

## **“Chase the Devil Away and He Will Run Away” by Ps Mmbadaliga.**

Scripture reading: **Matt 4:1-11:** *“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’ 4 Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” 7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.” NIV.*

Let’s be the kind of Christians that have an authority with an impact. **Ps 42:2** *“2 My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? [John 7:37; 1 Thess 1:9,10.]” AMP.*

Many are too busy enjoying the things of this world. They are having fun. They like to please their flesh and neglect their souls. All they ever talk about, meditate on is worldly things. The things of God are boring and dull for them. **Mark 16:14** *“14 Afterward He appeared to the Eleven [apostles themselves] as they reclined at table; and He reproofed and reproached them for their unbelief (their lack of faith) and their hardness of heart, because they had refused to believe those who had seen Him and looked at Him attentively after He had risen [from death].” AMP.*

**1 John 2:16** *“16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things] — these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself].” AMP.*

Leave the things of the world alone. We must not boast, what we have is of God. **Jer 9:23** *"23 Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches;" AMP.*

The bible says that even the rich must boast about their riches, Boast about knowing God. What the bible says we must not do we boast about but what the bible says we must boast about we don't do it. Some are known for boasting about how many women or wives they have, others for knowing all the lodges. Be known for boasting about our Lord Jesus Christ and nothing else.

The bible says in **Matthew** above: *"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."*

Some are worshipping pictures, some at shrines but they are not serving the correct God, but gods with a small "g" thus serving the devil. Devil worshipper doesn't only refer to a sangoma, inyanga or satanist only but even those who are doing the things of the devil like fornication, adultery etc.

Nowadays people beautify the word devil worshipper as they are protecting themselves as they are doing the things which the devil loves.

Some of the problems that we face are due to wrong foundations that are passed down from one generation to the next and these wrong foundations give the devil a legal right to afflict and torment that family. Some worship the devil by consulting his priests, inyangas, sangomas, spiritists etc. For the youth having sex before marriage with your girlfriend or boyfriend is part of worshipping the devil and many are boasting in this things and having a lot of fun in them even those that are in the church. Declare to yourself "I am no longer a devil worshipper!"

Jesus Christ refused to bow down to the devil because worship is reserved the Lord our God only.

The bible says **Rev 19:10**: *"10 Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours]." AMP.* A time will come that every knee will bow down at the name of Jesus Christ.

If you are still lying, stealing etc then the devil will not leave you as you are still worshipping the devil. Those who allow the devil to make rules for them, e.g. don't eat this kind of food.

**1 Timothy 4: 1-6:** *"1 BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach, 2 Through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized), 3 Who forbid people to marry and [teach them] to abstain from [certain kinds of] foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and have [an increasingly clear] knowledge of the truth. 4 For everything God has created is good, and nothing is to be thrown away or refused if it is received with thanksgiving. 5 For it is hallowed and consecrated by the Word of God and by prayer. 6 If you lay all these instructions before the brethren, you will be a worthy steward and a good minister of Christ Jesus, ever nourishing your own self on the truths of the faith and of the good [Christian] instruction which you have closely followed."* AMP.

The road leading to God is very thin! Where you see the crowds running to then you must be careful, check first and make sure that they are worshipping the living God. Our God is a jealous God who doesn't like mixture. Being a devil worshipper is not nice.

**Lev 18:30:** *"30 And the Lord said, "Obey the commands I give and do not follow the practices of the people who lived in the land before you, and do not make yourselves unclean by doing any of these things. I am the Lord your God."* GNT.

Some people behave like chicken, when you want to kill a chicken you just give it its food and it will come. Some people are doing this nowadays; they are being given money for hairstyling, for beauty etc and then are being captured by the devil and destroyed.

Further reading: **Exodus 20: 1-17.**

## Prayer Points by Ps MJ Lishivha “How to make Fruits that give glory to God”

### God, Reveal the Secret of my problem

Reveal to me and tell me why I do the opposite of your word, I listen to your word all the time but still I am not doing your will it means there is a problem somewhere. God help me to reveal the secret of my life. We can't be taught the word of God everyday and still do the exact opposite. Why am I not being transformed? I must know this secret so that as I start this year I can make progress in my life. We are here so we can be nearer to God. Something must happen today. Let's surrender our hearts to God and ask Him for the solution. 'God

Some of our children are not making any progress in their lives. There is a problem some where. It must be revealed.

### How to make Fruits that give glory to God

**John 15:10** “*10 If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.*” AMP.

We must stay in love and we do what He wants us to do, obeying His word. This provokes the devil to come and tempt us with divisions and strife but we must tell him: “*Away from me, Satan!*” I don't want to hate anymore. I want o be rooted in you God.

### Plant seeds of joy.

**“11 I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.” John 15:11, AMP.** Allow God to plant seeds of joy in you otherwise you will always see the bad in all and be sad. Joy doesn't care about the situation if we get the joy of Christ we will still be joyful. Money or no money, you will always be happy. Give us this grace to have this joy planted in our lives.

