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Every person needs to know that we are strangers and travelers on this earth. This is not an earthly journey but a heavenly one. It requires that at departure time we are spiritually equipped with faith in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Thus, in the planning of this journey we have put down in the following pages the holy scriptures inspired by God to keep our mind alert so that is will submit to the Holy Spirit and we will be strengthened by the faith in Christ in such a way that we will be able to glorify God when we will meet our lord Jesus Christ aloft.

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1. SALVATION IS IN JESUS CHRIST

Each person must know that all behaviour does not come from God. A conduct or a form of behaviour can manifest itself in the Christian, but it comes from the devil.

Any form of behaviour coming from the devil divides, leads to dissipation, destruction and death. This is how friends separate, families break up and in churches some members and some servants who banded together for reasons of worldly interest finally separate.

The behaviour we refer to here is the vanity of life. Vanity is a diabolical seed, the chaff, that the devil sows in the mind of a friend, of some members of the group, the family or the Church to gently bring about a division. This means you will be together but only find contradiction, opposition or discussion. Thus, for example, in the family the intelligent children dissociate themselves from the ignorant ones. In the churches those who know the scripture or who are talented despise the others. In everyday life the rich belittle the poor.

Think of the weeds in Mathew 13:24-30

“... The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.’³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn”. (Mat. 13 40-43)

But before these two days (rapture and judgment day) God resists the proud in what they do or what they have, by overthrowing them from their throne, by sending them out from among men, by scattering them and humiliating them.

Think of Maria’s testimony when she visits Elizabeth (pregnant with John the Baptist) in Luke 1:50-52: “...His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty”.

It was also the case with Nebuchadnezzar who said proud words when wandering in his yard. He was chased from his kingdom and from among men (Daniel 4:29-34).

You have eyes: look in the district or town where you live. Some who believed they were wise, clever or rich were brought to naught and others God gave them unto degrading passions doing things against nature.

Ministers of the word of God who pronounced God's oracles, saw their stores empty, and having nothing left from God, they taught false doctrines, and their lives were not pious. (1Ti, 6:3-4).

Rich proud people have lost everything. Proud children have become ignorant, thugs and bums.

You should live our love of our neighbour not to fall victim to pride. God knowing the shrewdness of the devil, gave man this commandment: "You will love thy neighbour like thyself", so that no one will commit evil, despise or compare himself to his neighbour, but will look upon his neighbour as himself.

Therefore, Paul says to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs".

If you live like this, the devil will neither infect the Christian family nor the Church (Mt. 16:18)

For those who are humbled, repent, Jesus Christ shall exalt them.

2. ETERNAL SALVATION

The world is corrupt. The devil and the evil spirits are leading Mankind to perdition by inciting them to disobey:

- God's Word to such an extent that some Christians do not live anymore from the word they read or listen to, but their lives is based on worldly realities. They do what sinful nature urges.
- The voice of the Holy Spirit (John 14: 16-18)
Jesus Christ did not leave us orphaned. He gave us a Holy Spirit who speaks to us from within to convince us to do what is good before men and God. However, the devil incites some day and night not to listen to this voice.

Consequently, the disobedient will, on judgment day, be thrown into a lake of fire where they will be tormented day and night for ever (Rev. 21:8).

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can save us from this hardship. Instead of suffering eternally in the fire, he will make us eternally happy. This is what we call eternal salvation:

that we will be spared this great torment and live happily in communion with God for ever and ever.

Let us not love the world nor the things in it (baseness, anger, disbelief, treason, abomination, calumny, murder, immorality, derision, charm, quarrel, drunkenness, sorcery, idolatry, lies...) because the world and the things in it will pass but those who obey the Word of God and the voice of the Holy Spirit will live eternally.

To inherit eternal salvation, Jesus Christ asks us to become fond of spiritual values (faith, mercy, compassion, temperance, patience, piety, brotherly love) to help others by doing better deeds for salvation.

If we violate these values, we will not go far (eternal salvation) and we will not bear good fruit worthy of those who will inherit salvation. Luke 3.9

Here are some examples of better things that serve salvation:

1. Case of rejoicing

We should prioritize rejoicing in the Lord which includes not only rejoicing with one's relatives but also with those who cannot return the favour. This is the reason why Luke said:” When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you

do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

2. Case of enemies

Enemies are not far from us. They are near us. Remember Christ's sentence “your worst enemies will be the members of your own household”, i.e. the people working with you or doing business with you. The people who are with us in the same suburb, in the same family.

What should we do, we who believed in Jesus and who are waiting for eternal salvation?

The answer is in Mathews 4:44-45: “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven”. For advice, if your enemy is hungry give him something to eat, if he is thirsty give him something to drink.

3. Case of borrowing

We know that we live among the good and the wicked. The wicked borrow but they do not give it back.

For us who are waiting for eternal salvation, we are told to lend to our neighbour without interest.

Luke 6:35:” ...do good to them and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Highest, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked”.

4. Case of the poor, the sick, the prisoners...

Our Master, Lord Jesus was clear on this, therefore let us quote his words in Matthews 25:31-46:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me’.”

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or

needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

3. THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THE BASE OF PROTECTION

The Lord God Almighty gave us life thanks to his son the lord Jesus Christ who accepted to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

For this reason, we are called upon to live on earth in the fear of God. Servant like all Christians we must emphasize the fear of God in our Christian lives otherwise our lives will not reflect the glory of God. Today we are working and living without fearing God; we forget that God sees everything and that he has put on earth a multitude of witnesses.

You will notice Christians who refuse to practise the word of God. Some of them even steal in the Church, live in corruption and lies. Others refuse to give offerings, collections, gifts and tithes.

Some insult their enemies although God tells us to bless our enemies. Some people do not speak to one another and yet they are Christians.

