

The Peace of God

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27 KJV)

The Lord Jesus had promised His disciples peace. That He will give us peace even in the most difficult situation in our lives. The setting that He said that to His disciples was in the night that he is going to be arrested and suffer. The disciples were about to pass through one of the terrible period in their lives where they will be facing hardship and persecutions, and just before that Jesus promised them peace.

Apostle Paul said, ***“4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” (Philippians 4:4-9 KJV)***

Here the peace of God was promised to be given to us when we follow the simple advices that the Word of God is telling to us to do. God wants us to trust him in times of trials and to remain gentle and keep ourselves under self-control being sure that God is near to see and near to act in our behalf in facing the circumstances. ***“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” (Philippians 4:6 KJV)*** When we are faced with trials the first thing we do is to avoid entertaining doubts and fear, instead, with thankfulness in our hearts, we present our request to God by presenting to Him what we are passing through. This is the confidence that we have in God that He is near to us. As we pray, we receive first the peace of God that surpass all our understanding, ***“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7 KJV)*** and that peace of God will help us to think of good things, ***“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8 KJV)*** Apostle Paul also linked to the Philippians that the peace of God will come into their lives and would accompanied them if they have put into practice what they had received of teaching from Paul: ***“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” (Philippians 4:9 KJV)*** Therefore when you apply the teaching of the Word of God that the church is giving to you then the peace of God will come and settle in your life.

Your obedience to the instructions of God’s Word will bring the peace of God in your life. In ***Leviticus 26:6*** God had promised His people peace: ***“And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.” (Leviticus 26:6 KJV)*** God had promised His people peace if they would obey His instructions: ***“1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven***

image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God. 2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. 3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. 6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.” (Leviticus 26:1-6 KJV) The peace of God will come true in our lives if we kept ourselves away from idol worship, committing ourselves to observe the Sabbaths, have reverence to God’s church in supporting it and in walking in the instruction that we receive from God’s Word.

God revealed himself to Gideon and commissioned him to deliver the Israelites from the hand of the midianites. When Gideon realized that he met God he was afraid, and he thought that he is going to die. At that moment God offered him peace, and Gideon in response to that he built an altar to the Lord in Ophrah and he called it Jehovah shalom which means, ‘Jehovah is peace’: ***“22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O LORD God! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. 23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.” (Judges 6:22-24 KJV)*** After Gideon did that, the Lord asked Gideon to do some other thing: ***“25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father’s young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it. 26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.” (Judges 6:25-26 KJV)*** From the perspective of God, there will not be real peace unless Gideon would deal with the altar of Baal that his father had. We need to understand that when God promised us and sent us peace that does not mean that we need to do nothing about it. There are things that we need to do and achieve in response to God’s instruction to let that peace will continue to reign in our lives. Jesus after kneeling down in Gethsemane, found the cross in front of Him. ***“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” (Colossians 1:20 KJV)*** When Jesus passed through it, then find himself at the right hand of throne of God, ***“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrew 12:2 KJV)***

Gideon obeyed God and put into practice what God told him to do ***“27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father’s household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. 28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.” (Judges 6:27-28 KJV)***

We really need to work with God and to submit to His will, doing what He really wants us to do, ***“21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.***

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.” (Job 22:21-22 KJV)

The peace of God will come to us and stay with us if we keep our mind on Him, fully trusting Him, showing that by obedience to His commands: **“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” (Isaiah 26:3 KJV)** Willingness to obey God’s command and instruction will bring peace in our lives, **“O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.” (Isaiah 48:18 KJV)** When we obey God’s commands and do what is right and our ministry goes along the will of God and under His direction there will be peace out of the work of our hands, **“And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.” (Isaiah 32:17 KJV)**

Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and the punishment of our sins that was put upon Him brought us peace, **“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5 KJV)** In the first day of His resurrection, Jesus went to see His disciples, **“19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.” (John 19:19-23 KJV)** They were shut behind the doors because of their fear of the Jews. But Jesus reached them and gave them His peace, He showed them the evidence of His resurrection, and he breathed on them, saying, **“Receive ye the Holy Ghost.” (John 19:22 KJV)** He sent them to go to others, **“Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” (John 20:21 KJV)** So the peace that they had received from Jesus was intended not to be kept behind the shut doors, but to take them outside to reach others. So here peace is given for a mission to be done and for a task to take place. **“Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.” (John 19:23 KJV)** What is understood that the disciples should go and preach and deal with the peoples’ sin in accordance to God’s Word. If there is repentance and turning from sin then the disciples will approve. If there is no repentance then the disciples shall not approve the peoples’ ways of life. **“Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.” (John 19:23 KJV)** What Jesus requires from them here is to help the people in dealing with their sins. As they received peace from Jesus, they needed to teach, correct and admonish other, **“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” (Colossians 3:20 KJV)** **“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.” (Romans 14:19 KJV)** When sin is dealt with then the peace of God will come and settle and remain in peoples’ lives but when sin is not dealt with then, doubts, fear troubles and stagnation will continue.

After that meeting, the following what had happened, **“24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the**

print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (John 20:24-25 KJV) Thomas was not with them in that meeting with the Lord, so when he came the disciples informed him about what had happened. Thomas should be happy, but instead he hardened his heart with lack of faith and non believe of what he heard. Such circumstances as such will take the peace from our midst. People who behave out of faith will disobey the Lord’s instruction and will delay the mission of the church. The Lord’s needed to visit them again to correct the situation and to deal with stubbornness and hard headedness. He went to them and the door was locked because of fear and lack of peace. **“26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” (John 20:26-29 KJV)** The Lord our peace maker will not leave us without peace. He would come and correct wrong things in our lives and deal with circumstances that are beyond our capabilities.

The Lord will always show us the way if we are willing to have peace and to be restored back to what He needs us to do for Him. There is certain things we need to do it by ourselves to let the peace of Jesus to come back into our midst. For the situation of Thomas, Jesus needed to come Himself to bring the peace back. In other situation we need to do certain things by ourselves to let the peace of God come back again. Jesus rebuked the wind and sea to bring peace, but the salesmen needed to throw Jonah out of the ship to make the sea calm down.

“Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.” (Proverbs 29:17 KJV) Now here for example, the child correction, God had given it in the hand of the parents to do that. When they will obey, then the result of their obedience is rest, joy and delight. If they will not do that, or they are not willing to be firm and strict with the children, then the children will go wild and will do wrong things and that will cause more troubles in the life of the family and the house that they live in.

“But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.” (Psalm 37:11 KJV) The meek are those who are humble and willing to go along the term of God and on His Word they live and trust. As we humble ourselves before God, and accept to live according to His will, then the blessings of God will flow to us and we will be enjoying an abundance of peace. **“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.” (Psalm 37:37 KJV)** Some they think that it is not necessary for people to be perfect, or when we say to be perfect is something luxurious and not essential for living. But, what the Scripture tells us? The perfect man and the upright one, they have at the end peace. Lack of perfection and uprightness will take away peace from our lives. We really need to work it out with the Lord to bring peace and we need to aim for uprightness and for perfection to allow the peace of God to flow into our lives. **Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” (2 Peter 3:14 KJV)**

The following are the instructions that God had given to the priests in the book of Malachi:

“1 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. 3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.” (Malachi 2:1-9 KJV)

Some they say that priest are in the Old Testament, but now we are in the grace of Jesus. Peter who was called by Jesus and on him He built up His church called the believers of Christ as, ‘royal priesthood’: ***“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” (1 Peter 2:9 KJV)*** So it is fit for us to read and apply what God had instructed through His prophet Malachi. God mentioned that His covenant with Levi was a covenant of life and peace, ***“My covenant was with him of life and peace.” (Malachi 2:5 KJV)*** God when He called us to serve Him, we have a covenant with Him that from Him we will receive eternal life and peace, ***“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord” (2 Peter 1:2 KJV)*** Life and peace will come from the Lord, but we need to work it out with Him.

1. We need to fear God: “and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.” (Malachi 2:5 KJV) God is very serious with us and He needs us to abide with His Word and His instructions.

