was why they killed Jesus because He said that He is the Son of God.

⁸⁹ Also, you see that it is because Joseph was spiritual, that is why his brothers decided to finish him. What did they do? They threw him in a pit and covered it. They killed him. To them they meant to kill him, as far as they were concerned they killed him, they covered him and went home to lie. "*One beast don chop your son wey you love o*". The Bible says, "he was beloved of the father and the father made him a coat, a designer suite of many colors so the children - all others - were jealous."

⁹⁰ Jesus Christ was so spiritual, He was covered with glory until the high priest, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the religious people there, they got jealous and that was why they killed Him and that's why they too thought to themselves just as Joseph's brothers, "let's see how this your vision will come to pass?" They threw him there and they forgot. As far as those other 11 children of Jacob were concerned including Jacob, Joseph was dead and gone. Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!) Halleluyah! But we see something here in **Genesis chapter 45** ok! Let me read it **from verse 1**.

⁹¹ Now we know the story, Joseph was sent to prison. The one that they thought they had finished. Unknown to them, destruction was coming to the land and Joseph was sent in advance ah! Joseph was sent in advance, so that he will preserve the heritage of God. A famine was coming. Destruction was coming and there was a need for somebody that will save God's elect,

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but how will they do it? It had to be done by God's own design and Joseph confirmed this when you read from verse 1:

¹Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

²And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

³And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph (I am Joseph); doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

⁴And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

⁵Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither (you see!): for God did send me before you to preserve life.

⁶For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

⁷And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. (I am speaking about Joseph a type of Jesus Christ).

⁸So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God

(It was not Judas that sent Jesus to die on the cross but who? [Congregation echoes: GOD!] GOD! Why he was saying this, Reuben was there o. The ones that pushed him there, the ones that killed him that day and he looked at them and in the same way, Jesus will say, "It is not you that killed me Judas?" It was God!)

⁸But God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (At the mention of the name of Joseph, every knee bows! You cannot get to Pharaoh until you go through Joseph).

⁹Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all (the world) Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

¹⁰And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

¹¹And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

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⁹² If you don't catch election - God's mercy - here in the story of Joseph, you will stand there and be condemning Judas and not know that you are condemning God. You are condemning God. It was God that staged it to save His people and notice while Joseph was there, he was selling food. He was selling food! He was selling food! Halleluyah! Nations were coming to Egypt where food now abided, because the son of prosperity was on the throne. Halleluyah!

⁹³ He was giving them and they were paying for it but when it came to his brethren, do you know that he gave them free? For the gift of God - eternal life - is a free gift. It is a free gift because the price has already been paid on the cross of Calvary (bell rings in background as the shout of Halleluyah! is also heard from the congregation). Blessed be the name of the Lord! This is illustrated in **Zechariah chapter 12** when the restoration of Israel will take place. **Verse 10:**

¹⁰And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and (see where I am going) they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

⁹⁴ **Zechariah Chapter 13 and verse 6** points out when He will be revealing Himself to His people after the rapture and the grace age for the gentiles comes to an end.

⁶And one shall say unto him, what are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, (those wounds) those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

⁹⁵ They were not serpent seeds, they were His friends. Blessed be the name of the Lord! They were His friends. Halleluyah! Who is an Israelite? Because another question is, Apostle Paul in **verse 6 of Romans chapter 9** says, "**Not all Israel are of Israel**" and there is a tendency for some to even argue that some of the Disciples were not Jews. No! I've not seen it that way. All the Disciples were Jews! The reason is this; in His earthly ministry, He made it loud and clear that He **did not come but for the lost sheep of the house of Israel**. He had nothing to do with the gentiles when He first came. He came only for the Jews. Halleluyah! Therefore the twelve Disciples were only Jews. Judas was a Jew.

⁹⁶ And who is an Israelite? (Who are the Jews?) In regards to the promise, they are Children of a Covenant. We are also Jews because **Romans chapter 2 and verse 28 and 29** tells us who a Jew is. What God is looking at, is His covenant. He had a covenant with Abraham and his seed after him, which is why He said, "**For the sake of the gospel they are God's enemies but for election for the father's sake, they are elect of God**". He cannot do away with them. He cannot break His covenant. Once you are a seed of Abraham through the promise that God had with him, as that promise came forth through Isaac, you are beloved for the Father's sake.