Consequently, many are sick, without divine protection, poor, living with debts, begging and are on the way to death although they go to Church.

Due to the divine grace obtained by Jesus Christ may the fear of the Lord be within us; let us be careful about the actions we

do secretly or in public, because there is no inequity with the Lord our God, no respect of persons, nor taking of bribes, and he is a devouring fire.

This is the logic you must know and follow to live with the protection and the hand of God:

First, fear God, then serve him and remain in him (John 15:4-5) and finally do everything in the name of Jesus Christ.

This is the reason why in the olden days it was said to God's children in Deuteronomy 10: 20-21: "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.²¹ He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen".

Today God gave us life through Jesus Christ; it is a very big thing; our attachment and service to God should be preceded by the fear of God for our progress to be evident.

Midwives worked in the fear of God and the Lord blessed their households". (Exodus 1: 20-21): "So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous.²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own".

Job was sick but as he feared God, the Lord supported him, and he was healed and much blessed.

Why can't we also do likewise. In hunger and poverty do not steal, insult, belittle officials, god will support you.

Even in distress fear God like Job, Daniel in the lion den and Jesus Christ on the cross. Do not follow the example of this murderer who also was on his cross and because he was suffering he did not fear God, Luke 23 39-41: "One of the criminals who hung there, hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

When we fear God the Lord's angels protect us and when the wicked plot against us like one man they end up fleeing seven ways. Similarly, when devils attack us, the spirit of the Lord chases them away.

My brothers and sisters, if you do not want to fear God, you will be afraid for the terror by night, death and men. Yet, one servant said:" death is my gain" and the Bible says:" the Lord is my help, I shall not fear; what can a man do to me?

Finally, our Master and Lord Jesus Christ tells us: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell". Mat 10:28

4. A CHRISTIAN'S DESIRES

Christians are called upon by God to be holy in their behaviour. This is a recommendation by God because of the communion of man with Him and of the walk of man with Jesus Christ.

Since God is holy, man must also be holy. Thus, God gave the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ so that it lives in us and leads us in justice, peace and truth so that our desires are carried to God.

Know that God accedes to our desires only when we are in holiness and his spirit guides us.

It is like in a marriage, God said to the woman that her desires shall be for her husband and he will rule over her. It is good that a man and a woman have the same love, the same feelings, the same union of spirit so that the man accedes to the desires of the woman. This is the work of Christ in our homes and in our Churches; he destroys enmity. Out of two or more he makes one. Otherwise there will be chaos in the household as there is today in many Christian households.

Sometimes the man is carnal, and the woman is holy. This man will not bear the spiritual desires of this woman. Similarly, for a man full of the Holy Spirit with a worldly wife, who likes a flirty life; this man will not accept the carnal desires of this woman. This is where the problems, the misunderstandings, the deceptions in

marriage are coming from. The one's desires are contrary to those of his/her spouse because they do not have the same feeling, the same spiritual state of mind. Think of the words of the apostle Paul in Gallates 5:16-23 where he speaks of the desires of the flesh and those of the spirit.

When there is no union of the spirit, people will reject one another. Know that sorcerers, magicians, occultists, men of the flesh have insane desires like sleeping with their own daughter or son, killing their neighbour, profaning the temple of God, harming their neighbour, disputes, division, cohabitation, drunkenness, immorality, ...

As Christians, let us sanctify ourselves now and then and walk with the Holy Spirit so that our desires are spiritual and for Jesus Christ, i.e. for God's work, and for the kingdom of heaven and for the flesh. Remember the sentence of Christ who said: the flesh profits nothing, it is the spirit that gives life. If Christians prioritize the lust of the flesh, the Church shall bob about in the evil wind. It will be the same for a Christian home or a Christian association.

This is how Eve was seduced by the snake, and Esau sold his first-born right for a plate of food. Thus, some Christians destroy their home for the lust of the flesh (divorce).

Likewise, in Churches; some servants who live according to the flesh and in life's pleasures end up leaving the Church, others remain but do not work with all their heart, only their body

is present. Consequently, their life is cursed by God. Anyone who does not lay it to heart to commit or does not serve God with his whole heart, God shall damn him, and will curse the blessing he gave him. (Malachi 2 :2-3)

A Christian who gives himself to God with his whole heart has the following desires:

- The desire to announce or share the good news where the Holy Spirit sends him.
- The desire to give peace where there is division, to live in unity in his home, in his Church, to live in truth to please God.
- The desire to distribute grace and generate spiritual gifts among Christians lacking them. This is how apostle Paul said to the Romans: “For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;¹⁰ Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end you may be established,” Romans 1:9-11

In these last days or in this end time, true Christians want to live what they read in the scriptures such as:

- Leave this earth and be with Jesus Christ.

5. THIRST FOR A GOOD LIFE

When the Bible says that the whole world is in the power of the devil, namely that the devil has created a life style that has become a system, a rite of passage for men; it is for example injustice, corruption, fraud, treason, prostitution, drunkenness, murder...

Men are held by the passions of the sins acting in their members. The hands are the instruments used for stealing, killing, corruption, the mouth is full of malediction, bitterness, lies, treason, insults and calumnies; the feet follow illegal, devious routes to shed blood and finally sex is linked to prostitution and adultery.

All the things above have become a life style, a habit, a system followed by men after carnal pleasures. The goal of evil, of the worldly system is perdition, death and hell.

It is difficult for a man himself to forsake evil, to stop fraud, stealing or similar things.

Some remark: if I relinquish evil, how shall I eat, how shall I get to a better class, shortly how shall I live?

And others comfort themselves in this way: I am not the only one to commit evil, there is evil in the head of several people and it is everywhere.

