

Spiritual Lostness and Recovery

Praise the Lord. We thank the Lord for giving us this opportunity on Lord's Day to exalt the Lord and to come into His presence and listen to His voice. I was advised to go slow because someone is translating into Portuguese. I do not have any PowerPoint presentations, but I want to share on the recovery of the lost. It is a very simple story. You might have listened to it so many times, but you may still be touched in a new way.

I Samuel 30:1-4: "And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. So, David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep."

Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Genesis 3:24 "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Let us look to the Lord.

Dear Lord, as we come under the throne of grace, under the sprinkling blood of the Lamb, speak to us from the throne, and Lord, please speak with everyone individually. So, let us hear Your small still voice, what You want to speak. Lord, Thy Word is a two-edged sword sharpened on both sides. So, let Thy Word do its work. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Introduction

We are looking at two losses; one is David's loss, and the other is Adam and Eve's loss. Although we are looking at physical loss, we are more interested in its spiritual aspect. The enemy is very subtle in it. When we lose something physical, we feel it, and we keep searching for it. We know we have lost it, and we tell it to friends and prayer partners. "Hey, pray for me. I lost my job; I lost my car; I lost something I really liked."

But dear brothers and sisters in Christ, there is spiritual loss. Sometimes, we do not know that we are experiencing spiritual loss, and we do not even ask someone to pray. I am not talking about the loss of spirit, such as falling in spirit. But there are spiritual losses which need to be identified. The reason being, unless you know you have lost something, you do not seek for it. Unless you know that you are losing it, you are not aware to be cautious about it. The enemy is very wise, and he keeps your mind so busy that you will not even think about having spiritual loss; you may only think that you are having a bad day.

Spiritual Losses

There were many spiritual things which I experienced when I prayed and read I Samuel. The first loss is that of losing consciousness of the presence of the Lord in every aspect of life. And the second loss is not seeking the will of God, and we try to get over it. The third loss is the burden of praying for others. Sometimes you may think it is not needed, but when you do that, you are also losing the spiritual value of it. The fourth loss is the enjoyment of reading the Word of God, or we would not be able to understand the Word of God when God is speaking to us. In troubles and trials people may lose their faith. These are the invisible things that we may lose spiritually. We do not even know that spiritual loss takes us very far.

In the case of Adam and Eve, the Lord made them king over the dominion of the earth. They oversaw everything, but in Genesis 3:24 we see that the Lord drove man like a thief out of the garden of Eden. Man went from king to thief. Imagine if you send someone out and lock the doors, and you are locking the doors because you are afraid that they will snatch something. You see that one spiritual loss without knowing can cause a lot of other spiritual losses. It can disconnect us from the Lord, and physical loss can happen. All physical loss is not because of disconnection, and we will go through it. Sometimes you feel so successful in life, but you lose so many things spiritually.

The Lord Recovers

Sometimes God takes you to the root of it so that you recognize and realize that you lost something. The Lord is a gracious Lord. Although Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden of Eden as though they were thieves, the Lord is the Lord who recovers. That is such an amazing thing.

Rev 22:3-4 "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads."

The Lord is the Lord who recovers the losses; that is such a gracious thought. He never leaves it lost, but when He recovers, He recovers double. We can see the recovery of man that He will have in eternity (see Rev 22:3-4) compared to the condition of man in Genesis 3. This is the heart of the Lord.

And that is what the Lord wants to say to us that we may lose something primarily, spiritually. It may have a physical aspect, but sometimes it may not. The Lord has a heart to recover it. We know David had many losses in his life. I Samuel 30:4 says, "Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep." This shows a great, great loss.

But you know, the Lord has created us. There is a life that flows in us not for a time, but for eternity. He wants life to flow in us and through us continuously. But the enemy is so subtle. He puts blockages in our way so that the life of Christ will not flow completely in and through us out to other people. In India, we have so many water taps. When there is a blockage, there might be some water coming out, but it is not a complete flow. The enemy takes us through that route so

that the life of Christ will not completely flow in and out. However, the Lord is more powerful than the enemy. He helps us, and He recovers us so that the life of Christ is free to flow in and through us.

