

Doing God's Will Towards The Tragedy of Today's Church

“16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. 19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. 22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. 23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. 28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.” (1 Kings 3:16-28 KJV)

The passage that we just read is a well known Scripture passage that many remember. It describes the wisdom that God gave to Solomon to deal with the issue of those two women and how he found out who is the mother of the boy. We really need the wisdom of God to deal with certain issues that come across our service and ministry unto God.

However, if we go down to verse 28, it describes the response of the people towards the wise judgment of King Solomon in that particular issue between the two women. The people marveled what King Solomon did, and the writer of *1 Kings* goes on to write as led by the Holy Spirit: *“and they feared the king.”* What he meant is that the people started to fear King Solomon after they heard what he did.

At this stage before we go further into the message, I would like to ask you the following questions and I would like you to answer it before you go further in the message.

- Did those people, who feared King Solomon, feared the Lord?
- Did King Solomon, whom the people feared, feared the Lord?

Please, mark your answer with either one of these answers:

- Yes.
- No.

- I don't know.

From what we read in *1 Kings 3:16-28*, we can further conclude the following statements:

I. The two women were harlots: *“16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.” (1 Kings 3:16 KJV)* They were harlots in the Kingdom of God and no one bothered about it and considered it a sin to deal with. The people were insensitive to this sin.

II. The two women were living in one house and delivered their sons in the same house: *“17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.” (1 Kings 3:17 KJV)* Nobody asked, “To whom does this house belong and how come these two prostitutes are living there?” Most likely, this house was prepared to receive such cases, a place where those who were conceiving without marriage, harlots, or through adultery can deliver their children. It looks like something acceptable and agreed upon to cover the outcome of such sins.

III. There is no mentioning about who are the fathers of the children: *“23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.” (1 Kings 3:23-24 KJV)* When King Solomon heard their stories, he should ask first to bring the fathers of the children so he can deal with the sin of adultery, but instead he asked to bring a sword. King Solomon worked out to find who the mother is, but he did not ask them to bring the fathers of the children. Most likely also it was not at all in his mind to judge the sin of prostitution. Prostitution was probably something acceptable. It could be that if King Solomon was going to dig, many people were going to be disturbed and offended, and he would be hated by many because he would be disturbing the entire system of compromises for tolerating prostitution.

The setup of harlots existing in God's Kingdom was probably acceptable to the king, his officials, the judging body of the priests and Levites and to the rest of the families of the people of God. This is called insensitivity to sin and tolerance to it when society will start to adapt itself to accommodate such particular sins.

IV. King Solomon knew that this is sin: He wrote even against adultery. So his silence meant there was something that made him unwilling to face such a sin.

V. The case probably passed under other judges and the judging body of the priests and Levites before it reached King Solomon: Moses had instituted the system of judges in Israel as we can read, *“21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.” (Exodus 18:21-22 KJV)* So the case passed through other judges; being a difficult case, it was filtered and eventually passed on to King Solomon for judgment, but not one of the judges was willing to deal with the sin of prostitution.

VI. The two harlots were probably not aware that what they are doing is sin: “16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.” (1 Kings 3:16 KJV) When the society accepts sin, then sinners will not be aware that they are sinning.

VII. In comparing various Bible translations, you will find some versions like “The Bible in Basic English” does not mention that the women were harlots: As if being a harlot is normal!!!

VIII. The future of the child was not considered. King Solomon worked out to find the mother of the child, but he did not think about the future of this child who will be raised up around the sin of prostitution. The child will most likely do as his parents did because the root of prostitution was not cut.

IX. No one was grieving in hearing about the ongoing sins of prostitution inside the Kingdom of God: Millions of Israelites heard about it and thousands of priests and Levites heard about it but no one grieved for the sin of prostitution.

After heaven, there are three faculties on earth accountable before God about sin:

- A. **The government and the rest of the secular offices:** In this event of *1 Kings 3:16-28*, it is represented by King Solomon and his officials. Today the governments of the countries are mostly controlled by non believers and they will not likely be bothered with the sin that the Word of God is concerned about.
- B. **The church:** In this event of *1 Kings 3:16-28*, it is represented by the thousands of Levites and the priestly body that was responsible to teach the people and discipline them to deal with sin and to live in holiness. Today, they are the pastors, the church officers, and the rest of the workers.
- C. **The family:** In this event of *1 Kings 3:16-28*, it is represented by the families of the people of God who heard about what had happened and thus all of them feared the king, but they did not fear God and dealt with the sin of prostitution inside their society.