Instead of pondering or consoling oneself in this manner, it is better to wonder how to come out of this situation, how my members can free themselves from the passions of sins. The solution is Jesus Christ. He also recognizes that man by himself shall not break away from the passions of sins, so he assists him.

If man accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, he should approach Jesus Christ not with words of justification but with words of hope, i.e. hope for what is excellent, better and just. I come to Christ looking for the good, but I am in fraud and corruption. In short, you must show a desire for what is right, and he will do it. If I come to Christ as a sinner looking for justice, he will have mercy.

Therefore, he said in Mathews 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”.

I am unjust, sold under sin, slave of sin, but I am thirsty for truth, order. I live from treason, but I want to live in truth. There are people who have no thirst for justice, they delight in injustice. It is like some sick people who do not try to get better because they are doing well out of illness. But for those who are thirsty and show it to Jesus Christ, their lives will be changed.

How do you show your thirst to the Lord so that your members are free from sin?

Here are some biblical examples:

- 1 The case of apostle Paul: Romans :17-24: “As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.²² For in my inner being I delight in God’s law;²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?”

- 2 Hebrews 11:13-16 “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore,

God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”

In the same manner Jesus said to those who were confused in their hearts about this world: do not let your hearts be troubled, but believe in God and in me, because I will find you a better place in heaven, and I am going there to prepare it (John 14: 1-3).

Those who were sick expressed their desire to be healed. Jesus healed them (Mat 9:20-22 and 27-29, Mat 16:7-9)

So, I asked the woman who lived with several men to desire only one husband. That the one who has debts be anxious to repay his debts, that the one who is proud or arrogant be anxious to live in simplicity. Also, that the one who corrupts, seeks justice; Jesus Christ will free the members of your body from sin.

And when there is no thirst for justice in yourself, ask God to give you a thirst for hearing his words in the name of Jesus Christ (Amos 8:11), because his words will generate faith in you, as it is written that faith comes from what we hear, and what we hear comes from the word of Jesus Christ.

6. A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BLEMISH

The world is not worthy due to inequity and badness of the people who live in it. The Bible tells us so in 1 John 2: 15-17:” Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father^[a] is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever”.

We are in the world, getting married, working, but we are not of the world. We are put apart by Jesus Christ to live according to God’s wish while following Christ’s example.

Jesus Christ, when he lived on earth as a Man, offered himself to God without spot or blemish although he was among people sinners. Some of them had material goods, others had important worldly responsibilities. Yet, he did not want to mix with their cultures or their way of life. He kept away from their worldly ways. Thus, his blood kept its value, namely its purity. He used it as price for our redemption.

NB. When one lives in worldliness, the flesh and blood are corrupted and lose their value in front of God, thus it is written:

- a. flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Co.15:50

- b. the blood of Jesus Christ speaks better than that of Abel.
Hebrews 12:24

Our Lord and Saviour lived in divine spirituality by imposing himself a discipline so that nothing of the world would be attached or stuck to him. This is how you overcome the world. He said so himself in John 16:33:” ...I have overcome the world”. Therefore, his blood remained pure and was declared the blood of the covenant by which we are linked to God.

Jesus Christ wants to see us overcome the world as he did and appear before him during the rapture without spots nor wrinkles, and without blemish.

The spots come from the world, they are the stains, the lust of the eyes, in short, any behaviour outside the will of God.

As an example, let us read god’s witness on some members of the following two Churches:

1. Church of Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6):” and you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white”.

These people refused to soil themselves because they did not want to be rejected one day. Jesus rejoices when he sees us overcome the world when we live without stains, without mixing, far from customs, far from sins, and separate from unbelievers.

2. Church of Pergamos (Rev. 2:14-17):” Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. ¹⁵ Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

¹⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna”.

We notice this: although they are members of the Church of Christ, they do not practice

Jesus Christ’s doctrine. They live in a mixture.

It is the same today. Some Christians have stains. They are more committed to the world than to God. The lust of the flesh and the goods of this world are more important than God’s will. They go to Church and at the same time they do all that the worldly people do. They do not realise it. Let us strive to live without stains by imposing the discipline of walking with the Holy Spirit.

A man like us, wishing to overcome the world said in 1Cor 9 :25-27):”_Everyone who competes in the games goes into

strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize”.

This is the example to follow. Let us not lead an adventurous life in the Church of Jesus Christ but let us abstain from the stains of the world and the lust of the flesh.

James, servant of God, said that religion without stains consists in keeping oneself unstained from the world.

Since the end of all things is near, let us impose ourselves the discipline, by the action of the Holy Spirit, to live without stain or reproach, until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. MY BODY FOR JESUS CHRIST

Romans 12:1 says:” Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

Offering our bodies as sacrifice to God is useful not only because we must worship God but also to lead a good Christian life as a bestowed of grace. That the one who fails, who is sick,

who is cursed receive the solution through the contact of his body parts. This is the reason why God asks us to offer him our body parts, as instruments of righteousness. (Rom 6:13).

Let us give value to our bodies by abstaining from bad works, knowing that our body parts are instruments needed by Jesus Christ to accomplish God's will.

Firstly, let us follow Jesus Christ's example who said: "For them I sanctify myself, that they may be sanctified in truth". Secondly, the example of the apostle Paul who said: "Therefore, I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize".

Let us not just see what we do (preach, sing, exhort, advise, be in physical contact with others), but let us think of the state of our body which should be holy, pure and honest so that God may use it to save those who listen to us or who are in Contact with us.

The body has several parts but here we speak of three of them: the mouth, the hands and the feet.

When you discipline yourself by speaking only the truth (James 3 :2-10) God will be with our mouth like he was with Moses's "Now go, I will help you speak..." (Exodus 4 :12-16). Let us watch what comes out of our lips because some people have

divided their families and the churches with their mouth.; others give false witnesses towards relatives, but on the day of judgment they will have to give account for every empty word they have spoken. (Mathews 12:33-37).