David's Losses and the Lord's Recovery

David was called the man after God's own heart. There were times he was also deceived by the enemy in such a way that he reaped many losses. However, we know that in his life he recovered many losses. Here in I Samuel 30:4 it says, "Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep." What weeping that was! They wept so much that there was no power left to weep. I understand that sometimes we weep so much, there is no power left to eat. But for them, they wept so much that they had no power left to weep. What a sad situation!

David was the anointed one, and he had many followers, six hundred strong men were following him. It was not a small following without a throne in those days, right? He was a strong man. I Samuel 30:6 says, "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God." He had gotten into such a situation where people wanted to stone him. How did he enter this stage of his life? How did they get to this place of weeping until they had no power to weep, and his people wanted to stone him? It came very fast into his life.

Let us come back to I Samuel 27. We can meditate on it, but we are not going to read the whole chapter now. It reads like a story. It is a very good lesson for young adults who need to make so many choices in life and for parents to help children to make their many choices. Life is all about choices. What choices do you make? How do you make the choices? Who influences the choices you make? Where does your confidence lie?

Lost Consciousness of the Presence of the Lord

I Samuel 26:25 "Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So, David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place."

I Samuel 27:1-2 "And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand. And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath."

David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place. David said in his heart, "I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul:" This was the beginning of what David did. He had without knowing lost consciousness of the presence of the Lord with him in his life. This is a very simple thought; it is not a big thought. We all know that he was going through a very tough time, running around in the mountains, no doubt about it. But how did this thought come? He thought he would perish; he thought he would pay. This is a situation that the enemy had gotten him into. So, he wanted to escape to the earthly solution, the earthly way of dealing with it.

When he lost consciousness of the Lord's presence, the thought itself was drawing him in a different direction. The first loss he made knowingly or unknowingly was that he did not know he had made this loss because he was moving in a physical direction to save himself. That is so common for all of us to make choices through the influence of our own thoughts. I do not want to say flesh because fear was there, and the situations were not like what he thought, and the context was not favorable to him. The enemy made him forget the most important dimension, the consciousness of the presence of the Lord.

For the young people, I want to go to Psalms 78:9-12 to understand how they lost consciousness of the presence of the Lord.

Psalm 78:9-12: "The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; and forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them. Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan."

They forgot to such an extent that they lost consciousness of the presence of the Lord. They turned back, they had everything, but they turned back. Similarly, David knew the presence of the Lord. When he fought Goliath, he ran and he said, "I come in the name of the living God." He had the presence of the Lord, but now he had lost it. When you lose it, it pulls you down.

An Earthly Decision

In I Samuel 27, David was making an earthly choice, an earthly decision, an earthly way of solving his current dilemma. We will see that, but we will also see how dangerous it is.

I Samuel 27:2 says, "And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath."

He had six hundred men following him. Now because of his choice, because of his one spiritual loss, he and his followers were going totally in the wrong direction which was in the direction of the Philistines. He was not only going in the direction of his weakness, but he was also going in the direction of his enemies. We see that when we lose consciousness of the presence of the Lord. When we have one spiritual deficiency, we move in the direction that the Lord is not mentioned.

David was not finding any loss, but he found it was a better solution. At this time, David did not know that he had a spiritual loss. He was only thinking about the physical loss because if it were a spiritual loss, he would have gone somewhere else. He not only went, but he also took all of his six hundred men, his wives, and his children. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you, as the head of the family or your own head, when you have a spiritual loss, you not only put yourself in the wrong direction, you also put the people who are dependent on you in the wrong direction, including your children, your brothers, and the spiritual brothers who meet with you.

Spiritual Loss Is Invisible

It is easy to be convinced of physical loss because it is visible; spiritual loss is invisible. It is easy to prove to someone about the physical loss but not so easy with the spiritual loss. No one

in this world will agree that they have a spiritual loss. If I say, "Brother, you are in a spiritual loss," you will laugh. But if you say, "Brother, you lost your car," your brother would say, "I lost my car!" Physical things are like that: such as maybe losing your job.