This story was recorded in the Bible to make us wake up and see if similar things are taking place in the midst of us today. The people at the time of Solomon had forgotten what God had instituted in His Word, **“Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.” (Leviticus 19:29)** If immoralities will be allowed, then the whole land will be full of wickedness; immoralities will promote all kinds of wickedness. This instruction was given to the parents and they were supposed to be responsible enough to keep their daughters and sons pure till the age of marriage. Those who know that their children are involved with people of the other gender and do nothing about it to stop them, are promoting prostitution, and they will be the contributors to wickedness in the future in the form of stealing, corruption, injustice, abuse, taking advantage, fights, murders, wars, divisions, etc.

Further they had forgotten that God’s Word says: **“There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.” (Deuteronomy 23:17)** Here

the Word of God had put the sin of adultery to take place before the sin of homosexuality. When adultery is allowed, then homosexuality will follow.

These three faculties, government, church and family, are the authorities of God on earth. People who fear God will obey spontaneously His Word and His commands and do what is needful so that Scriptures will not be broken. Those people will obey God even if there is no one over them because they fear God.

People who fear God will spontaneously obey even if there is no authority over them, as mentioned earlier. But people who do not fear God will not obey His Word and His instructions. They will fear people, and they will hide from authorities so their sins will not be discovered. God allowed and gave authority to those three faculties that we mentioned to deal with those who sin, and who do not fear God. The Lord would expect that these three authorities who are valid even today would deal with sin and execute judgment on those who transgress and disobey what God had instituted.

Those who do not fear God will do all what they can to hide from being discovered by the authorities of the government, the church, and the family. Therefore, if the government will fail to restrain evil doers and deal with wicked people, then riot and crimes and moral deterioration will spread across the land. In that case each and every family should do its best to protect its members from being infected and affected by sin.

If I will be living at the time of King Solomon and heard of what he did, I will be in panic; the king let prostitutes and blessed their lifestyle; it meant that he gave permission for the spark of wickedness to spread throughout the land! Then, with what Solomon did I need to understand that I need to govern my family, my children and my church members more securely, and in a more responsible way to protect them.

Those who do not fear God will continue to hide their sins till their sins will be acceptable in the society they live, and people would agree with the wrong of what they are doing.

Families who do not know God will not know how they will combat sin as much as those families who know God and His Word. But when the people who know God fail to implement His Word in their lives and in the lives of their families and children, then the authority that remains in the society is the authority of the church. God would finally count on His church to proclaim His Word and to deal with sin properly.

Therefore this is what we can say: The last defense in front of the work of devil on earth is the Church of God. But when the Church of God fails to do its responsibility on earth and combat sin, then the work of devil will reign.

The church today is not dealing with certain sins because it became acceptable sins. Now the following phenomenon is acceptable and Godly: The phenomena of dating and courting, and we know that many of the children of believers’ families who are born again practice that and the church is promoting it; at the least, by keeping silent about it. Even some parents support it for their children. Surely with such allowance of dating and courting, they will be exposed to lust, and Jesus said, ***“But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” (Matthew 5:28)***

KJV) This lust also will make them fall into the sin of fornication and will have sex without or prior to marriage. To the extent that some families are teaching their children who are not married to use contraceptives.

Certainly out of these extra-marital relationships, children will be born without the father and mother being married. Like what had happened at the time of King Solomon with these two prostitutes. Even today prostitution of such kind is widespread in God's church and the church is not concerned and the families are not concerned to put guidelines and rules to prevent boys and girls to meet and get together. Instead, the church became insensitive to fornication and embraced, accepted, and kept those who do it. The church today is facilitating the marriage of women who got pregnant, but the same church does not take any measures to prevent boys and girls from meeting together.

Now the further threat of fornication and children born from parents who are unmarried is that, if one or both parents decide to find another partner and marry and start a new family, not with the mother/father of his/her child/children, this new family will be formed based on adultery and such marriages will be considered unlawful marriages. Since there is/are child/children from the previous relationship, that would be considered a marriage in the sight of God even if it is not legalized with official papers. The child is the approval that the man and woman united and became one. Therefore, the new family that will be started in marrying another partner will be considered a second marriage. That second marriage is unlawful before God, as the previous partner is still alive. Such marriages will bring the root of the sin of immorality to the next generation.

