AVOIDING BABYLON'S CAPTURE

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Prayer

Father almighty we come.before you this evening ready and withnopen hearts to learn your word. Impact us and help us always walk in your ways and never to.let you down we pray in Jesus mighty name

Bible Text: Revelation 18:2 NKJV

[**2**] And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

Introduction

I welcome you all in Jesus Christ's name. Today's study will be a bit short but precise as it concerns the time of the world that we are in currently, and the operations of the spirit of the world. This is why I'd like us to read carefully as we learn at Christ's feet. So we want to talk about how to avoid being captured by Babylon. There are different things we have said about Babylon in past and I believe every one of us still remembers what Babylon actually is. Babylon is the mother of all harlots, was an ancient city filled with different abominations and today a spiritual entity, in short the world we live in today is termed Babylon because of it's many abominations and atrocities.

Study

Babylon is the opposite of Zion the city of God, but sadly, many have chosen to live according to the dictates of Babylon today and they are controlled by her spirit which is rooted in gross

iniquity. Babylon has strengthened herself in serious transgression of God's laws and has pride herself in her vain glory, yet this the lost does not see and know. However, all those who have sold themselves over to Babylon will face the consequences of their actions.

Consequences of Babylon
Being captured by the spirit of Babylon can have many negative consequences. There are many things that happen when a person is being controlled by Babylon. Consequences are not usually things that are good. They are repercussions — things that are bad. When we commit ourselves or fall into evil, then there are the repercussions; all these things are negative.

The first thing we will be talking about today is this:

It can lead to a loss of spiritual discernment and a distortion of God's truths.

What does this mean?
When the spirit of Babylon begins to take control of our lives, then there can be a loss of spiritual discernment. We will not be able to discern between good and evil, right and wrong. So there will be a distortion of God's truths. The Word of God is truth.

John 14:6 KJV — "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

For Jesus to say He is the truth, and we are saying the Word of God is truth, there is a link to show us that God's truth is His Word. Because His Word is the truth, if that truth is distorted, then there is a problem. The truth must not be distorted. The moment it is compared with or not taken the way it should be,

then there is already a problem, and it is part of the signs that a person has been captured by Babylon.

Is someone with me?

Luke 18:8 KJV — "I tell you, he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?. Jesus saw that a time was coming when a generation would not follow the truth anymore — a generation where the truth would be distorted, where people would not even want to hear the truth. We are in that generation. **2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV** — "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."The god of this world — Satan — blinds the minds of people so that they will not accept the truth. When a person is captured by the spirit of Babylon, such a person will not want to accept the truth.

It can lead to a life of greed, which is contrary to God's will.

1 Timothy 6:6–8 KJV — "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."When the spirit of Babylon captures a person, it leads to greed. A good example in the Bible is Gehazi, the servant of Elisha. He was supposed to inherit a double portion of Elisha's anointing, but because of greed he received leprosy. When we are greedy and not contented with what we have, it opens the door to captivity.

Another consequence of Babylon is that**, It can lead to pride and selfishness.** Pride can be in the heart or in behavior. That is why the Bible says: **2 Corinthians 13:5 KJV** — "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.

Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Selfishness is the attitude of “me, myself, and I.” A selfish person is not concerned about others, even if what they do affects other people negatively. If you have pride and selfishness in your life, it's a clear sign that you have been captured by the spirit of Babylon.

It can lead to a life of vanity and chasing after the wind, which is ultimately meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 1:2 KJV — "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity."When a person has been captured by the spirit of Babylon, such a person begins to live for vanity — accumulating wealth and possessions while losing sight of the kingdom of God. The Bible says we brought nothing into this world and we will leave with nothing. Even if someone is buried with treasures, those things cannot follow them into eternity. Therefore, it is important to put God first in your life and seek His kingdom above all else. **Matthew 6:33 KJV** — "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Colossians 3:1–2 KJV — "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."When our focus is on heaven, our choices and actions will reflect it. If we wake up daily without thinking about eternity, then we are not truly seeking the kingdom of God. To avoid being captured by Babylon, we must always place God and His kingdom at the top of our scale of preference

Are you following please?

If you have been captured by the spirit of Babylon or you want to avoid being captured, here are steps to take.

1. Acknowledge your current state and repent where necessary. **Revelation 2:4-5.**

2. Prioritize spiritual growth above everything else.

3. Identify the patterns and lifestyles of Babylon in your life and deal with them by praying them out of your life.

4. Run away from tempting relationships, atmosphere, and habits
5. Get a genuine Christian as your mentor, and submit to good counsels.

6. Get a Bible based fellowship both online and on site because today most people stay online than on site.

7. Go on constant retreats.

8. Let prayer, fasting and studying of God's word be a part of you.

If you do all these things faithfully, you will not be captured.

This is the end of today's teaching. goodnight

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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