⁹⁷ The beloved for the Father's sake, a covenant he entered and they all came under the blood of those animals that atoned for their sins no matter what degree of sin it was. If anyone broke the law those same (his) people would stone them (the individuals that broke the law) to death. Death was a punishment and that you died because you committed a sin, here in this context

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under the law, does not stop you from being an elect according to the promise He had with the Fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), and that is why all Israel shall be saved. Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!)

⁹⁸ Similarly, We (Christians) are also sealed by that same blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember that salvation is by election, it is grace not works. You do nothing to be an Israelite. There is nothing you have done to be an Israelite other than the fact that you were born an Israelite. It is your birth that brought you under that covenant because you were born an Israelite you automatically come under that covenant so also once you are born again by the Spirit of the Living God. You come under this same new covenant.

⁹⁹ The election; He gives you eternal life you remain His own by birth. ***“Except you are born again by the Spirit and of water you cannot enter the kingdom”***. Eternal life is a free gift but you work (for) your reward. You work (for) your reward. You earn your reward, that’s exactly what we see in **Ephesians chapter 2 and verse 1 to verse 8** (He flips through the pages of his Bible as he says) **Ephesians chapter 2** Halleluyah! It says: ***“And you”*** (Praise God! Ephesians Chapter 2, correct? [Congregation replies: Yes!]) It says)

¹*And you hath he quickened (all of us), who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

²*Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

³*Among whom also you all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature (by nature, by nature) the children of wrath (condemned), even as others.*

⁴*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*

⁵*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

⁶*And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

⁷*That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

⁸*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

⁹*Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

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¹⁰⁰ Not of works *lai-lai!* Lest any man should boast; you will lose your position and another man will take it. Esau! He lost his position as the first son. He lost his position, the inheritance, the first born inheritance he lost it and another man took it over. Blessed be the name of the Lord! But watch it; it did not stop him from being the son of Isaac. There is nothing you as an individual, you that have a son, ok! – How many people are Fathers here? Just raise up your hands please, let me see you (some hands in the congregation went up). If you have a child please can you just wave your hand? Thank you brother, I want you to understand what I am saying. No matter how bad your son is, your son is your son. I have said it over and over and over and over. No matter what your son does, he never ceases to be your son. Forever, he will answer your surname. (Bell rings in affirmation from the background)

¹⁰¹ Ah!!!! But when it comes to inheritance, you must earn it. Work out your salvation! Church! I am bringing this out here to make us understand something that many of us are joking with. I am not bringing this out for you to relax. Church there is eternity! There is an eternal age to come! In eternity what you earn, the position you become remains eternal. The glory that will be bestowed on you will remain eternal and the glory you will have in the eternal age, it is now after your salvation, this is the time you earn it by the life you live. Many of us have not caught this revelation of the glory that awaits us. Grace only gives you life, but the position to occupy in that eternal life will be determined by how you live your life here. You either lose that position or you earn a crown.

¹⁰² I am talking to the children of God, those who are sure they have eternal life that you don't play with it. There is a responsibility that is placed before us. God gives you eternal life but leaves you to earn the position you will occupy hereafter. Has it occurred to you how miserable you will be when you have nothing! Nothing! And you just live of the lowest level of angels and of the children of God. You are at the lowest level. Nothing! Nothing! You are in charge of nothing. You have no authority because authority was given to you but you lost it because of the things you are looking for here on earth – the vanities of life. That's all! Blessed be the name of the Lord! (Congregation shouts Halleluyah!)

¹⁰³ The position starts even from here. The position you are supposed to occupy. There are many of us that live an under-privileged life even now because of the life we live. The peace, you are supposed to have, you don't have it, yet you have the Holy Ghost. You are either a good child or you are a bad child, but you are still a child of your Father.

¹⁰⁴ And maybe there is somebody here that you are playing with your eternal life, or the life that you will live hereafter. I want you to note, Praise God! That hell was not designed for you. The lake of fire is not designed for the children of God. We are not the children of wrath. They are out there; they have nothing doing with God but you that God called by Himself, you must work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

¹⁰⁵ That's something I'll just want to emphasize, it's not about Judas. It is about you joking with your life and losing your position. I want to stop. (Bell rings in background as the congregation claps) So far have I confused anybody? Any question? What's your question?