With the advance of the media, internet, and technology, the boys and girls due to lack of limitation started to be exposed to the media. With such, worldliness penetrated more to the lives of men and woman, and to the lives of the young boy and girls. Pornography started to reach them and push them further toward immorality. Masturbation becomes a prevalent sin among the youth and the unmarried. The indecent dresses of the girls and the policy of non separating girls from boys added to the immoralities that the church is afflicted with today.

The church and the families who know about all that and are keeping silent about it, are showing that these things are acceptable and approved by them, like the case of the two prostitutes who stood justified with their sin of prostitution before King Solomon, and before the body of the priests and Levites, and before the whole people of God.

When such sins of prostitution were tolerated, further in the book of **1 Kings**, we can read the marriage of King Solomon with his Egyptian wife. Most likely that was his first marriage. **"Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch." (1 Kings 7:8 KJV)** Such marriage with a nonbeliever was tolerated by the huge body of thousands of priests and Levites and by the millions of people. That marriage that took place was an unlawful one. This marriage took place after the sin of prostitution and immoralities was tolerated and accepted by the church.

So after the church will allow and approve prostitution in its midst the next sin that will be introduced is the unlawful marriages and the marriages with nonbelievers. Solomon knew that his marriage with the Egyptian woman was wrong and against the Word of God, for

such marriage will bring defilement. The following verse confirmed that he knew that his marriage with the Egyptian women would bring defilements: **"And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come." (2 Chronicles 8:11 KJV)**

Solomon married Pharaoh's daughter in order to have Egypt beside him. As if that wasn't enough, he further went ahead to marry multiple foreign women out of greed and wrong understanding to expand his kingdom.

But through these marriages, idol worship to foreign gods was introduced in the life of the people of God, ***"1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites: 2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. 7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice."* (1 Kings 11:1-9 KJV)** King Solomon built temples for these disgusting idols.

One sin when it is accepted and tolerated will pave the way for another sin. When the previous sin will be tolerated, the new sin will be questionable for a time, but finally when the people are not willing to stand firm and fight the good fight, it will be again tolerated and the devil will introduce another sin for the people of God to accept. Solomon tolerated the sin of prostitution and fornication, later on, devil used him to introduce the unlawful marriages, and finally he introduced and promoted the worship of foreign gods (idols), ***"5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. 7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods."* (1 Kings 11:5-8 KJV)** When one sin is tolerated by you, that sin will pull you far away from God and will lead you to do other sins.

When immorality and unlawful marriages were tolerated, that paved the way for another sin to be introduced, the idol worship; even today, after the church had tolerated immoralities in the forms of masturbation, accepting dating and courting, having boyfriend and girlfriend, fornication, adultery, and accepting divorce with remarriage, the church and the families

started to accept unlawful marriages and later on the church and families are accepting and tolerating the various forms of idol worship and celebrations that we cannot encounter or recognize in the Scriptures, as the following:-

1. The celebration of Christmas after the sun god of the heathen. With its Santa Claus, the tree, laziness with the long holidays of 2-3 weeks, the exchange of gifts, the banquets, and lavish spending, all this was done by the pagan for their sun god in their celebrations. That feast of pagans was Christianized by the Catholic Church and till this day the Christian churches are infected with all the above mentioned practices that are totally not Biblical.
2. The celebration of birthdays and wedding anniversaries are events and celebrations glorifying men and not God. Again such celebrations have taken its roots from the world and not from the Scriptures and got adapted into God's church.
3. Father Day and Mother Day celebrations had been taken from the world and introduced into the church.
4. The church further moved to include other worldly celebrations in its calendar, like, Halloween (Harvest), All Saints Day, Valentine's Day, Pastor's Month, First girl celebration, and you can add more to the list, for almost every culture and ethnic group had added certain idols and days for celebration, without any Biblical reason, into the life of the church.

One sin will pave the way for another sin. One idol introduced and accepted will pave the way to another idol to be introduced. I look to the cross of my Lord who died for my sins, and I look intently to the Word of God that gives me freedom, but I cannot see any of these days that the church today is involved with to celebrate.

Most of God's churches today are Gentiles. The apostles' instructions for the Gentiles, and we are among the Gentiles, is to observe the following: ***"That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."*** (Acts 15:29 KJV) The churches today disobeyed and are disobeying the instruction of the apostles as the following:

- a. The majority of the above mentioned idols' celebrations have feasts and foods that prepared for such worldly events that God did not ordain in His Word.
- b. The majority have rampant immoralities as we explained earlier in the forms of masturbation, accepting dating and courting, having boyfriend and girlfriend, fornication, adultery, and accepting divorce with remarriage.