If somebody says to you that you have lost consciousness of the presence of the Lord, your answer is, "I do not agree." So now there was a way that David started moving with one loss. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, one spiritual loss is like exponential. You know, we talk about exponential growth in today's world, right? When you compare Nokia and Apple, people say, "Apple is growing exponentially, so Nokia died." Apple is growing exponentially, but loss can also grow exponentially. It grows very fast; it does not take much time.

David Sought Grace from God's Enemy

I Samuel 27:5 "And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?"

So, what did David do? Where did he fall from there? I Samuel 27:5: (I hope young children are listening.) "And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, ..." The second fall is losing the power of the understanding of God's grace, and he started seeking the enemy's grace. See that it is not God's people's grace. Sometimes, if I pray and go to a dear brother in Christ, I seek his grace, which is good. He should show grace, and you should receive grace. But the spiritual fall will sometimes take you to seek the enemy's grace. That is the difference between seeking grace from a dear beloved in Christ and from the enemy. The enemy is so fast, and David went from one loss to another because he was seeking the enemy's grace.

David had experienced so many things. He was a shepherd, and he was so anointed with grace that he killed Goliath. It was so tremendous that people shouted praises to him. It was an amazing thing that he experienced, right? But here in this fall he was taking another step down by seeking the grace of the enemy and saying to him: "If I have found grace in thine eyes." It was such a simple fall, but it was without knowing that he was falling one by one.

In the verse, it says, "If I have now found grace in thine eyes, may I dwell there, for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?" He was slowly moving from the grace of God to his new master, and he said, "Why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?" This seems to be a very simple thing. It is very easy to be a Christian in the church. It is very easy to work in a Christian setting and seek the will of God. It is very easy to come to brothers and sisters and pray together. "We need to do something as believers; come, let us pray. We can pray together." It is very easy because the setting is there.

But brothers and sisters in Christ, when you are in the world now, it becomes tougher. When you go out into the world, the same thing becomes tougher and tougher. There is a reward in being good in the church, right? "These are good young men. They are sharing the Word of God—so nice. This boy is coming, and another person is taking care of him." There is a reward in the church for being good. If you look at a perfect world situation and all of us are there, the context is not that we will all agree, and things are not what we think they should be. The ability to be good in the society in which we live, to follow Christ in the world, we need to pay the price

even though there is no reward. So, this is not only for all the young people but for all of us because we need to live a life outside of the church. Only then can you be the light to the loss. It is your decisions and your life that make people come to you.

Then we go in the wrong direction because the enemy's purpose is not to make you lose physically. The enemy's purpose is to make you lose spiritually, and we need to identify that. Unless you can interpret within you where you have fallen, it is better to use the word "lost" because people will search immediately for what is lost. "Fallen" has become such a generic word in Christian life. Instead of saying, "Please pray because I am fallen," it is better to tell what is lost; know what you lost. If you lost your car, did you lose the burden of praying for the people? Maybe you lost consciousness of the presence of the Lord. You are lost in that you are no longer able to make decisions or seek the will of God. You need to identify what is going on within yourself.

David Lived in the Country of the Philistines

David Had Success and Peace

Well, this is the process of how you can make it, and sometimes you feel so successful. In I Samuel 27:5, David said, "Let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?" And this was a success story, right? Now if he wanted, he could stay in the royal city. Was it successful or not in the eyes of the world? He convinced the king that even he could ask him, "Hey man, you dwell in the royal city." Perfect success. Sometimes when you are successful, you do not even think about what you lost spiritually. You have a tendency, when you lose something physical, to search where you had sought with your brothers and sister in Christ. However, in success you need to search for where you lost spiritually.

I Samuel 27:7 says, "The number of days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a year and four months."

