



# The Burden of the Fast: To Maintain Acquired Grounds.

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- Come and pray for the restoration of one backslider that you love.
- Come and pray for somebody who is just there in the church, the person has not left but she is just there.
- Come and remove the most stubborn idol in your life now

## THE FAITHFULNESS OF SOLOMON

1. WALK WITH GOD
2. FIRST APPEARANCE OF GOD
3. CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE
4. SECOND APPEARANCE OF GOD

## THE COLLAPSE OF SOLOMON

1. MARRIAGE WITH PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER
2. LOVE OF GLORY (THE PALACE)
3. LOVE OF MONEY (BUSINESS)
4. LOVE OF WOMEN (300 WIVES - 700 CONCUBINES)
5. IDOLATRY (THE MOUNT OF CORRUPTION)
6. THE REJECTION OF GOD

The Lord told me in my retreat today, that we should go to the second part of the fast, that we are staying too long on the first part. The first part is always negative, what has to be removed. The second part is what the goal of the fast is, calling expansion and explosion. For example, I alone I have 10.000 prayers topics to ask God. And then, I must make time for you to ask God for those wonderful expansions you are asking. If you take a forty- day fast and all the time you spent time to think how you will eat fish at the end of the fast, you are very wasteful. It is because you have the ability to fast, you know you will fast next time. But for people like me, before I fast, thousands of people will pray for me, because I don't know when I will do the next fast. The problem with you is that your faith is not laying hold on something major. It is not the sacrifice that matters, it is what you are laying hold on God for.

- *Pray that the brethren who are fasting will use this time to truly lay hold on God.*
- *Prat that their faith and their vision will lay hold on God.*

I am asking God 100 authentic rhema form God for our ministry, coming from attested prophets. Because when the founder of the ministry was a far-reaching seer and he goes, it become critical important to get a word from the Lord, but from the Lord, not all the dreams that people get when they eat beans. We need 100 messages. As we grow, we need God's corrections, we need God's encouragements, we need God's directions, authoritative directives.

Fasting is not building our ambitions, fasting is for building God's kingdom.

As we consolidate the past seven years and stretch out to move ahead, there are two things required in the leaders of our ministry to cooperate with God:

1. We need to believe God to move ahead - that is why I started sharing on faith, the need for faith. When people don't believe God his promises, they limit God. What God could have done, he would not do. What God wanted to do, He cannot do. What God plan to do through us, he will be limited, that is why we have been praying about faith the last 19 days. The human cooperation of believing God, accepting what God has offered, and the hard work and the motivation that comes with faith. When people don't believe God, there is no motivation to work hard. People put the Lord God to the test. People develop fatalism and expect that "if God said it, let us wait and see". Where there is faith in God, it produces expectations and it produces hard work.
2. There is a second danger. When god begins to bless people as He has started doing in our ministry, people being raised from the dead, cancers healed, HIV patients healed, when God begins to move, explosions in Garoua, in India and elsewhere, the danger when God has moved is not faith. Usually when God moves, the danger becomes that people forgets God. People become unfaithful. After God has bless, people begin to become unfaithful. When God promises, many people don't believe. When God moves, many people don't remain faithful, they don't remain attached to God, boasting, carelessness, unfaithfulness sets in. Many people when God has blessed them become unfaithful. Many people when they have succeeded become unfaithful. Many people when God has exalted them become unfaithful.

As I begin to see the explosions that are coming, ...

*Proverbs 17:3*

*3 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,  
but the Lord tests the heart.  
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In that passage, silver has the crucible for test. Gold has the furnace for testing. The crucible for the heart and the furnace for the heart is the Lord. The Lord tests the heart. Every pressure thing must be tested and purified. Everything precious must be tested and purified sot that the value on it may increase.

*Proverbs 27:21*

*The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,  
but man is tested by the praise he receives.  
NIV*

The Lord tests the heart but praise, congratulations, successes test the heart also. When God has given a man great success, it is both a blessing and an exam. It is both a blessing and a test. When God blesses a man, it is both a blessing and a test. The Bible says that God did it to Hezekiah, after God bless Hezekiah, the Bible

says God withdrew from Hezekiah to see what was in his heart. God tested Hezekiah by leaving him on his own.

