

## ENERGY = PROOF OF ETERNAL LIFE.

I WENT DOWN SEVERAL TRAILS, BUT NONE GAVE ME ANY SATISFACTION IN THE WAY OF UNDERSTANDING HOW NEVER-ENDING ENERGY IS RELATED TO "LIFE AFTER DEATH." I AGREE TOTALLY WITH YOUR IDEAS ABOUT THE SUBJECT, YET I WANTED TO FIND SOMETHING IN THE BIBLE WHICH WOULD SHOW HOW ENERGY IS A PART OF LIFE WHICH CAN NEVER END.

I FINALLY DECIDED TO EXPLORE HOW THE WORD POWER IS USED IN THE BIBLE TO CONVEY A TYPE OF ENERGY THAT NEVER DIES.

THE FIRST CONSIDERED WAS (LUKE 24:49). HERE JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO "TARRY IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, UNTIL YE BE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH." OF COURSE THIS RELATES TO (ACTS 1:8) AS JESUS TOLD THEM FURTHER, "BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU. SOME UNDERSTANDING CAME TO ME WHEN I WENT BACK TO (LUKE 24:49) AND STUDIED THE WORD ENDUED. THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED HERE IS ENDUNŌ WHICH MEANS WRAP. I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT AN ELECTRIC BLANK WRAPPING AROUND A PERSON TO ENERGIZE HIM FROM THE COLD. ALSO THE WORD ENDUNŌ IS CLOSELY RELATED TO ENDUO WHICH HAS THE IDEA OF "SINKING" INTO A GARMENT BY HAVING IT PUT ON.

SIMPLY STATED, THE POWER A CHRISTIAN HAS IS AN ENERGY PUT ON HIM BY ALMIGHTY GOD.

IT COMES TO ME THAT A PERSON MAY SAY HE WANTS TO GO TO HEAVEN WHEN, IN FACT, HE CAN'T KEEP FROM IT, SEEING THAT GOD WRAPS HIM UP IN SALVATION AND PUTS ON HIM THE VERY ENERGY OF LIFE ITSELF. THERE IS AN ENERGY IN LIFE THAT WANTS TO KEEP ON LIVING.

There are other truths we can think about that supports the energy of the power endued by the Holy Ghosts.

**2 Cor 5:1-4** For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring **to be clothed upon** with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that **being clothed** we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: **not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon**, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

**1 Cor 15:53-54** For this corruptible must **put on** incorruption, and this mortal must **put on** immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have **put on** incorruption, and this mortal shall have **put on** immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

**Col 3:12** **Put on** therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

**Rom 15:13** Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through **the power of the Holy Ghost**.

*When I think about the energizing power of God being wrapped around us as the word enduno implies, I take pleasure in the mother hen wrapping her little ones under her wings:*

**Matt 23:37** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

# VENGEANCE

**Deut 25:17-19** Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; 18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

Deut 25:13-19 The mischief Amalek did to Israel must be here remembered, v. 17 18. When it was first done it was ordered to be recorded (Ex 17:14-16), and here the remembrance of it is ordered to be preserved, not in personal revenge (for that generation which suffered by the Amalekites was gone, so that those who now lived, and their posterity, could not have any personal resentment of the injury), but in a zeal for the glory of God (which was insulted by the Amalekites), that throne of the Lord against which the hand of Amalek was stretched out. The carriage of the Amalekites towards Israel is here represented, (1.) As very base and disingenuous. They had no occasion at all to quarrel with Israel, nor did they give them any notice, by a manifesto or declaration of war; but took them at an advantage, when they had just come out of the house of bondage, and, for aught that appeared to them, were only going to sacrifice to God in the wilderness. (2.) As very barbarous and cruel; for they smote those that were more feeble, whom they should have succoured. The greatest cowards are commonly the most cruel; while those that have the courage of a man will have the compassion of a man. (3.) As very impious and profane: they feared not God. If they had had any reverence for the majesty of the God of Israel, which they saw a token of in the cloud, or any dread of his wrath, which they lately heard of the power of over Pharaoh, they durst not have made this assault upon Israel. Well, here was the ground of the quarrel: and it shows how God takes what is done against his people as done against himself, and that he will particularly reckon with those that discourage and hinder young beginners in religion, that (as Satan's agents) set upon the weak and feeble, either to divert them or to disquiet them, and offend his little ones. 2. This mischief must in due time be revenged, v. 19. When their wars were finished, by which they were to settle their kingdom and enlarge their coast, then they must make war upon Amalek (v. 19), not merely to chase them, but to consume them, to blot out the remembrance of Amalek. It was an instance of God's patience that he deferred the vengeance so long, which should have led the Amalekites to repentance; yet an instance of fearful retribution that the posterity of Amalek, so long after, were destroyed for the mischief done by their ancestors to the Israel of God, that all the world might see, and say, that he who toucheth them toucheth the apple of his eye. It was nearly 400 years after this that Saul was ordered to put this sentence in execution (1 Sam 15), and was rejected of God because he did not do it effectually, but spared some of that devoted nation, in contempt, not only of the particular orders he received from Samuel, but of this general command here given by Moses, which he could not be ignorant of. David afterwards made some destruction of them; and the Simeonites, in Hezekiah's time, smote the rest that remained (1 Chron 4:43); for when God judges he will overcome. (from Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: New Modern Edition, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1991 by Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.)

TIME WRAPS ITSELF ROUND US *Time progresses for the purpose of processing.*

We are consigned to time, confined within it, Often confused by it and certain to be consumed by it. *Note the process of Time.*

Gen 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD Gen 38:12 And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. Ex 2:23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. Judg 11:4 And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. 2 Chron 21:19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

As indicated by the Scripture above, God speaks of the process of time and not the progress of time. We humans are prone to be more concerned with the progress rather than the process. To our shame we like success and profitable progress; but the processes that involve us are more significant. The standard of time measurement concerning process is set by the thundering voice of Almighty God at creation.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

*Our Lifetime in this (Time-World) is measured by the Night and Day. On the other hand, God starts with the Evening and ends the day with the Morning. Time progresses with each passing day. That progress may come with profit or pain, success or shame, or ~~that~~ that may be called good fortune or failure. Whatever the progress of time reveals, there is a process taking place. For good or bad, there is a life being built.*

*Look at a Tombstone. It has two dates. One the date of birth, the other the date of death. There is a space between the two dates, sometimes marked with a dash. It is what takes place in that time between the two dates that proceeds from cradle to grave, building the time of life into good or bad.*

I HAVE OFTEN COUNTED THE HOURS  
ANTICIPATING THE END OF THE WORK DAY. SO  
WE IN LIKE MANNER ANTICIPATE HEAVEN.

→ WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE COUNT.

COUNT THE DAYS, WAKING SURE  
WE UNDERSTAND HOW THE DAY IS MEASURED  
BY GOD.

quote Tommy > PUT FEET TO YOUR FAITH



Things may seem bad at sundown. Nevertheless, we are assured that bad things may seem better at the morning sunrise. Even throughout the dreadful night the bed covers may seem crushing and the pillow more causing restlessness rather than refreshing sleep. Nevertheless we are assured that bad things may be better at the morning sunrise. Our heavenly father takes care of that. We can tell he will take care of making the sunrise better than the nightfall by the way he measures the days he gives us. His measure is just the opposite of ours. We measure our days by starting with the morning and ending with the evening. The morning plus the evening equal a day. That is not God's way. See His measurement.

**Gen 1:5** And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

**Gen 1:8** And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

**Gen 1:13** And the evening and the morning were the third day.

**Gen 1:19** And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

**Gen 1:23** And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

**Gen 1:31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

## THE LONG HOME

**Eccl 12:5** Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because **man goeth to his long home**, and the mourners go about the streets:

**THIS SCRIPTURE SPEAKS OF THE GRAVE.** It is called the long home because, if the lord does not return, the body will be in the grave much longer than it walked the earth. In this long home, the body will return to the dust from which it came.

**Gen 3:19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Some may think to refute this by reference to cremation on bodies lost in the sea. The body cremated is already in dust form.

As for the body in the sea, its most minute particle will be drawn by the sun into cloud to carry it to land, dropping it to become dust again.

# A FULL MEASURE

I like to think of a full measure because if a measure is full it is right. There is something wrong when you are given a measure that is not full. My friends Paul and Polly used to buy lard by the bucket to cook with. If they paid for a bucket full of lard and did not get a full bucket, Paul would be ready for a fight.

A bucket is not the only way to measure something.

Some things can be measured by sight. > And suggestion > significant.

Some by the UNSEEN > and UNSURPASSED > "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

Some, therefore, by weight > and worthiness > we are worthy to be saved and Christ is A WORTHY SAVIOR.

Some by volume > and value > "Be filled with the Spirit"

Some by performance > and provision > By fulfilling the law Christ provides salvation.

Some by reputation > and reliance.

## SOME THINGS ARE MEASURED BY WEIGHT

The weight of unforgiven sin is a large and obvious measure.

**Matt 11:28-30** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The history of the weight of sin upon the human spirit goes back to Cain. Cain's own statement expresses the full measure of sin's burden:

**Gen 4:13-14** And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

## SOME THINGS ARE MEASURED BY VOLUME

In thinking about the removal of the burden of sin it might apply to say a replacement should be made. Emptiness of spirit begs filling.

**Ps 81:5-10** This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not. 6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots. 7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah. 8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; 9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. 10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I **will fill it**.

Think also of a full measure required.

**Ex 28:3** And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

**Eph 5:18-19** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; KJV

David, King of Israel, enjoyed the honor and accommodations of his high place. Servants at his beckoning call met his every desire and secured his comfort and care. It seems he had nothing to worry about.

I wonder what his thoughts were. I imagine about his feelings. There surely were things that weighed heavy on his mind and memories that constantly tried to root out the comfort of his royal luxuries.

He had other servants beside those who were charged with his personal comfort. Those servants were warriors well trained and well equipped for the deadly business of war. I have no doubt they were on his mind. I think he was haunted with constant concern for their safety. There were many visions of bloody battlefields to fill his mind. There were many memories forcing their way past his relaxation. All his working life David had lived under the cloud of war. From his slaying of the giant Goliath to his present success he must have harbored memories of blood-stained swords, arrow-pierced bodies, moans of the dying and

Cases of Wounded Warriors. Now, here he was in the King's house far removed from the drama and death of the battle field,

It is certain I do not know what David thought. But I know what I would have been thinking about finding something to get my mind off the carnage and casualty of war. That relief came to David. That mental escape presented itself to David. The name of that relief was Bathsheba. She was fast becoming the devil's woman for a sin-driven man.

Enough with details; suffice it to say that David wanted her. He got her, and he had her husband killed to get her. This account of David's behavior is an example of how sin works through an ever-growing, ever-demanding process that leads to insanity. Were we there, we could have truly said, "David, you are crazy for what you are doing. You have to be insane to risk all the blessings God has granted you. Sin is making of you an idiot, morose, imbecile, mad-man, fool and brain-dead worthless tool in the devil's hand."

Look now to see the process sin uses in its unrelenting progress into insanity. Your worries give way to your want, your want trans into weariness. Sin works in you, on you and over you.

I used the word malignancy which we associate with cancer. Yet, for purpose of illustration, Leprosy is the most dreadful ailment a person could have. It is often used in the Bible to make a picture of sin. If starts small, it is in you, you can't see it, it grows on you. Then you can see it, it is evident that it is on you, to the end it grows over you, a cloud of sad solitude keeping you from clean companions.

None have to stay in the stupor of sin that takes away the glorious light of life everlasting. As sure as the sun with ease slips through the gloom of night to kiss the earth with the warmth of a new day, our Lord Jesus comes brightens away life's darkness however the gloom of sadness comes.

Having this thought about King David's position and his condition. We now think about God's requirements "to whom much is given, much is required." His position was the well blessed King of God's people. His condition was critical suffering from sin.

# "GOING WITH GOD"

(Apostrophe)

The Matter of Emphatics,

You Take The Journey! Do NOT Let The Journey  
Take You!

"as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

"Come unto me"

"I will arise and go to my Father"

The journey taking you will lead you to Hell.

Wide the gate (way) that leadeth to destruction

the devil has plans for you.  
(Apostrophe)

## GO WITH GOD / OR DON'T GO WITHOUT GOD.

That last sentence may not be proper for it implies that the journey you must travel is one you may choose not to go on. That is not the case. The journey before you is the road of life and death. You must go it whether you like it or not.

You have life. You are a wonderful creation of Almighty God. By His mercy you are body soul and spirit put upon the journey of life, but without God, headed for death. Your road to travel may seem a long road on this earth. Perhaps it is many years; yet there is a short time to travel it. Though your time on this earth may seem long, it is like your warm breath exhaled on a cold and freezing day.

**James 4: 14** Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Without the Lord God Almighty going with your soul by the Lord Jesus Christ, your body will have a long time on the road of death. Unless the Lord Jesus returns, your remains will spend a longer time in the grave than in your time of life in this world.

This describes you and your situation:

**Eccl 12:5** Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

A LITTLE CHILD IS BORN. It has a male father and a female mother.

Oh! Male father and female mother don't let your child go on the road of life or death without the Almighty God by the Lord Jesus Christ be with him or her. You can be assure that your child is not apt to go with God unless you are going with God. May your thoughts be as was Judah's when he interceded for Benjamin.

**Gen 44:34** For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

For all the people with life and breath and living heartbeat who do not choose to go with God through life on earth and into eternity, my warning is that you are going to have a long, hard road ahead.

Hear now the story of those, even God's own people, who complained about how God was leading them to the most glorious rewards that ever they could know.

**Num 11:1** And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

*The people complaining were the children of Israel whom God had rescued from the most cruel slavery as man has ever imposed. So cruel was the slavery that it was ordered in order to keep the slaves in controllable servitude that every male child be killed at birth. (EX 1:1-22)*

**Ex 1:8-22** Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: 10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and if fight against us, and so get them up out of the land, they join also unto our enemies, and if them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasures multiplied and grew. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. 13 Any lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour. 14 And they made the of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrath, and the name of the other Puah: 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife, the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. 22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

(Exodus 3:7-9) And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know ~~the~~ sorrows (use) and I am come down to deliver them out of the land of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land into a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey, by the way of the wilderness, and the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

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We see from these scriptures how NOT to go with God.

- ① Ignore how good God has been to you
- ② Ignore His present goodness
- ③ Complain about all that God is trying to do for you.

Do these three things and you will NOT be going in life with God.

Nonetheless, we are concerned about how TO go with God.

TO GO WITH GOD:

- ① Recognise the goodness God had done for you.

Has there ever been any good thing that has happened to you?

If so, that good thing was from God. (James 1:17) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

- ② Recognise the goodness God is trying to do for you.

(Mat. 11:28) "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

(Rev. 3:20) "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him and he with me."

- ③ Recognise how God takes the lead in life's journey. For the Israelites He led by cloud and fire.

Today the saved are yoked to Christ.

(MATT. 11:29) "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Today God gives us the assistance of traveling with the company of His loving, Christian family.

## THE FAMILY OF GOD

**Eph 3:12-16** In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. 13 I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. 14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

PERCK (PERQUIS) Short  
From PERQUISITE;

I HAVE wondered what the word PERCK means. I hear it often. I looked it in the dictionary and discovered, through AN IGNORANT MAN'S SEARCHING, THAT it must be RELATED, indeed A short for PERQUISITE. PERCK MEANS WHAT PERQUISITE MEANS, AND THAT IS:

Ⓒ anything received for work besides the regular pay Ⓓ a tip expected as a matter of course for doing one's job.

This makes me think of the PERQUISITES received from belonging to our Lord Jesus Christ. It means all the world to have Christ as our Saviour. His SALVATION IS ALONE MORE THAN AN UNEQUALLED plenty; but there is more to it.

When we took Jesus Christ as our SAVIOUR, we took His people for our people. There ARE many people in His Family that ARE counted with us in the Family of God, the Family of Christianity. IT IS A GIANTIC FAMILY. WE CALL ONE ANOTHER BROTHER OR SISTER. WE MEET TOGETHER in COMMON WORSHIP

In the common affairs of everyday life we share emotions. As brothers and sisters in Christ we live by: **Rom 12:15-16** Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. (*concerning "wise in your conceits", I feel lifted up by being a Christian, yet I am no better than any others because many other brothers and sisters are lifted up as well.*)

Also, because of Christ's family of God, the loads I must carry are not only shared with Christ but also shared with the family. We live by: **Gal 6:2** Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. *When considering a following verse, there seems a contradiction. Gal 6:5* For every man shall bear his own burden. These are not contradictory. These verses tell me that when I bear my own burdens I am not alone for not only is Christ with me, but the family is also with me.

It is a very large family. **Hos 1:10** Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

Jesus did not say that He is just the Captain, but that He is the Captain of the host of God: **Josh 5:13-15** And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

Glory of all glories, when our day is done we shall all gather home to earth at the same family table: **Rev 19:6-9** And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

## Go With God.

### 1- He Knows The Way -

A- The right way (there is a way that seems right  
unto man.

