

OPEN HEAVEN 8 FEBRUARY 2025 DEVOTIONAL TODAY

TOPIC: BONDAGE BY ASSOCIATION

MEMORISE:

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalm 1:1

READ: Numbers 16:1-3, 28-35

Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:

- 2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:
- 3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have

not done them of mine own mind.

- 29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the Lord hath not sent me.
- 30 But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord.
- 31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:
- 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.
- 33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.
- 34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.
- 35 And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

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The aroma of food from a kitchen can cling to you such that people will know that you have been to the kitchen. Likewise, when you go to a place where demons operate, they can cling to you. This is why Proverbs 21:16 says that the man who wanders from the way of understanding will remain in the congregation of the dead. Beloved, you should not unwind in nightclubs where devil-inspired music is played, and all sorts of evil things are happening. You would be opening up your heart for demons to come in.

A young fellow once went somewhere he shouldn't have gone to and came back loaded with demons. He couldn't sit or stand; he could only lie down like a vegetable. He was brought to the RCCG Headquarters, and when I saw him, I was led by the Holy Spirit to say to him, "I want to pray with you. Kneel." He said, "I can't kneel." I then said, "I command you to kneel." He replied, "In whose name?" I responded, "In the name of Jesus." He then said, "That's different" as he knelt down. I prayed for him, cast the demons out of him, and said, "Get up." He said, "I can't stand up." I replied, "I command you to stand up." He then said, "In whose name?" I responded, "In the name of Jesus." He again said, "That's different" and got up. I then told him, "You can go home, have your bath, and go to work." He replied, "I can't walk." I said, "I command you." He replied, "In whose name? I responded, "In the name of Jesus." He walked home by himself and was free from that day on.

Many people are demon-possessed today because they went to the wrong places and associated with the wrong people. When you walk with godly people and constantly engage in godly activities, you are inviting God's presence to abide with you; when you do the opposite, you are inviting the devil and his demons to fellowship with you. The devil is not a gentleman; he will not leave because you are tired of him or think that his time is up. Wherever he enters, he has a threefold mission; to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

Child of God, if you don't want to be in any form of bondage, flee every appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Don't entertain the devil in any way (Ephesians 4:27) so you can maintain your liberty in Christ.

KEY POINT:

Check your association; avoid places and people that can lead you into bondage.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Numbers 3-4

HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

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