*2 Chron 32:27-31*

*27 Hezekiah had very great riches and honour, and he made treasuries for his silver and gold and for his precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuables. 28 He also made buildings to store the harvest of grain, new wine and oil; and he made stalls for various kinds of cattle, and pens for the flocks. 29 He built villages and acquired great numbers of flocks and herds, for God had given him very great riches.*

*30 It was Hezekiah who blocked the upper outlet of the Gihon spring and channelled the water down to the west side of the City of David. He succeeded in everything he undertook. 31 But when envoys were sent by the rulers of Babylon to ask him about the miraculous sign that had occurred in the land, God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart.*

*NIV*

God bless Hezekiah, when his testimony became powerful and people were now coming to hear the testimony, God withdrew to know Hezekiah.

god does not know you and how you will behave when you succeed. God knew you when you were nothing and he bless you, but after God has bless a man abundantly, God does not know the man anymore, especially when people start turning around him to congratulate him. A man who has walked with God, after some time God does not know you again, after he has bless you. He does not know and he will want to know. Blessings, success, abundance, glory, fame, God is watching the heart, God will know you, let's us wait until you succeed, let's wait until you are blessed.

A few years ago, I studied all the churches where the leaders started rebelling against the main leader, it is never the churches that have nothing, it is when the church begin to have offerings and people, a hall and lands. When blessings begin to come. I do not know any place where the people had nothing and the elders rebelled. Poverty does not seem to enhance rebellion. It was blessings that changed Lot, he entered Abraham's life and God blessed him and he forgot who he was.

We don't know your loyalty to our vision until you have large number of people and money, then you shall tell us whether you were committed to the ministry or yourself. How many of those whose churches generate money are committed to the vision? How many of the missionaries who have received allowances from others, when their churches start generating money, remember to send money for the sending of others? Once they start having money, it is their glory, their ministry, local projects and they never think that if others have thought like them, they would not have been on mission fields. It look so reasonable in their heart without knowing that the very fact that the others send them condemns them in the use of their money. From the ministry of others, they were send, from their own ministry, they establish themselves. They are self-condemned. They never knew they were like that, they thought they were very committed to our vision.

In the Bible, in the Old Testament, the Bible commands that every Jew who commit himself to another person because he is poor, at the end of the 7th year, the master should bless him and give him enough. If he says "I love my master", only then can you take him to the temple and make a permanent commitment.

The commitment of those who are in need in life is not trusted by God. For you to build in a commitment of people who are in a position of needing is not spiritual commitment, God will not enter such commitment. Free him by giving him back his dignity, the capacity to take care of himself, then you will know him. I do it with my co-workers. When somebody tells me I want to be your servant or helper, I accept the person's commitment, I help the person to financial autonomy then I will see whether he will remember me. I have been a leader for long, people don't remember, they become busy with their projects, they have never been your servants; they will forget you. When they become somebody, they will forget you, and God intended it to be so.

It is the commitment of love that are not rooted upon personal needs. Only such commitment can be taken to the temple. Only such commitment can be taken to God. When people need you to get married, to be important in the ministry, to have a position in the ministry, to become important and you count on such commitment, you are a fool. One day, they will tell you that their child is sick and if you dare tell them that they should be faithful, that day they will show you who they are. Until you have touched somebody's child, you don't know what you mean to the person. Until you have touched somebody's wife and child, you don't know him. It is the fact that even God did know his friend again, Mr Hezekiah, God himself took a holiday to know his friend, what shall happen to us with all these explosions?

When God promises, we are to cooperate with God by faith, we must believe God, when God has bless, we must cooperate with God by being faithful, faithful to God. The history of the bible show people who limited God by not believing Him. The history of the Bible show people who stole the success and blessing by not being faithful. God blessed them and they abandoned God. They had what they were looking for and they abandoned God. Even God asked King Saul: "When you were small at your own eyes, did God not lift you up?" So, the problem with King Saul is that he has become big in his own eyes, the victories of God have entered his heart, now he could teach people on how to have victories.

If we are going to keep the grounds we have already gained and continue to move ahead with God and grow, we must believe God and we must be faithful to God. Faith and faithfulness, faithful and faithfulness, faith and faithfulness. That is the cooperation that the leaders of our ministry must bring to God.

When God has bless, we are under trial to be faithful.