B- A way familiar to Him (tempted in all points as we are)

(Whether shall I go from splat? - Ps 137:7)

(driver went to Ky instead of GA)

### 2- He Arranges The Journey.

A- Removing obstacles (Ex 23:23 - Angels go before thee)

B- Visiting their sin upon our enemies (Ex 32:34)

C- God Himself moves us on the journey. (Ps 119:105)

He lights the way ahead and the steps before  
our feet.

You have plans for tomorrow - how you will  
continue on life's journey; tomorrow is a  
wonderous way. You are a pilgrim on the way,  
tomorrow is a way you have never been before. But,  
the Lord has been there and knows the way.

D- Requires A private walk > Not allowing us to  
walk with the world and Him together. (2 In 10-11)

"God's speed is a personal private speed."

NO DOUBT, God's people had much suffering because of their Rebellion AGAINST God. (Heb. 11:10)

WE ARE PRONE TO THINK THAT IN REACTION TO THEIR REBELLION God MADE THEM SUFFER THEIR ENSUING PUNISHMENT.

God's Reaction To Their sins should not be thought of in such a manner. IT WAS NOT God CAUSING THEIR SUFFERING CONSEQUENCES, BUT LETTING HAPPEN WHAT THEY HAD CAUSED THEMSELVES.

Though vs. 18 clearly states, "I will give you flesh, and ye shall eat it" it does NOT MEAN THAT God WAS THE INSTIGATION

of all their suffering but that He opened the door for them to have the free moral decisions to have what they wanted when they wanted, how and as long as they wanted.

So God set the devil's table before them. Many of God's people had become SATAN'S PEOPLE (vs. 13) "I will give vs flesh that we may eat." Take a look, Satan, God is giving the people what they wanted, MORE THAN THEY WANTED. It is given by Lust, Greed, and such as you would have them to declare. ~~It~~ is your God, SATAN, THAT God would let you people in all the delicious temptations there of have.

FEED ON FAITH IF NOT MANNA! INSERT

They preferred the slave-holder's table to their SAVIOUR'S TABLE.

(Num. 11:5) "We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick. (vs. 16) BUT NOW OUR SOUL IS DRTED AWAY; THERE IS NOTHING AT ALL, BESIDE THIS MANNA BEFORE OUR EYES.

Why was there slave-holder's table set with LUST AND FALSE MEMORY yet there remained for them their SAVIOUR'S TABLE of milk and honey, FATTEN BECKS AND MUTTON AND TASTY FLESH BUT THEIR LUSTFUL WANTONNESS FATTENED THEM.

Being free from slavery, now the journey ahead with God would be rewarding and thrilling. The dawning of the EGYPTIAN ARMY TO THE LEADING OF FIRE AND CHAD THERE NEVER WOULD FAIL THEM TO SEE THE WONDERS OF God's MIGHTY CARE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD GO WITH God.

GOING WITH GOD >>> **Matt 10:9-14** Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. **9. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses**—"for" your purses; literally, "your belts," in which they kept their money. **10. Nor scrip for your journey**—the bag used by travellers for holding provisions. **neither two coats**—or tunics, worn next the skin. The meaning is, Take no change of dress, no additional articles. **neither shoes**—that is change of them. **nor yet staves**—The received text here has "a staff," but our version follows another reading, "staves," which is found in the received text of Luke (Lu 9:3). The true reading, however, evidently is "a staff"—meaning, that they were not to procure even that much expressly for this missionary journey, but to go with what they had. No doubt it was the misunderstanding of this that gave rise to the reading "staves" in so many manuscripts Even if this reading were genuine, it could not mean "more than one"; for who, as ALFORD well asks, would think of taking a spare staff? **for the workman is worthy of his meat**—his "food" or "maintenance"; a principle which, being universally recognized in secular affairs, is here authoritatively applied to the services of the Lord's workmen, and by Paul repeatedly and touchingly employed in his appeals to the churches (Ro 15:27; 1 Co 9:11; Ga 6:6), and once as "scripture" (1 Ti 5:18). **11. And into whatsoever city or town**—town or village. **ye shall enter inquire**—carefully. **who in it is worthy**—or "meet" to entertain such messengers; not in point of rank, of course, but of congenial disposition. **and there abide till ye go thence**—not shifting about, as if discontented, but returning the welcome given with a courteous, contented, accommodating disposition. **12. And when ye come into an house**—or "the house," but it means not the worthy house, but the house ye first enter, to try if it be worthy. **salute it**—show it the usual civilities. **13. And if the house be worthy**—showing this by giving you a welcome. **let your peace come upon it**—This is best explained by the injunction to the Seventy, "And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house" (Lu 10:5). This was the ancient salutation of the East, and it prevails to this day. But from the lips of Christ and His messengers, it means something far higher, both in the gift and the giving of it, than in the current salutation. (See on Jn 14:27). **but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you**—If your peace finds a shut, instead of an open, door in the heart of any household, take it back to yourselves, who know how to value it; and it will taste the sweeter to you for having been offered, even though rejected. **14. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city**—for possibly a whole town might not furnish one "worthy." **shake off the dust of your feet**—"for a testimony against them," as Mark and Luke add (Mk 6:11; Lu 10:11). By this symbolical action they vividly shook themselves from all *connection* with such, and all *responsibility* for the guilt of rejecting them and their message. Such symbolical actions were common in ancient times, even among others than the Jews, as strikingly appears in Pilate (Mt 27:24). And even to this day it prevails in the East. **15. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable**—more bearable. **for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city**—Those Cities of the Plain, which were given to the flames for their loathsome impurities, shall be treated as less criminal, we are here taught, than those places which, though morally respectable, reject the Gospel message and affront those that bear it.

Matt 10:5-15 /// 1. They must make no provision for it themselves, v. 9, 10. Provide neither gold nor silver. As, on the one hand, they shall not raise estates by their work, so, on the other hand, they shall not spend what little they have of their own upon it. This was confined to the present mission, and Christ would teach them.

(1.) To act under the conduct of human prudence. They were now to make but a short excursion, and were soon to return to their Master, and to their head-quarters again, and, therefore, why should they burthen themselves with that which they would have no occasion for?

(2.) To act in dependence upon Divine Providence. They must be taught to live, without taking thought for life, Matt 6:25, etc. Note, They who go upon Christ's errand, have, of all people, most reason to trust him for food convenient. Doubtless he will not be wanting to those that are working for him. Those whom he employs, as they are taken under special protection, so they are entitled to special provisions. Christ's hired servants shall have bread enough and to spare; while we abide faithful to God and our duty, and are in care to do our work well, we may cast all our other care upon God; Jehovah-jireh, let the Lord provide for us and ours as he thinks fit.

2. They might expect that those to whom they were sent would provide for them what was necessary, v. 10. The workman is worthy of his meat. They must not expect to be fed by miracles, as Elijah was: but they might depend upon God to incline the hearts of those they went among, to be kind to them, and provide for them. Though they who serve at the altar may not expect to grow rich by the altar, yet they may expect to live, and to live comfortably upon it, 1 Cor 9:13-14. It is fit they should have their maintenance from their work. Ministers are, and must be, workmen, labourers, and they that are so are worthy of their meat, so as not to be forced to any other labour for the earning of it. Christ would have his disciples, as not to distrust their God, so not to distrust their countrymen, so far as to doubt of a comfortable subsistence among them. If you preach to them, and endeavour to do good among them, surely they will give you meat and drink enough for your necessities: and if they do, never desire dainties; God will pay you your wages hereafter, and it will be running on in the mean time.

V. The proceedings they were to observe in dealing with any place, v. 11-15. They went abroad they knew not whither, uninvited, unexpected, knowing none, and known of none; the land of their nativity was to them a strange land; what rule must they go by? what course must they take? Christ would not send them out without full instructions, and here they are.

1. They are here directed how to conduct themselves toward those that were strangers to them; How to do,

(1.) In strange towns and cities: when you come to a town, enquire who in it is worthy.

[1.] It is supposed that there were some such in every place, as were better disposed than others to receive the gospel, and the preachers of it; though it was a time of general corruption and apostasy. Note, In the worst of times and places, we may charitably hope that there are some who distinguish themselves, and are better than their neighbours; some who swim against the stream, and are as wheat among the chaff. There were saints in Nero's household. Enquire who is worthy, who there are that have some fear of God before their eyes, and have made a good improvement of the

light and knowledge they have. The best are far from meriting the favour of a gospel offer; but some would be more likely than others to give the apostles and their message a favourable entertainment, and would not trample these pearls under their feet. Note, Previous dispositions to that which is good, are both directions and encouragements to ministers, in dealing with people. There is most hope of the word being profitable to those who are already so well inclined, as that it is acceptable to them; and there is here and there one such.

[2.] They must enquire out such; not enquire for the best inns; public houses were no proper places for them that neither took money with them (v. 9), nor expected to receive any (v. 8); but they must look out for accommodations in private houses, with those that would entertain them well, and expect no other recompence for it but a prophet's reward, an apostle's reward, their praying and preaching. Note, They that entertain the gospel, must neither grudge the expense of it, nor promise themselves to get by it in this world. They must enquire, not who is rich, but who is worthy; not who is the best gentleman, but who is the best man. Note, Christ's disciples, wherever they come, should ask for the good people of the place, and be acquainted with them; when we took God for our God, we took his people for our people, and like will rejoice in its like. Paul in all his travels found out the brethren, if there were any, Acts 28:14. It is implied, that if they did enquire who was worthy, they might discover them. They that were better than their neighbours would be taken notice of, and any one could tell them, there lives an honest, sober, good man; for this is a character which, like the ointment of the right hand, betrays itself and fills the house with its odours. Every body knew where the seer's house was, 1 Sam 9:18.

[3.] In the house of those they found worthy, they must continue; which intimates that they were to make so short a stay at each town, that they needed not change their lodging, but whatever house providence brought them to at first, there they must continue till they left that town. They are justly suspected, as having no good design, that are often changing their quarters. Note, It becomes the disciples of Christ to make the best of that which is, to abide by it, and not be for shifting upon every dislike or inconvenience.

(2.) In strange houses. When they had found the house of one they thought worthy, they must at their entrance salute it. "In those common civilities, be beforehand with people, in token of your humility. Think it not a disparagement, to invite yourselves into a house, nor stand upon the punctilio of being invited. Salute the family,

[1.] To draw on further discourse, and so to introduce your message." (From matters of common conversation, we may insensibly pass into that communication which is good to the use of edifying.)

[2.] "To try whether you are welcome or not; you will take notice whether the salutation be received with shyness and coldness, or with a ready return. He that will not receive

your salutation kindly, will not receive your message kindly; for he that is unskilful and unfaithful in a little, will also be in much, Luke 16:10.

[3.] To insinuate yourselves into their good opinion. Salute the family, that they may see that though you are serious, you are not morose." Note, Religion teaches us to be courteous and civil, and obliging to all with whom we have to do. Though the apostles went out backed with the authority of the Son of God himself, yet their instructions were, when they came into a house, not to command it, but to salute it; for love's sake rather to beseech, is the evangelical way, Philem 8-9. Souls are first drawn to Christ with the cords of a man, and kept to him by the bands of love, Hos 11:4. When Peter made the first offer of the gospel to Cornelius, a Gentile, Peter was first saluted; see Acts 10:25, for the Gentiles courted that which the Jews were courted to.

When they had saluted the family after a godly sort, they must by the return, judge concerning the family, and proceed accordingly. Note, The eye of God is upon us, to observe what entertainment we give to good people and good ministers; if the house be worthy, let your peace come and rest upon it; if not, let it return to you, v. 13. It seems then, that after they had enquired for the most worthy (v. 11), it was possible they might light upon those that were unworthy. Note, Though it is wisdom to hearken to, yet it is folly to rely upon, common report and opinion; we ought to use a judgment of discretion, and to see with our own eyes. The wisdom of the prudent is himself to understand his own way. Now this rule is intended,

First, For satisfaction to the apostles. The common salutation was, Peace be unto you; this, as they used it, was turned into gospel; it was the peace of God, the peace of the kingdom of heaven, that they wished. Now lest they should make a scruple of pronouncing this blessing upon all promiscuously, because many were utterly unworthy of it, this is to clear them of that scruple; Christ tells them that this gospel prayer (for so it was now become) should be put up for all, as the gospel proffer was made to all indefinitely, and that they should leave it to God who knows the heart, and every man's true character, to determine the issue of it. If the house be worthy, it will reap the benefit of your blessing; if now, there is no harm done, you will not lose the benefit of it; it shall return to you, as David's prayers for his ungrateful enemies did, Ps 35:13. Note, It becomes us to judge charitably of all, to pray heartily for all, and to conduct ourselves courteously to all, for that is our part, and then to leave it with God to determine what effect it shall have upon them, for that is his part.

Secondly, For direction to them. "If, upon your salutation, it appear that they are indeed worthy, let them have more of your company, and so let your peace come upon them; preach the gospel to them, peace by Jesus Christ; but if otherwise, if they carry it rudely to you, and shut their doors against you, let your peace, as much as in you lies, return to you. Retract what you have said, and turn your backs upon them; by slighting this, they have made themselves unworthy of the rest of your favours, and cut themselves short of them." Note, Great blessings are often lost by a neglect seemingly small and

inconsiderable, when men are in their probation and upon their behaviour. Thus Esau lost his birthright (Gen 25:34), and Saul his kingdom, 1 Sam 13:13-14.

2. They are here directed how to carry it towards those that were refusers of them. The case is put (v. 14) of those that would not receive them, nor hear their words. The apostles might think, that now they had such a doctrine to preach, and such a power to work miracles for the confirmation of it, no doubt but they should be universally entertained and made welcome: they are, therefore, told before, that there would be those that would slight them, and put contempt on them and their message. Note, The best and most powerful preachers of the gospel must expect to meet with some, that will not so much as give them the hearing, nor show them any token of respect. Many turn a deaf ear, even to the joyful sound, and will not hearken to the voice of the charmers, charm they never so wisely. Observe, "They will not receive you, and they will not hear your words." Note, Contempt of the gospel, and contempt of gospel ministers, commonly go together, and they will either of them be construed into a contempt of Christ, and will be reckoned for accordingly.

Now in this case we have here,

(1.) The directions given to the apostles what to do. They must depart out of that house or city. Note, The gospel will not tarry long with those that put it away from them. At their departure they must shake off the dust of their feet,

[1.] In detestation of their wickedness; it was so abominable, that it did even pollute the ground they went upon, which must therefore be shaken off as a filthy thing. The apostles must have no fellowship nor communion with them; must not so much as carry away the dust of their city with them. The work of them that turn aside shall not cleave to me, Ps 101:3. The prophet was not to eat or drink in Bethel, 1 Kings 13:9.

[2.] As a denunciation of wrath against them. It was to signify, that they were base and vile as dust, and that God would shake them off. The dust of the apostles' feet, which they left behind them, would witness against them, and be brought in as evidence, that the gospel had been preached to them, Mark 6:11. Compare James 5:3. See this practised, Acts 13:51; 18:6. Note, They who despise God and his gospel shall be lightly esteemed.

(2.) The doom passed upon such wilful recusants, v. 15. It shall be more tolerable, in the day of judgment, for the land of Sodom, as wicked a place as it was. Note,

[1.] There is a day of judgment coming, when all those that refused the gospel will certainly be called to account for it; however they now make a jest of it. They that would not hear the doctrine that would save them, shall be made to hear the sentence that will ruin them. Their judgment is respited till that day.

[2.] There are different degrees of punishment in that day. All the pains of hell will be intolerable; but some will be more so than others. Some sinners sink deeper into hell than others, and are beaten with more stripes.

[3.] The condemnation of those that reject the gospel, will in that day be severer and heavier than that of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sodom is said to suffer the vengeance of eternal fire, Jude 7. But that vengeance will come with an aggravation upon those that despise the great salvation. Sodom and Gomorrah were exceedingly wicked (Gen 13:13), and that which filled up the measure of their iniquity was, that they received not the angels that were sent to them, but abused them (Gen 19:4-5), and hearkened not to their words, v. 14. And yet it will be more tolerable for them than for those who receive not Christ's ministers and hearken not to their words. God's wrath against them will be more flaming, and their own reflections upon themselves more cutting. Son, remember I will sound most dreadfully in the ears of such as had a fair offer made them of eternal life, and chose death rather. The iniquity of Israel, when God sent them his servants the prophets, is represented as, upon that account, more heinous than the iniquity of Sodom (Ezek 16:48-49), much more now he sent them his Son, the great Prophet.

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## PURITY

Some people of the Godless world feel that Christians are infringing on their privacy because they think we want to tell them how to live. To a certain extent that is true; but the main reason Christians preach the Gospel truth is to convince people that the Christian life makes the world more peaceful, more blessed and more pleasing to God.

I don't want to live with Godless people. Moreover, I don't want my loved ones living among the filth of a Godless, reprobate world. I prefer a world where people have clean hands and pure hearts.