What a peace! David not only had success, but he also had peace. It is so easy for the enemy to deceive us in understanding that we have peace, and that means you are very good in the sight of the Lord. I say it is very smart because he was in peace, perfect peace. And when you are in peace, you are so happy going along calmly. You say, "Hey, you know, God has blessed me; I have what I need." But we need to understand that not every peace is from the Lord. It was peace; He had convinced the king. He had a major achievement, and peace was there. What else did he want? He knew in his heart that he did not believe in this king. He knew it, but knowing was not enough because he did not understand that he had spiritual loss. God showed me, when I was praying for this word ministry for a long time, how many losses I had made.

Recognizing Spiritual Loss Is Key to Recovery

You know, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to bring again the things of Adam and Eve. The Lord is the Lord who can recover the losses, but until you understand the loss and say, "Lord, I lost this; I want to recover," you cannot be recovered because God has to give the permission. But you need to recognize it, and you need to ask: "I have lost it; I want it." So, it is up to you. Everybody knows what they lost. Therefore, do not make it generic that I have lost, or

I have fallen in my spiritual life, or I am back slidden. Those are generic Christian words which will not allow you to think correctly. Those are very good words, but we have heard them so many times that until you are specific about what you have lost, you are not ready to recover.

I would say that if you are sitting in the church, and you have lost a wedding diamond ring, you will not be sitting calmly. So, everyone is looking at the ring they have in their hand. You are not peaceful, because you know what you lost, and you feel empty, so you search for it. When it comes to spiritual things, it is recognizing that we have lost something, and it is very important. That is when the light of the Lord will shine in to help us. If not, we are just having the kind of peace that David had. We may be having the same success that David had, and we are going on properly serving the Lord in full measure. Oh, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have chosen the wrong way, and we are going fast in that way. How dangerous is that?

David Settled Down and Had Peace of the World

In such a loss, the work of the enemy begins with you after you have peace. You know, I love these words. This king is asking where they are coming and where are you going? I Samuel 27:10-11: "And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites. And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines."

So beautifully he started telling lies because he had false peace, and he built a place to live. Now he needed to maintain it, so he is telling lies, "What a dangerous situation!" It is so tough when someone calls you a liar, but maybe I am lying; maybe I have a spiritual loss. I am no more thinking it is a lie. I am just thinking of it as a way of life. One day I asked my brother in Christ to pray for me that I stop exaggerating things. What did he say? "Yeah, I need to, I am observing you." You know it was funny outside, but it was a very serious thing. Maybe I am trying to convince someone, maybe I am trying to bring someone into my own goal. Maybe I am just trying to make someone happy.

Spiritual Loss Means You Are on the Wrong Road

Brother Kenny said last time something about white lies. There is nothing that is called white lies. Suddenly, the dear brother senses that if you have built anything, but you are losing the spiritual thing, which means you are on the wrong road. You are going down the wrong road. So, although you have earthly peace and earthly joy, I do not know what joy is. But people say that they have joy because maybe they have forgotten the real meaning of joy. They have the joy of the world, and they are successful. You see, it is not all the time when you have success that God has blessed you. Maybe you have lost so many things, and you need to pay for so many things to follow the Lord. You need to pay the price to get the success. Also, you pay the price, losing spirituality or is it the other way around?

The reason is that young men and young girls need to make so many choices in life. There are so many ways in life, maybe partners in their lives, maybe jobs in their lives, maybe where to live, maybe what to wear. Watch out! Do not lose consciousness of the presence of the Lord. The

day you lose it, you will lose the desire to seek the will of God. You may be successful in people's eyes; you may be successful in your own eyes, brothers, and sisters in Christ, it is very sad when you take the wrong route. Maybe we do not know what the road will be, and this does not end there; it does not end with life. It goes further and further. Now it is good that it goes so far. I am telling a story so young people also can understand because many grownups have already listened to this.

David went so far, this man of God. What was he doing? He had brought so much confidence to the enemy king, but now he had made up his mind. You can see that David was getting all the benefits.