Our hands should remain pure to accomplish God's will. Let us take Christ as an example who said:” you will lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed”. When our hands are impure the sick will not live the glory of God. With each hand contact with your neighbour no grace shall be transmitted. Jesus kept his hands pure and he was found worthy to open the book. These days, some open the Bible with hands full of blood and crimes. Therefore, they are not worthy to open the Bible.

As for the feet, the Bible declares in Romans 10:14-15 “... “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Let us pray for our feet to be useful to God. Let us move around to bear witness to Christ, to visit the sick, the prisoners, and not to start disputes and conflicts.

Think of Mathews 25:35-46 “I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

If the mouth, hands and feet are like an offer to God, we can do great things like Elisa who resurrected a child by lying on him and putting his mouth, hands and feet in contact with those of the child. The latter sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. (2 kings 4:32-36).

Jesus likewise did several miracles with his mouth, hands and feet. This annoyed the world of darkness, this is why when he was betrayed he was crucified on the cross, his hands and feet nailed. Since the mouth had remained free, Jesus took advantage of it to introduce the disciple he loved to his mother, saying:” Woman this is your son”, then to the disciple: “This is your mother”; so, they gave him vinegar instead of water to gag his mouth. As soon as he had taken the vinegar he died (John 19:26-30):

The whole body should be consecrated to God for fear that some parts be used by the devil as instruments of iniquity like a person who says good things with his mouth, but his feet take him to the witch doctor, and his hands take part in corruption.

God did not call us to dishonour our bodies but rather to keep them holy as it is written “that each one of you keep its body in holiness and honesty”.

This is why we treat our bodies harshly with fasting and praying and abstinence in all things so that our bodies become a fragrant offering to God like Jesus Christ (Eph 5 :1-2; Hebrews 10:5-10).

By tormenting and humiliating our bodies in this way we shall please God and Jesus will not reject us, but will deem us worthy of his kingdom and will transform our bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3: 20-21).

8. WATCH CONSTANTLY OVER YOUR HEART

Read Mathews 13:24-26.” ..._The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared”.

This is how the devil plants a bad seed in the heart of man, when he is absent-minded, with a view to destroying his family, his business, his studies, his ministry, his projects and even his health.

For the Lord, man’s heart should be filled with the Holy Spirit and the word of God so that he will be successful in his undertakings (John 14:16-18; Joshua 1:8). Man, without Christ does not see things in this manner; to him the physical (diploma, money or material goods) will make him successful. Some had these things but did not succeed and others died because of a bad heart.

You must prevent your heart from being full of satanic seeds (hate, pride, arrogance, theft, envy, adultery, anger, treason, corruption, lies, murder and unfaithfulness,) for fear that the devil will take advantage of it to make you stumble, fail, to block your life, destroy you and all that belongs to you (Luke 19:41-44).

Let us consider in Acts 5:1-11 the case of a couple who blinded by money fell down and died because of lies:” Now a man

named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ² With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

³ Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴ Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

⁵ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. ⁶ Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

⁷ About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

⁹ Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

¹⁰ At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and

buried her beside her husband. ¹¹Great fear seized the whole church and all who have heard of these events”.

Likewise, for the servant of the God Asaph, who when envy was sown in his heart, noticed that his feet started slipping. Psalm 73 1-4:” Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ²But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.³For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked” and he also declared in verses 21-22 “When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, ²²I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you”.

This also happens to Christians who covet the world, who look towards the wicked; they also fall. This is the reason why Jesus said:” These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me “. Matthews 15 7-9).

Solomon said:” But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. ²⁰My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. ²¹Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²²for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. ²³Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it”. (Proverbs 4 :19-23)

A young girl Rebecca who did a good deed towards Abraham’s servant and his camels, got married. Gen 24: 17-30:”

The servant hurried to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water from your jar.”

¹⁸ “Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

¹⁹ After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.” ²⁰ So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels...).

Let us live like Jesus Christ, who during his life on earth, always did good in the face of evil. Even when he was arrested, humiliated and scorned, he did not commit any sin until his death, he was resuscitated and sits on the right-hand side of the Highest. All that because of his heart that had no satanic seeds. He said so in John 14:30-31.

Living with an evil heart leads to deadlock, failure, malediction in all that we undertake on this earth. Go to Jesus Christ with a repentant spirit so that he removes all the bad plants from your heart (Mathews 15:13; 1 John 3 :5) and fills it with the word of God and the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1 :22-23). So, it will be accomplished in you, Mat 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God” and Isaiah 59:19 “So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him”.

9. A GOOD HEART IS A SOURCE OF HAPPINESS FOR YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The heart of man is evil, tortuous. His thoughts are also bad. If you are not careful you end up doing evil. All we do come from the heart. The heart must be pure to be able to do good. Jesus says in Mathews 15: 18-19:”_But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.”

These days many plot evil in their hearts and end up doing it. It is because they cannot keep their hearts from evil. Let us take a biblical example in Markus 6:17-29:

“For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to,

²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled^[a]; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.

²² When the daughter of^[b] Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.”

²³ And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?”

“The head of John the Baptist,” she answered.

²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison,

²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.

²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb".

Let us analyse what is in the hearts of the three persons: Herod's heart could not bear the truth said by John the Baptist because of the sin in his heart. Later he ordered to go and behead John.

The evil in Herodias's heart (verse 19) is expressed at the end of verse 24 and was carried out in verse 27.

This girl whose heart was full of joy that she expressed in dancing ended up holding a plate with a man's head. What a change in attitude? And what heart?

We understand that the source of John the Baptist 's death was the hearts of Herodus and Herodias.