**Ps 24:3-5** Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath **clean hands, and a pure heart**; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

1. **fulness**—everything. **world**—the habitable globe, with **they that dwell**—forming a parallel expression to the first clause. 2. Poetically represents the facts of Ge 1:9 3, 4. The form of a question gives vivacity. *Hands, tongue, and heart* are organs of action, speech, and feeling, which compose character. **hill of the Lord**—(compare Ps 2:6, &c.). His Church—the true or invisible, as typified by the earthly sanctuary. 4. **lifted up his soul**—is to set the affections (Ps 25:1) on an object; here, **vanity**—or, any false thing, of which swearing falsely, or *to falsehood*, is a specification. 5. **righteousness**—the rewards which God bestows on His people, or the grace to secure those rewards as well as the result.
2. **NOTE REPROBATE**
3. God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: <sup>25</sup> Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
4. **Roman 1:26** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <sup>27</sup> And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. <sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient; <sup>29</sup> Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness

THERE IS COMING A TIME WHEN:

A- God MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE CAN BE PEACE ON EARTH

THROUGH CHRIST JESUS. OTHERWISE, SATAN CAN SAY THAT, AT THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, THE HEAVENLY HOST WAS LYING, BY SAYING,

(LK. 2:14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." God must touch SATAN and for one thousand years CHRIST REIGNS ON EARTH WITH ALL THE WORLD AT PEACE."

B- CHRIST WILL RECEIVE ALL HIS CHURCH TO HIMSELF,

(1 THESS. 4:16) "For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: etc."

C- God will EXERCISE HIS WRATH AND EXECUTE SATAN'S CROWD.

(REV. 6:15-17) "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; <sup>(16)</sup> And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: <sup>(17)</sup> For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

CONCLUDE THEREFORE:

CHRIST'S OWN PEOPLE WILL BE BROUGHT UP AND BROUGHT TOGETHER.

SATAN'S OWN PEOPLE WILL BE BROUGHT DOWN AND, FOLLOWING SATAN, BROUGHT INTO HELL.

INSTEAD OF SAYING TO THE MOUNTAINS AND ROCKS, "FALL ON US"; THEY SHOULD HAVE SAID TO THE LORD AND SAVIOUR, "TOUCH ME. TOUCH ME LORD JESUS, WITH THY HAND OF MERCY, KEEP EACH THROBBING HEARTBEAT IN THY POWER DIVINE."

**Rom 5:9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

**1 Thess 1:10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

God's RESOURCES

**Ps 50:12** If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.



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## The Power of Perfect Peace (ISA 26: 3-6)

The peace the world gives is not perfect because it is unsure, depending on political power and military strength. One nation can develop more deadly weapons than another, but the peace God gives is perfect because there is ~~no~~ power among men can ever be stronger than God.

With whom And Through whom does God Keep the peace? (ISA 26:3) "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Through His lowly people, God will overthrow the enemies of peace! (ISA. 26:6) "The Fort shall Tread down, even the feet of the poor and the steps of the Needy!"

There is AN UNEQUALED confidence in our belief  
THAT when God works SATAN seems to work harder to  
NO success AGAINST the power of our God. Satan has so  
MANY demons and deputy devils under his command AND MAKES  
IT seem he is winning his battle AGAINST MAN AND God.  
He knows, HOWEVER, THAT God only needs His own Holy Spirit.  
NO other help is NECESSARY. Keeping THAT in mind INSURES  
our confidence.

He WILL NEVER LEAVE NOR FORSAKE

CONNECTED SIDENESS OF TROOP TRAINS ROOSEVELT'S DEATH THAT  
TO THIS DAY NOTHING LOOKED SO POWERFUL.

Behemoth hauling freight carrying TRAVELERS.

SMELL OF ~~COAL~~ - SIZZLING STEAM. - STEEL ON  
STEEL ON TRACKS LAID TO DISTANT PLACES.

THE RHYTHM OF THE RATTLE FROM - MONSTER OF MACHINE  
ON BEDS OF CROSS TIES & GRAVEL. SOUNDS OF WHISTLE  
THAT SAYS "BEWARE" AND "COME GO WITH ME." THE HAUNTING  
SOUNDS AND SIGHTS, ENTICEMENT THAT INVITED HOBOES.

CHATTER AND CLICKING AND CLACKING. ENTER THE CARS AND WILL  
NOT LEAVE THE MIND. MESMERIZING MONSTER OF THE IRON  
RAIL HIGHWAYS, ~~permanently~~ permanently placed FOR PROGRESS.

ENGINEERS, FIREMAN, BRAKEMEN, CONDUCTORS, HERDES ALL  
GIRLS - CHASED THE TROOP TRAINS BUT COULD NOT CATCH THEM  
CARRYING SOLDIERS TO WAR.

CROWDS BY THE TRACKS TO GET A GLIMPSE OF THE CASKET  
OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

THE POWER OF THE LOCOMOTIVES NOT UNLIKE THE HOOFBEATS  
OF WAR HORSES PULLING CHARIOTS. ASK (Elijah)?

(ISAIAH 26:3) "Thou wilt keep him in Perfect Peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Peace > ① Freedom from war or strife of any kind ② Public quiet, order, and security, ③ Agreement between contending parties ④ Freedom from disturbance, quiet, calm.

## I- ENEMIES OF PEACE:

- 1- Attitude > disposition or manner toward a person or thing
- 2- Atmosphere > Air that surrounds the earth.
- 3- Antagonism > Active opposition, hostility.
- 4- Adversity > Condition of unhappiness, misfortune, or distress.

Now consider each of these four things that destroy peace individually -

### FIRST - ATTITUDE.

Some people seem to be disposed to be against anything good and righteous. They are over-critical of good people. They readily mock Christ, ridicule Christians and condemn churches. With their frowns and sneers and grumblings they create an attitude that takes the peace out of life. There are even kin folk I will not be around because they fit this mold and rob my peace. It is a mold designed by SATAN and manufactured in hell to

MAKE ME THINK AS THE PSALMIST: (PSALM, 6:8) "Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping."

THIS MAKES ME ASK, WHY SHOULD I KEEP COMPANY

With the kind of people that Christ would not  
associate with? (Matthew 25:44) "Then shall he say also unto  
them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into  
everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

(Matthew 7: 23) "And then will I profess unto them, I  
never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

(Matthew 4: 10) "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee  
hence, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship  
the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

(Matthew 16: 23) "But he turned and said unto Peter, Get  
thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto  
me: for thou sauest not the things that be of  
God; but those that be of men."

Two illustrations will demonstrate types of peace-killing attitudes:

① **Self-Reliance Attitude** - The "My way" attitude. Note vs. 20 - The rich young  
ruler asked "What lack I yet?" He hoped to get to Heaven on his  
record, but what he said of his record was a lie. > he had not kept the Law.

**Matt 19:21-22** Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast,  
and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.  
22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had  
great possessions.

② **The "show me" attitude** > Agrippa would rely on proof NOT FAITH.  
He hoped to get to Heaven by what he could see and understand without faith.

**Acts 26:27-29** King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.  
28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.** 29  
And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day,  
were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

Be assured that neither the rich young ruler nor King Agrippa found any  
peace after turning away from Christ.

I doubt that the rich young ruler ever had any peace because  
he walked away from Christ, the giver of peace. He would not have  
peace because he had great possessions.

I doubt that Agrippa ever had any peace because he would not believe  
past the "almost" to the "altogether".

**Second** <sup>(Atmosphere)</sup> ATMOSPHERE, > Surprisingly, The word ~~is~~

is spiritually more enlightening than one might think, because SATAN fills the gases that surround the earth.

(Ephesians 2:2) "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

Atmospheric disturbance is all around us.

Go with Elishah to the mountain. (1 Kings 19:11-12)

As you read this, be impressed that there is more power in the still small voice of God than in all the fearful things Satan puts into our atmosphere.

SATAN'S ROARING DISTURBANCE OF PEACE. (1 Peter 5:8)

BUT FOR CHRISTIANS. THAT LION IS DEAD:

② Eccl 9:4-6 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

① 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

**THIRD** ANTAGONISM > CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANITY AND CHRIST HIMSELF ARE ALWAYS UNDER ATTACK. OPEN AND ACTIVE HOSTILITY ARE ALWAYS AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN WAY BY THE DEVILS WORLDLY CROWD. (2 Timothy 3:12) "YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION."

(John 15:18-20) "IF THE WORLD HATE YOU, YE KNOW THAT IT HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU. (19) IF YE WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE HIS OWN: BUT BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATETH YOU. (20) REMEMBER THE WORD THAT I SAID UNTO YOU, THE SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS LORD. IF THEY HAVE PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU; IF THEY HAVE KEPT MY SAYING, THEY WILL KEEP YOURS ALSO."

Remember that Christianity is a briar patch religion: In Joel Chandler Harris story of the "TAR BABY", a brea Rabbit, in the way of trickery, begged the fox not to throw him into the briar patch. When, for revenge, the fox threw brea Rabbit in the briar patch, the rabbit laughed the fox to scorn saying "I WAS BORN IN THE BRIAR PATCH"

**FURTH** Adversity > Think of the conditions Christian may face: unhappiness, misfortune, distress, trouble, desparation, persecution, distraction (beaten down):

(2 Corin. 4:8-10) "We ARE Troubled, ON EVERY side, yet NOT distressed; we ARE perplexed, but NOT IN despair; 9 Persecuted, but NOT forsaken, CAST down, but NOT destroyed; 10 ALWAYS bearing ABOUT IN the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, THAT the life ALSO of Jesus might be made MANIFEST IN OUR body."

In the annals of Christian history, there is perhaps no one who suffered more adversity than the apostle Paul.

(2 Corin 11:24-28) "OF THE JEWS FIVE TIMES RECEIVED I FORTY STRIPES SAVE ONE. 25 THERE WAS I BEATEN WITH RODS, ONCE WAS I STONED, THRICE I SUFFERED SHIPWRECK, A NIGHT AND A DAY I HAVE BEEN IN THE DEAD; 26 IN JOURNEYS OFTEN, IN PERILS OF WATERS, IN PERILS OF ROBBERS, IN PERILS BY MY OWN COUNTRYMEN, IN PERILS BY THE HEATHEN, IN PERILS IN THE CITY, IN PERILS IN THE WILDERNESS, IN PERILS IN THE SEA, IN PERILS AMONG FALSE BRETHREN; 27 IN WEARINESS AND PAINFULNESS, IN WATCHINGS OFTEN, IN HUNGER AND THIRST, IN FASTINGS OFTEN, IN COLD AND NAKEDNESS. 28 BESIDE THOSE THINGS THAT ARE WITHOUT, THAT WHICH COMETH UPON ME DAILY, THE CARE OF ALL THE CHURCHES."

Regardless of all the adversity Paul faced,

None were of any consequence, considering the strength Paul had in Christ. When the devastating adversities of life would weaken ordinary people, the Christian can, through Christ, stand strong. (2 Cor. 12:10) "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

## II-

Having thought ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> the enemies of peace which are attitude, atmosphere and adversity, consider now the **PERFECTION OF PEACE**. As the text has stated:

**Isa 26:3-4** Thou wilt keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

**Heb 13:20-21** Now the **God of peace**, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The world was happy at the end of world war two, proud that the allied forces had brought peace to the world. Never the less, it was not a satisfactory peace because it would not last "for ever and ever. Soon came the Korean war, then Viet Nam, then battles all over the world from Africa to Afghanistan; and peace was smothered by conflict.

It must be noted that the perfect peace of God can not be fully understood (Phil 4:7)

**KJV (Perfect)** Perfection perfect, perfection, the English translation of words signifying, respectively, 'being complete, sound, upright, or blameless' and 'the attainment of maturity.' In the OT, the most common Hebrew term for 'perfect' can be applied to God as perfect in knowledge, justice, fidelity, and promise keeping (Job 37:16; Deut. 32:4; 2 Sam. 22:31; Ps. 18:30); his law is perfect (Ps. 19:7). Applied to persons, the same term means 'blameless' (Gen. 6:9; Deut. 18:13), 'upright' (Prov. 2:21), and observant of the law (Ps. 119:1). The NT Greek term for 'perfect' can mean 'mature' (1 Cor. 2:6; 14:20; Heb. 5:14), and the noun means 'maturity' (Heb. 6:1). The command to be 'perfect' in Matt. 5:48 ('merciful' in Luke 6:36) means to be complete or inclusive in love. Christ became perfect through his sufferings (Heb. 2:10; 5:9; 7:28). Nowhere are humans considered perfect, but readers are exhorted to be perfect (or whole) by steadfast faith (James 1:4). Paul says that he has not yet attained ...

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### 1- Desiring A Mind be Stayed on God.

The Lord is able to give thee much more than this is a very satisfactory answer to the anxious question. Our Father holds the purse-strings, and what we lose for His sake He can repay a thousand-fold. It is ours to obey His will, and we may rest assured that He will provide for us. The Lord will be no man's debtor at the last. Saints know that a grain of heart's-ease is of more value than a ton of gold. He who wraps a threadbare coat about a good conscience has gained a spiritual wealth far more desirable than any he has lost. God's smile and a dungeon are enough for a true heart; His frown and a palace would be hell to a gracious spirit. Let the worst come to the worst, let all the talents go, we have not lost our treasure, for that is above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Meanwhile, even now, the Lord maketh the meek to inherit the earth, and no good thing doth He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

2- The man or woman of God may be perfect.  
FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION FOR KEEPING THE MIND STAYED ON GOD.  
HOW IS PERFECTION ACHIEVED? 2 Tim 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Thinking Again of Elijah, he needed to be more mindful of what <sup>(Almighty God)</sup> had to say to him.

It came in a "still small voice": To have peace with God and His world, we need to be aware of what He has to say to us. It is in the Holy Scriptures.

On the whole we here see, [1.] That the scripture has various uses, and answers divers ends and purposes: *It is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction of all errors in judgment and practice, and for instruction in righteousness.* [2.] The scripture is a perfect rule of faith and practice, and was designed for the man of God, the minister as well as the Christian who is devoted to God, for it is *profitable for doctrine, etc.* [3.] If we consult the scripture, which was given by inspiration of God, and follow its directions, we shall be made men of God, *perfect, and thoroughly furnished to every good work.* [4.] There is no occasion for the writings of the philosopher, nor for rabbinical fables, nor popish legends, nor unwritten traditions, to make us perfect men of God, since the scripture answers all these ends and purposes. O that we may love our Bibles more, and keep closer to them than ever! and then shall we find the benefit and advantage designed thereby, and shall at last attain the happiness therein promised and assured to us.

### 3-PRACTISE Keeping The Thinking Right.

**Phil 4:6-9** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and **the God of peace shall be with you.**

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**Eph 1:3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Also the word of God tells us that Christ was foreordained before the foundation of the world to be manifest for us:

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# "FAILURE TO WORSHIP THE TRUE GOD WILL KILL."

Ps 97:1-7. The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. 4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. 7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods

*CONSIDER FIRST THE PLIGHT OF ALL IDOLATRY, THE DANGEROUS SITUATION OF ALL IDOLATERS. ALL THOSE WHO ARE ADORERS AND DEVOTED ADMIRERS OF ANYTHING THAT TAKES THE PLACE OF GOD WILL FALL AS DID DAGON:*

1 Sam 5:2-7 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. 3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. 4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day. 6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. 7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

**2. the house of Dagon**—Stately temples were erected in honor of this idol, which was the principal deity of the Philistines, but whose worship extended over all Syria, as well as Mesopotamia and Chaldea; its name being found among the Assyrian gods on the cuneiform inscriptions [RAWLINSON]. It was represented under a monstrous combination of a human head, breast, and arms, joined to the belly and tail of a fish. The captured ark was placed in the temple of Dagon, right before this image of the idol.

**3, 4. they of Ashdod arose early**—They were filled with consternation when they found the object of their stupid veneration prostrate before the symbol of the divine presence. Though set up, it fell again, and lay in a state of complete mutilation; its head and arms, severed from the trunk, were lying in distant and separate places, as if violently cast off, and only the fishy part remained. The degradation of their idol, though concealed by the priests on the former occasion, was now more manifest and infamous. It lay in the attitude of a vanquished enemy and a suppliant, and this picture of humiliation significantly declared the superiority of the God of Israel.

**5. Therefore neither the priests ... nor any ... tread on the threshold of Dagon**—A superstitious ceremony crept in, and in the providence of God was continued, by which the Philistines contributed to publish this proof of the helplessness of their god.

unto this day—The usage continued in practice at the time when this history was written—probably in the later years of Samuel's life.

1 Sa 5:6-12. THE PHILISTINES ARE SMITTEN WITH EMERODS.

6. the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod—The presumption of the Ashdodites was punished by a severe judgment that overtook them in the form of a pestilence.

smote them with emerods—bleeding piles, hemorrhoids (Ps 78:66), in a very aggravated form. As the heathens generally regarded diseases affecting the secret parts of the body as punishments from the gods for trespasses committed against themselves, the Ashdodites would be the more ready to look upon the prevailing epidemic as demonstrating the anger of God, already shown against their idol.

7. the ark of God shall not abide with us—It was removed successively to several of the large towns of the country, but the same pestilence broke out in every place and raged so fiercely and fatally that the authorities were forced to send the ark back into the land of Israel [1 Sa 5:8-10].

FROM THE SCRIPTURE WHICH IS THE TEXT, STUDY NOW THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ALMIGHTY GOD

① THE LORD REIGNETH > Lord > The owner and ruler of a feudal state. A person having great power and authority.