David Was Ready to Wage a War with Isreal

I Samuel 28:1 "And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever."

What a tragedy! David was getting ready to wage a war with the armies of God. It was because he had lost consciousness of the presence of the Lord. See from where to where he had gone. Now he wanted to fight against the armies of God. He knew the power of the Lord. He knew what the armies of the living God were, and he knew the great power that the living Lord has, and how He had delivered the people from Goliath. But he did not know that this was what the spiritual loss had done. He had forgotten everything, and now he was ready to go against the armies of the living God.

I do not know what was in his heart, whom he was trying to kill, who were his friends. But what would have happened if this had really happened in David's life? But God is so gracious. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as young people, have you felt sometimes when you attack the elder brothers in the church, who are trying to help you, that you are going wrong? We have seen people rebel, and you know I am not saying you cannot question. But if you have a rebellious attitude, you will start going against people. I do not want to bring in politics or anything like that. But this is what happens if you are successful, you are having peace, but you wage war against the armies of the living God. What a tragedy! From which position did David come to? I do not know in life which position you and I are in.

Maybe you are in the first position, maybe second. Are you in the second position seeking the grace of leading the people behind you wrongly? Or are you in the third position of seeking the grace of the people? Maybe you are in the fourth position of trying to become someone's servant. Or on the fifth position of telling lies to cover what you get. Maybe it is on the sixth position where you are fighting against the armies of the living God. These are spiritual losses, not character. I do not know which position I am in, so I want to ask the Lord: "Please recover me; I cannot recover myself. Lord, please recover this loss." The Lord is the Lord of recovery; the Lord is the lord of restoration, and He could recover so much from Adam to Revelation. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, He can recover whatever it is.

But even in this sad situation, David still could not understand this. He went to a certain stage because he was already on the wrong road in his life. This was pretty fast, six hundred men running behind him. Maybe he was thinking that this was the time to take out Saul or maybe he could direct these people to take out Saul because he could not kill the anointed one. Maybe he had a little fear, but he was pretty fast on the route.

David said that he was ready to go and war with the people, wage war against Israel. No, he was not a full-time army man because he wanted to be the keeper of Achish. King Achish said, "if you come with me, I will make you the keeper of mine head for ever." but King Achish said, "No," because we know they were smart kings.

God Intervened

God created such a situation in the eyes of these Philistine kings that they did not take David with them. Although David had a plan to become a king, God had a different plan for Him to become a king. God was working in the direction that David did not know because David had already experienced spiritual loss.

I Samuel 29:7 said, "Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines." Because those guys said, "Hey, if David comes and turns against us, it will be tough; let us send him back." Now, David has become such a charmer of lies that he wanted to go to war anyway.

I Samuel 29:8 says, "And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?" "Let me come and kill those people. See that here, David was asking what I have done. Let me come and kill the armies of the living God."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this is an exact place where many of us are. We do not know that we have spiritual loss. We are not able to see. We are not seeking to recover the spiritual loss. We are just walking so dumb because the enemy has blinded us. We are just walking in this world, saying that we are going in the right direction because we do not know. There is nothing we have lost on our finger, or on our flesh, or on a car, or on our job because we are not aware of it. We are brought under such an umbrella that we think we have peace. We are successful; we are going in the right direction; we are serving the Lord. I did that many times, but there is a spiritual loss.

David Realized the Spiritual Loss

Oh, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, examine it. We can always see where we have fallen specifically. I pray if you have any close brother or close sister, say to them, "Yes, I have fallen. I have a loss, I did this. I have this spiritual loss. Please pray for me; I want to recover." With such a heart, the Lord will recover just as He recovered David who came to Him in I Samuel 30:4 crying:

I Samuel 30:4 "Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep."

He was crying until he did not have any strength left, then he realized his spiritual loss. Dear brother and sisters in Christ, I am not saying that he had this big loss because he was going against the will of God. I am saying that God was gracious enough to bring him to the place of seeing his loss so that He would recover the spiritual loss. He wanted to recover David so that his throne would be established forever.