- *Pray that the leaders in CMFI will be faithful to God.*

La fidele dans le caractere chretien : respecter tous tes engagement s

La fidélité à la parole de Dieu - quand elle contredit ce que tu veux, tu abandonnes tes projets

La fidélité à Jésus comme le modèle - quand ton expérience contredit ce que tu as vu en Jésus, tu abandonnes ton expérience et t'aligne au Seigneur Jésus

La fidélité par alliance - le fait que tu appartiens à Dieu par alliance

La fidélité à l'appel de Dieu sur ta vie

La fidélité par rapport à tes limites - a man should know where God has appointed him and stay there.

When you become somebody's disciple maker, you begin to think that you can do everything in the person's life: abomination! We don't know God.

None of us, at whatever point we have gone to is indispensable for God, God can throw you out with leprosy as He did for Hosias.

*1 Kings 3:3*

*Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the statutes of his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. NIV*

Solomon started up with God very well. He had a good blue print: following the instructions of his father. He had a road map for his leadership. His father had given him clear instructions.

*1 Kings 2:1-9*

*When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.*

*2 "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, show yourself a man, 3 and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go, 4 and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'*

*5 "Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me — what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet. 6 Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.*

*7 "But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.*

*8 "And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the Lord: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.' 9 But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of*

*wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."*  
NIV

Those are some of the instructions that David gave to his son. He gave him the law of Moses as the road map to sustain his leadership. He told him to eliminate from his kingdom those whose character was in contradiction to the righteousness of God. He told him, he will to Solomon the temporary care of those who have lost everything by sacrificing for him. Solomon started very well. He had a road map, a blue print on leadership. He had a model: his father David. And David in the instructions he had given to him, the inner spirit of his leadership. Solomon started so well. And then God promoted Solomon, by appearing to him in Gibeon. He appeared to Solomon, he blessed Solomon, he promised Solomon in on go, superlative leadership in his generation: wealth, and unequal prominence among all kings and gave Solomon wisdom for governance. Solomon finished his father's vision by building the temple according to the instructions and vision that God revealed to David, he finished the temple, he did it well, he did all that his father has seen, meticulously and by being committed to his father's vision and working to his father's vision, God promoted him a second time, by a second appearing, in Jerusalem. In the Jerusalem appearance, God blessed Solomon with the covenant of an eternal kingship, God said so, God has never given such a thing to others. Solomon went so far and then, Solomon became careless, after God promised him this eternal kingdom, Solomon entered into diplomatic marriages, his father won territories for God by war, but Solomon resorted to diplomacy, a bloodless acquisition, by politics, he negotiated for peace with Egypt by marrying Pharaoh's daughter. Solomon had started taking an approach, instead of depending on God, depended on diplomacy, and the daughter of Pharaoh brought contradiction.

In the palace of David where Solomon took up residence, there was the tent of David where the ark of the Lord was kept. Solomon knew that normally into the tabernacle, you could not bring non-covenant people, so he could not bring his wife. So, it gave him new revelation, he has to build a palace that would impress the daughter of Pharaoh. So, he builds a palace to impress his wife married in diplomatic basis, and this palace double the one of the temple. A woman entered his wife and Solomon double his own residence, he has gone and brought a size 70 and it changed him. Just the desire to please her with her worldly Egyptian tastes, to try to offer here something bigger than what her father had in Cairo. So, Solomon became unfaithful to God by building a residence which the glory was above that which he did for God.

God had forbidden that the children of Israel should not marry gentiles, because the daughters of pagans are stronger than the sons of Kingdom. Women have influence on men. The pagan women will turn your hearts after their gods, Solomon disobeyed, he sought political peace at the expenses of covenant regulations and it brought a love of glory and self-exaltation.

There are many leaders that are building their headquarters, eventually, many branches of CMFI will be more glorious than the base, Solomonic leaders. Buildings

are a manifestation of unfaithfulness. Self-glory, the exaltation of personal leadership, greater than even what your father provided. Through his wife, he ended investing more into his kingdom than in God.  
The wife you marry shall deal with you.

Because Solomon had developed diplomatic relations with Egypt, he disobeyed another covenant restriction: God had said that the children of Israel will never followed the road back to Egypt again. They were not to trade with Egypt, but Solomon had married a woman who had opened trade accords, so he started trading in vehicles, "Mercedes" car produced in Egypt, buying horses, buying cars and then selling to other Transjordan, so Solomon started illicit commerce for kings.