Reign > To hold supreme power.

② Israel be glad > How happy the lost world would be if only to accept the free gift of life in Christ. How sad the life left to those who refuse Christ.

Matt 23:37-38 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

③ Clouds and darkness > The cloud of God is bright and shining for His people, but a darkness for the lost.

Ex 14:19-20 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: 20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

④ Righteousness and judgment > It is - when the heart is not right, God will judge.

Ps 18:11-13 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. AS DARKNESS blinds us, WE CAN NOT SEE WHAT God is going to do. As clouds pass over, WE CAN NOT UNDERSTAND God's ways. Suffice to say, His goodness is bright as fire and power as thunder.

REFER NOW TO THE SUBJECT TITLE OF THE SERMON > "Failure to worship the true God will kill." As the previous verses affirm, God is all power, man is all weakness. Though we may think we are so wise and so strong, the Bible reminds us, (ISA, 64:6) "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy

Rags and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like ink, are taken us away.

⑤ A FIRE GOETH BEFORE HIM. > (ISA. 66: 15/16)

**Isa 66:15-16** For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. **Rev 6:15-17** And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

⑥ AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

**Ps 19:1-3** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. .... **Ps 19:6** His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

⑦ People see His Glory

GLORY

As God is the saints' glory (Jer 2:11), so they are His glory (Jer 13:11; Isa 62:3). **Jer 13:11** For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear. **Isa 62:3** Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

# "WE HAVE A LAW"

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**John 19:1-11** Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. 2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, 3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. 4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! 6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. 7 The Jews answered him, **We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.** 8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

When CHRIST is left out of People's Lives, Evil, MANMADE LAWS Replace Him.

When high MORAL STANDARDS ARE Mocked AND Abandoned, when decency is destroyed, when Righteousness is Ridiculed, Then immoral LAWS will Rule.

The Scripture which I have just read involves A dreadful, shameful part of human history. (A group of hypocritical people who pretended to be leaders for God, for His people.) That group of people so hated the Lord Jesus Christ that they wanted Him dead, out of the way, and out of memory.

It is easy to see that, if Christ were on trial for His life in the United States today, many people would have the same opinions of Christ as did the chief priests, officers and Jews of Christ before Pilate.

I will speak now of a country, of a people "Under The Rule of Law". That is a phrase we hear today. The "Rule of Law," under which we think we must live, has become a collection of ridiculous regulations, far removed from the commandments of God that guide people in righteousness. We live in a land whose motto is "In God we trust" but whose practice is to disregard that God and shame and ignore His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oracles of Hell have become some of the wicked laws evil people have decreed. So, WE HAVE A LAW. High Courts of this country have

ruled that we must be careful about praying. (By the way, though I live in this country, they are not my courts, but the devil's courts.) Don't have prayer in the school room. WE HAVE A LAW. Don't pray at sporting events or other public gatherings. WE HAVE A LAW. And, certainly, don't ever pray in Jesus' name lest it offends someone who practices some worthless religion. WE HAVE A LAW. Which is against God's word:

1 Thess 5:17-18 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

In a world that would be right, in a world that was right, before lunatics imposed their horrible lifestyles, and barracks <sup>swayed</sup> ~~managed~~ <sup>dominated</sup> our moral standards

people know the difference between a man and a woman, and marriage was a fine thing to be involved in. (HEB 13:4) "Marriage is honorable and the bed undefiled, but whoredoms and

whose managers, God will judge, "In the right world where I was raised women were sweet and smelled good. Men sweated and kissed.

Women had babies men had war

Women watched the children to take care of them men watched the clock to see when they would get into work

Women hunted for chores and fished for compliments, which few ever got. Men just hunted and fished. Women were adored for their femininity. Men were admired for their manliness.

### HERE IS A SCRIPTURE CONCERNING OTHER EVIL LAWS OF THE COUNTRY:

Deut 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Transvestite - a person who derives sexual pleasure from dressing in clothe of the opposite sex. Transgender swimwear, the ultimate masculinity.

Whatever be the desires of the perverted human heart will be permissible. (need no more be said of many examples) Because "we have a law" However, such uncontrolled evil does not discourage Christians, because **THE CHRISTIANS HAVE A LAW TOO!**

When the shock of the Japanese attack of Pearl Harbor came at W.W.II. And the clouds of doom gathered over the U.S.A. usurping this country into the war, President Roosevelt tried to encourage the people by saying, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." I think he had no idea how close he was in expressing one of the basic principles of true Christian faith. "Don't be afraid." If you are afraid, you are going against the words of Christ. Thus, you are going against all the directions of God's Holy word.

God knows that fear is an important emotion that mankind faces, and it must be addressed. If you're interested in numbers, according to one calculation, the words, "Be not afraid," is found 78 times in the Bible. The words, "Fear not," is found 169 times. This brings to mind God's encouraging words to Joshua:

**Josh 1:6** Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

**Josh 1:9** Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

**Josh 1:18** Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

**CONCERNING RAHAB: Josh 2:11** And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

**Josh 10:25** And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

**WHEN CHRIST APPEARED TO JOSHUA: Josh 5:13-15** And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

Why should we not be afraid in a terrifying world? Because of our Captain-Lord

BE NOT  
AFRAID.

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19

78 Times.

FEAR NOT-169

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169 Times

cf. Joshua  
and THE  
CAPTAIN

How  
LOVE  
CHRIST

He is Lord and He is Right. 'Jesus Christ The Righteous'  
(1 Jn 2:1) He makes things right for the wrong.  
GOOD WORDS > LEGALITY, LIBERALITY, LOYALTY \*

### CHRISTIANS HAVE A LAW THAT IS FULFILLED.

CHRISTIANS HAVE A LAW TOO.  
AND IT IS A FULFILLED LAW.

**Matt 5:17-19** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**Matt 5:17-20** I am not come to destroy. The Saviour of souls is the destroyer of nothing but the works of the devil, of nothing that comes from God, much less of those excellent dictates which we have from Moses and the prophets. No, he came to fulfil them. That is (1) To obey the commands of the law, for he was made under the law, Gal 4:4. He in all respects yielded obedience to the law, honoured his parents, sanctified the sabbath, prayed, gave alms, and did that which never any one else did, obeyed perfectly, and never broke the law in any thing. (2) To make good the promises of the law, and the predictions of the prophets, which did all bear witness to him. The covenant of grace is, for substance, the same now that it was then, and Christ the Mediator of it. (3) To answer the types of the law, thus (as bishop Tillotson expresses it), he did not make void, but make good, the ceremonial law, and manifested himself to be the Substance of all those shadows.

(3) My idea of the meaning of fulfilling the law may be illustrated by the following: Suppose I were an evil criminal caught, arrested, put on trial and found guilty. The Judge must pronounce a prison sentence for me to pay for my crimes. I complete the sentence and set free. The law against my crime has then been fulfilled. Before the righteousness of God, I have been found guilty before the almighty God, and I must serve a sentence of death. That I am unable to pay, but Christ did pay and thus fulfilled the law for me.

It is a dangerous thing, in doctrine or practice, to disannul the least of God's commands; to break them, that is, to go about either to contract the extent, or weaken the obligation of them; whoever does so, will find it is at his peril. Thus to vacate any of the ten commandments, is too bold a stroke for the jealous God to pass by. It is something more than transgressing the law, it is making void the law, Ps

AFTER THOUGHTS

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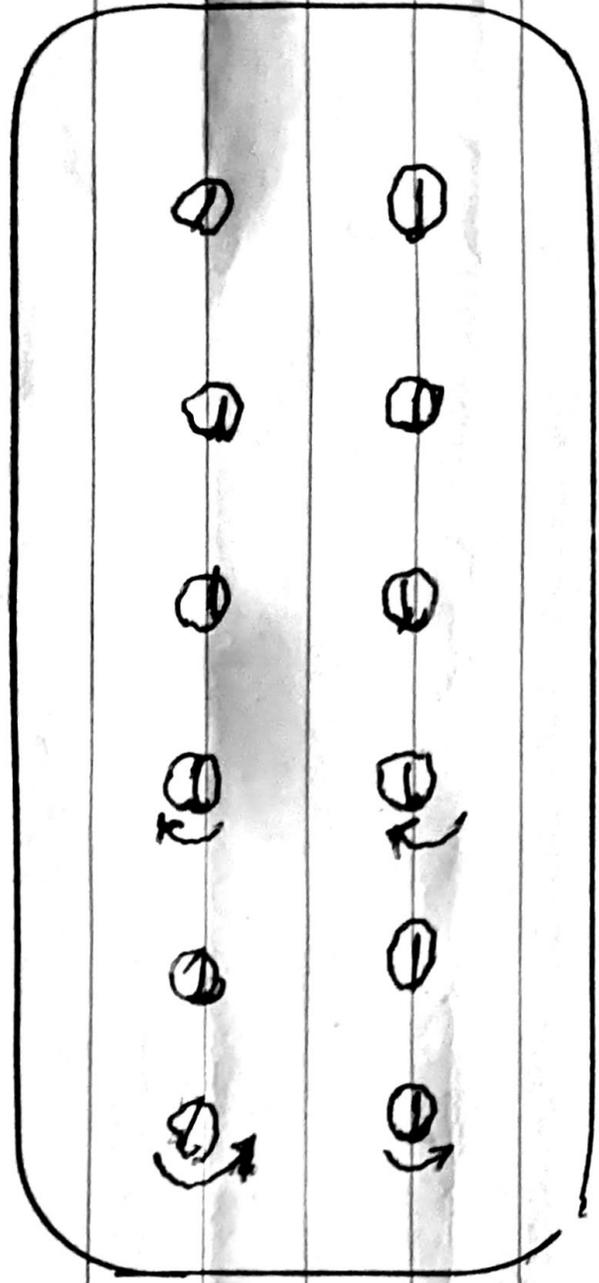
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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY  
ABOUT "SEX CHANGE"? IS IT A  
SIN FOR A WOMAN TO WANT TO BE A  
MAN OR A MAN TO WANT TO BE A WOMAN?

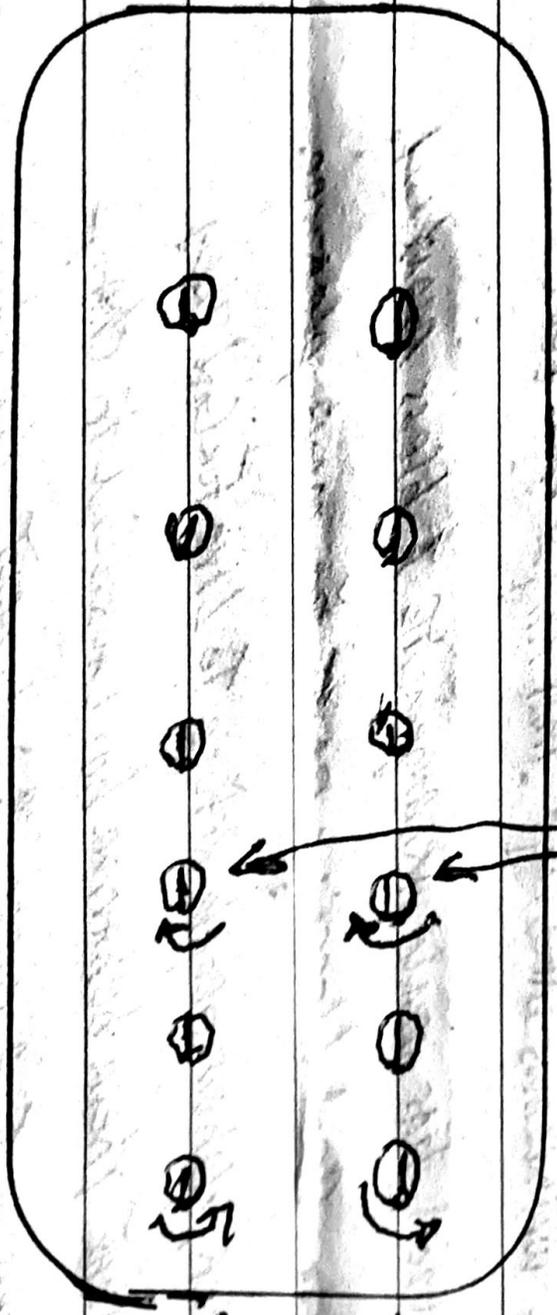
The Bible does NOT say it is a sin,  
but goes even further to show it is a  
sin by saying that a person who  
wears clothes that should be worn by  
the opposite sex is an abomination to God.

(DEUTERONOMY 22:5) "The woman shall  
not wear that which pertaineth unto  
a man, neither shall a man put on  
a woman's garment: for all that do  
so are abomination unto the Lord  
thy God."

(Abomination is extreme hatred)



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all but fools know that almighty God knows all and sees all about us. At times, we are tempted to wish that God did not know about us as He does. At times, we would like to hide some of our behavior from Him, yet all things are open unto Him. Almighty God, who sees the sparrow fall, who numbers the hairs on a human's head, and who sees the marrow-bone deep inside the human's body is able to see and to know the thoughts and intents of the heart of man.

Many years ago God looked upon a world so evil that He had to destroy it with the great flood. What did God see?

(Gen 6:5) "AND GOD SAW THAT THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT IN THE EARTH, AND THAT EVERY IMAGINATION OF THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART WAS ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY."

What do you think God sees when He looks upon our world today? He sees a world so overcome with evil that can easily be compared to the world of Noah's time. [CONTINUED - OVER] ✓✓



Many of the ways of the world's  
behavior today are an abomination to God.  
Abomination is extreme hatred.

Outlawed PRAYER in Jesus' NAME, Christianity  
Regarded as EQUAL to or less than other religions,  
Rampant ABORTION, Homosexuality legalized, Same-  
sex MARRIAGE AND COMPLETE ABANDON of MORAL  
STANDARDS.

It is a world so evil that agrees  
with people wanting to change the sex  
God made. Even for a man to dress like  
a woman is an abomination to God.

Cherry's GRANDDAUGHTER SAID ABOUT THE  
SUBJECT. "God Changes The HEARTS, NOT THE  
PARTS"

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(John 19:17) "We have a LAUER." <sup>ED</sup>

When I think about the disgusting evil of  
Same Sex marriage I cast blame on anyone who  
would officiate in such a wedding.

(2 John 1:10-11)

# WHAT DOES God see WHEN HE LOOKS AT YOU AND THE WORLD AROUND YOU?

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God sees it as it is. Nothing can be hid from Him. No excuse can satisfy Him. No unreasonable reasoning will He accept as reasonable. God says it's

God sees more than we think He can see. He sees

(ISA. 1:18) "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

more than we want Him to see.

In this solemn and pleading invitation, God is asking all sinners to have a conversation with Him. He demands, however, that it be a reasonable conversation. What is reasonable for sinners to conclude is that their sin has so stained their souls that only God could make them clean. In the realm of reasons, God sees man's sins as they are and not a man want's God to see them.

In searching for reason, what is scarlet and what is crimson? Before we answer, I want to tell you that a person told me about trying to restore an old house that was built in the early days of "New England" settlement in this country. Evidently, the builder wanted the door to be red. The door was stained with animal blood. The restorer said that nothing would remove red left by the blood.

For thoughts that may be provoked later in this sermon, keep in mind that God said: (Ex. 12:13) "And the blood shall be for you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

NOW, WHAT IS SCARLET? It is one of the colors of sin.

**Isa 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

**scarlet**—the color of Jesus Christ's robe when bearing our "sins" (Mt 27:28). So Rahab's thread (Jos 2:18; compare Le 14:4). The rabbins say that when the lot used to be taken, a *scarlet* fillet was bound on the scapegoat's head, and after the high priest had confessed his and the people's sins over it, the fillet became *white*: the miracle ceased, according to them, forty years before the destruction of Jerusalem, that is, exactly when Jesus Christ was crucified; a remarkable admission of adversaries. *Hebrew* for "scarlet" radically means *double-dyed*; so the *deep-fixed permanency* of sin in the heart, which no mere tears can wash away.

**snow**—. Repentance is presupposed, before sin can be made white as snow (Is 1:19, 20); *it* too is God's

**red**—refers to "blood" (Is 1:15).

**as wool**—restored to its original undyed whiteness. This verse shows that the old fathers did not look only for transitory promises (Article VII, *Book of Common Prayer*). For sins of ignorance, and such like, alone had trespass offerings appointed for them; greater guilt therefore needed a greater sacrifice, for, "without shedding of blood there was no remission"; but none such was appointed, and yet forgiveness was promised and expected; therefore spiritual Jews must have looked for the One Mediator of both Old Testament and New Testament, though dimly understood.

CRIMSON IS THE OTHER COLOR OF SIN. IT MEANS BLOODY.

**Come now, let us reason together** was more than a call for negotiations between the people and God. The word "reason" (*yāqah*) is a law term used of arguing, convincing, or deciding a case in court. The people were to be convinced by their argumentation with God that He was right and they were wrong about their condition. (Other court terms in this chapter are **justice ... defend**, and **plead**, v. 17.) If they acknowledged the depth of their sins—that their iniquities were like blood-colored stains on their souls (**scarlet**, a red dye made from a worm, and **crimson**, red-colored cloth)—then God in His grace would cleanse them, making them spiritually **white** like **snow** or **wool**.

