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TOPIC: DELAYED ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

STUDY IV: THE DANGER OF HELPING GOD

TEXT: ISAIAH 28:16

INTRODUCTION:

A woman who has been waiting on God for the fruit of the womb got tired and decided to consult a woman who helps people solve their problems through the use of herbs unknown to her that she was already few weeks pregnant. Being demonic, the 'herb woman' saw that she was pregnant with a great child who would be a terror to the kingdom of darkness and did not tell her anything. So, she gave her some herbs so that after she had taken them the pregnancy would be aborted. After taking the herb, the desperate woman was hospitalized because she lost her glorious baby.

In today's study, we shall be looking at the dangers encountered when one tries to help God.

THE DANGER OF HELPING HIM - DISCUSSION SESSION:

'Helping God' simply means taking steps outside His will to solve a problem. Sometimes, the steps might appear harmless (E.g. visiting an herb seller). In your heart, you know that the step is contrary to will of God but you still go ahead with it because your faith is weak and you are tired of waiting for God. The Bible says that anything done without faith is sin-Romans 14:23.

Let us consider some scriptural instances of men who tried to help God as well as the outcome:

❖ **ABRAHAM - GEN. 16:1-4**

After several years of waiting, Abraham slept with Hagar and she gave birth to a son who became trouble to his descendants (Abraham's). Eventually God fulfilled His promise to Abraham but an unending and irreparable generational damage had been done few years to the fulfillment of the promise.

❖ **SAUL - I SAMUEL 13:6-11**

From the story in this text we can see that Saul's patience was exhausted because the more he waited for Samuel to come and offer burnt offering to the Lord before starting the battle, the more the Philistines drew near. Out of fear, Saul did what he was not supposed to do and as soon as he was through, Samuel entered and announced the termination of Saul's reign. Samuel arrived after seven days as agreed, but obviously he came later than Saul expected that day. That single step spelt the ruin of Saul's reign.

NOTE:

When the footsteps of your philistine intensifies and seems to draw closer, know that your Samuel is around the corner. Just keep holding on.

❖ GIDEON - JUDGES 7:24

While pursuing the Midianites with the three hundred men that God had assigned to him, Gideon felt that he needed more human hands, hence invited the Ephraimites to help him. That simple step which Gideon took brought some major problems to him:

1. The Ephraimites became a self-inflicted battle and a major distraction to the armies. Judges 8:1.
2. Weakness began to manifest in the camp of Israel - Judges 8:4. For the first time, the Bible records that Gideon and his armies began to faint. They never fainted when they were just three hundred. Why did they have to faint when they had extra hands? The Ephraimites were a big minus to the camp of Israel.

CONCLUSION:

There are steps we can take in five minutes which we may not be able to correct their effects in twenty years. It is dangerous attempt to help God in any situation. When the going gets tough, your faith must get tougher. You need to keep moving, keep trusting God and He will definitely respond to your heart's cry.