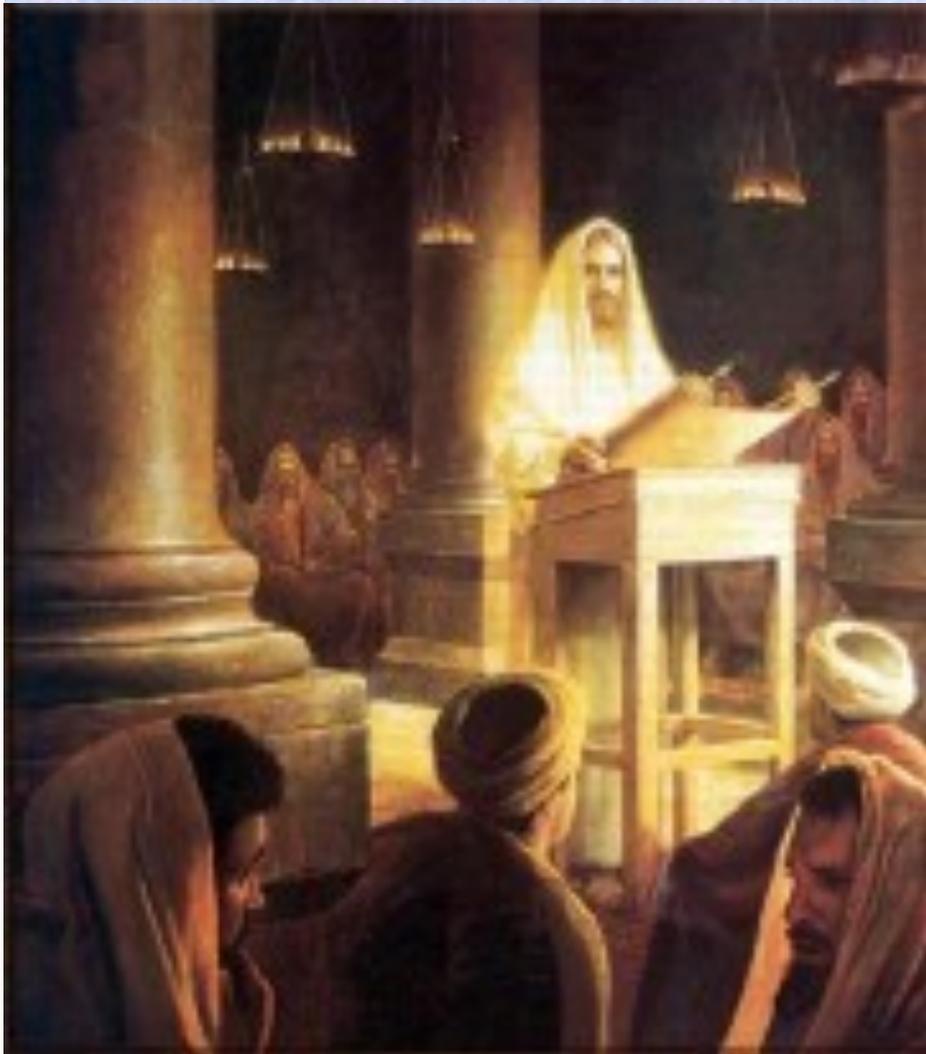


A Warfare You And I Must Win. Part 2

Prior to this, John the Baptist had taught people that there is One coming who will baptize with Holy Spirit and fire. The Bible says, 16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16



Again, it is written: "16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him." Luke 4:16-20

Just as He had announced, that is what He did. Jesus preached the Word of God in a

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me ..." Luke 4:18

way never seen before. His message was accompanied with signs and wonders without any comparison. While John was in prison, he sent his disciples inquire from Jesus whether He was the one he had talked about. Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them." Luke 7:22

In concluding his gospel Apostle John writes: "24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen." John 21:24-25



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It pleases the LORD when his people seek His face. Prayer is an indication of our dependence on God. Those who do not pray have a false sense of security. One of the most harmful aspect of pride is no desire to seek help from above. Pride is deceptive. How could we make it without the leadership of God in our lives? Prayer is a clear sign of humility. This is the most challenging task for the wicked. Pride leads them to self-dependence that eventually leads to damnation.

It should be remembered that even those who do not seek God lives because of God's mercy. He tends to give them some more time to come back to Him in repentance. He is a God who sends rain to all even to the wicked of the land without discrimination. But we should never abuse His kindness!

Those who turn their backs against God operates in total darkness. Indeed, the Word of God illuminates our path. The Bible says, “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.” Psalms 119:105

Again, the Bible says, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jer. 33:3.

There are many things that we would learn from the Word of God. The more we enrich our spirits with the Word of God the better. This Word would never leave one in a desperate situation! This word would dissuade people from committing suicide. Suicidal cases are rampant.

Sadly, statistics show that the number of people who commit suicide has gone up. The tendency of people finding solace in committing suicide is a huge deception from the evil one. It is also believed that mental illness also contributes to this vice.

Whenever we turn away from God, we become vulnerable to our enemies. It is written: “They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but only to fill their places with the dead bodies of men whom I will slay in My anger and My fury, all for whose wickedness I have hidden My face from this city.” Jer. 33:5. Without God you cannot smell any victory. We really need Him.

Both physical and spiritual healing comes from the LORD. Where there is healing, there is peace. The LORD says, “Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.” Jer. 33:6

Again the Bible reminds us how His Word brought healing and freedom. It is written: 36 "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all-- 37 "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 10:36-38

