

“ BEFORE I BE ” PRAYER

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First Corinthians 10:13.

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

VERSE 1

Before I Be Ananias Stop me, LORD!
Before I Be like Ananias telling lies, heard by God,
lies that turn people against God,
lies that TEACH people to MOCK God...< CHORUS

CHORUS

Holy Righteous LORD, I pray: (Holy Righteous LORD, I pray:)
Turn my heart to be as Yours: Kind-hearted, Loving, always telling Truth.
Help my heart REFLECT Yours: Second Corinthians 3, verse 18.
Through my words, my thoughts, my Life: Guard my heart **BEFORE I BE** like
< verse 1 > Ananias --- selfish, Lying.
< verse 2 > Sapphira --- selfish, Lying.
< verse 3 > Gehazi --- selfish, Lying.
< verse 4 > ... like Judas --- selfish, Lying.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 – after chorus.

Acts 4: 32 - 5: 5 The couple claims to have given all; God had not demanded all, but they seem to have either wanted credit or were embarrassed to look “cheap”.
32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need....

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. 3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last.

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VERSE 2

Before I Be Sapphira Stop me, LORD!
Before I Be like Sapphira telling lies, heard by God,
lies that turn people against God,
lies that TEACH people to MOCK God...< CHORUS

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING 2 – after chorus.

Acts 5: 4b - 12. The story continues from the wife's viewpoint as she to lies. Speaking to Ananias – “Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. ...7 Now it was about three hours later when [Sapphira] his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter answered her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?” She said, “Yes, for so much.” 9 Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” 10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last.

VERSE 3

Before I Be Gehazi Stop me, LORD!
Before I Be like Gehazi telling lies, heard by God,
lies that turn people against God,
lies that TEACH people to MOCK God...< CHORUS

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING 3 – after chorus.

2nd Kings 5: 24-26; 20-27. The prophet's servant tries the scam of claiming the prophet wanted money for the healing that YHWH God had done. 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.” 8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” 9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” 15 And [Naaman] returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, “Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant.” 16 But [Elisha] said, “As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused. 20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “Look, my master has spared Naaman this

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Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him.” 21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, “Is all well?”

22 And he said, “All is well. My master has sent me, saying, ‘Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.’”

23 So Naaman said, “Please, take two talents.” And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed them to two of his servants; and they carried them on ahead of him. 24 When he came to the citadel, he took them from their hand, and stored them away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. 25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, “Where did you go, Gehazi?”

And [Gehazi] said, “Your servant did not go anywhere.”

26 Then [Naaman] said to [Gehazi], “Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? 27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever.” And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

VERSE 4

Before I Be like Judas..... Stop me, LORD!
Before I betray You, like Judas: telling lies, heard by God,
lies that turn people against God,
lies that TEACH people to MOCK God.

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING 4 – after chorus.

Matthew 27: 1-6. Judas realizes – too late – that lies that he convinced HIMSELF to believe about Jesus being fake... had led to him betraying an innocent man. “When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, **saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”** And they said, “What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*” Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Song Story. Written as an actual prayer while I was studying the Acts story and remembering the tale of greedy Gehazi. The LORD gave me the idea to put them together as a united prayer in a song.