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TOPIC: CLARIFYING MISCONCEPTIONS IN CHRISTENDOM

TEXT: John 2: 19 - 21

INTRODUCTION: The Bible is the Word of God which we must study regularly with the help of the Holy Spirit to have understanding, so we might live successful and victorious Christian lives. However, in doing so, from biblical times until now, certain portions of it have been misunderstood and misused, due to wrong beliefs we sometimes hold on to. For example, in our text, John 2: 19 – 21, Jesus answered and said unto them destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body'. In the same way that the people Jesus was talking to back then misunderstood what he was saying, Christians living now also 'sometimes have a challenge in understanding portions of the bible. We have treated a few of them in the past and today will treat a few others with biblical proof.

OUTLINE 1: Becoming a Christian Means God Will Solve All Your Problems –Luke 1:37; Romans 8:28; Mark 11:24; Matthew 7:7; 1Peter 4: 12 – 13; Isaiah 43:2;

Our God is a faithful God and He answers the prayers of Believers (Mark 11:24). He will fight your battles and make you victorious. He is the one Ally you need in your life because it is only God that can truly solve your problems. No other person can help you the way God can. With Him, nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37). If you surrender to His Lordship by being genuinely saved, you can approach Him for help by prayer and petition with thanksgiving and He will give you peace in that situation (Philippians 4:6). However, these promises are conditional. Though capable of solving all problems, this does not automatically guaranty God will solve all your problems and you will always be problem-free. Note that:

1. When you commit issues into His hands as a Christian, God answers but this does not mean He will give you what you ask for.
2. As long as you live, there will be challenges- Isaiah 43:2
3. Rejoice in your suffering for Christ- 1 Peter 4: 12-13.

OUTLINE 2: Bad things do not happen to Godly Christians. 2 Corinthians 11:24 – 26; 1 Peter 1:6 – 7, Romans 8:28.

This is clearly false. Bad things do happen to Godly Christians. Some misinterpret Romans 8:28 which says "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God to them who are the called according to his purpose" to mean bad things won't happen to godly people. This does not mean a Christian will not encounter issues in life. The Christian's ultimate good is when we become like Jesus and bring glory to God's name by living holy, winning souls, pleasing Him and putting our trust in Him. .

1A. Bad things happen when Godly Christians sin – Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8; Matthew 12:43-45

- 1B. **Bad things happen when Godly Christians do not sin** – Job 1:1; Genesis 50:20b
2. **All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted** – 2 Timothy 3:12.
3. **Trial of faith:** 1 Peter 1: 6-7.
4. **The example of Paul:** 2 Corinthians 11: 24- 27.

OUTLINE 3: Christian Ministers and Missionaries Are More Spiritual Than other Believers. 1 Timothy 1: 15-16

All Believers are called to live a life of faith, regardless of their leadership roles. Whilst Pastors and teachers are held to a higher standard than others, (James 3:1) they are not necessarily more spiritual than other believers. There were examples of those disciples who followed Christ and were not even named in the bible. Anyone who is genuinely saved, exercises faith, pleases God and seeks to do His will is a Minister and is not less spiritual than a Pastor, whilst a wayward Pastor (who once believed) but becomes overcome by the sinful nature and refuses to repent is no longer spiritual and will suffer the consequences like Judas. What is important is our current state as individuals, not the titles we hold as titles will not take us to heaven. Sometimes those we gloss over as unimportant are often the more spiritual, for example the Centurion in Matthew 8: 5-10, who showed great faith causing Jesus to say he had not found so great faith in Israel. Cornelius, the Ethiopian eunuch and the woman who supported Jesus financially.

1. **Example of Paul in 1 Timothy 1: 15 – 16**
2. **Example of Christians in Acts 4:31**
3. **Example of Cornelius in Acts 10: 2**

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have seen that following our salvation, (which is a requirement to have eternal life after we leave this world), there is no guarantee that we will be free from problems as long as we are living in this world. What the bible teaches is of the Lord's help when we run into problems as He is near us to comfort us and be with us through life's issues. We have seen also that bad things happen not only to the wicked but also to godly Christians and so we must be alert and not allow the devil to confuse/deceive us to follow him during trials. Finally, we must not think that only Pastors are spiritual as anyone who is genuinely saved and lives a life of obedience to God, guided by the Holy Spirit is equally as spiritual. May the Lord help us all in our walk with Him.