DEVICES OF THE CRAFTY

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Prayer

Almighty Father we have come today to learn more from You through Your servant, Father, please give us the grace to follow You till the end of our lives, for in Jesus Christ name I pray. Amen

Introduction

I welcome you all in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to today's Bible study. I believe you all had a lovely day? May we all end well in Jesus Christ's name. Amen

Study

Job 5:11-13 KJV

To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. [12] He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. [13] He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

From the verses of these scriptures, one would see something God does to men, He is the One who changes the situations of men no matter how worse the situation is. The Lord wants to turn things around for His people. There are times that we find ourselves in a lowly position but The Lord is the one that sets on high. We should not seek to set ourselves on high by ourselves for the Lord is the One who does so. Looking through the scriptures one would see clearly how God sets men on high and debased some. Before God, the secret of being set on high is to be lowly, this does not make any sense to the people of the world. One of those in the best position to explain what it means for one to be debased by God is king Nebuchadnezzar. In his pride, see what he uttered from his lips **Daniel 4:30 KJV** The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? Looking into the words of the king carefully, one would observe the use of "I, and my" . He

ascribes all what he had acquired to be by his own wisdom and power and God did not even wait for him to land.

Daniel 4:31-32 KJV While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; THE KINGDOM IS DEPARTED FROM THEE. [32] And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. God is not pleased with pride, He took the kingdom away from Nebuchadnezzar and sent him into the fields like an animal because his heart and lips were filled with pride. Everything man acquires in life could only be obtained because God made it possible, we should be very careful of boasting of our achievements, we must see God as the One solely behind such achievements.

When Nebuchadnezzar came back to his senses, he had learned his lessons, see what he said. **Daniel 4:34-35,37 KJV** And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: [35] And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? [37] Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: AND THOSE THAT WALK IN PRIDE HE IS ABLE TO ABASE. May we not be debased in Jesus Christ's name.

God looks at the lowly in heart and showers His goodness upon him; this was the character the Lord Jesus Christ had and told us about. **Matthew 11:29 KJV** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. The Lord was meek and lowly as He came into the world as a nobody and God exalted Him. **Philippians 2:8-9 KJV** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. [9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: what gave Jesus Christ the name above all other names is the humble nature He had. **James 4:6 KJV** But he giveth more grace.

Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Lowliness is also humility.

The Lord wants us to be humble, we must not see ourselves as better than others. This must come from our hearts, we should always place others above us. In speech, in actions and in all other ways. Those who are humble dwell with God in the high and holy place. We ought to always seek to take up lowly positions, manners or degrees. If you want God to exalt you, then you must have a humble spirit, free from self-assertive pride. In everything we must not seek to be rated high. When the Lord came into the world He did not seek to be served, even looking at His humble birth in a manger. He said for the son of man did not come to be served but to serve. **Matthew 20:28 KJV** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. We also must give ourselves over to serve others. Many are concerned about how they can be served and what they stand to gain and do not bother to think of how they can be of immense benefit to others, this is why they have become selfish. This is a major reason many work in the church because they look forward to being paid, some will not play instruments in the church because they would not be paid for it.

There are those who charge for being invited to minister, they would give different kinds of conditions that must be met by those inviting them before considering to come and minister in songs, drama, teachings etc. Some conditions are how much the honorarium must be, the kind of hotel they must lodge, the kind of security that must be provided, the kind of auditorium that must be used, they believe that they are bigger than some certain space capacity of some auditoriums. These set of people are seeking to be ministered to and not them ministering to others, they are not living like Christ The Lord wants us to have a servant like attitude. This He demonstrated by washing the feet of His disciples. Whomever the Lord exalts cannot be debased by any man. A person who has already debased himself by setting himself in a lowly position cannot be debased because he's already lowly and there would be no shame for that. But a person who has already placed himself on high can be brought low. That was what happened to Lucifer, he thought to put himself above God and he was brought low.

Those who are lowly are greatly advantaged than the proud; as they sit with God in the high and holy place in the realm of the Spirit, this means that

God fellowships with them in close communion. **Isaiah 57:15 KJV** For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

God is supreme, He is unchallengeable, He is sovereign, He dwells in the high and holy place with him who has a contrite and humble spirit. This means that one of the keys to sit with the Lord in the heavenly places is humility. That is what it means to set on high the lowly, apart from setting the lowly on high in the spirit realm, the lowly would still be set on high in the earthly realm. David was a man who was in The bush looking after his father's flock before the Lord took him from there and made him King, the scripture records that Moses was the meekest man that ever lived. God chose him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. If you look through the scriptures you will see that God had no special dealing with those who were proud, those who exalted themselves beyond what they truly are. God wants to set some people on high but because they are high-minded God moved far away from them.

Job 5:11 KJV To set up on high those that be low; THAT THOSE WHICH MOURN MAY BE EXALTED TO SAFETY.

Matthew 5:4 KJV Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. It is the plan of the Lord to bring those who mourn to safety that their mourning may not continue without an end. There are times that situations and circumstances surrounding us make us sorrowful, we might feel or experience grief or sorrow for physical things, and the same way it can be because of spiritual things. The Lord does not forsake His own people, there are times He permits us to go through challenges so as to build us, all these things make a man to be how God wants. Christians who do not have trials will live lawlessly. **1 Peter 5:10 KJV** But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, AFTER THAT YE HAVE SUFFERED A WHILE,... this means God is aware of every suffering His children pass through. But after the suffering there is a promise of Glory. One can mourn and be grieved in the heart because of the evil things happening around showing lack of contentment concerning them. Such can be mourning in the spirit constantly but it is still for a while because a time of comfort will surely come. **Job 5:12 KJV** He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. God frustrates the devices

of the crafty, God is the One Who sits in charge of the case of the crafty, those who think they are clever, shrewd people, He is the One who notifies their wicked plans. **Proverbs 3:7 KJV** Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. They prove to be wise in their craftiness.

