

**PREFACE**

*“In God’s marvellous providence, the incident of Hezekiah Magar leaving for overseas employment caused presiding pastor to have a series of messages. Leveraging on this event, pastor exposed this liberal spirit of consumerism. The root cause is the depravity of man. Even a new born babe cries for the milk he wants to consume. This is indeed very true! The heart is only satisfied when it gets what it wants. From birth to death in the grave, it is non-stop consumption, the spirit of consumerism stays with us for life. Urbanisation is like the Auschwitz camp; it imprisons the souls of men who tirelessly sell their time, strength, talent and youth to such a spirit. They have mistaken it to be Eden. This is the spirit of Cain! God is not in their midst. To seek God, we have to come out of Babylon the Great! Come out of her culture! If a Christian loves such a culture, supports such a culture, sells his soul to such a culture, he is not regenerated. If he does not come out of her, there is no salvation for him. He is just a Christian in label only. What pastor preached is not about the problem of sanctification but justification. I was hit when pastor preached from this angle. I am exactly such a person and have no intention to come out of the Babylon culture. It is very scary. If the Lord would to return today, I will be found guilty! I thought I have come out from the doctrines of the false prophets and exercised biblical separation, but I could not imagine that I have yet to separate from the world. To have friendship with the world is to be God’s enemy (James 4:4). I am truly an enemy of God. I am not worthy to call myself a Christian! A person who longs for eternal life is a person who loathes this earthly life. He is content. My covetous heart shows me that I have yet to be justified. I was given a heavy punch. My heart and my body have been very heavy these few days. I feel that I will surely perish! Urbanisation, liberalism, wealth, and extravagant lifestyle have such attraction to me to hunt my soul. Money has such evil power that captivates every man in any generation. Riches brings endless comfort and glory to this creature life. Before a man sees the glory of Yeshua Christ, he sees riches as his deliverer. The folly of Balaam, the boasting of king Ahasuerus and king Hezekiah of their wealth, the fatal mistake of Achan, the greed of Gehazi and Judas, the apostasy of Demas, they fell or perish because of riches. It is especially so in this generation as the banks provide convenience for instant spending. Without any credential, you can obtain a credit card. The whole world is under the control of the banking system. I am suspicious of the power behind this banking system. Liberalism and luxury appears to bring heaven to earth. The banks provide convenient loans, so the city of Cain replaces Eden. I am already enslaved. Oh God, save me! God wants to save our soul. Our Lord Yeshua told Peter and Andrew, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ (Matthew 4:19) and He also warned Peter, ‘Simon, Simon, behold, Satan desires to sieve thee like wheat’ (Luke 22:31). This is the battle of the soul. Oh God, please take me and enslave me; capture me, even though I am not willing. When I reject and resist, Almighty God, please afflict me that I may submit! Please do not give me to the wicked one. Please save me! I want to go to the Lord Yeshua’s shopping mall to buy the 3 treasures because **I am not saved. I am still under the bondage of sin.** I am not liberated! These three treasures are found in this place where presiding pastor’s preaching is. Oh God, please grant me! Do not reject me because of my foolishness and stubbornness! That I may be nourished and cleansed here! I want to know Christ! I want to see Him! I need the righteousness of Christ!” Response of Hazieli Qi (Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China) (translated by Elisabeth Tan) to pastor’s message on Indulging In An Extravagant Lifestyle, Cameron Highlands, Pahang, Malaysia; 28 February 2016 AD*