People have become so stained with scarlet sins that they hardly see the unreasonable acceptance of godless "life styles" as being wrong. People have become so stained with crimson sin that the unreasonableness of no moral standards is of no concern. In other words, people have become so sinful that they don't even care to do right anymore.

Evidence of this is what, supposedly, Christian people allow to come into their homes,

# HOME INVASION

I wanted to say that the breakdown of the decent moral standards started with the advent of T.V. and the devil's use of that medium to gradually make the enticement of lustful desires more tempting. No matter, I could not find the scripture that drove home my opinion that what has become accepted entertainment is the ruin of moral standards. As close as I could come was, (1 Peter 5:8)

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." I connect this scripture with the command of Jesus: (Luke 24:36)

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand therefore before the Son of Man."

If I lived in a land where a man-eating lion was on the prowl, I would watch always to keep away from him. The devil lion roars through the T.V. and other entertainments. When a child sees sinful things on the T.V., he will think, "if it's OK to come into my home on T.V., it is OK to come into my life. Thus, his morality is devoured."

When someone speaks out about filthy movies or any modern entertainment, when someone preaches against the evil of modern T.V., he will be accused of beating a dead horse, of being too "out of touch" with modern society or of being so "old fashioned" to be worth listening to.

Such entertainment, they say, is just a temporary escape, just a fantasy, just a dream world or just a harmless stimulation of the imagination.

I must remind the lost sinners who have such an opinion that God drowned the whole world in a flood, with only eight souls saved because:

(Gen. 6:5) "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

★ see EVIL IMAGINATION, page 7 and 8

# PERILS OF PRAYERLESS LIFE

## PRAYER

(1) "to entreat grace"; (2) "to seek judgment"; Greek proseuchē. "Prayer," proseuchē, for obtaining blessings, implying devotion; "supplication," for averting evil. "Prayer" the general term; "supplication" with imploring earnestness (implying the suppliant's sense of need); intercession for others, coming near to God, seeking an audience in person, generally in another's behalf. Thanksgiving should always go with prayer (1 Tim 2:1; Eph 6:18; Phil 4:6). An instinct of every

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nation, even pagan (Isa 16:12; 44:17; 45:20; 1 Kings 18:26). In Seth's days, when Enos (frailty) was born to him, "men began to call upon the name of Jehovah." The name Enos embodies the Sethites' sense of human frailty urging them to prayer, in contrast to the Cainites' self sufficient "pride of countenance" which keeps sinners from seeking God (Ps 10:4). While the Cainites by building a city and inventing arts were founding the kingdom of this world, the Sethites by united calling upon Jehovah constituted the first church, and laid the foundation of the kingdom of God. The name of God is His whole self manifestation in relation to man. On this revealed divine character of grace and power believers fasten their prayers. (1 Thess 5:17- **Pray without ceasing.** 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 19 Quench not the Spirit. *This tells me*

1 Thess 2:12-13 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. 13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which a ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

James 4:1-3 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

When prayer is ignored, sin increases.  
When prayer is neglected, the spirits of men are weakened. When prayer is abandoned, morality is abolished. Prayer becomes outlawed when decent people are outnumbered by Hell's disciples.

Prayer looks ahead. It does not look back to yesterday but to a tomorrow filled with hope and a vision of God's promised mercy, grace, rewards and unfailing care for His own. The essence of prayer is the vision of God's provision.

Where there is no prayer, there is no vision.

(Prov. 29:18) "Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

Prayer is not so much a conversation with God as it is a confirmation of God's love for us and our dependence upon Him. When I pray, I feel a penetrating satisfaction and contentment in knowing His ear is always listening, and the struggling words of my heart go down into God's history of me.

**Acts 10:1-4** There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, 2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. 3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. 4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, **Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.**

**Rev 5:8** And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

**Rev 8:3-4** another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended

When I pray, I may not know how God is hearing, but I know He is working.

**Dan 10:12-13** Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

*It is a chilling thought to me that as all moral standards, all standards of decency and goodness are gone, people will have no knowledge of what is truly good and what is truly evil.*

**Eccl 11:5** As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

*I will say no more about the filthiness and sinful behavior of the godless world today*

*But will read from the word of God the results of a world that denies the Lord Jesus Christ. From that, I think you can see how things are the way they are and how they got that way.*

**Isa 59:7-11** Their feet run to evil, and they make hast to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace **they know not**; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein **shall not know** peace. 9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. 11 We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

*We can see also the results of destroyed moral standards by hearing what The Lord said to the church at Laodicea. It is a good example of many churches today:*

**Rev 3:14-17** And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and **knowest not** that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

EVIL IMAGINATIONS > RUIN the power to be REASONABLE.

IMAGINATION > The act or power of forming mental Images of what is not actually present. > the act or power of creating mental images of what has never been actually experienced, or of creating new Images or ideas by combining previous experiences > a foolish notion; empty fancy > the power of the mind to decompose its conceptions, and to combine the elements of them at its pleasure.

Gen 6:5-8 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

*We think that repent means to change. Therefore, does this scripture mean that God had to change His mind because He had been mistaken in His previous thinking? To the contrary, God did not change His plans, His thinking or His control over all. The sense of the word repent here means that God had to change what might have been. The blessings God had planned for mankind had to be changed to the curse of God's judgment against evil people.*

Note, The wickedness of a people is great indeed when the most notorious sinners are men of renown among them. Things are bad when bad men are not only honoured notwithstanding their wickedness, but honoured for their wickedness, and the vilest men exalted. Wickedness is then great when great men are wicked. Their wickedness was great, that is, abundance of sin was committed in all places, by all sorts of people; and such sin as was in its own nature most gross, and heinous, and provoking; it was committed daringly, and with a defiance of heaven, nor was any care taken by those that had power in their hands to restrain and punish it. This God saw. Note, All the sins of sinners are known to God the Judg.. Those that are most conversant in the world, though they see much wickedness in it, yet they see but little of that which is; but God sees all, and judges aright concerning it, how great it is, nor can he be deceived in his judgment.

God observed the fountain of sin that was in men's hearts. Any one might see that the wickedness of man was great, for they declared their sin as Sodom; but God's eye went further: He saw that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually - a sad sight, and very offensive to God's holy eye! This was the bitter root, the corrupt spring: all the violence and oppression, all the luxury and wantonness, that were in the world, proceeded from the corruption of nature; lust conceived them, James 1:15. See **Matt 5:18-19** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be

called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

(1.) The heart was naught; it was deceitful and desperately wicked. The principles were corrupt, and the habits and dispositions evil.

(2.) The thoughts of the heart were so. Thought is sometimes taken for the settled judgment or opinion, and this was bribed, and biased, and misled; sometimes it signifies the workings of the fancy, and these were always either vain or vile, either weaving the spider's web or hatching the cockatrice's egg.

(3.) The imagination of the thoughts of the heart was so, that is, their designs and devices were wicked. They did not do evil through mere carelessness, as those that walk at all adventures, not heeding what they do; but they did evil deliberately and designedly, contriving how to do mischief. It was bad indeed; for it was only evil, continually evil, and every imagination was so. There was no good to be found among them, no, not at any time: the stream of sin was full, and strong, and constant; and God saw it; see **Ps 14:1-4** The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

There are things that cause people  
to be reasonable.

Lack of moral standards.

No distinction between right and wrong.

Evil imaginations.

Gen. 4:11

Good intentions left undone makes for bad results.

Serving Christ is more than visible CUMBERSOMENESS.

(LUKE 10: 40-41) "BUT MARTHA WAS CUMBERED ABOUT ~~MUCH~~ SERVING, AND CAME TO HIM, AND SAID, LORD, DOST NOT THOU CARE THAT MY SISTER HATH LEFT ME TO SERVE ALONE? BID HER THEREFORE THAT SHE HELP ME. (VS 41) AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HER, MARTHA, MARTHA, THOU ART CAREFUL AND TROUBLED ABOUT MANY THINGS: (VS. 42) BUT ONE THING IS NEEDFUL & AND MARY HATH CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER."

(MT. 23: 23) "WOE UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YE PAY TITHE OF MINT, AND ANISE AND CUMMIN, AND HAVE OMITTED THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW, JUDGMENTS, MERCY, AND FAITH: THESE OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE, AND NOT TO LEAVE THE OTHER UNDONE."

**BAD FRUIT > Rom 6:21** What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

**GOOD FRUIT > Rom 6:22-23** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Matt 5:22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be **in danger of the judgment:** and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

THESE VERSES REPEAT SCRIPTURE USED AT BEGINNING:

**Gal 5:19-21** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**CHRIST HIDES SIN >>> Heb 8:10-12** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and **their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

**EXCUSES SIN >>> Luke 23:33-34** And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. 34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

**COVERS SIN >>> 1 Peter 4:7-8** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

# "CHRIST, THE ETERNAL EQUALIZER"

TEXT > (GAL. 3:28) "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female. For ye are all one in Christ."

There is a well-worn, often quoted statement attributed to the so-called "founding fathers" that does not have all the truth that historians would have us think. It is, "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL." If there be some truth to it, it genders the question, "Where is the equality, and when in the life of a person can we first notice that equality?"

When printed, copies of the Declaration were dispatched to the various commanders in the Continental Army and to Commander in Chief George Washington. At the order of Congress—it was "proclaimed in each of the United States . . ." Americans would soon read an astonishing proclamation by an extraordinary body of men, who—despite their faults—had produced a unique, nation-building proclamation:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these, are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the consent of the governed . . .

One child may learn to crawl at 8 mos, another at 10 mos. Where is the equality? One may learn to walk before another, and some may never walk, where is the equality? A child goes to school and has all "A's" while another has to struggle to make a passing grade because they are not equally endowed. By the same reasoning one person may grow up to be rich and successful; another, try as he must, has to struggle to pay the rent, where is the equality? Some die young, and some die old, where is the equality?

We know our Sovereign God created all with equal importance. His creative power was applied equally for all people. His directions to David demanded such: (Ps. 102:18) "This shall be written for the generations to come: And the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord."

Seeing then that God is the creator of every person, we must look

to Him to know how and when all men are created equal. SURPRISE! > all men are not created equally, but all are created purposefully, and God arranges that purpose: To wit > Apply (Ps. 50:10-12) all is this.

When we look for the equality of mankind's people, it is apparent that the ~~one of the~~ times all men seem equally endowed is at the unseen time of conception.

Job 14: 13-14

IN THE MARVELOUS, MICROSCOPIC UNSEEN WORLD OF THE CREATIVE WORK OF GOD, DEEP IN A MOTHER'S BODY, A HUMAN BEING IS CREATED, AND AT THAT INSTANT IS EQUAL TO EVERY OTHER HUMAN BEING CREATED. WE ARE NOT ALL BORN EQUAL. SOME BABIES ARE BORN WEAK, SOME STRONG. SOME ARE BORN RICH, SOME BORN IN POVERTY. BUT WE ARE ALL, AT THE INSTANT OF CREATION, EQUAL.

THERE IS ONE OTHER TIME IN THE LIFE SPAN ON THIS EARTH WHEN A PERSON IS EQUAL TO ALL OTHERS. IT IS STATED SIMPLY AND SURELY IN: (ECC 3:20) "ALL GO UNTO ONE PLACE; ALL ARE OF THE DUST, AND ALL TURN TO DUST AGAIN."

ALL PEOPLE BECOME EQUAL IN DEATH.

ON A PERSON'S TOMBSTONE, WE SEE TWO DATES. THE DATE OF BIRTH AND THE DATE OF DEATH. BETWEEN THE TWO THERE IS A DASH. THE TIME OF LIFE THAT DASH SIGNIFIES IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN ONE'S LIFE.

CAN ONE BECOME AS GOOD AS ANYONE ELSE DURING THE TIME OF THAT DASH? CAN ANY EQUALITY BE FOUND DURING THAT DASH? IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IS LAID ON THE HEART. LOOKING FURTHER IN ECCLESIASTES WE SEE WHAT SEEMS A STRANGE STATEMENT (ECC. 7:2) "IT IS BETTER TO GO TO THE HOUSE OF MOURNING, THAN TO GO TO THE HOUSE OF FEASTING; FOR THAT IS THE END OF ALL MEN; AND THE LIVING WILL LAY IT TO HIS HEART."

WHEN IT IS LAID ON THE HEART TO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS AND IT IS LAID ON THE SOUL TO FIND SOME EQUALITY THAT MAKES ONE AS GOOD AS ANYONE ELSE, SATISFACTION CAN BE FOUND ONLY IN CHRIST, THE ETERNAL EQUALIZER.

EQUALITY IN CHRIST INVOLVES WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN INEQUALITY

An interesting declaration in the Bible indicates an inequality. Namely, the "first shall be last and the last first".

**Mark 10:29-31** And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. 31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

This expresses two unequal characters. Whatever is first is not equal to whatever is last. It deals with the same condition of the separation of the dheep and the goats.

**Matt 25:31-34** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

There is an inequality here. A sheep is certainly not equal to a goat. Within the unequal interaction of people in this world of Satan against Christ it is the goats that constitute the inequality. All the sheep are equal because Christ is the great equalizer.

**Gal 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus**.

### ALL THINGS ARE IN CHRIST'S HANDS

**Luke 10:22** All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

**John 13:2-5** And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

*Equalization in Christ exceeds Everything*  
**John 3:31-4:1** He that cometh from above is above all; he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. 32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. 33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. 36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

**THE SAMENESS OF BELIEVERS:** The love of God that gave Christ to save one is the same love for all. The blood of Christ that covers ones sin is the same that covers all. The salvation that keeps one safe in Christ is the same keepers for all. The same Heaven that is the eternal home for one is the same heavenly home for all.

How can all be equal when some are given more in serving Christ than others?

**Luke 12:48** But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For **unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:** and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Revelation explains the equalization when all will cast their crowns before God and Christ. *ALL BELIEVERS, CHRIST BORN AND HEAVEN BOUND WILL FIND AN AMAZING EQUALIZATION.*

**Rev 4:10-11** The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and **cast their crowns before the throne,** saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

## THE LORD JESUS CHRIST – THE BEST OF ALL

When searching for the best, a person finds it, if he is sensible he will have it as his own.

**Matt 13:45-46** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Jesus Christ is the best way to go. There are only two choices in life. One is the devil's way; the other is Christ's way. Some choose the devil's way which is far less than the best.

**John 6:66-68** From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

*When we speak of anyone being the best at any endeavour, a comparison must be made between the best and those who would be better than the best person. Who would dare go up against Christ? Satan makes a try at it. Satan is, therefore, the only power on earth which we must deal with in determining who we will choose to follow. Two powers we must consider as which is the best. The best is better than all competition!*  
*The decision people must make by comparison and contrast between Jesus Christ and Satan is the determinate factor of eternal life. That decision determines whether a person be eternally in Heaven or Hell.*

**Josh 24:15** And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

**THE BEST NAME** >> the best will be famous in his field or profession. Jesus is famous in all fields and professions because He is the ALL IN ALL.

**Eph 1:19-23** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, **and every name that is named**, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, **the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

Pay particular attention that this Scripture tells us that Christ's name and fame is so great that it is above every name which could be known. Choose that name or not, there is coming a time when every person will acknowledge the greatness of that name, even those who are going to hell.

**Rom 14:11** For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

**MANY WILL BE BOWING THEIR KNEES IN SHAMEFUL REGRET;**

**Rom 13:13-14** Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Though He had only been in His public ministry for less than three years, the name of Jesus was being spread around:

**John 11:47-48** Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. 48 **If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him:** and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

**CAN WE NOT APPLY THIS OBSERVATION TO THE PRESENT LEADERS?**

LORD OF HOSTS

Hebrew *Jehovah Sabaoth*. For the distinctive meanings of LORD (*Jehovah*) see Ex. 34:6, note.

*Sabaoth* means simply *hosts*, but with special reference to warfare or service. In use the two ideas are united; *Jehovah* is LORD of (warrior) hosts. It is the name, therefore, of the LORD in manifestation of power. "The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory" (Ps. 24:10), and accordingly in the O.T. this name is revealed in the time of Israel's need. It is never found in the Pentateuch, or directly in Joshua or Judges, and occurs but rarely in the Psalms; but Jeremiah, the prophet of approaching national judgment, uses the name about 80 times; Haggai employs it 14 times; Zechariah calls upon the LORD of hosts about 50 times; and in Malachi the name occurs about 25 times.

The meanings and uses of this name may be thus summarized:

(1) The word "hosts" is related to (a) heavenly bodies (Gen. 2:1; Neh. 9:6; Isa. 40:26); (b) angels (Lk. 2:13); (c) saints (Josh. 5:15); and (d) sinners (Jud. 4:2; 2 Sam. 10:16; 2 Ki. 5:1). As LORD of hosts, God is able to marshal all these hosts to fulfill His purposes and to help His people (Gen. 32:1-2; Jud. 5:20; 1 Sam. 11:8-11; 1 Ki. 22:19; 2 Ki. 6:16-17; Isa. 10:16; 14:24-27; Jer. 27:6-8; 43:10-13; Acts 4:27-28). No wonder the Psalmist derives such confidence from this name (Ps. 46:7,11).

