

“Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Life. Welcome to this Bible study — the Word of God, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.” (*Psalms 119:105*)

Today, we will study the **danger of unfaithfulness in the work of God.**

In the Kingdom of God, not everyone functions the same. Each person serves according to the **spiritual gift** (Greek: *charisma*) they’ve been given (1 Corinthians 12:4-7). But when a person **neglects or misuses their gift**, there are serious consequences. One of the greatest dangers is this: **God may take away your place (your position) and give it to another.**

And here is a sobering truth: **God never takes away your gift—but He can take away your assignment or office.** The *grace* (Greek: *charis*) that was to operate through your gift may be removed and placed upon someone else. You may still prophesy, sing, or preach with ability, but the spiritual authority and divine backing that once rested upon you may be gone.

EXAMPLE 1: KING SAUL

Saul was **anointed by God Himself** and filled with the Spirit to lead Israel (1 Samuel 10:1, 6). But Saul **disobeyed repeatedly** and began to walk in willful rebellion.

1 Samuel 15:26-28

“But Samuel said to him, ‘I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!’ ... ‘The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you.’”

While Saul still wore the crown, **God had already appointed David to take his place**. The outward appearance of kingship remained, but the presence and approval of God had left him.

EXAMPLE 2: KING SOLOMON

Even Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, turned his heart to foreign

gods in his later years (1 Kings 11:4-10). As a result, the Lord declared judgment:

1 Kings 11:11

“So the Lord said to Solomon, ‘Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees... I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates.’”

Though Solomon retained the throne until death, **his kingdom was divided after him**—proof that **disobedience can cost a legacy**.

EXAMPLE 3: JUDAS ISCARIOT

Judas Iscariot was one of the Twelve, trusted with ministry and even with handling the money (John 12:6). But his greed opened a door to Satan.

Acts 1:17, 25

“He was one of our number and shared in our ministry... to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.”

Even while still walking with Jesus, **Judas had already lost his place.** God had prepared Matthias to replace him (Acts 1:26), showing us that **God’s work continues—with or without us.**

MODERN-DAY EXAMPLE: REINHARD BONNKE

Reinhard Bonnke, the famous evangelist who led millions to Christ in Africa, once shared that **he delayed answering God’s call** to evangelize the continent. He confessed to hearing the Lord say:

“You are not My first choice. Someone else was given this assignment, but they turned it down. If you refuse, I will find another.”

That sobering word caused Bonnke to surrender completely—and the result was a **global evangelistic legacy**.

GOD HAS RESERVES: NEVER THINK YOU ARE IRREPLACEABLE

Prophet Elijah once thought he was the only faithful servant of God left:

Romans 11:3-4 (quoting 1 Kings 19)

“Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left...” And what was God’s answer? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

God always has a **remnant** ready to take up the mantle. **You are not the only one.**

MODERN WARNING FOR TODAY’S MINISTERS & BELIEVERS

Whether you’re a pastor, prophet, teacher, singer, or intercessor—**faithfulness is the key.**

You may have **spiritual gifts**, but are you still carrying the **grace and approval of God**?

- Are you using your talents for show or self-gain?
- Are you leading people in worship while living a double life?
- Are you preaching while hiding sin and living in hypocrisy?

Romans 11:29

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

(Yes, your gift remains—but not necessarily your position or anointing.)

Just like Saul, Judas, or Solomon—you may still function in your gift, but **the glory may have departed** (cf. 1 Samuel 4:21 – *Ichabod*).

FINAL EXHORTATION

Time is short. **Jesus is at the door.**

Don't toy with your calling. Don't despise your opportunity. Someone else has already been prepared to replace you if you are not faithful. Let this be your wake-up call.

Revelation 3:11

"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown."

Prayer

"Lord, help us to remain faithful. May we walk in the fullness of Your grace, and not squander the positions or opportunities You have given us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

IF YOU ARE NOT FAITHFUL, YOUR POSITION WILL BE TAKEN

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