Both immoralities and idol worship would exclude God's church members from entering into the Kingdom of God. Those who do them and those who know about them and do not condemn them and work out to eliminate them will not be eligible to enter into the Kingdom of God.

Therefore we need to stand firm and face such invasion of devil into the church offices and work out with all our might to cleanse God's churches from such sins.

"14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say." (1 Corinthians 10:14-15 KJV) Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry and from sexual immorality. The Scriptures warn us with death to those who do such, ***"5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils."*** (1 Corinthians 10:5-9, 19-20 KJV)

Apostle John's writings tell us the same about idol worship: ***"21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."*** (1 John 5:21 KJV) Apostle John conveyed to us the Word of Jesus at the closure of the Canon in the book of Revelation, warning the churches at that time and warning us today to be away from fornication and from eating food sacrificed to idols, ***"14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication."*** (Revelation 2:14 KJV) ***"20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."*** (Revelation 2:20-22 KJV) Apostle John wrote to the concerned churches at that time, and to us today to stand firm and remove the false teachers from our midst. False teachers such as Balaam and Jezebel need to be removed from God's churches for they condone immoralities and make it spread.

Those who do such shall not enter the Kingdom of God: ***"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."*** (Revelation 21:8 KJV) Those who are fearful to confront the people with their sins will not enter the Kingdom of God. Those who are aware that the phenomena of dating and courting, boyfriend, and girlfriend are lustful things that lead to adultery and are afraid to face the people with it and deal with it are ***fearful*** and if they will not repent of such, they will disqualify themselves from entering the Kingdom of God.

God wants us to observe that our youth should keep their virginity to the wedding day. The New Testament Scriptures teaches that. Philip the evangelist protected his daughters and kept them pure as virgins: ***"8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. 9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy."*** (Acts 21:8-9 KJV) Not only the girls should keep their virginity, but the Bible even teaches us that the boys should keep their virginity. ***"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow***

the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” (Revelation 14:4 KJV)

Virginity is a serious matter that the church today had forgotten. Don't laugh or mock about what I am saying. I tell you the truth, 'If Joseph and Mary had not honored virginity, Jesus would not be born by the Holy Ghost.'

After Solomon, came Rehoboam his son and added to all the sins that were at the time of Solomon was the sin of homosexuality, ***“And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.” (1 Kings 14:24 KJV)*** Immoralities, unlawful marriages, unlawful copulation, and idol worship was introduced at King Solomon's time. When they were accepted and tolerated, then the sin of homosexuality was introduced and added at his son's time.

The church is passing through skid row deterioration. Even today after the introduction of the sin of fornication, the sin of unlawful marriages, unlawful copulation, the sin of idols worship and eating food sacrificed to idols were introduced; as the church is tolerating such for a considerable period of time, the sin of homosexual marriage was introduced and after it the sin of transgender and the transgender marriage into the church.

Again I repeat, once a sin is tolerated, another sin would be introduced after.

Now if there is no initiative to deal with all these sins, then the time will come in the future, and I fear that will take place, that when a man wants to marry, the church would advise him that he should choose a suitable man to marry him. In the same way, when a woman wants to marry, the church would advise her to search for a suitable woman to marry her.

The immoralities, the idol worship, and the sins of the homosexuality that King Solomon and the kings after him introduced into God's church continued till the time of King Josiah. Although there were other kings in between who partially tried to remove such sins, like King Asa, King Jehoshaphat, and King Hezekiah, King Josiah was determined to deal with these shameful sins that was introduced by his forefathers. King Josiah began to purge Judah and Israel from all the idols starting from the temple of God, the high places in Judah, and the high places of idol worship in Samaria.

In between Solomon and Josiah as we mentioned, there were Godly kings who worked for revival, but they were not radical as Josiah did to purge the temple and people of God from idol worship: ***“3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year (when Josiah's age was 20 years old) he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. 4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. 5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and***

Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, (these were the cities that were taken and ruled by Jeroboam king of Israel who introduced the worship of the two golden calves, as you can read that in ***1 Kings 12:25-33*** in your own Bible) ***with their mattocks round about. 33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.” (2 Chronicles 34:3-6, 33 KJV)*** When King Josiah's heart was set to do all these things, the Lord brought to him the book of the Law so that he will be more enlightened to do precisely what God wants him to do to cleanse the temple and God's people as God ordained it.