Today, some men, because of their sinful lives, are following in the footsteps of Herodus, and because they cannot bear the truth, they do anything and take any decision.

Some women follow in the footsteps of Herodias, plotting in their hearts the death, failure and fall of others...

Some girls of this generation, through their vile heart, do worse than what Herodias did.

To avoid this Solomon said:” Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Prov. 4:23

It is not easy for man to keep his heart pure. It is through Christ that our hearts are purified and preserved from evil. It would be better to attend a good Church to be regularly nourished with God’s word. Through your humility and obedience to God’s word, Jesus Christ will give you peace through the Holy Spirit and through this peace your Heart and your mind will be in Christ.

From then onwards, only pure just kind and virtuous thoughts will come forth wherever you are. This is why the apostle Paul will address the Christians of Philippi in this way:” Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things”. Phil 4:6-8.

With Christ, keep your heart pure, to be a source of good spiritual and material things for your neighbour, your family and your Church.

10. LOVE DELIVERS US FROM PRIDE

Man should know that all behaviour does not come from God. There is a comportment or a behaviour that can manifest itself in the Christian, but its source is the devil.

Any behaviour coming from the devil divides, leads to dissolution, destruction and death. Thus, friends separate, families break up and in some churches some members and servants who gather for worldly reasons end up separating.

The behaviour we speak about here is the pride of life. Pride is a satanic plant, the weed, that the devil sows in the mind of a friend, of some members of the group, of the family or the church so that the division is smooth. Namely, you will be together but for contradiction, opposition and discussion. Thus, for example in the family the bright children distance themselves from the ignorant. In the churches those who know the scripture or are talented look down upon the others. In daily life the rich denigrate the poor.

Think of the parable of the weeds in Mathews 13:24-30:” The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds [a] among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants[b] of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An

enemy has done this.’ So, the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

This is why in a family like in a church there are proud and humble people who live together. One day the ones will be taken or raptured and the others left behind. And on judgement day the ones will be thrown into the fire and the others will be with god (Mathews 13:40-43).

But before these two days (rapture and judgement day) God resists the proud in what they do or what they have by bringing them down from their thrones, chasing them from among men, scattering them and humbling them.

Think of Mary’s testimony when she visits Elisabeth (expecting Jesus in Luke 1:50-52:” His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.”

Likewise, with King Nebuchadnezzar who pronounced proud words when walking in his courtyard was removed from his kingdom and driven away from people. Daniel 4: 29.34.

You have eyes; look in the suburb or in the town where you live; some people who thought they were wise, intelligent or rich were brought down and others have come very low by having sexual relations men with men and even with animals.

Ministers of God's word who pronounced God's oracles, were humbled because of pride, and having nothing left from God, they teach false doctrines and their lives are not pious anymore (1Timothy 6 :3-4).

The rich and proud have lost everything. Proud children have become ignorant, gangsters and good for nothing.

In order not to become a victim of pride, you should live in the love of your neighbour. God knowing the devil's cunning gave man this commandment: "Love your neighbour as thyself".

So that no one shall commit evil, shall despise or compare himself to his neighbour, but he shall consider his neighbour as himself.

Therefore, Paul says this to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs".

If you live in this manner the devil will not infect the Christian family nor the Church (Mathews 16:18).

11. TRUTH, THE SOURCE OF PROGRESS

Men on earth have taken to lying to their neighbour. Their lives are characterised by lies forgetting that this way has no solid foundations. The worse can happen at any time. The devil who is the author and father of the lies incites men to use them as shelter and means of defence. Thus, in the public square, in the homes and in several sectors lies are used shamelessly and fearlessly. The essential for them is to get out of a difficult situation.

Some eat the bread of lies which ends up badly. Others sin with each lie coming out of their lips. But God hates lies because they do not come from him but from the devil who wants to ruin our souls. The Bible declares that the liar shall not escape. Neither the one who bears false witness; he shall not be unpunished (Prov. 19 :5,9).

The devil has gone far and even set the lie in some people to the extent that they say false dreams and false prophecies that destroy lives and households.

All those who practise and teach lies will be at the bottom. Remember the Lord's words in Deut 28:13:" The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom".

So that Man goes from the tail to the head, God sent his son Jesus Christ, born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit so that through him we shall go from lie to the truth.

Whoever practises the truth, God will make him the head. Thus, Jesus Christ who is truth is the head of the body of the Church. Col. 1:18: “And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy”.

Jesus Christ came with the truth, i.e. the foundation of the truth, the reflection of truth. Therefore, we find in Christ’s teachings the language as the true word, the true bread, the true vine, the true prophecy, the true worshippers, the true light, the true life, ...

Truth frees from bondage, slavery, ignorance, and death; therefore, Christ said: “you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free”.

We also understand that truth is the source of elevation, peace and mutual joy. Therefore, let the one who believes in our Lord Jesus Christ put off his old self as it is said in Ephesians 4:21-25:” when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, about your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body”.

The Lord Jesus Christ in his love gives us the Spirit of truth so that our lives be based on divine revelation. Therefore, our words, songs, preaching and dreams are not figments of our imagination but the fruit of what comes from God. (John 16:13-14).

Remember what is said in Acts 2:17-18:” In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy”.

When we receive God’s revelation we should remain humble and consider ourselves as mere instruments to avoid doing commerce with dreams and prophecies, ... because it is written”

Buy the truth and sell it not, ...” (proverbs 23:23).

Remember this: The Lord hates lying lips, but those who do the truth are his delight.

Thus, let us live in truth so that, by the grace of God, we may grow up in all things while waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ.

12. LET US AVOID CORRUPTION

Life in our world is based on corruption. Corruption is disorder, perversion, acting against God's will, against the dispensation of grace, against your duty to use the gifts God gave you to serve others and against one's pure conscience.