2. Speaking the truth even if people get upset with us: “The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.” (Malachi 2:6 KJV) To let the real peace of God to come into our lives, we should speak the truth to the people, even if they will not like to listen to us or even if they will get upset of it, we still need to tell them the truth and not to compromise. That what it means with, ***‘he walked with me in peace and equity’***. Siding with people’s sins and shortcomings that they do against God will kindle the wrath of God against us and against the people whom we are ministering to. Siding with people is a betrayal action against God. We ought to be more alert not to compromise with people in condoning their sins because that will promote God’s anger and jealousy. Not only that. Let us think about the people and let us love them in the true way. If we, who are called by God will not tell them the truth and will speak to them to be aware of their sins, then, they will not turn away from their sins. God will not change the people and will neither bless them nor bless us if we continue in that attitude and wrong concept.

3. Endeavor to present the Word of God to the people in a wise and convincing way to let them depart of their sins: “For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 2:7 KJV) We are sent by God to tell His law to the people so they will be enlightened with God’s Word.

4. We should abide in the ways of God and not to corrupt the covenant of peace that we have with God: “But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 2:8 KJV) We should not allow anything come in between us and God and disturb that close relationship that we have with God. Circumstances will come into our lives that Satan will push and try to introduce and try to convince us to accept sins or wrong practices and ways that contradict the Word and the ways of God. Therefore the more we need to be alert not to allow such things to happen in our midst.

5. We need to have zeal for the Lord: In Numbers chapter 25 it speaks about how this covenant of peace was instituted between us and God:

“1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. 2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. 5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. 6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. 10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. 14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian. 16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them: 18 For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.” (Numbers 25:1-18 KJV)

The people of God started to sin by committing immoralities with the women of Moab who led them also to worship idols. God requested Moses to put to death those who did that.

Meanwhile one of the Israelities, ***“And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.”*** (Numbers 25:6 KJV) It was a clear defiance to the command of God and to the whole congregation when that man brought that woman in front of everyone to his tent, despite that he knew it is sin. Everyone saw what that man did, but only Phinehas acted in a way to please God by making an end of that man and woman and ending the immoral sin that they were committing against God and against His people. ***“7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.”*** (Numbers 25:7-8 KJV) Everyone recognized it a sin, but only one person, Phinehas, had a zeal for the Lord. Only one from among them his heart was knitted with God and move to do things to please God. Notice also that Phinehas was not waiting for someone to instruct him or someone to encourage him or to give him order to do it. When he did that, the Scripture said, ***“So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.”*** (Numbers 25:8 KJV) Now we can clearly see how he worked with God to end up the people sins and troubles. When we keep silent and don't do anything about it to correct it. We are igniting more the anger of God. But when we deal with it properly we save others and we keep peace and the covenant of peace that we have with God. The Lord upon what Phinehas did, He instituted His covenant of peace with him, ***“10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.”*** (Numbers 25:10-13 KJV)

6. We need to be more aware about what will bring peace into our lives and in the life of the church: “14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian.” (Numbers 25:14-15 KJV) The meaning of Zimri is ‘music’, and the meaning of Cozbi is ‘my lie’. Now a day music has invaded the churches in a profound way. I am not speaking against using music in worship, but it should not be used more than what the Word of God should be used in attracting the people to the truth and in correcting them and bringing them away from sins. Now if the music become dominant and the church is more concern about it more than the Word of God, and when other things as make up, dress, perfumes, food, friendship and flatteries in our midst, then Gozbi ‘my lie’, satan will not find it difficult to send into the church. When Zimri brought the woman to his tent, if someone would ask him who is she? He would probably answer and say, ‘Cozbi’ or ‘my wife’. Now many in relationship with ladies outside the marriage life and they consider it ‘my wife’, but the truth it is Cozbi or ‘my lie’, and under this category you can find girlfriend, boyfriend, divorce and second marriage, second or third wives. Many who do their own and if you ask them, why you are doing that? They will answer you and say ‘It is my life’. Isaiah say about those who live worshipping idols the following: ***“He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?”*** (Isaiah 44:20 KJV) Zimri

when he brought Gozbi to his tent, it was an idol in his hand. We need to clean God's church from whatever will bring lies and work of devil in our midst so peace will come back to us. We need to be more aware when we see the church is so concern about music (Zimri) because lies (Cozbi) is not far away

6. We need to vex the false teachers and those who introduced evil things against God's church and His people: “16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them: 18 For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.” (Numbers 25:16-18 KJV) The message in your hand is a stand with God against all who try to come in between and break the covenant of peace that we receive from Jesus as we continue to abide in His wil, in His Word, and in His plan.

“Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.” (Numbers 25:11 KJV) The meaning of Aaron is ‘light bringer’. Aaron, as the light bringer, was the first in his family to get involved in God's service. His four children, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar got involved in serving the Lord. The meaning of ‘Nadab’ is ‘generous’. The meaning of ‘Abihu’ is ‘he is my father’. The meaning of ‘Eleazar’ is ‘God had helped’. The meaning of Ithamar is ‘coast of palms’. All these names has linked with God and the good things that He did in the life of His people. Aaron, the light bringer, was the first generation, and his four children were the second generation in serving the Lord. But Phinehas was the third generation in the family in serving the Lord, and the meaning of Phinehas is ‘mouth of brass’ and it is a strange name. If we meet somebody who named his son ‘mouth of brass’ we sure will question him about the meaning of such strange and non palatable name. There must be a reason why such name with such a meaning was given. The priest according to ***Malachi 2:7*** He is the mouthpiece of God: ***“For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.”*** (Malachi 2:7 KJV) ***“For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty and people seek instruction from his mouth.”*** (Malachi 2:7 NIV) Phinehas was called the mouth of brass, it may mean a mouth that you cannot twist, and it will utter precisely the Word of God in a precise way. Phinehas was the third generation God's servant in the family of Aaron, and His ministry would be expected to be more in honoring God than people. I had searched the Scripture and the history to find out why Eleazar named his son Phinehas ‘mouth of brass’, but I was not able to reach a tangible fact. Eleazar might be prophetically named his son this way seeing that he will perform with zeal his ministry toward the Lord. Or it might be as I thought that a painful event that pass through the life of Eleazar made him experience God in a more serious way that convinced him more and made him understand that drawing near to God is not about receiving more comfort and privileges but it is more about seriousness in service to honor the Lord by keeping His Word and His law intact.

Leviticus 10 speaks about a painful event that had passed upon the family of Aaron and how they were disciplined seriously by the Lord for some misconduct they achieved after the event of ordination of Aaron and his sons to the service of God at the tabernacle, and might be that event contributed to the name that was given to Phinehas by his father Eleazar:

“1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. 2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. 3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. 4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. 5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said. 6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled. 7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.” (Leviticus 10:1-7 KJV) Eleazar witnessed the death of his two brothers, Nadab and Abihu, they were killed by fire from the Lord, and he was neither allowed to mourn for them nor to leave the tabernacle to bury them. Painful event as such when God would do is to glorify Himself, as Moses said to Aaron, ***“This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified.” (Leviticus 10:3 KJV)*** Such things God will do will keep a great and unforgettable impact on the life of the souls who witnessed such events.

Eleazar was a second generation God’s servant in His family. Therefore, second generation Christian should use all the opportunities to know God better and to draw near to Him. Second generation Christian should take seriously the Word of God and to apply it seriously in their lives and to teach it and inculcated in the lives of their children so the Lord will be honored in the lives of the third generation.

The meaning of ‘Nadab’ is ‘generous’. The meaning of ‘Abihu’ is ‘he is my father’. The meaning of ‘Eleazar’ is ‘God had helped’. The meaning of Ithamar is ‘coast of palms’. The meaning of those who buried Nada and Abihu, ‘Mishael’ is ‘who is what God is’: the meaning of Elzaphan’ is ‘my God has protected’. The meaning of ‘Uzziel’ ‘my strength is in God’. All are second generation names who speak about the goodness of God toward mankind. That is true of God, but man need to fear God and revere Him and walk and live according to His degrees and status so that God’s wrath due to sin would be prevented and peace will rule in the mid of our families and churches.

My dear and beloved: Names and people with actions like Phenias are the glory of God and are kind of servant and ministers that the church needs today so that God’s name will be feared and His Word would be applied and His peace be reigned. We really need to have the three kinds of names and actions in God’s church; to bring the light, to claim God’s promises and trusting Him that He will help, and not to forget to use a mouth of brass that will speak the precise Word to correct, to rebuke and to deal with sins so we can bring the peace of Jesus to God’s church and to His household, as we 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 death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word that makes me understand the way that I can receive peace from you. Lord thank you for the teaching that I receive from you. Lord I commit my life to the principles of your Word to apply in my life and*

in the life of your church. Lord protect me, strengthen me and provide for me to continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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