Therefore, it does not depend on God only, but it also depends on you, if you are willing to stand for God, and are willing to let people even hate you, for the sake of pleasing God.

“15 And Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it. 17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen. 18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. 19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hilkiyah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, 21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book. 22 And Hilkiyah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect. 23 And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: 25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. 26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard; 27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD. 28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.” (2 Chronicles 34:15-28 KJV) Josiah's heart was so responsive toward the details of the Word of God that when he heard, he repented and acted appropriately as we can read.

"4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. (He ordered his workers to remove all the idols outside the temple of God and in the next verse we can see that he put down the priests who were promoting the worship of these idols. So even today, we need to remove these idols that we mentioned and listed in the message. Also we need to deal with the unlawful marriages in the light of the Word of God). **5 And he put down the idolatrous priests,** (King Josiah put down all the idolatrous priests who were appointed by the previous kings and were promoting idols worship. We need to deal appropriately with those ministers, pastors and workers who are practicing and promoting such idols inside the body of Christ and make them sit down), **whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun** (the sun god of the heathen that Catholic church had Christianized as Christmas), **and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.** **6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD,** (Josiah removed, *the grove*, every influence that is not of God that would attract the attention of people to come to the temple. In same way we need to remove anything apart from the Word of God that would attract the attention of people and appeal to their sensual mind to attend worship in God's churches like food, loud music, light effects, dress, etc.), **without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.** **7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD** (He removed the homosexuals from inside the temple of God. Notice that before he removed them, he removed the rest of the idols. Today if you want to stand against the issue of homosexual marriage and the issue of transgender marriage, then before you can do that, you need to remove all the idols that was previously mentioned. Some say that Jesus did not condemn the homosexual. That is not correct. Jesus condemned homosexuality as He approved the judgment of God on Sodom and Gomorrah, **"28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."** (Luke 17:28-30 KJV)) **where the women wove hangings for the grove.** **8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places** (The high places are the places that the people go to do their own will. They go to these places to worship and offer sacrifices, where in these places priests will go along the wishes of men and do to them what they want and approve what they want.) **where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down** (Whatever Josiah and his men broke down, they broke down that which is of idolatrous origin. Even today, looking intently in the life of the church, there are lots of things that need to be broken down and removed from the life of the church and from the life of God's people) **the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.** **9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.** **10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to**

pass through the fire to Molech. (He removed and banned the things that will contribute to kill the life of the young people. In the same way today we need to ban all the digital and electronic resources that had connection with the media from the hands and the eyes of our children and youth to protect their minds and their lives from destruction). **11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.** (The Christmas that the Christian churches observe today on December was the celebration of pagans, with their bowing down toward the sun god. In Christmas celebrations today there are also flying reindeer sleds with Santa Claus that are parallel to the chariots of sun with fire that Josiah removed from the temple. Look now, reader, to the Word of God that gives freedom and see how much idols that you need to remove from the churches of God and God's people). **12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.** **13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.** (Josiah did not care that all these idols were linked to his forefathers. He utterly removed them all, for he was truly faithful to God only. In the same way, we are called to remove from God's churches and the people of God all the institutions of idol worship even those that were introduced by well known church or Christian leaders of old.) **14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.** **15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove."** (2 Kings 23:4-15 KJV) King Josiah truly removed all the idols that King Solomon and the other kings of Judah and the kings of Israel had introduced in the temple of God and in Israel and had removed Baal worship and homosexuality from the land.

King Josiah was moved by the anointing of the Holy Spirit to totally eradicate all the idol worship and the abominations that God hated and cleansed the land from them. The instruments and the facilities that helped King Josiah to lead such a kind of marvelous revival and deliverance from sins, idols, and the clutches of Satan are simple:-

- ***His willingness to follow God and obey Him.***
- ***His full reliance on the Book of the Law, the Word of God, which they found in the temple of God.*** Josiah was responsive to the Word of God. He understood in depth what God wanted him to do through God's Word. In the same way, be responsive to the Word of God and start to cleanse yourself and the Church of God from all idols and the corrupted non Biblical practices. Josiah used his position to remove a vast number of idols and their corrupted traditions and sinful setups and practices in the life of the people of God and from the Temple of God. In the same way do all you can today to stand with God and cleanse His church from all these wrong setups.