### Seed of peace in our lives

**Phil 4:7:** “*7 And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*” AMP. When we don't have peace we are not productive. When he first announced

Himself to the disciples after his resurrection he said "peace be unto you." No matter what the situation, give us the grace to be full of peace.

**Give us the Grace for perseverance**

**Heb 6:12:** *"12 In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith ( by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises."* AMP.

**James 1:4:** *"4 But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing."* AMP.

**Luke 21:19:** *9 "By your steadfastness and patient endurance you shall win the true life of your souls."* AMP. Why must we persevere? It brings good results. Our understanding of years is not the same as that of God. Otherwise we may become impatient with God. Satan gives us a spirit of impatience.

**God, give us the Grace for righteousness**

**Col 3:12** *"12 Clothe yourselves therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified and holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper."* AMP.

Jesus Christ did have a kind heart, full of grace and mercy and He was humble to the point of death. We lack these qualities as people and we must ask God to plant the seed of righteousness in our lives. Without it, we will struggle in our walk with God. We must strive to live in His image.

**God, give us the Grace for the seed of righteousness to take root in our lives**

**Matt 12:35:** *"35 The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things."* AMP.

**Matt 7:17:** *"17 Even so, every healthy (sound) tree bears good fruit [worthy of admiration], but the sickly (decaying, worthless) tree bears bad (worthless) fruit."*

AMP. If we don't allow God to plant the seed of righteousness in us the devil will plant his seeds in us. To be able to run away from the appearance of evil. Give is the grace to look for things that don't

lead us to sin. Choosing to do the right thing without having to be forced or being watched by somebody.

**God, give us the Grace to be faithful**

**Luke 16:10:** *"10 He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest and unjust also in much."* AMP. God, give us the Grace to be faithful whether in private or in the public eye.

To be faithful with the little and with the big things. In **Acts 5:1-11**: Ananias and Sapphira lied to Peter and He died on the spot for lying to the Holy Spirit.

**Give us the grace to have gentle hearts**

**2 Tim 2:24:** *"24 And the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome (fighting and contending). Instead, he must be kindly to everyone and mild-tempered [preserving the bond of peace]; he must be a skilled and suitable teacher, patient and forbearing and willing to suffer wrong."* AMP.

**James 3:17:** *"17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted and straightforward, impartial and unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity)."* AMP.

**2 Cor 10:1** *"1 NOW I myself, Paul, beseech you, by the gentleness and consideration of Christ [Himself; I] who [am] lowly enough [so they say] when among you face to face, but bold (fearless and outspoken) to you when [I am] absent from you!"* AMP.

As servants of God we must be gentle. Paul says when he is with them he is kind but when he is far away he is harsh so that they don't regress in the work of the Lord. All our actions must give glory to the Lord.

**Plant seeds of self-control**

**2 Peter 1:5-6 :** *"5 For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), 6 And in [exercising] knowledge [develop] self-control, and in [exercising] self-control [develop] steadfastness (patience, endurance), and in [exercising] steadfastness [develop] godliness (piety),"* AMP. If I am a child of God, I must deal with wrong foundations in

my life. This is possible if I am prepared to take charge and control of my well being. We must not give the flesh what it wants but we must punish it so that we can please God and stay away from

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abominable deeds. Self control saves us from abominations even abominations done in secret e.g. those who practice sex before marriage but preventing and God can intervene and expose the person by allowing pregnancy.

We must tell God that on our own we are not able and ask Him to help us. If needs be we run away like Joseph (**Genesis 39:12**) did. Whatever is in us which is not of God, we must get rid of it.

### **Praying for School children who will be travelling far and near**

God, preserve these children. Take out thoughts that are not about school, are negative and are evil thoughts.

*Jer 1:5 "5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. [Ex 33:12; Isa 49:1,5; Rom 8:29.]" AMP.*

All those blessings that you Oh Lord have given to these children, release them unto the children so that they will accomplish great things that you have written about them.

### **Praying for leaders: chiefs, headmen**

God knows what is happening at their jurisdiction, whether it is of God or not. God has given us two choices: life and death but God says: we must choose life. On behalf of all the leaders we choose life and we ask you to God to implement life. Let us nullify everything that has to do with death. Bless what they do and what they touch. Give them intelligence and wisdom to lead your people.

### **Praying for all the churches of Christ.**

You, Oh God know which churches are doing your will and which are not. Take control and charge and expose all evil and wickedness in the church. You, Oh Lord know who is who. Abraham interceded for the city of Sodom and Gomorrah (**Genesis 19**). Let's do the same and intercede for those churches where there is 1 or 2 of those who are truly thirsty for the Lord.

### **Praying for our pastor**

Bless him and keep him and increase his anointing so that the enemy cannot defeat him, cannot destroy him. Let his anointing repel the devil. Empower him to withstand the wiles of the devil in Jesus Christ's name

### **Building Project**

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Give us the grace and the energy to proceed with our building project.

### **Thanksgiving unto the Lord**

Thank the Lord for this time of prayer and what He has done / will do through these prayers.