

## **Teaching Against Birthday Celebration**

**“<sup>24</sup> Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24 KJV)**

*The bible do mentions people who celebrated their birthdays, and as the following:-*

**1- Pharaoh: “And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.” (Genesis 40:20 KJV)**

**2- Herod: “But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.” (Matthew 14:6 KJV)**

*The above two examples showed clearly the celebration was for birth day of non believers and no doubt about that.*

*There is another two less obvious Scripture that may speak about people who celebrated their birthdays and as the following:*

**3- Jeroboam: “In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.” (Hosea 7:5 KJV)** *‘In the day of our king,’ Jeroboam was the person who led the ten tribes to be divided from Judah, and set himself as king over them, and he was the one who introduced the worship of the two calves of gold. Could be of what is mentioned, **In the day of our king**, was the birthday of king Jeroboam, were he glorified himself, and the people around him magnified him and celebrated with him his birthday. Scorners were his companions and led him to sin more by drinking wine. King Jeroboam can represent here the people who are called by the name of God but they don't know God, neither His Word nor His ways.*

**4- The sons of Job: “4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.” (Job 1:4)** *When it says, **every one his day**; it may be their own birthdays. They will invite others, spend on them, but God is not with them. Poor Job, after they are done, he needs to intercede for them before God and cleansed them, “5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.” (Job 1:5)* *So here the sons of Job can represent those who do not fear God but they are infiltrating the church and they live and enjoy worldly material things and hide behind the prayers and the sacrifices of those who fear God.*

*That is all! No more examples. The Bible did not mention any saint who had celebrated his birthday.*

*I do encourage the saints to give up birthday celebrations and not to follow the above four examples of ungodly people, so that others will give up doing that. Therefore work it out to be a good example to others 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 to give me eternal life. I thank you Lord for your word, and now I know that your Word did not mention any one of your saints had celebrated his birthday. Lord I am willing to deny myself, give up mine and other birthday celebrations, carries my cross and follows you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*