The truth is that there are wicked devices orchestrated by the wicked, though they act cunning, they perform crafty schemes, yet they will not carry it out, these schemes can be individually based or against a family, a country or a town. There are many crafty plans going on underground.

What does crafty mean?

It means to adept in the use of subtlety and cunning, or marked by subtlety and guile.

The scriptures make it clear that there are crafting devices and those who plan them are humans not animals, of a truth there's wickedness everywhere, those who would not admit this pure truths are disadvantaged because they might fall victims. Craftiness and two ways

1. The spiritual craftiness

2. The physical craftiness

The spiritual is very real just like the physical but it is hardly noticed, whereas the spiritual aspect of craftiness is much more powerful, disastrous and fatal than the physical. It is such that those who device them most likely go scot-free without being punished, because they are able to do it unnoticed without any physical proof. No one can be prosecuted for attacking someone spiritually, this is because it cannot be seen physically, it has no evidence, the deviser of such a plan cannot be punished because he is not known nor seen. Despite this God is the One Who is able to frustrate his plans and expose his craftiness. It is not possible to take such matters to the court of law for hearing. You can not claim that a witch attacked you spiritually so you want such person to be prosecuted when you have no physical evidence. There are many devices of the crafty that take place in the realm of the spirit not known to the children of God. The kingdom of darkness is a very busy Kingdom where several activities take place 24/7 and because it is a world of the spirits, evil devices/plans do not cease to take place there because there is nothing like tiredness there or closing hours the way we have it in the physical realm. This is because

spirits don't get tired so work is ongoing every time and it is never to the advantage of God's children.

Wicked plans in the spirit realm are not usually carried out in broad daylight. **John 3:20 KJV** For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. They do not want their evil plans to be noticed and reproved so they do it in darkness. There are many things that happen in darkness which the children of God are ignorant of, but if not for the Lord who has been a shield for us, we would have been consumed. Those whose deeds are evil love darkness more than light. **John 3:19 KJV** And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Even right inside the church many have left the path of uprightness to work in the ways of darkness. **Proverbs 2:13 KJV** Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; many are going to church services yet are in partnership with the kingdom of darkness, they join our services during the day like saints but in the darkness of the night they are something else, what are some facts about the things being done in darkness?

- It is in darkness that strange meetings of the spiritual world are done.

- Satanic courtrooms have their sittings in the dark to pronounce judgements on those who they accuse.

- Witches use the hour of darkness to achieve their wicked plans, many of those who died during the daytime have been killed in the midnight.

- The occult world performs rituals and carrying of sacrifices during the night time i.e in the dark.

- It is in darkness that stars and glories are hijacked and exchanged rendering a glorious child empty without glory.

- The dark hours of the night is the period glorious destinies of people are marketed for sale.

- This is usually the period when strange spirits from hell are unleashed against men.

- The hour of the night is when demonic goods are shipped into the earth to pollute and initiate unsuspecting souls during the day time by selling them in the markets.

In short the devices of the crafty in the realm of the spirit is a serious one that if one does not rise up to counter them, they can make a person remain useless and stranded in the school of destiny fulfillment, it can even make one miss heaven.

The Physical Craftiness

This has to do with crafty devices made during the day most especially by humans. (Note, in most cases it is those people who have been influenced in the time of darkness that do carry out this crafty act during the day) they are used to device crafty plans like perverting Justice, snatching husbands and wives, rigging elections, destroying homes, they even carry out crafty plans against men of God to pull them down, they are in the churches they are cunning, they in their craftiness, they present themselves like saints so as to gain ground in the church and access to the man of God. **Proverbs 2:14 KJV** Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; their aim is to do evil and this they delight in. There are several ways they perform crafty acts physically.

- **Secret Seduction:** This is the most common one in the world and church today, there are many so-called sisters in church today who dress in holy attires but are serpents, these ones come to the church physically and can be dutiful but secretly have brought down many unsuspecting youths and elders whom the Lord is using greatly. They entice men of God through seduction, imagining a lady sitting before a pastor alone in his office, opening her breast for him to see that she has a wound that needs to be prayed on, these are traps, this is why it is dangerous for any man of God to counsel ladies behind closed doors.

- **Divisions In The Church:** They plot to cause divisions in the church by inciting gossips, malice, hate speeches, lies, backbiting etc **Proverbs 6:19 KJV** A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Many churches have been divided because of what someone said about the pastor which is not true. They are a set of people that spread lies and sow discord among the children of God, they are those whose hearts are filled with evil. **Proverbs 6:14 KJV** Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. Some make plans in the form of

traps for the pastor so as to scatter the church. True churches must be prayerful and word full, if they would not be overcome by the craftiness of these last days. We hand over battles to the Lord who frustrate their devices so that their hands will not carry out their wicked plans. They think they are wise, they sit to carry out plans calculatingly but the Lord who is wiser would catch them in their own craftiness and their counsels come quickly upon them**. Job 5:13 KJV** He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

There are wicked plans that must not come to pass, these are plans against your life, against your marriage, plans against your ministry, career, purpose, academics, family, job, and many more different plans. Those who would overcome the devices of the crafty must constantly commit everything concerning them in God's hands, He would then arise to defend them.

May the devices of the crafty not work over our lives in Jesus Christ name. Amen

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