The period between King Solomon who introduced the idol worship to King Josiah who totally removed them is 358 years. God did not move before that, because there was no one is willing to obey God and His Word. Even today God will not move unless we do our part. God had done His part by giving His Word to the people, and by declaring His judgment to those who disobey. Therefore if the people today are not willing, the Lord will not do things anymore on people's behalf. They need to interact with God's Word for their deliverance.

In the New Testament Church, history tells us that by the fourth century, false teachers were introduced into the church. By the sixth century, the idols that we know today of the Catholic church and their wrong doctrinal setup was introduced, and step by step developed till the full picture of the Catholic church with false practices and idols was completed. That setup continued and did not change until the fifteenth century. But with the development of the Protestant movement and with the Word of God and their willingness to follow God, many souls were saved. The deliverance through the Protestant movement continued through stages till the development of the Pentecostal movement in the late part of the nineteenth and the early part of the twentieth century. The revival that was led by King Josiah and the Protestant movement down to the Pentecostal movement, have used the same simple method which is, going back to the Bible. They studied the Scriptures and removed from the life of the people of God all what is not compatible with the Scriptures.

After the church had reached the Pentecostal movement, the church again went back to wrong ways of life where immoralities, unlawful marriages, and idols were reintroduced. The church today is in tragedy; it is full of idols and sinful practices with roots that did not come from the Scriptures. But it comes from the world and from the gods of this world. Therefore, it is fit for those who lead such churches and occupy positions of leadership to hear what Elijah said to rebuke Ahaziah who sent to inquire healing from Baalzebub, ***"Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?" (2 Kings 1:3 KJV)*** Why then? There is no more of God's Word, God's promises, and God's ways in the Bible for the body of Christ today delights and rejoice with such practices such as: dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend, immoralities, unlawful marriages, divorce and remarriage, celebrations of idols inside God's churches as birthdays, Halloween, All Saints Day, Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Valentine, Father and Mother Day.

Even today the element of revival, the Word of God, is available in your hand. Start to apply the Word of God and remove and reject all the practices that you cannot see in the Bible, even if these practices are introduced and practiced by famous people of faith; still they needed to be rejected as long as they do not go along the Word of God.

Don't be like Solomon who was keen to keep the external pomp and the people's admiration, but he did not have the fear of God that God requires. Fear God and use your position in whatever office or place or a church that God had placed you in to initiate that awakening and cleansing from all the ongoing corruption, immortalities and the abominations that had penetrated God's churches.

Put in your mind that you cannot face the serious issue of homosexuality and transgender marriages and take them out of God's churches without putting the immoralities, unlawful marriages and the rest of these idols outside first. In each and every culture and nation there are certain idols the church had adopted. These all needed to be agreed upon and removed out from our churches so we can stand the threat against the invasion of homosexuality and transgender marriages.

The Church today is in a very superficial position in regard to the truth. The church today is so shallow to see the ongoing sins. Wickedness and immoralities and decaying are so deep in the offices of the family and marriage; the ministers of God and God's church members are so blind to see sin rampant. They are as insensitive and tolerant to wickedness as in the circumstances contemporary to the story of these two harlots that were brought to King Solomon.

My dear and beloved: The purpose of this message is to destroy and throw away all the foundations of the evil one. Do not be like Solomon who did not see the sin that he needed to address and deal with. Do not be like the common people who cannot see sin and the bad effects of it. God had given you eyes and insight, and He called you today to do your part in full.

"But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin." (Micah 3:8 KJV) It is better that we'll fear God and have a real concern for God's church. Today, we are called to give an account before God, and start to cleanse God's churches from immoralities, unlawful marriages, and celebrations that based on idols that are defiling God's churches and their members and families, so we can be free from these sins and the threat of the invading homosexual and transgender marriages.

Today to bring revival we need to understand what God's Word mandates on us from assignments that God had laid on us to work on in our lives, in the lives of our families, and in the lives of God's people and the Churches of God. We should not keep silent in front of sin. We are called to step out with a Godly message and confront those who are in sin from the people of God.

We need to implement measures to keep order and restore things in the way that God wants it to be, to bring the people of God into true repentance, into the true way of life, and to bring back the salvation of God once again in our midst.

Seriously consider the message and start to clean God's Church and the congregation under your care from the following:

1. Prostitution and the rest of the form of sexual immorality.
2. Unlawful marriages and unlawful copulations.
3. Idols and the food sacrificed for idols.

These measures will help much the Church of God and the rest of the Churches of Christ to deal with the coming threat of homosexual and transgender marriages.