And (2), this is the distinctive name of Deity for Israel's help and comfort in the time of her division and failure (1 Ki. 18:15; 19:14; Isa. 1:9; 8:11-14; 9:13-19; 10:24-27; 31:4-5; Hag. 2:4; Mal. 3:16-17; Jas. 5:4). For other names of Deity see notes on Gen. 1:1; 14:18; 15:2; 17:1; 21:33; Ex. 34:6; Mal. 3:18.

NAMES OF DEITY: LORD

Hebrew *YHWH*.

(1) The primary meaning of the name "LORD" (perhaps pronounced Yahweh, in English *Jehovah*) is the *self-existent One*; literally (as in Ex. 3:14), *He that is who He is, therefore, the eternal I AM*. See Gen. 2:4, note.

(2) It is significant that the first appearance of the name *Jehovah* in Scripture follows the creation of man. It was God (*Elohim*) who said, "Let us make man in our image" (Gen. 1:26); but when man, as in Gen. 2, is to fill the scene and become dominant over creation, it is the LORD God (*Jehovah Elohim*) who acts (Gen. 2:4ff.). This clearly indicates a special relation of Deity, in His *Jehovah* character, to man, and all Scripture emphasizes this.

(3) *Jehovah* is distinctly the redemption name of Deity. When sin entered the world and man's redemption became necessary, it was *Jehovah Elohim* who sought the sinning ones (Gen. 3:9-13) and clothed them with coats of skins (Gen. 3:21), a beautiful type of the righteousness provided by the LORD God through sacrifice (Rom. 3:21-25). The first distinctive revelation of Himself by His name *Jehovah* was in connection with the redemption of the covenant people out of Egypt (Ex. 3:13-17).

As Redeemer, emphasis is laid upon those attributes of *Jehovah* which the sin and salvation of man bring into exercise. These are

(a) His holiness (Lev. 11:44-45; 19:1-2; 20:26; Hab. 1:12-13);

(b) His hatred and judgment of sin (Dt. 32:35-42; compare Gen. 6:5-7; Ex. 34:6-7; Ps. 11:4-6; 66:18); and

(c) His love for and redemption of sinners, which he always carries out righteously. (Gen. 3:21; 8:20-21; Ex. 12:12-13; Lev. 16:2-3; Isa. 53:5-6,10). Salvation by *Jehovah* apart from sacrifice is unknown in Scripture.

(4) LORD is also the distinctive name of Deity as in covenant with Israel (Ex. 19:3; 20:1-2; Jer. 31:31-34).

(5) LORD God (Hebrew *Jehovah Elohim*) is the first of the compound names of God. LORD God is used distinctively:

(a) Of the relation of Deity to man

(1) as Creator (Gen. 2:7-15);

(2) as morally in authority over man (Gen. 2:16-17);

(3) as creating and governing the earthly relationships of man (Gen. 2:18-24; 3:16-19,22-24); and

(4) as redeeming man (Gen. 3:8-15,21).

(b) Of the relation of Deity to Israel (Gen. 24:7; 28:13; Ex. 3:15,18; 4:5; 5:1; 7:5; etc.; Dt. 1:11,21; 4:1; 6:3; 12:1; etc.; Josh. 7:13,19-20; 10:40,42; Jud. 2:12; 1 Sam. 2:30; 1 Ki. 1:48; 2 Ki. 9:6; 10:31; 1 Chr. 22:19; 2 Chr. 1:9; Ezra 1:3; Isa. 21:17).

(6) In God's redemptive relation to man, various compound names of *Jehovah* are found which reveal Him as meeting every need of man from his lost state to the end. These compound names are:

(a) *Jehovah-jireh*, "the LORD will provide" (Gen. 22:13-14), that is, will provide a sacrifice.

(b) *Jehovah-rapha*, "the LORD that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26). That this refers to physical healing the context shows, but the deeper healing of soul malady is implied.

(c) *Jehovah-nissi*, "The LORD is my banner" (Ex. 17:8-15). The name is interpreted by the context. The enemy was Amalek, a figure for the flesh, and the conflict that day illustrates the conflict of Gal. 5:17—the war of the Spirit against the flesh. Victory was wholly due to divine help.

(d) *Jehovah-shalom*, "The LORD is our peace," or "The LORD send peace" (Jud. 6:24). Almost the whole ministry of *Jehovah* finds expression and illustration in that chapter. *Jehovah* hates and judges sin (vv. 1-5); *Jehovah* loves and saves sinners (vv. 7-18), but only through sacrifice (vv. 19-21; compare Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14; Col. 1:20).

(e) *Jehovah-tsidkenu*, "The LORD our righteousness" (Jer. 23:6). This name of *Jehovah* occurs in a prophecy concerning the future restoration and conversion of Israel. Then Israel will hail Him as *Jehovah-tsidkenu*—"The LORD our righteousness." And

(f) *Jehovah-shammah*, "The LORD is there" (Ezek. 48:35). This name signifies *Jehovah's* abiding presence with His people (Ex. 33:14-15; 1 Chr. 16:27,33; Ps. 16:11; 97:5; Mt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5). There are also descriptions in the O.T. of the activities of the LORD which are in some cases similar to compound names of *Jehovah*, but are not properly so (e.g. Ps. 23:1; 27:1; 28:1; compare Ps. 61:3-4; 62:6-7).

See other names of Deity, Gen. 1:1, note; 2:4, note; 14:18, note; 15:2, note; 17:1, note; 21:33, note; 1 Sam. 1:3, note; Mal. 3:18, note.

NAMES OF DEITY: GOD

Hebrew *El, Elah, or Elohim*.

*Elohim*, the first occurrence of the names of Deity in the Bible, is a plural noun in form but is singular in meaning when it refers to the true God. Emphasis in Gen. 1:26 is on the plurality in Deity; in v. 27, on the unity of the divine Substance. (Compare Gen. 3:22.) The plural form of the word suggests the Trinity. See Gen. 2:4; 14:18, note; 15:2, note; 17:1, note; 21:33, note; Ex. 34:6, note; 1 Sam. 1:3, note; Mal. 3:18, note.

NAME

God is revealed in the O.T. (1) through His names as follows:

CLASS	ENGLISH FORM	HEBREW EQUIVALENT
Primary	God	<i>El, Elah, or Elohim</i> , Gen. 1:1, note
	LORD Lord	<i>YHWH (Jehovah)</i> , Gen. 2:4; Ex. 34:6, note <i>Adon, or Adonai</i> , Gen. 15:2, note
Compound with <i>El</i> = God	God Almighty	<i>El Shaddai</i> , Gen. 17:1, note
	Most High, or Most High God	<i>El Elyon</i> , Gen. 14:18, note
	Everlasting God Mighty God	<i>El Olam</i> , Gen. 21:33, note <i>El Gibbor</i> , Isa. 9:6-7
Compound with <i>YHWH (Jehovah)</i> = LORD	LORD God	<i>YHWH (Jehovah) Elohim</i> , Gen. 2:4; Ex. 34:6, note
	Lord God	<i>Adonai YHWH (Jehovah)</i> , Gen. 15:2, note
	LORD of hosts	<i>YHWH (Jehovah) Sabaoth</i> , 1 Sam. 1:3, note

This revelation of God by His names is invariably made in connection with some particular need of His people, and there can be no need of man to which these names do not answer as showing that man's true resource is in God. Even human failure and sin but to evoke new and fuller revelations of the divine fullness.

(2) The O.T. Scriptures reveal the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe and of man, the Source of all life and of all intelligence, who is to be worshipped and served by men and angels. This Supreme Being is One, but in some manner not fully revealed in the O.T., is a unity in plurality. This is shown by the use of the plural pronoun in the interrelation of Deity as evidenced in Gen. 1:26; 3:22; Ps. 110:1; and Isa. 6:8. That the interrelation of Deity includes that of Father and Son is directly asserted in Ps. 2:7 (with Heb. 1:5); likewise the Spirit is distinctly recognized in His personality, and to Him are ascribed all the divine attributes (e.g. Gen. 1:2; Num. 11:25; 24:2; Jud. 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 11:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14; 2 Sam. 23:2; Job 26:13; 33:4; Ps. 106:33; 139:7; Isa. 40:7; 59:19; 63:10. See Zech. 12:10, note):

(3) The incarnation is intimated in the theophanies, or appearances of God in human form (e.g. Gen. 18:1, 13, 17-22; 32:24-30), and distinctly predicted in the promises connected with redemption (e.g. Gen. 3:15) and with the Davidic Covenant (e.g. Isa. 7:13-14; 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6). The revelation of Deity in the N.T. so illuminates that of the O.T. that the latter is seen to be, from Genesis to Malachi, the foreshadowing of the coming incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ. In promise, covenant, type, and prophecy the O.T. points forward to Him.

(4) The revelation of God to man is one of authority and of redemption. He requires righteousness from man, but saves the unrighteous through sacrifice; and in His redemptive dealings with man all the divine persons and attributes are brought into manifestation. The O.T. reveals the justice of God as fully as His mercy, but never in opposition to His mercy. The flood, for example, was an unspeakable mercy to unborn generations. From Genesis to Malachi He is revealed as the seeking God who has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, and who heaps up before the sinner every possible motive to persuade him to faith and obedience.

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15:2 LORD, LORD GOD

"Lord" (Hebrew *Adon, Adonai*).  
(1) The primary meaning of "*Adon, Adonai*," is Master, and it is applied in the O.T. Scriptures both to Deity and to man. The latter instances are distinguished by the omission of the capital. As applied to man, the word is used of two relationships: master and husband (Gen. 24:9, 10, 12; "master," may illustrate the former; Gen. 18:12, "lord," the latter). Both these relationships exist between Christ and the believer (Jn. 13:13, Teacher; 2 Cor. 11:2, husband).  
(2) Two principles inhere in the relation of master and servant: (a) the master's right to implicit obedience (Lk. 6:46; Jn. 13:13-14); (b) the servant's right to direction in service (Isa. 6:8-11). Clear distinction in the use of the divine names is illustrated in Ex. 4:10-12. Moses feels his weakness and incompetence, and "Moses said unto the LORD [Jehovah], O my Lord, [Adonai], I am not eloquent," etc. Since service is in question, Moses appropriately addresses Jehovah as Lord. But now power is in question, and it is not the Lord (*Adonai*) but Jehovah (LORD) who answers (referring to creation power)—"The LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? . . . Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth." The same distinction appears in Josh. 7:8-11.

"Lord God" (Hebrew *Adonai Jehovah*).  
When used distinctively this compound name, while gathering into one the special meanings of each (see Ex. 34:6, note), will be found to emphasize the *Adonai* rather than the *Jehovah* character of Deity. (The following passages may suffice to illustrate this: Gen. 15:2, 8;

17:1 ALMIGHTY GOD

Hebrew *El Shaddai*.  
*Shaddai* is the name of God characteristically used by the patriarchs prior to the giving of the law at Sinai. Its most frequent occurrence is in the Book of Job, where *Shaddai* occurs thirty-one times. The name *Jehovah* largely replaces it from Ex. 6 onward, where attention is centered more particularly on Israel as God's covenant people.  
(1) *El Shaddai* is the name of God which sets Him forth primarily as the strengthener and satisfier of His people. It is to be regretted that *Shaddai* was translated "Almighty." The primary name, *El* or *Elohim*, sufficiently signifies almightiness. "All-sufficient" would far better express the characteristic use of the name in Scripture.  
(2) Almighty God (*El Shaddai*) not only enriches but makes fruitful. This is nowhere better illustrated than in the first occurrence of the name (Gen. 17:1-8). To a man ninety-nine years of age, and "as good as dead" (Heb. 11:12), He said: "I am the Almighty God . . . I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." The same thing is taught by the use of the name in Gen. 28:3-4.  
(3) As bestower of fruitfulness, Almighty God (*El Shaddai*) chastens His people. For the moral connection of chastening with fruit-bearing, see Jn. 15:2; compare Ruth 1:20; Heb. 12:10. Hence, Almighty is the characteristic name of God in Job. The hand of *Shaddai* falls upon Job, the best man of his time, not in judgment but in purifying unto greater fruitfulness (Job 5:17-25). For other names of Deity, see notes on: Gen. 1:1; 14:18; 15:2; 21:33; Ex. 34:6; 1 Sam. 1:3; Mal. 3:18.

21:33 EVERLASTING GOD

Hebrew *El Olam*.  
(1) The Hebrew *Olam* is used in Scripture: (a) of secret or hidden things (2 Ki. 4:27, "hid"; Ps. 10:1, "hidest"); (b) of an indefinite time or age (Lev. 25:32, "at any time"; Josh. 24:2, "in old time"). Hence the word is used to express the eternal duration of the Being of God (Ps. 90:2, "from everlasting to everlasting"); it is also the Hebrew synonym of the Greek *aion*, age. See Gen. 1:28, note on page 4.  
(2) The ideas, therefore, of things kept secret and of indefinite duration combine in this word. Both ideas inhere in the doctrine of the dispensations or ages. They are among the "mysteries" of God (Mt. 13:11; Eph. 1:9-10; 3:2-6). The "Everlasting God" (*El Olam*) is, therefore, that name of Deity in virtue of which He is the God whose wisdom has divided all time and eternity into the mystery of successive ages or dispensations. It is not merely that He is eternal, but that He is God over eternal things. For other names of Deity see notes on: Gen. 1:1; 14:18; 15:2; 17:1; Ex. 34:6; 1 Sam. 1:3; Mal. 3:18.

## THE BEST LEADER

The first and most famous invitation Christ gives to mankind was spoken by Him to Simon Peter and his brother Andrew: **Matt 4:18-20** And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

It appears that next Christ called two brothers, James and John: **Matt 4:21-22** And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

Then we learn that Christ called Philip, and soon Nathanael also followed.

**John 1:43** The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

How could Christ attract such attention that people would leave all and follow Him?

It was because people sensed that His leadership would be one of loving invitation instead of demanding intimidation. It was, at that, a compelling compassionate invitation. **Matt 11:28-30** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The invitation "Follow me" is not of lasting duration. Though it is an appropriate invitation of a leader, Christ does not expect us to follow Him, as if struggling along behind Him. But once we decide to follow Christ, the wording of the invitation changes quickly to "Come unto me." Added to that modified invitation is the explanation, "Take My yoke upon you." All this tells us that Christ wants us to walk through earthly life beside Him.

What a wonderful leader who desires to lead us by eternal companionship!

It makes us want to shout with the apostle Paul, (2 Cor 9:15) "Thanks be unto God For His unspeakable Gift."

WITHOUT CHRIST, YOU ARE ALREADY YOKED TO THE WRONG LEADER → Continue

**2 Cor 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

I would say to the lost that you are a creation of God, and He did not create you to be on the same level as Satan. Nor did God create you to follow the devil. You are God's creation and are above being led by none but God's spirit. If you choose to be yoked to the devil, you should know what kind of company you will be keeping:

**John 8:44-45** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

**EXTREME CAUTION IS REQUIRED BECAUSE SATAN GROWS ON YOU**

**James 1:14-15** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

## THE BEST PROMISE KEEPER

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord **is not slack** concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

What does slack mean? It means to back off, to not keep and to fail in one's word. *Velma Spiva and her fellow workers decided to go on strike at the factory. On the day of the strike, Velma was the only one who did not show up for work in keeping the strike. All the others were slack in keeping the promise to support the strike. That is what slack means. OUR LORD HAS NEVER BEEN AND NEVER WILL BE SLACK IN KEEPING THE PRELIOUS PROMISES HE GIVES US.*

*We live in a world of broken promises. Politicians are elected to lead us by promises that are seldom kept. A crippling number of broken homes and broken hearts are caused by broken promises a bride and groom makes to live together until death.*

*All together, there is only one promise maker known to man that keeps his word. Compared to his promises, all others are but idle words swept away into nothing like particles of dust in a stormy wind.*

*The promises of which I speak are those of the Lord Jesus Christ which are the best ever made and the best ever kept.*

**Luke 24:49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

**Acts 1:4** And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, **which**, saith he, **ye have heard of me.**

What is the Father's main promise?

**John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Among the best promises a believer can hear are the ones our Lord has made to keep us and care for us without end. For example:

**Ex 23:20** Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

**John 10:28-30** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.

## **Another promise of great benefit and encouragement to a believer:**

**Heb 13:5-6** Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.** 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

What does leave and forsake mean? Permit a personal story:

*In the high school parking lot I saw a student break the window of a teacher's car with his fist. Though he threatened me, I reported his crime to the teacher and the principal. The next day I told him that I was the one who reported him. He began to go around gathering up his criminal gang to beat me up. I thought Philip Garner was my true friend, but during this ordeal he did not back me up. He didn't "have my back" as a true friend would. He forsook me. Not only was he not willing to stand with me, but also he disappeared. He left me. Basically, I am a coward, so I was afraid. But I prayed a lot and was pleased to have the Lord take care of me. I was also pleased that the criminal had to pay for the window.*

I REFER YOU AGAIN TO THE SCRIPTURE MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, CALLING YOUR ATTENTION TO "THE PLACE WHICH I HAVE PREPARED".