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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

A brother comes forward to ask his question:

Q: Sir! Ehmmm... Sorry to take you back to ehmmmm where you started you said eh... quoting you, you said, “ehmm we are like actors acting out scripts written by God” as you said so while you were referring to Cain. I accepted that of Judas but that of Cain, God had written the life of Cain and God knew that he will kill his brother Abel so why did God then condemn him?

A: Condemn him (the brother says: Yes!) condemn who? (The brother replies: Cain!) He didn't condemn Cain. He gave him an opportunity to repent and Cain refused but a seed of God when he is given an opportunity to repent, he will repent. That's the difference between the two seeds. (Brother says: thank you, sir! Thank you, sir!) God bless you.

(Just as the brother returns to his seat, pastor adds) The reason the world will be condemned is that life was offered to them and they rejected it but you, the same way you hear is the same way they are hearing but you accepted it.

Yes! Go on! Next person!

Q: (Brother: praise the Lord!) (Sister: Praise the Lord!) (Pastor says: Yes! Go on!) (Sister goes on) Praise the Lord! (Sister's microphone misbehaves and so the brother goes on) Praise the Lord church! God bless you. (Pastor tells him: Go on please!) Pastor, I want to ask. You said that Judas did not commit any offence. I understand you and I got it very well. **Matthew 26**, the place that Jesus spoke of Judas after He had finished telling the disciples, “*one of you will betray me*” and He said that *Woe! Unto him by which the son of man will be betrayed* that it is, that it will be better that that man is not born. I want to understand that statement more.

A: Of course! Do you know what the Jews went through because of what they did to Jesus Christ on the cross in A.D. 70? I am telling you, go and read the story, still today the Jews have not gone through a period in their life like that period. They have not gone through any period like that when in A.D. 70, General Titus came with his armies, surrounded the city which is what Jesus Christ was warning his disciples “when you see the abomination of the desolation written of, by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place saying, he who reads let him understand, if you are on the rooftop don't come down. If you are in the field don't come back. Pray that it is not in the winter and all that he gave”. What they went through that period. Go and read the history then you will know that it is better that you commit suicide and die than to go through that period. They paid for what they did. It was fulfilled. (Brother says: thank you, sir!) God bless you!

Q: (From an online member, Thomas, calling from Bayelsa state, Nigeria) Sir! I want to ask because the Bible says in Ephesians they should build upon the apostolic faith, but you are trying to break down right now that Apostle Paul is not among the twelve Disciples. Sir! I want to understand is Apostle Paul only in the format of, ehmm the seven star... the-the messenger because we all know all-all we learn from you before is that Apostle Paul is among the-the disciples and according to the Bible, in Romans, we learn many things that reveal on Paul the

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apostle and the Apostolic faith so now I want to know whether Apostle Paul is only the Star Messenger of that day because what is confusing me here now is he wrote some places of the Bible as Peter had done and John also did.

A: Apostle Paul! Look at his ministry very well! There is a five-fold ministry that Christ released after His resurrection and we have the apostolic ministry. We have the apostolic ministry in the five-fold ministry and Apostle Paul was an Apostle, Barnabas was also an Apostle but he was not part of the initial Disciples of Jesus Christ. So Apostle Paul, he was in the order of an Apostle in the five-fold ministry and at the same time a Star Messenger being one of the Chamberlains to prepare the Bride, the gentile Bride for Christ among the seven Stars, the seven Chamberlains. That is the ministry of Apostle Paul but the initial 12 disciples that God gave Jesus, Judas remains among the twelve. God bless you.

Q: (A sister steps forth to ask her own question) Praise the Lord! You said, “Eternal life is free that we would have to work out our position”. What kind of work are we supposed to do, sir?