Corruption or disorder leads to spiritual and physical death.

Many are those who come to corruption or disorder (rebellion, devils' doctrine, fetishes, depravity, magic ...) through influence. This influence comes from relatives whose life style comes from this world.

The influence of disorder always comes after the elevation, after receiving God's order, after gaining more responsibilities or after finding the good path.

Think of the Christians from Galatia who were already walking by means of the Holy Spirit. They were influenced to go back to the flesh. Galatians 3:3-4:" Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?^[a] ⁴ Have you experienced^[b] so much in vain—if it really was in vain?"

Galatians 5:7-9:" You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? ⁸ That kind of

persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.⁹ “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”

Remember also that at the beginning, when men began to multiply, the sons of God took the daughters of men as wives and there were all sorts of disorders that led God to destroy the earth by the Flood, but Noah was saved because he had fled corruption by living in justice and integrity (genesis 6:1-22).

Some Christians, after being put in charge of the family or business, are influenced by the worldly people to make fetishes, do magic or other forms of occultism. Some are dead, others are still alive. We tell them to flee the disorder and relinquish the lust for the flesh.

Likewise, some servants, after working according to God’s will, are influenced by the world, corrupt their own flesh by living in prostitution, greed, and getting drunk with wine and practising magic.

Because of the corruption of their own bodies, they have become blind to lead other blind (prostitutes, fetishists, sorcerers, thieves, liars, in short sinners) who had come to Christ to see, to be freed, but unfortunately, they found themselves on a broad path full of disorder and impure spirits that leads to perdition.

However, there is a narrow path, traced by Jesus Christ, which leads to life and where God is present always. The one who is on this path will not see corruption. Therefore Acts 2:26-28 says:” Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one sees decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence”.

Let us imitate our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saint of the Lord, sanctifying ourselves to take the same path to live on this earth in justice and integrity.

My brothers, lets us avoid the perversion of this earth found in the lust for the flesh. Therefore, apostle Paul says that the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption.

The only way to avoid it is to walk with the Holy Spirit to avoid the lust of the flesh. And the Holy Spirit requires man to be holy. This manifests itself when:

1. we pray regularly asking God to sanctify our being (body, soul and mind), to protect us and to give us spiritual capacities.
2. we listen to and meditate each day the word of god which is the sword of the Spirit. Mathews 4:4.

In applying these two principles, we sow for the Spirit and the Spirit in turn will lead us to truth, will announce to us things to come and will lead us to the kingdom of our creator and Father to live there eternally with him. Gal.6:8: “whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

13. THE CHRISTIAN IN THE FACE OF GREED

The devil knows that he has little time on earth and in his anger, he wants to lead men to perdition so that they will suffer with him in the eternal fire.

Men themselves cannot discern time nor redeem it, so many live as they like, not knowing what awaits them.

One of the strategies used by the devil in the world to lead men to perdition is greed; to desire with greed what belongs to another.

The scheme is as follows: the devil tempts man with greed; once it is accepted by man it will bring sin and when it is consumed it brings death (perdition).

Jesus said that a man's life does not depend on his possessions in Luke 12:15. And God right from the beginning warned his people: “You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female

servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

Whoever is greedy will commit a sin and will lose his soul. There are many on this path. Because of greed they kill, commit adultery, steal and lie...

Let us consider a few cases of greed in life:

1. The lust for women

Jesus said in this respect:" ... anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart". By committing adultery because of the lust for their neighbour's wife, some have been cursed and lost their goods, work and ministry, others died although they found pleasure in this act. Therefore, the Bible says in Prov. 6:32:" But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroy himself."

Those who made fetishes or made a pact with the devil, are among those who will be lost. They lust for women and their neighbours' daughters. The devil forced them to do it. Let us also read verse 29: "So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished."

2. Greed for inheritance

Let each one of us think about what is in Mathews 21:33-39:" There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he

rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him”.

How many children are killed in our families because of an inheritance or slandered and chased away because of the greed for the inheritance.

3. The greed for a position of authority

There are people who because of greed use poison, fetishes, lies and accusations to take the place of their neighbour in different positions of authority.

We are strangers and travellers on this earth, let us forsake worldly greed and let us live for Jesus Christ in wisdom, justice and piety.

Let us not imitate those who are on this path but let us go in through the narrow gate as it is written in Mathews 7:13-14:”

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it”.

How do we live in this narrow path?

You see your neighbour with goods, money, a good position, a striving ministry: instead of envying him ask God to chart you a way, to open the doors of blessing, to give you the courage to look for what is yours. Therefore, Christ said:” Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Whoever practises this teaching of Jesus Christ will be far from greed and will live in peace everywhere.

Likewise, in the Church, those who work in the flesh envy the spiritual people and it causes enmity, this is the reason why we urge all Christians to desire spiritual gifts and pray God for them in the name of Jesus Christ so that there will be peace in the Church.

14. LET US FORSAKE HYPOCRISY

God's will is that the life of the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ be in accordance with his word.

In divinity there is no malignity nor hypocrisy, everything is plain and simple. The Christian who enters this divinity in his new birth should try to live like his Creator whose works are always perfect. In other words, he must practise God's word.

Today, many people are hypocritical, and it is unworthy for a child of God.

A hypocrite is two-faced like Ephraim of whom God said that he was a cake that had not been turned over (Hosea 7:8-12). He presents himself as from God, but he leads a bad life. He makes as if he is in the presence of God, but his heart is elsewhere.

Think of what Jesus said in Mathews 15:7-8:" You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:
8 "“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me”.

Hypocrites have bad seeds in them that drive them to satisfy two masters at the same time. Yet, Jesus Christ tells us:"
"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and

love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money”.