**Ex 23:20** Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into **the place which I have prepared.**

PUT THIS TOGETHER WITH THE PRECIOUS PROMISE OF JESUS

**John 14:2-3** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to **prepare a place for you.** 3 And if I go and **prepare a place for you,** I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

TEXT > (Eph. 6:12) "For we wrestle not against flesh & blood, but against PRINCIPALITIES, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

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**SATAN ACCUSES**

- ① God Himself (Isa. 54:12) (Lk. 10:18) (Ps. 144:15-17)
- ② God's Law (Gen. 3:1-5)
- ③ God's word (Mk. 15:3)
- ④ God's people. (Rev. 12:10)

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SATAN CONFUSES. (1 Cor. 14:33) "For God is not the author of confusion..."

- ① by outright lies - (John 8:44)
- ② by half-truths - (Lk. 4:6) - Christ temptation / (Gen 3:5) Eyes will be opened > Ps. 7
- ③ by CAMOUFLAGING (sin) (Isa. 5:20) "...call evil good, and good evil..." (Ps. 109:29) "...let them cover themselves with their own confusion..."

~~When SATAN accuses God refuses~~ <sup>to listen to accusations against Christians,</sup> ~~to accept people who are not Christ.~~

① ~~To listen to his breaking.~~ <sup>(Satan's quarrying falls on deaf ears)</sup>  
~~(Mk. 4:10) - Mk. 16:7 - Lk. 13:22~~

② ~~To accept Satan's followers~~ (Mk. 9:21-23)

(Ex. 14:14) "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace"

Man can make no excuse (Rom 1:20) for his sin  
 ONLY GOD, THROUGH CHRIST CAN FIND EXCUSE FOR MAN

SATAN CONFUSES / (GOD EXCUSES) THROUGH CHRIST (Mk 7:27) <sup>FORGIVENESS</sup>

- ① **iniquity** > act inherently wrong whether expressly forbidden or not. (Rom 3:23)  
 inherently > existing or abiding (born with a sense of right and wrong) Common sense to know good & evil.
- ② **TRANSGRESSION** > overstepping of the law; the divine boundary between good and evil.
- ③ **SIN** > of all nature. **TRESPASS** > intrusion of self-will into the sphere of divine authority (Rom 3:23)

God's STRATEGIES SEE BELOW

Rom. 3:23  
 SIN

★ **STRATEGY** > Science or art of war; planning and directing of military movements and operations.

# SATAN ACCUSES:

Accusing  
God's  
people

(Rev. 12:10) "The Accuser of our  
Brethren is cast down, which accused  
them before our God day and night."

Accusing  
God's Son  
Christ

(Mk. 15:3) "And the Chief Priests Accused him of  
many things; But he answered nothing."

Accusing  
God's Law

(Gen 3:1) "... Yea, hath God said, ye shall not  
eat of every tree of the Garden?" (Gen 3:4)  
"... Ye shall not surely die: (Gen 3:5) For God  
doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your  
eyes shall be opened..."

Accusing  
Himself

How dare you speak such demonic nonsense, SATAN?  
Do you not remember from whence you came?  
Do you not still feel the bruises of your fall?  
(Isa 14:12) SATAN'S FALL  
(Lk. 10:18) CHRIST THE WITNESS.  
(Isa. 30:30) ~~Arm of Lightning~~  
(Ps 144: 5-7) Benefit of the saved

Principalities > ① a small state or country, ruled by  
a prince ② country from which a prince gets his  
title ③ supreme power. Note - 3 times in Mt. Satan  
is called the "Prince of this world." (Eph 2:2) tells us  
Satan is the "Prince of the Power of the Air."

Powers > those stronger than us who would condemn us.

Example is (Lk 12:11) "When they bring you unto the  
synagogues, and unto magistrates, and POWERS..."

# PLACE, POSITION, PROSPECT / PREPARATION

IT MAY BE A SURPRISE TO SOME TO LEARN THAT THE BELIEF OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN IS NOT A ONE TIME, SINGULAR, CASE-SHOT, ONCE AND FOR ALL BELIEF. TO THE CONTRARY, THE CHRISTIAN BELIEF IS NOT JUST ACCEPTING CHRIST AND THINKING THAT IS THE END OF IT, AND THAT, HAVING ESCAPED HELL BY BELIEVING IN CHRIST, THERE'S NO MORE BELIEVING REQUIRED. THE TRULY DEVOTED CHRISTIAN IS TO BELIEVE AND KEEP ON BELIEVING DAY AFTER DAY, NOT JUST BELIEVING IN CHRIST BUT BELIEVING ABOUT HIM. IT INVOLVES WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT CHRIST, WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THE SOVEREIGN GOD THE FATHER AND CHRIST'S RELATION TO HIM, AND WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR RELATION TO CHRIST AND GOD THE FATHER. YOUR CONTINUING, GROWING BELIEF MUST CONCENTRATE ON

- ① YOUR PLACE.
- ② YOUR POSITION IN THAT PLACE
- ③ YOUR PROSPECT FOR A BETTER PLACE.

① YOUR PLACE > (where God has allowed you to be) (ACTS 24-25)

NOTE ESPECIALLY vs. 26-28 > "AND HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS OF MEN FOR TO DWELL ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND HATH DETERMINED THE TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED AND THE BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATIONS: <sup>(28)</sup> FOR IN HIM WE LIVE, AND MOVE, AND HAVE OUR BEING."

② YOUR POSITION (IN YOUR PLACE). YOU MAY ASK, "WHAT IS MY POSITION?" I REPLY BY ASKING, "WHERE DO YOU STAND?" (Eph 6:13) "WHEREFORE TAKE UNTO YOU THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY, AND ~~HAVING DONE ALL, TO STAND.~~"

WHAT IS THE ALL THAT YOU ARE TO PUT ON, AND WHAT DOES IT ALL PROTECT? ① LOINS > TRUTH ② BREAST > RIGHTEOUSNESS ③ FEET > GOSPEL PREPARATION ④ BODY SHIELD > FAITH.

SPEAKING OF FAITH > CONSIDER THE FATHER WITH THE SON WHICH HAD.

A dumb spirit. The man thought his faith not strong enough, so he cried, (Mk 9:24) "even I believe, help Thou mine unbelief." (Mk 9:17) "And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto Thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit." (vs 18) "And I spake to Thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not." (vs 19) He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me."

③ Your Prospect - Eternal Home in Heaven

## THE SUBLIME

In contrast to walking through a brick<sup>WALL</sup> is the sublime:  
(Ps. 23:4) "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

**THE RIDICULOUS** > There is a song that serves in part as an inspiration but is ridiculous in the basic concept it conveys. That is, "He'll understand and say well done."

Some people have the silly notion that, as even the title of the song suggests, that they can commit any sin available to them, serve the devil all their lives, and ignore the Lord Jesus Christ and have God say, "your behavior is understandable, well done my good and faithful servant. I understand; so you can walk through the pearly gates."

If you think this way, you don't understand what God understands. (1 Chron 28:9) "And thou, Solomon my son, know now the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee, but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever."

Comparing our sinful imaginative thoughts to God's superior righteousness leaves us shamed and helpless.

**THE SUBLIME** > GOD FORGIVES!

TO BRING ALL THIS TO A PRESENT PERSONAL LEVEL,  
WHAT WAS THIS TO DO WITH YOU?

True belief is born by recognition of  dangers of doubts.  
Doubts are indications. Not to make the right decisions is dangerous. In the dangerous doubts are the balance of idea against ideas. (James 1:8) "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

WE CAN'T  
DOUBT  
CHRIST!  
HE KNOWS  
TOO MUCH  
ABOUT US!

The instability of doubts is seen when Simon Peter was walking on waters. I think Jesus was not pleased by the doubts: (Mt. 14:31) "And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt."

**THE PROBLEM > THE WORLD IS TOO MUCH WITH US.**

God has given us the problem that is more a test than a trouble. When we conquer the problem of the worldly thinking, true faith is established.

(Ecc. 3:11) "He hath made every thing beautiful in His time: Also He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."

Impression > God could have given us Heaven on earth; but then there would be no way for us to prove our faithful belief by overcoming the world.

(I John 4:3-4) "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. ¶ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

# HAVE YOU EVER DOUBTED CHRIST?

How strong and enduring is your belief?

The father of the child went from frustration to fulfillment, if you are feeling more frustration than fulfillment, perhaps you are an unbelieving believer.

The cure for the unbeliever is as the Psalm says: (Ps. 120: 4-5) "Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsels." <sup>5</sup> We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: The Lord fulfill all thy petitions."

AS FAR AS REJOICING IN SALVATION, (THE FATHER WENT FROM REGRET TO REJOICING)

Happiness comes from a strong belief,

Belief, or faith comes in various sizes. Some have a big size belief, and some a little size. Some think to believe enough to barely escape Hell is sufficient. An old song declares that such little believers will get to Heaven with a "rusty old halo and a <sup>(skinny white gown)</sup> ~~(skinny old crown)~~."

The father of the afflicted child had a bigger belief because he had faith enough to depend upon Christ to cure his doubts: "Help them ~~over~~ unbelief."

Not only does belief come in different sizes, but also it shows itself in different ways.

Belief runs the spectrum from the ridiculous to the sublime.

THE RIDICULOUS - A man said of his faith being strong: "If God told me to run through a brick wall, He would make a hole in it." Faith is God is too sacred a matter than to degrade it with ~~speculative~~ speculative imagination.

Whatever God has to tell a person is in the Bible. Nowhere does the Bible say anything about running through a brick wall.

## Poker:

If you look around the table and you don't see the chump, you ARE it.

Chump = a block of wood → a stupid or silly person, a fool.

The ruling class in this world's social order looks around the table in their game of life and see moral standards Christianity maintains; and they are afraid.

They are afraid their aristocratic ambitions may be hindered by Christian decency. Their pride, pomposity, and prosperity sees Christianity as an obstacle in their way. They restrain, to some extent, their aversion to Christ's way of living lest they be considered not to be open-minded and social minded enough. They don't want to appear fearful.

Now there has come a cover for their aversion to Christianity and Judean-Christian beliefs. Now they have a defence, a detraction from their indecency. It comes under the guise of freedom and open-minded acceptance of all religions. Since the turn of the century, Islam has taken the forefront. That Mohammedan religion has as its guide the KORAN which is a book that reports of revelations to the prophet Mohammed. The KORAN also contains rules and instruction to its believers. Some of the instructions the radicals take as cause to kill,

## DOES THE MIND RULE THE HEART, OR THE HEART RULE THE MIND?

**MATTHEW 15:11** Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. >> what comes **out of the mouth** represents what is actually inside one's **heart**, and these may **make him** (or, show **him** to be) **unclean - Evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander**—such actions and words rise from within one's evil heart.

**LUKE 12:33-34** Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. >> Jesus' point was that if His followers had a treasure on earth they would think about it. But if they instead had a **treasure in heaven**, which is safe from theft and decay by moths, and were "rich toward God" (Luke 12:21), they would be concerned with matters pertaining to **the kingdom** and therefore would not be in a state of anxiety.

**1 SAMUEL 16:7** But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

## HABITS AND HEARTS

**1 Sam 16:7** But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. *da There are some that God refuse, there are some we must refuse. See (2 John 9-11)*  
The people of God are supposed to love others. Some take it to mean that we must love others regardless of their deplorable character, behavior, reputation or godlessness. The people of God are not supposed to judge others: **Matt 7:1-2** Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. **Luke 6:37** Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: **John 7:24** Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Being told not to judge, some take it to mean we are not ever to find anything wrong with anyone's behavior, regardless of how evil it may be. This is a false idea. Even though Christ Jesus told us not to judge, He also said to "Judge righteous judgment".

How can this be? How can we love others, even the unlovely? How can we not judge others whose very character is wrapped in despicable wickedness?

The answers involve habits and hearts and special eyesight. **Luke 10:23-24** And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: 24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Now we deal with habits and hearts. The special eyesight is the God given desire to look to the hearts of others rather than their habits. We are prone to see only the behavior of others and give no consideration to the fact that others have hearts also. When we only look on the outward appearance to judge others our judgment is not righteous judgment

Certainly, we can not see as God does. (**Heb 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.) but we can feel for the hearts of others with our own hearts where our special eyesight resides.

The behavior of the sinner is open to judgment, but the heart of the sinner may be open to and longing for some measure of respect. **1 Cor 13:4** Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

An analysis of the kind of special eyesight of which I speak reveals that it is associated with feelings rather than natural vision or observation of behavior. The heart- feeling concerns rides on a two way street. We feel good when a person has a heart to feel for us. it behooves us, therefore, to have feelings for someone else.

**Prov 23:6-8** Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. 8 The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

There is a generation, and it is our generation, that has degraded itself into the dangerous frame of mind and heart that Eve and Adam had in Eden. They were enjoying their pleasurable innocence when Satan tricked their hearts into the knowledge of Good and Evil.

Satan attacked their hearts. (Jer. 17:9) "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Satan's tactics against them is evident in what he said to Eve's heart: (Gen 3:4-5)

"... ye shall not surely die: (vs. 5) ... ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Eve and Adam could have asked, "What is good and evil that you speak of?" For they knew nothing of good and evil as conditions of life. They were completely innocent having no knowledge or appreciation of the good they enjoyed or the evil that was to come to them. Similar is the condition of the generation today. People believe they are living in pure innocency with no recognition of good or evil. (Isa. 5:20) "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."

Some of the most evil, wretched, miserable behavior that man can concoct is considered good. Consider, to name a few, Abortion, homosexuality, same sex marriage, accept all religions to be equal to Christianity, etc.

Wickedness is wonderful, perversion is permissible, evil is but entertaining, deplorable is delightful,

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If I had not let Jesus come into my heart and saved me; if I were lost there would be two things I would want:

① I would want to be good.

② If I were not good, I would want to not be caught.

But if I were lost, I would not be good and I would be already caught.

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STUDIES TO LOOK INTO THE HEART OF OTHERS:

(1 SAM. 16:7) "... For the Lord ~~seeth~~ SEETH NOT A MAN SEETH; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

THIS IS NOT TO MEAN THAT A PERSON CAN NOT BECOME ABLE TO LOOK ON THE HEART OF ANOTHER. OF COURSE, MAN CAN NOT EQUATE THE VISION OF ALL-SEEING GOD. HIS EYES SEE THE JOINTS AND MARROW, EVEN THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS.

MAN THOUGH CAN BE GIFTED WITH SPECIAL EYESIGHT. JESUS SAID WHOSOEVER HAS EYES TO SEE LET HIM SEE > THIS IS "SPECIAL" EYESIGHT.

NOW WE DEAL WITH HABITS AND HEARTS. NOT BASED ON WHAT WE SEE OF THE HABITS AND BEHAVIOR OF OTHERS IS THE ABILITY TO SEE WHO CAN BE TRUSTED > WE HAVE THE TENDENCY TO TRUST ONE WHOSE HEART WE CAN SEE, THOUGH A

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Clue to one's heart is influenced by actions or reputations.

~~Vari examples from Creek's Bus contract Bradley, Annapolis.~~ (2) The preacher's log chain.

We walk by faith not sight, - Can not that be applied to faith in people as well as faith in God?

The apostle Paul called people by name in reproving them, for he could see their hearts.  
C.F. ALSO ANNANIAS & SAPHIRA —

When we do not try to see the heart, we judge unwisely.

Judge not that ye be not judged — Not that the ones we judge will judge us, but God will judge.

- ① Bethel church, torn apart over a lottery ticket.
- ② Robert and the old man touching children.
- ③ One who uses "cuss words" - maybe said something to cuss about - to wit: Aunt Mary trying to keep house saying, "God bless the devil."

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- ④ The woman seen with wine bottle in shopping cart.
- ⑤ The pending divorce based on Adultery (Fornication)? brought into business of Church Danny Newburn was trying to pastor.

Regardless of All the roads our thoughts might take us on, the simple truth about seeing into the hearts is predicated upon reasonable feelings.

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There are some things that are beyond reason, and trying to look into evil hearts is beyond being sensible.

- ① Abortionists
- ② Same-sex marriage proponents.
- ③ Failing judicial systems.

Such reproaches are not deserving consideration

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The dangers of looking on habits:

- ① CREATES ENEMIES FOR ANIMOSITY > What about the fat man criticizing my pipe smoking? )
- ② IMPEDES WITNESSES FOR CHRIST

Like a yoke that traps Christians in the devil's fence. In former days people cut forked limbs to tie around necks of animals to keep them from getting out of the pastures.

- ③ CAUSES ILLUSIONS. > I was prone to think that Gerald was a womanizer because some people said he was. But I never saw him acting (practicing) infidelity, and I doubt anyone else was witness to his alleged immorality.

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"TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU"

Compare Yoke of Bondage to  
Yoke of Freedom.

Y & Forked Branches around neck of  
Calf to keep it from getting out of pastures  
~~etc~~ placed on oxen to pull loads.

Satan said that God had a hedge  
around Job, THAT WAS TRUE, AND THE HEDGE  
WAS FOR JOB'S LIFE.