David Encouraged Himself in the LORD His God

So, God brought him so gracefully, but he was crying without strength as if the big loss happened. He did not even realize that the big loss had happened before it. But God was so gracious to remind him what he lost. I love this verse in I Samuel 30:6b: "...: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God." What a recovery it was! I do not know what happened at that time emotionally. Maybe he examined everything of how he landed with that big loss or God spoke with him directly how he landed there. He gathered himself to God, and God was going to recover His losses. That is what He said, "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord is speaking to you and me today, let us not stop it. Let us be encouraged in the Lord's presence. "Lord, I want to recover it. I pray, Lord, please recover it. I do not want to say that maybe I am too shy." But you know what you have lost, and you can pray: "I lost; I lost the burden of praying for others. I do not have the burden that I used to have for others. Maybe I am not depending upon the Lord in every aspect of my life. I lost consciousness of the presence of the Lord. I am trying to achieve a few things so fast because I want to prove it to others. Yes, I can have it.

For the young men and young girls, having a life partner is something like that. I want to achieve to be the best boy or the best girl, so people can be amazed by the partner. Dear brothers and sisters, that is not a choice. That is not what the heart should be. You have consciousness of the presence of the Lord, and the Lord gives you the best. "Lord, give me the best job, give me the best life. Do not prove it to others; it is between you and God.

David Enquired of the LORD

After I came to the US, I learned one thing. In India if you say, "I bought a car," they said, "how much is it?" But in the US, when I came, and I said I bought a car, they said, "Good for you." I was surprised that I had never heard this before. Is it good for you? What have you been trying to achieve in the sight of the Lord? It is not good for you in the sight of the Lord. Dear brothers and sisters, are you lost? But look at what he did.

In I Samuel 27-28 we see what he did. Now he was conscious of the presence of the Lord, and he knew that he needed to depend on the Lord. What a recovery the Lord made in his life! He recovered the spiritual loss.

I Samuel 30:7: "And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David." He understood the Lord. He was trying to recover the loss."

Verse 30:8: "And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all."

David Recovered All

We see here that this is the same David that was going to wage a war with Israel and did not ask Him. You know that it is the same blood, right? He could run, wage a war, and bring the things back. But now he had found, "Hey, I lost spiritual things that I needed to recover, and I said, "Can I go? Lord, can I recover it?" He said, "Yes, you will recover all." I like that verse. This is the caption of the last part of verse nineteen that says, "David recovered all." Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord wants to recover your spiritual loss and my spiritual loss.

Conclusion

I have many verses, but I do not want to go here and there because children and young people may lose the simplicity of the word. What the Lord is trying to bring to them, because they are at a young age, and they may lose, they can gain. But if they lose at this age, it is tough to get back because the situations are no longer right to get back sometimes. But the Lord is gracious. He will recover a double portion. He will recover the way He recovered Adam and Eve to Jesus Christ. The Lord is working in us, therefore let us give ourselves to the Lord. "Lord recover my spiritual losses." That is an amazing thing to say. Yes, you need to pray. I would say the Lord is the Lord of provision; He will recover. May the Lord see goodness in you, and you see the goodness of the Lord all over it. Let us close our eyes and just look upon the Lord with a quick closing.

Dear Lord, thank You for giving me this opportunity to share on the life of David. Such a simple story, You have been listening to the child. Thank You, Lord, for reminding us once again because we are still children in your sight. Lord, although we are grownups, You love us as You love the children. Lord, thank You for bringing to us the spiritual loss that we have made. You want to recover it. Lord, Your body of Christ is here to fight in this place and in the outside world. So, the Lord will be lifted up as a light in this world. So many have been drawn to thee, the Lord. When David recovered, He gave the gifts to all of Judah who had helped him. And Lord, we see how that story ends, how Saul was killed, and how David went on to become a king. You have plans for us, Lord, to bring us to an unexpected end, but not to harm us. Lord, we give You all good and honor. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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