You will find them among the faithful and among the servants of God.

They are at the origin of:

Firstly, scandals in the Church and cause the fall of some members.

Therefore, the apostle Paul advised true Christians to keep away from hypocrites, 1Cor. 5:11:” But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister^[a] but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people”.

Jesus Christ in turn also exposed their behaviour in Luke 11:44-46:” Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.”

⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also.”

⁴⁶ Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them”.

Secondly, they are also at the origin of the blocking of some of God’s children preventing them from growing spiritually and from entering the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, Jesus

reproached them in Mathews 23:13.” But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in”.

Hypocrisy is a satanic influence which prevents Christians to live in purity and in truth so that when the hypocrite dies he is rejected by Christ and finds himself in hell. Remember what Christ said in Mathews 7:21-23:” Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

A little yeast makes the dough rise. Daily mischief will lead you to hell if you do not forsake it.

Forsake hypocrisy and strive to live like a child of God worthy of the Lord. Follow the example of apostle Paul who relinquished everything to be found in Christ with the justice that comes from God through faith. Therefore, he also said that whoever pronounces the name of the Lord will be saved.

We do not want you to lose your soul, so we ask you in the name of Jesus Christ:

- To stop walking sometimes according to the justice of the world, sometimes according to the justice of God.
- To stop living with two husbands
- To stop walking with two fiancés at the same time.
- To stop serving God and the devil at the same time
- To stop consulting both Christ and sorcerers.

Jesus Christ loves you a lot and your soul is very valuable for God. Pray to God and he will deliver you from hypocrisy.

- To see the houses Jesus Christ has prepared for them as he said in John 14:2-3.
- To live the last day as it is written in Mathews 25:33-36. When the Lord will put the sheep on His right and the goats on the left, and he will say to those on his right:” Come, you who are blessed by My Father”, and to those on his left:” ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”. They want to live this reality.
- To be dressed in white by the Lord and eat at the Lord’s table, i.e. sit at the wedding-banquet of the lamb.

15. THE FOUNDATION OF MARRIAGE

Hebrews 3:3-4: When you build a house, you start first with the foundation, because it will support the house and protect it against winds and torrents. God who built everything has always build the foundation. Like Jesus said speaking of his church that it is on this rock that he will build his Church.

Jesus Christ said about marriage in Mathews 19:4-6:” Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’^[a] ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’^[b]? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Man will be united to his wife to build his home. Both must be wise to build a good home. Earthly wisdom is nothing, but heavenly wisdom is good, and it is found near God.

The destruction of the home, the separation of the couple can only come from man although the devil stands behind it; therefore, God says that men must not separate what God has joined together.

To resist any storm the wise couple will have to build a good foundation in their marriage. When you do not have the wisdom of God you can build the marriage on money, material

goods, clothes, work. When these things are lacking or when you lose your job, the couple will separate. You cannot build your marriage on sexuality because when it is done often they will not bear to live together anymore.

Jesus says in Mathews 7:24-27:” Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock”.

The married couple should know that after the wedding, there are torrents, rain and winds that blow against the home. If the home is not on a good foundation, it will be divided. This is the reason why young couples are divorcing sometime after the wedding.

The torrents, rain and winds are problems coming from friends, family members, colleagues, neighbours or any other person used by the devil. Faced with this situation, the foundation will save the couple from divorce and from human or diabolical death.

The good foundation of marriage is love.

Whatever problem, situation or storm that may happen, if you have love you can support and forgive everything. Love does not fear nor suspect. Love does not perish. Thus, the married

couple who has this quality in them, holds fast in the face of problems (witchcraft, quarrels, sterility, lies, poverty, unemployment ...)

The apostle Paul explains it clearly in Ephesians 5:28-30:” In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”^[a]

When you love your wife like yourself, whatever the accusations, the man will not divorce her. Even if the wife is sterile the man will keep his wife in the house because of love.

Beloved, see how Christ because of love, supports us in all the mistakes and faults we make in our daily lives. Can't we look for this quality and do the same in our homes? If we manage to do it our homes will be like the Church of Christ and each one of us will say that the gates (storms, rain, winds) of hell shall not prevail against our home. Therefore, the apostle Paul urges the husbands saying: husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25-27)

It may happen that a friend, uncle ask a man to chase his wife away following a problem. If this man has love in himself, he

will not do it because love does not rejoice in injustice but rather in truth. You cannot build your home on knowledge (university studies, biblical studies ...) .The Bible says that knowledge will disappear but love never perishes. (1 Cor. 13:4-8).

Before the marriage, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, he will spread love in your heart through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) and you will be able to love your neighbour like yourself and when you will get married you will not have any problem. If you are already in a marriage without foundations, do likewise and go and see a Pastor, God will re-establish your home.

16. GOD AND THE LITTLE CHILDREN

God gives us the children for a mission, a purpose; parents must work according to the divinity to help them grow properly so that when they are adult they live or do God's will.

The first thing to know is the child's destiny. Each child has a destiny intended by God. But the wicked, sorcerers and others are never satisfied with a better future for the child.

Think of Jesus at birth. When King Herod heard that the child Jesus who was born would be the king of the Jews, he decided forthwith to have him killed.

Mathews 2:1-2 and 14-14.” After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Wise men from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him....” When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt”.