In Deuteronomy 18, Moses gave the rule for the life of every king, they were not to accumulate gold, less it makes them proud and independent from God, Solomon accumulated Gold, he accumulated silver and with wealth and trade with the surrounding nations, as he did trade with them, he now began to do the same thing he had done in Egypt. To favour trade, he began to marry strategic women, princesses from different nations; he ended up with 300 wives and 700 concubines. The women came with the money. So, Solomon acquired wealth, much wealth and with much wealth many women.

None of these women were converted, they each represented commercial interests of Solomon. So ,they were not coming to Israel because they loved Israel's God; so at the end, when Solomon was getting older, each women demanded that Solomon should build a temple for her god as he had built a temple for his God. So, Solomon ended up being a temple-builder for their gods. Reducing his father to be like his wives. So, Solomon began to build many temples, the hill on which he build those many temple was called the mount of corruption, the man who started up by building a temple for Jehovah ended up building temple for idols. Solomon brought all his idols in Israel through his wives. It was through him that the idols came into Israel

When Solomon married pharaoh's daughter, God said nothing. When Solomon got into building a big palace for himself that eclipsed God. When he made himself bigger than his father, God said nothing. When he started trades that God has forbidden, God said nothing. When pagan women flooded Jerusalem with their children, God said nothing, but when those women made Solomon bring their gods into Israel, God told Solomon: I appeared to you twice, you know that I am the only God and even with me appearing to you, you still build temples for idols, there, I will destroy you and I will destroy Israel, you have planted in Israel what will destroy:

The life of David had brought God's commitment to Israel  
The unfaithful of Solomon has overthrown the commitment of God to Israel  
Solomon disintegrated the kingdom his father had build  
Solomon divided the kingdom, wounded the kingdom by his unfaithfulness, after being blessed by God.

This is Solomon's journey away from God;

Solomon's ruin started with wrong relationships. He brought people into his life that he began desperately to please, so he stopped pleasing God. He had started with good blue prints: pleasing his father, he ended up having many women to please and God lost a kingdom. He stole God's kingdom and God's people and gave them to idols to keep his wives.

How people can start so well and end so badly through unfaithfulness?

La femme que tu as épousé va t'amener à oublier l'appel de Dieu dans ta vie, si ce n'est pas sur le chemin de l'appel de Dieu que tu l'as trouvé. Les mauvaises relations qui ont conduit à la désobéissance à l'appel de Dieu et l'ont conduit à l'adultère spirituel avec d'autres dieux et Dieu est parti.

Salomon rassemble en lui-même tous les facteurs d'immoralité :

- Le mariage
  - La gloire
  - L'argent
  - Les femmes
  - L'idolâtrie
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- *Prie que Dieu maintienne les dirigeants de la CMCI, fidèles à Dieu et fidèles aux voies dans lesquelles ils ont été.*
  - *Raise your hand and pray that God will reveal to you the tragedy of unfaithfulness to God*
  - *Pray that God will fill your heart with hatred for unfaithfulness to God*
  - *Pray that God will restore you to faithfulness to the light that you have, that what you know, that God will bring you back to it*
  - *Cry out to God that God will make the sin of unfaithfulness a horrible sin in our hearts. There is the spirit of unfaithfulness upon many leaders, unfaithfulness towards their wives, unfaithfulness towards the call of God upon their lives, etc. Liars in the Name of God, drawing near to God with their mouths while their hearts are elsewhere.*

A ministry that is rooted on commitment must be back by character of faithfulness. Without faithfulness, commitment means nothing, promises mean nothing.

On the last day, the Lord is not going to reward us for success but for faithfulness. The Lord will not reward us for results, but for faithfulness, the Lord does not mark us the way man does. God is watching you, He knows whether you have been faithful with what He gave you. God does not mark us the way man marks us. God is not impressed by what strikes the eyes of others.

I am not yet free. Unbelief and unfaithfulness are two sins that you hardly hear people repent about and which they commit a lot, especially the leaders. It is as if leadership is a permission to break one's promises. Dependability does not exist. Even just being faithful to give to God. There are many people who own God, bringing judgement into their finances.