A: I said, “The life that you live”. Remember that **verse 7 of 1 Corinthians Chapter 12?** It says; **“For the manifestation of the spirit is giving to everyone of us to profit withal”**. Remember also in **Luke Chapter 19**, He gave them talents and told them occupy till I come. The works that I do ye shall do also. What you do, points you to your ministry; it determines your ministry. The life that you live will show, it will determine the crown you will have. God bless you.

Q: (Opportunity is given to another brother to ask his question) Shalom church! (God bless you!) ehmm Sir! According to the teaching we heard this morning, I learnt something and at the same time I’m confused. I want to know like you said about Judas, the evil spirit from God Himself went to Judas, made him to betray Jesus Christ and I want to know since Jesus, God Himself, does not change, He is still the same yesterday, today and forever, so I want to find out now, ehmm because I believe within me that God Himself will still be in the business of doing that same thing and I am asking this question concerning myself, I want to put myself in the same field, shoe of the same Judas. I want to now know whether I’m really a child of God because I don’t know. I might be serving God rejoicing and thinking that I am serving Him but at last I will only see that God will do the same thing that He did to Judas to me. So I want to find out how can I know I’m sure... (Pastor cuts in)

A: He cannot do it because he has nobody to betray again. It was all for that action only. It has served its purpose. He cannot come again. Christ cannot be crucified a second time so He cannot send a demon to you again to curse God the second time. It’s not possible. God bless you

Q: (Same brother continues with another question) Alright thank you sir! My second question is this: “ehmm Judas! Now where is Judas? Did Judas make heaven at last or hell?” (Congregation laughs)

A: You! Answer! Where is he? (Congregation laughs) Thank you, sir. (Pastor replies him: God bless you)

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Q: (Pastor then says: What of you? As he points to the next person that is a sister) Shalom sir! Please according to Judas, he repented but at the end he hanged himself; but the Bible says we should not kill. He killed himself. (Bible says, "What?") Thou shall not kill! (Who did he kill?) He killed himself. He hanged himself (Praise the Lord! Congregation shouts: Halleluyah)

A: The Bible says, "Thou shall not kill but what is it that was ordered against Achan?" How did Achan end his life after he brought the Babylonian garment to the camp of Israel? Eh! (Congregation replies: Stoned to death!) He was stoned to death. Dathan, Korah and Abiram-Abiram what was their punishment? Kill them! So you have to interpret it well.

Death in the Old Testament was punishment and we are not supporting the fact that he killed himself, but it was an extreme display of guilt, that he could not see himself killing an innocent person so we leave him and God to judge that. God bless you.

Q: (From an Online member, Sis. Joy, from Makurdi, Benue state, Nigeria) you said that Judas is still part of the apostle, but it is written that let another take his place and he was replaced so I don't understand, sir!

A: To take his place is to complete 12 of them here under heaven. His name was removed from under heaven but in heaven, it was written according to the foreknowledge of God. He didn't write it and later on he was disappointed, then he went there and then removed it because if it is so then another question will be, the foreknowledge of what brought his name there?

Ok please I want to beg you people because of time. Ah! Our online members on Wednesday night I'll be on air live on this topic. You will call in and ask your questions. Any other person that has question here, please next question and answer, please ask me because we must continue with the service for today. God bless you. Thank you for bearing with me.

(Congregation claps as pianist flip through the keys of the piano) On Wednesday I will be on Bride Television live and then we will look at that topic within the On-Air program "the doctrinal issue".

Ah! The Bride TV crew has been challenging me to come on air. I should come on air and they want to prove to me that Judas is a son of perdition, so his name is not there so I will answer them when the time come. Can we clap our hands for Jesus (Congregation clap their hands to the Lord).

Halleluyah! Hymn number 283, can we stand up and sing, in our midst he has shown us the way.

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(Instrumentals go on)

Come to the Saviour, make no delay;
Here in His Word He has shown us the way;
Here in His midst He's standing to-day,
Tenderly saying, "Come!"

Chorus:

Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,
When from sin our hearts are pure and free,
And we shall gather, Saviour with Thee,
In our eternal home.

"Suffer the children!" oh, hear His voice!
Let every heart leap forth and rejoice;
And let us freely make Him our choice, Do
not delay, but come.

Think once again He's with us today;
Heed now His blest command and obey,
Hear now His accents tenderly say,
"Will you My children come?"