No For Prostitution Part 2

The Scriptures teaches us further incidences and applications for the spiritual prostitution:-

D- "18 You must not bring the earnings of a female prostitute or of a male prostitute into the house of the LORD your God to pay any vow, because the LORD your God detests them both." (Deuteronomy 23:18) As church we need to examine the people life and help them to live for God in holiness. Those who are living in sin and unwilling to live in holiness we should not be interested to receive from them tithes and offerings. As well as the church income should not come from secular ways of selling and buying and making businesses or use the church as a base for such things. What is ordain for the church from income are the tithe, first fruits and the various offerings of the committed members (disciples) of the church. The church should not go to rich people or influential people who are not part of the church in order to collect money from them. That is prostitution and against God's principles. Also the church should not tolerate sin and sinners for the sake of keeping the income of the church high. God will never meet the need of such a church. In Micah 1:6-7 we can read that God would destroy the place of worship in Samaria for the place of worship was full of idols and was made rich by the offerings of people who prostitute themselves with the world and did not dedicate their lives to honour and follow God, "6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. 7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot." If the church will keep not rebuking the people for their sins and keep silent so they will continue giving money to the church then the church is giving them a wrong message and is encouraging them to continue to sin and to live in sin. And as we had read in *Micah 1:6-7* the final outcome will be destruction.

E- "16 And the LORD said to Moses: "You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them." (Deuteronomy 31:16) When the people of God will forsake the ways of the Lord and they go and follow other gods and serve them then they are prostituting themselves. "15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." (1John 2:15-17)

Worldliness and the love of the worldly things are against God and it considered as breaking covenant with God. "4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God." (James 4:4) The deceitfulness of wealth, the love of money and the desire of other things will bring you away from God, and that will make your life more difficult. Material things that you prostitute yourself with will not help you, but in bringing you away from God, will make things worse. "5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?" (James 4:5)

F- "8 Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. 9 And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. 10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. 11 Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. 12 They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger 13 because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. 14 In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. 15 Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress. 16 Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. 17 Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD's commands. 18 Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them. 19 But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their fathers, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways. 20 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, 21 I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. 22 I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did." 23 The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; he did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua." (Judges 2:8-23) The people of God at the time of judges they broke their covenant with God and were prostituting themselves with the nations around them whom God forbade them to follow their practices. Therefore God allowed enslaving them by other nations and allowed their oppressors will not be taken away from them, and God would use them to test his people whether or not they will keep the way of God.

G- "34 They did not destroy the peoples as the LORD had commanded them, 35 but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs. 36 They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them. 37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. 38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood. 39 They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves. 40 Therefore the LORD was angry with his people and abhorred his inheritance. 41 He handed them over to the nations, and their foes ruled over them. 42 Their enemies oppressed them and subjected them to their power. 43 Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin." (Psalms 106:34-43) Mingling with non believers, adopting their practices, injustice, raising up children the same way of the people of the world is spiritual prostitution that God will judge. In verse 43 it is mentioned that "they wasted away in their sin." Prostitution will take you and move you away from God's blessings, "A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth." (Proverbs 29:3) Prostitution will squander the blessing and the wealth that God would give to his people. "For the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life." (Proverbs 6:26)

H- "21 See how the faithful city has become a harlot! She once was full of justice; righteousness used to dwell in her-- but now murderers!" (Isaiah 1:21) Deviation from faithfulness, justice or righteousness is prostitution. When injustice prevails and people's rights are not given then that is abuse to power and authority and that is prostitution. "17 learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:17)

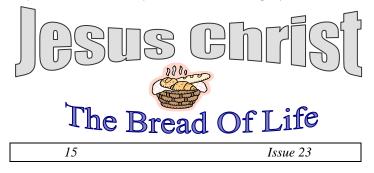
I- "Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, 'I will not serve you!' Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute." (Jeremiah 2:20) When you chose not to serve God but to be busy and occupied with many other things and refuse to serve God then this is prostitution.

J- "Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. A spirit of prostitution is in their heart; they do not acknowledge the LORD." (Hosea 5:4) Those who are non willingness to come back to God is due to evil spirits that they are possessed with that hinder them from coming back to the Lord. Therefore as we are praying for those people to return to the Lord, we need to bind these evil spirits of prostitutions in their lives and need to cast them out in the name of Jesus from those people so that might be delivered and set free.

K- Hosea 4:1-19 shows clearly how can the church and people of God become prostitute, "Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land.² There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. ³ Because of this the land dries up, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea are swept away.⁴ "But let no one bring a charge, let no one accuse another, for your people are like those who bring charges against a priest. ⁵You stumble day and night, and the prophets stumble with you. So I will destroy your mother⁶ my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.⁷ The more priests there were, the more they sinned against me; they exchanged their glorious God^(b) for something disgraceful. ⁸ They feed on the sins of my people and relish their wickedness. ⁹ And it will be: Like people, like priests. I will punish both of them for their ways and repay them for their deeds.¹⁰ "They will eat but not have enough; they will engage in prostitution but not flourish, because they have deserted the LORD to give themselves ¹¹ to prostitution; old wine and new wine take away their understanding. ¹² My people consult a wooden idol, and a diviner's rod speaks to them. A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God.¹³ They sacrifice on the mountaintops and burn offerings on the hills, under oak, poplar and terebinth, where the shade is pleasant. Therefore your daughters turn to prostitution and your daughters-in-law to adultery.¹⁴ "I will not punish your daughters when they turn to prostitution, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, because the men themselves consort with harlots and sacrifice with shrine prostitutes—a people without understanding will come to ruin!¹⁵ "Though you, Israel, commit adultery, do not let Judah become guilty. "Do not go to Gilgal; do not go up to Beth Aven.^[c] (Beth Aven means house of wickedness (a derogatory name for Bethel, which means house of God). And do not swear, 'As surely as the LORD lives!' ¹⁶ The Israelites are stubborn, a stubborn heifer. How then can the LORD pasture them lambs in a meadow? ¹⁷ Ephraim is joined to idols; leave him alone! ¹⁸ Even when their drinks are gone, continue their prostitution; their rulers dearly love shameful ways. ¹⁹ A whirlwind will sweep them away, and their sacrifices will bring them shame."

K- Jesus Christ while he was speaking the chief priests and the elders the parable of the two sons, he challenge them with this statement, "*I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.*" (*Matthew 21:31b*) What Jesus said to them is an encouraging message to us to go forward and preach the good news, binding the evil spirits of prostitution and cast it out from people life, to be set free and come back to the Lord. As we go forward to serve the Lord and living in holiness, then we will witness the miracle of God and see many people coming back to God and serve Him

My dear and beloved: The above Scriptures would teach you how to avoid things that would hinder you to serve God, and the same things are hindrances to you to receive and enjoy God's blessings. In applying of what you receive you will be an effective worker in serving the Lord as you agree to pray. *My Prayer:* Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself into your hand, equip me more so I can serve you in a better way. Lord provide my needs, uphold me with your grace, protects me and lead me in the way that you want me to serve you, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.



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