

PUT YOUR LIFE IN THE HANDS OF THE TRUE LEADER

“And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given me, but raise them up at the last day.” (John 6: 39)

“Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, ‘who is it you want?’ ‘Jesus of Nazareth’ they replied. ‘I am He,’ Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said I am He, they drew back and fell to the ground. Again He asked them, ‘Who is it you want?’ And they said, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ ‘I told you that I am He,’ Jesus answered. ‘If you are looking for me, then let these men go.’ This happened so that the words He had spoken would be fulfilled: ‘I have not lost one of those you gave me.’” (John 18: 4-9)

People all over the world belong to different cultures, customs, traditions, nations, countries, religions and beliefs. And every one of them or every group of people had a leader, a champion, or a figure whom they trust, believe and follow. Our delight is far away from mentioning any name or group. But, according to the level of education that each one of us had gained, and from the history that we studied we may remember the kings, the princes, the profits, the emperors, the judges and the national figures that took their roles as leaders over a period of time. When they face the threats or when they wage a war they fall into one or more of the following categories:

- 1- Either they send their soldiers to the battle fields but themselves remain in the fortified cities;
- 2- or they may accompany their soldiers to the battle field but stay in the back lines while their soldiers are fighting for them.
- 3- Either they may go to the front lines, but they let their soldiers to start the fight ahead of them;
- 4- or at most, they may accept to die in the battle but not before the death of the last soldier in their army.

The passage that we chose from the Bible for this occasion is one of the last scenes in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. It narrates part of the last battle and the final victories that the Lord achieved against His enemies. But, how he faced this battle? This is the question.

The soldiers of the enemy attacked Him while He was with His Disciples. What He did nobody had done it before. **“Knowing all what is going to happen to him,”** Jesus was the one who went out to face the enemy, and He is the one who asked them **“Who is it you want?”** And when they told Him **“Jesus of Nazareth”** His answer was straight and clear **“I am He”** and for two times He said it with confidence. He did not hide, He did not flee, and He did not send any of His disciples to the hand of the enemy and **He did not allow any one of them to fight for him.**

‘He is a honest leader, what he promised He fulfilled.’ He promised not to loss any one of these who follow Him, those whom God given to Him. No leader in the world and all over the history, when facing death, can say what Jesus said **“If you are looking for me, then let these men go!”** And all these happened just before His trial, crucifixion and death. Jesus by His death on the cross illustrated three victorious marks:

- 1- Victory over the enemy. The enemy who fell down when heard Him saying ‘I am He,’ was defeated in special way. Jesus defeated His enemy by dying for them. He did not die for His disciple only but He died as well for His enemies. He forgave His enemy when He was on the cross **“Father forgive them for they don’t know what they are doing.” (Luke 23: 34)** And by this, Jesus died and gave life to His enemies. Hardly you find among the figures or the names that the people may follow today someone who forgave His enemies, or died for them. They may accept to die in the battle field but not before the death of their enemies.
- 2- Victory over the death. Jesus was crucified and died on the cross but He raised on the third day. And He lived and remained with His disciples for a period of time where again He did a lot of miracles. And all these events had been witnessed by the eyes of His disciples who wrote the Bible. No one of the leaders, prophets or the kings raised from the death except Jesus, instead their tombs still standing and filled with bones.
- 3- Victory of the Ascension. After the above events, Jesus was taken up to heaven in front of the eyes of His disciples and was seated at the right hand of God the Father.

All what was mentioned above is not something away from power of Jesus. **“The meaning of the word Jesus is God saves us.”** Jesus’ enemy fell to the ground. And, every knee shall bow and every mouth shall confess that Christ is Lord.

My Dear and Beloved: Jesus rose from the dead. And He is able to raise you and to raise me, and to raise any one who believes in Him. And for those of you who still does not know Jesus we want to tell you that we love you and we love your leaders. And we want to share with you that Jesus loves you and loves your leaders. He died for you and for the figures that you follow in your lives. And today we are inviting you to try Jesus as a leader of your life. Follow Him and give Him the chance to save you from the hands of the enemies. Follow Him and give Him the chance to raise you up from death. As He said **“This is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given me, but raise them up at the last day.” (John 6: 39)**

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I surrender my life in your hands. Lord Jesus leads me and guides me in the way that you want me to be. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.