Today it is not only a matter of physically fleeing with the child from one town to another or to hide him in the house. One should rather ask God for a spiritual cover for him: that his destiny not be revealed to any one, that it does not go to the heart of a wicked person, that this evil person does not see or hear anything about his destiny. Like the wisdom of God is mysterious and hidden from some people but revealed to those for whom it is reserved, likewise for the life of a child created in God’s image who comes to earth for a divine mission. This is the case with the destiny of Jesus revealed to Simeon in Luke 2:34-35.” Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,³⁵ so that the thoughts of many

hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Today Jesus wakes us up saying:”_Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.⁴When Christ, who is your^[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory”. (Colossians 3:2-4). What should parents concretely do to protect the children from the jealous, sorcerers and others. They must focus on Jesus Christ and pray now and then in this way:

Eternal father my child has come to earth through your will, let his soul be in your hands, let his destiny be hidden with Jesus Christ in God. That his life be hidden day and night from the wicked and the occultists until thy will be done; I pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

I know that God will give you richer words than this through the Holy Spirit. We want you to be conscious of your spiritual duties to protect our children’s future.

Do not rebuke the children but let them go to church to be blessed and at home pray now and then for them like Christ in Mathews 19:13-15:” Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” ¹⁵ When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there”.

Do not scorn them because of their age, know that angels are spiritually at their service before God and Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God interceding for them.

Those who had shown scorned them in front of Jesus Christ received the following remark:” See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost”. Mathews 18:10-11

Finally, the second thing is that parents must live according to the word of God. When you practise the love of your neighbour the advantage is that not only God protects you, but he will also protect your children and the children of your children for several generations.

Read Deut 7:9-10:” Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. ¹⁰ But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him”.

Parents who love the things of the earth and live in their own way, God forgets their children (Hosea 4:6). Let it not be like that for you because Jesus Christ loves you and asks you to obey his word. Obey so that your children live with the protection and blessing of the Lord (Deut 7:12-15).

17. THE END OF TIME HAS ARRIVED

The end of time is characterised by bad behaviour and revolts at all levels (families, associations, schools, universities, societies, cities and countries).

The apostle Paul inspired by God tells us:” But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”

Today some act through evil spirits (Mathews 16:22-23; Luke 9:54-55) and others have changed their ways because of the devils influencing them (1Ti 4:1-2).

To live properly in those times, you should have some divine knowledge. You will find it in God through:

1. Biblical scriptures

The Bible was written to equip us to overcome difficult things in the end of time. Here are the proofs:

- Daniel 12:4:” But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall read it, and knowledge shall be increased”.
- 1 Cor. 10:11-12:” These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!”

So, have a Bible and read it regularly.

2. The Holy Spirit in the walk with Christ

Let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit who will teach you everything, even the depths of God, and will reveal hidden things (treason, plot ...).

Attend the temple regularly and be close to Christ to be clothed with the weapons of God to be firm and resist the shenanigans of men and the cunning of the devil that occur these days. Therefore, it is written in Col 2:6-9:” So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces^[a] of this world rather than on Christ.
⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form”.

3. Simplicity, carefulness and humility

In your dealings with others be simple, careful and humble so that you will be assisted and protected by God. Pay attention to the following passages:

- “From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away”. (1 Cor. 7:29-31).
- “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive”. (1 Cor. 10:23). This is not the time to do anything with anyone. Let us do what comes from God.
- “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, never will I leave you; never will I forsake you”. (Hebrew

13:5). Those who have lived in the love of money are being tormented while you read these pages.

4. A life of prayer

We must do all sorts of prayers through the Spirit of God to keep our faith and have God's assistance or the strength to overcome the difficult situations we go through.

If you pray a lot, Christ will let you know what to do when confronted by a problem.

18. FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN

We are strangers and travellers on earth. After the physical death men travel either to the place of torment or to the place of rest.

Those who go to the place of rest are those who on earth walked in the righteous path, in truth and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. These people came to know perfectly Almighty God. Besides, our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ confirms it in John 17:3:” Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent”.

Those who go to the place of torment suffer terribly. Here are some of the terrible sufferings: some are tormented by worms

(Es 14:11), others are in a terrible heat because they are in a fire (Luke 16:23-240. Some are also in jail (1 P 3:18-20)

These are men who live on earth ignorant of the things of God, in sin; others are unbelievers and live in hypocrisy although they are in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, God says in Hosea 4:6:” My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...”. Because of the attraction of the world, many neglect the knowledge of salvation for intellectual knowledge. Today, there are scientists, university professors, doctors, engineers, great researchers and students, but the knowledge they have does not guarantee them a peaceful life after death. Besides, because of this intellectual knowledge many of them become proud and scorn divine knowledge. Consequently, they are unjust in what they know (case of the unjust judge in Luke 18:2-6). After their death their injustice will lead them to the place of torment.

Man wants to know a lot, therefore from early infancy we go to kindergarten, then primary school, high school and university. This is good for some earthly advantages. After death this knowledge will be useless.

Those who have already left this earth without divine knowledge although they were at any level of life are full of

regrets as they are in eternal suffering due to a life without Christ on earth.

Since you are still among the livings, it is time to add to your knowledge, the knowledge of God. It will allow you to repent, to get rid of your bad actions and to relinquish everything; so that you will live in peace, justice and truth among your brothers.

When you acquire the knowledge of Christ you acquire common sense and you know how to live among men. What God wants is repentance. To know how to repent when you do bad things. To know how to forgive when you are offended.

Gods teachings are spread, true miracles happen, but people are incredulous because their hearts are hard.

When death occurs, they will go to hell. They are called God's people or God's children, but they are unbelievers. Therefore, they live in hypocrisy like their fellow men who lived in Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum as it is written in Mathews 11:20-23:" Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. ²¹"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and

Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.^[a] For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day”.

The only way to escape judgment and everlasting suffering (hell), is to repent to live in the knowledge of Christ. John 3:16.

Do you want to go to heaven?

Accept and practice Jesus Christ's teachings so that you can live like a perfect Christian. After your death you will be declared pure and irreproachable, you will not be judged and sent to the place of torment because of the excellence of Christ's knowledge found in you and in the just deeds that you accomplished on earth.

Hold fast, because Jesus is coming soon.

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