Satan wanted to put Job in his  
fences for death,

Yoke > to bring into  
Bondage; to enslave,  
[RARE]

WHAT DOES GOD CARY ON HIS SHOULDERS BUT THE WEIGHT OF EVERYTHING, ESPECIALLY THAT OF THE LOST SOUL?

**Luke 15:3-7** Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

**Ps 81:4-6** For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. 5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not. 6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

**VS. 6.** God's language alludes to the burdensome slavery of the Israelites. **2 Kings 10:7** And it cometh to pass, at the coming in of the letter unto them, that they take the sons of the king, and slaughter seventy men, and put their heads in baskets, and send unto him to Jezreel,

WHAT BURDEN DOES CHRIST CARRY ON HIS BACK BUT THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD?

**Isa 9:4-7** For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of **Midian**. 5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**MIDIAN—JUDGES 6:1** And the sons of Israel do the evil thing in the eyes of Jehovah, and Jehovah giveth them into the hand of Midian seven years,

Text: > (Pro. 15:21) Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom, but a man of understanding walketh uprightly. (Pro. 15:24) "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from Hell beneath."

## WISDOM - RIGHTEOUSNESS - STRENGTH > SUMMARY

If I were wise, I would not make, by poor judgment, so many mistakes:  
*LARGENESS OF HEART IS REQUIRED FOR GOD TO GIVE WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING.*

**SOLOMON 1 Kings 4:29** And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

If I were righteous, I would not have conflicts with conscience and struggles with shame:

**JOB Job 1:8** And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

If I were strong, I could win battles with the devil:

**JOSHUA Josh 1:6** Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

**Josh 1:7** Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

**Josh 1:9** Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

**Josh 1:18** (here the people speaking to Joshua) Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

**CHRIST HAS IT ALL - Wisdom unapproachable Isa 55:8-9** for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. **Righteousness unattainable Isa 64:6** But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. **Strength unsurpassed Ps 24:8** Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

WHAT DOES GOD DO WITH HIS WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND STRENGTH, BUT GIVE IT AWAY:

*(The large heart)*  
**John 3:15-17** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

AND THE MORE GOD GIVES, THE MORE THERE IS LEFT TO GIVE.

Such is the lesson of Elijah meeting the widow woman who was gathering but two sticks for cooking a pitifully small portion of meal which, it appears, may have been her last meal.

With God, what you have will be sufficient.

God gifts never gets smaller and is never wasted.

**1 Kings 17:11-16** And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

The care God took of her guest: The barrel of meal wasted not, nor did the cruse of oil fail, but still as they took from them more was added to them by the divine power, v. 16. Never did corn or olive so increase in the growing (says bishop Hall) as these did in the using; but the multiplying of the seed sown (2 Cor 9:10) in the common course of providence is an instance of the power and goodness of God not to be overlooked because common. The meal and the oil multiplied, not in the hoarding, but in the spending; for there is that scattereth and yet increaseth. When God blesses a little, it will go a great way, even beyond expectation; as, on the contrary, though there be abundance, if he blow upon it, it comes to little, Hag 1:9; 2:16.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTERISTICS - CONSEQUENTIAL QUESTION, HOW MUCH OF A CHRISTIAN ARE YOU? THE CHRISTIAN IS **WISE, RIGHTEOUS and STRONG.**

THE CHRISTIAN IS WISE BECAUSE **Prov. 15:24** The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

THE CHRISTIAN IS RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE **Ps 37:39-40** ... the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. 40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

THE CHRISTIAN IS STRONG BECAUSE **Phil 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Would God, that I could be as wise as Solomon, as righteous as Job and as strong as Joshua. Consider what must happen for me to be so. To find out we must see what made Solomon wise, Job righteous and Joshua strong.

SOLOMON BECAME WISE BECAUSE HE HAD A BIG HEART

**1 Kings 4:29** And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. Also he asked God for the right things for the benefit of others. **1 Kings 3:9-11** Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? 10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

JOB BECAME RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE HE FEARED GOD. **Job 1:8** And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that **feareth God**, and **escheweth evil**? Also it was because he hated evil,

JOSHUA BECAME STRONG BECAUSE HE ACTED ON GOD'S ENCOURAGEMENT. HE TOOK **COURAGE IN GOD'S PROMICES** **Josh 1:6-9** Be strong and of a good **courage**: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and **very courageous**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good **courage**: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

## Example of Wisdom As Solomon Had.

(John 8:3) "And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery. (John 8:5) Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned."

(John 8:6) "... But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not." (John 8:8) "And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground."

THE CONCLUSION (John 8:11) "... Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

It is hard to find, even in the Bible, anyone who is more wise than Solomon. Still, there is one more wise, and that is our Lord Jesus. Certainly, in every thing He did there was the wisdom of God.

It was a wise thing that Jesus did when the "high class" religious leaders brought the woman guilty of adultery to Him. They wanted by law to stone the woman to death. The way Jesus responded seems strange. He just marked on the ground. Was He just scribbling on the ground to pass the time? Was He taking notes in the sand? Was He copying the criminal charges in the dust?

It is not important what Jesus did, but what He did not do. He did not condemn her. How wise it was not to condemn a person who was condemned already.

(John 3:18) "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already..."

Jesus Christ came to save us. He need not to condemn us, for our sin has condemned us already.

A jury may decide you are guilty of a crime. You are not guilty because a jury said so. You are already guilty because you committed the crime.

There is force in condemnation, and it is a greater force when it comes from one's own self.

## EXAMPLE OF ONE AS RIGHTeous AS Job.

VERifying THis CERTAIN man's goodness is CHRIST'S Telling the Lawyer, "Go and do Thou likewise."

**Luke 10:30-37** And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

*the SAMARITAN was good when there should have been to him NO REASON to be good.*

★ What was the corrupt notion of the Jewish teachers in this matter. Dr. Lightfoot quotes their own words to this purport: "Where he saith, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, he excepts all Gentiles, for they are not our neighbours, but those only that are of our own nation and religion." They would not put an Israelite to death for killing a Gentile, for he was not his neighbour: they indeed say that they ought not to kill a Gentile whom they were not at war with; but, if they saw a Gentile in danger of death, they thought

many of the courses of the priests had their residence in Jericho, and thence came up to Jerusalem, when it was their turn to officiate there, and so back again, which occasioned abundance of passing and repassing of priests that way, and Levites their attendants. They came this way, and saw the poor wounded man. It is probable that they heard his groans, and could not but perceive that if he were not helped he must quickly perish. The Levite not only saw him, but came and looked on him v. 32. But they passed by on the other side; when they saw his case, they got as far off him as ever they could, as if they would have had a pretence to say, Behold, we knew it not. It is sad when those who should be examples of charity are prodigies of cruelty, and when those who should by displaying the mercies of God, open the bowels of compassion in others, shut up their own.

★ How he was succoured and relieved by a stranger, a certain Samaritan, of that nation which of all others the Jews most despised and detested and would have no dealings with. This man had some humanity in him, v. 33. The priest had his heart hardened against one of his own people, but the Samaritan had his opened towards one of another people. When he saw him he had compassion on him, and never took into consideration what country he was of. Though he was a Jew, he was a man, and a man in misery, and the Samaritan has learned to honour all men; he knows not how soon this poor man's case may be his own, and therefore pities him, as he himself

See how friendly this good Samaritan was. First, He went to the poor man, whom the priest and Levite kept at a distance from; he enquired, no doubt, how he came into this deplorable condition, and condoled with him. Secondly, He did the surgeon's part, for want of a better. He bound up his wounds, making use of his own linen, it is likely, for that purpose; and poured in oil and wine, which perhaps he had with him; wine to wash the wound, and oil to mollify it, and close it up. He did all he could to ease the pain, and prevent the peril, of his wounds, as one whose heart bled with him. Thirdly, He set him on his own beast, and went on foot himself, and brought him to an inn. A great mercy it is to have inns upon the road, where we may be furnished for our money with all the conveniences for food and rest. Perhaps the Samaritan, if he had not met with this hindrance, would have got that night to his journey's end; but, in compassion to that poor man, he takes up short at an inn. Some think that the priest and Levite pretended they could not stay to help the poor man, because they were in haste to go and attend the temple-service at Jerusalem. We suppose the Samaritan went upon business; but he understood that both his own business and God's sacrifice too must give place to such an act of mercy as this. Fourthly, He took care of him in the inn, got him to bed, had food for him that was proper, and due attendance, and, it may be, prayed with him. Nay, Fifthly, As if he had been his own child, or one he was obliged to look after, when he left him next morning, he left money with the landlord, to be laid out for his use, and passed his word for what he should spend more. Twopence of their money was about fifteen pence of ours, which, according to the rate of things then, would go a great way; however, here it was an earnest of satisfaction to the full of all demands. All this was kind and generous, and as much as one could have expected from a friend or a brother; and yet here it is done by a stranger and foreigner.

## EXAMPLE OF ONE STRONG LIKE JOSHUA.

Consider what strength required to endure what Paul suffered → CONTRASTING HIMSELF TO OTHERS

PAUL SAID: (2 COR. 11: 23) "... I AM MORE; IN LABOURS MORE ABUNDANT, IN STRIPES ABOVE MEASURE, IN PRISON MORE FREQUENT, IN DEATHS OFT. (24) OF THE JEWS FIVE TIMES RECEIVED I FORTY STRIPES SAVE ONE. (25) THrice WAS I BEATEN WITH RODS, ONCE WAS I STONED, THrice I SUFFERED SHIPWRECK, A NIGHT AND A DAY I HAVE BEEN IN THE DEEP; (26) IN JOURNEYS ATON, IN PERILS OF WATERS, IN PERILS OF ROBBERS, IN PERILS OF WILDE COUNTRYMEN, IN PERILS BY THE HEATHEN, IN PERILS IN THE CITY, IN PERILS IN THE WILDERNESS, IN PERILS IN THE SEA, IN PERILS AMONG FALSE BROTHEREN. (27) IN WEARINESS AND PAINFULNESS ..."

With this in mind, now consider PAUL'S ATTITUDE AND outlook on life: (2 Cor. 4: 17) "FOR OUR LIGHT AFFLICTION, WHICH IS BUT FOR A MOMENT, WORKETH FOR US A FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY."

(10) PAUL, STRENGTH WAS GIVEN. (BY) PAUL, STRENGTH WAS RECEIVED, (2 Cor. 12: 10) "THEREFORE I TAKE PLEASURE IN INFIRMITIES, IN REPROACHES, IN NECESSITIES, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN DISTRESSES FOR CHRIST'S SAKE: FOR WHEN I AM WEAK THEN AM I STRONG."

## APPLICATION

All wisdom, righteousness and strength is in the Almighty, Sovereign God.

And what does God do with them but give them AWAY.

## HOW MAY WE GET SUCH GIFTS?

By seeking that which is good and offering ourselves as a container for that goodness.

(Mt. 19:27) "There is none good but one, that is God..."

OFFER SELF AS A CONTAINER FOR GOD'S GOODNESS.

How so? Picture yourself in a vast desert, a waste land no good for supporting life. Ravenous beast howl in the distance hunting to devour you. You are lost in that desert wilderness, hungry and afraid and lonely. But most of all you are overcome with thirst. It starts to rain. But you can't drink rain drops. You must have something to catch the raindrops in; else your throat can not be quenched.

Words come from a far country which is Heaven: (Prov. 25:25) "As

Cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

The news from Jesus: (Jn. 14:21) "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

(Mat. 5:6) "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

(Deut. 32:10) "He [God] found him in a desert land, and in a waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye." (Ps. 72:6) "He shall come down like rain upon

the mown grass: as showers that water the earth." (Jer. 14:22) "Are there

any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain?"

(Ezek. 34:26) "And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing."

IN SUMMARY OF ALL > ① God is the GREAT "I AM";

② JESUS IS OUR ALL IN ALL. See following notes.

11. TEXTS (PROV. 15: 21 AND 24)

# WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS, STRENGTH

Would you like to be wise, and right, and strong forever? You can be through the Great I AM and the ALL IN ALL.

I can read the record of the wisest man on earth other than Jesus Christ. King Solomon was the man. (1 KINGS 4: 29) And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as sand that is on the sea shore.

I can read the record of the best man on earth other than Jesus Christ. His name was Job. (JOB 1: 8) And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil?

I can read the record of Sampson, the strongest man on earth other than Jesus Christ. (JUDGES 14: 5-6) "In a young lion roared against him. And the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hands."

The admirable attributes of these men can not even make

the list of the excellent characteristics of Jesus Christ alone. Among men, Christ's wisdom is unapproachable. (ISA. 55: 8-9) "FOR MY

THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD. 9 FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS."

Among men, Christ's righteousness is unattainable. (ISA. 64: 6) "BUT WE ARE ALL AS AN UNCLEAN THING, AND ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS FILTHY RAGS; AND WE ALL DO FADE AS A LEAF, AND OUR INIQUITIES, LIKE THE WIND, HAVE TAKEN US AWAY." Among men, Christ's strength is unsurpassed.

(PS. 24: 8) "WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE."

Next, what does God do with His Wisdom, Righteousness, AND STRENGTH but give it AWAY; AND it is UNENDING supply, NEVER to be diminished OR depleted. IT IS AN EVERFLOWING FOUNTAIN OF GOD'S GRACIOUS MERCY. ALWAYS is God giving TO THE SAVED AND offering TO give TO THE LOST.

When we think of God giving AWAY His supreme treasures, we must dwell on His supreme gift. (JOHN 3: 16) "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

First  
NOTES  
FOR  
SERMON  
PREP.

# AMMENDUM TO "THE GREAT 'I AM'".

all around us, all over the entire universe

God is present everywhere. His presence is available to every soul. / God is everywhere.

② He can be found anywhere. ③ What a shame that some will have Him nowhere in their hearts!

Three words, therefore, to be considered:

They are: EVERYWHERE, ANYWHERE and NOWHERE.

Sovereign is a word with many kin-folks. All of them unite to define the sovereignty of God. All of them are strong and powerful on their own, but are subservient to sovereign almighty God.

We call Him Lord God almighty because He is sovereign wisdom, righteousness and strength.

As for us weak, struggling mortals, a mark of God's sovereign power is His strength to bestow on us His power and authority through Christ.

Satan is like a 7'-300lb. football player. He appears to have power to crush anyone. But there is a small 130lb. man on the field with. He has stripes on his uniform. He may not have power, but he has authority. He can send the giant to the locker room. So is the Christian with Christ's stripes as cover.

# THE "ALL IN ALL"

of Christ be willing to save all who believe in Him, must be willing to do all that a saved and believing person needs.

2 1 Cor 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 1 Cor 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Eph 1:19-23 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

(1 Cor. 12:6)  
"worketh all in all"  
also think of:  
all to all  
all for all  
all with all

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**1 Corinthians 12:6** and there are diversities of workings, and it is the same God—who is working the all in all.

**all in all**—all of them (the "gifts") in all the persons (who possess them). **But**—Though all the gifts flow from the *one* God, Lord, and Spirit, the "manifestation" by which the Spirit acts (as He is hidden in Himself), varies in each individual.

**various gifts**, *There are diversities of gifts*, such as revelations, tongues, prophecy, interpretations of tongues; *but the same Spirit*. There are differences of administrations, or different offices, and officers to discharge them, different ordinances and institutions (see v. 28–30), *but the same Lord, who appointed all*, v. 6. *There are diversities of operations*, or miraculous powers, called *energēmata dynamēōn* (v. 10), as here *energēmata*, *but it is the same all in God that worketh all*. There are various gifts, administrations, and operations, but **all** proceed from one God, one Lord, one Spirit; that is, from Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the spring and origin of all spiritual blessings and bequests: **all issue from the same fountain**; all have the same author. However different they may be in themselves, in this they agree; **all are from God**. And several of the kinds are here specified, v. 8–10. Several persons had their several gifts, some one, some another, **all** from and by the same Spirit. To one was given the *word of wisdom*; that is,

# THOUGHTS FOR CLOSING, PERHAPS.

HAVING A FORM OF godliness  
but denying (2 Tim 3:5)

For Human Survival To Eternity.  
Needs Through All In All.

Wisdom > How much more wise can you get THAN to  
know and have power to make it work  
C.F. (John 14:26) and (1 Cor. 13:2)

→ Tre Together (1 Cor 1:30)

Righteousness > What good is a tree if its fruit is not good? a fruit tree is  
not good unless all its growth and fruit is not good (Eph. 5:9)

Strength > (Eph 4:13) "I can do ALL things through Christ which  
strengtheneth me."

FULFILLING ALL IN ALL, CHRIST:

1- descended for us - Left the golden  
glories of Heaven.

Came down from eternal, divine Sonship  
to become a time-world "son of Man."

2- died for us > Lay down His life. No man,  
beast, Roman soldiers or devil could take  
His life from Him.

3- defends for us. - as He told Joshua, He comes  
as Captain of the host.

4- a dwelling for us. → What A Foundation!  
What A Rock! What A Shelter!

Will never leave nor forsake. → Even to the  
end of the world, "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS."  
Will NOT leave you comfortless.

Know All you need to  
to know a lot and not know  
how to use it is not  
wisdom, but stupidity -  
C.F. EVER LEARNING BUT NOT  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.  
(2 Tim. 3:7)

THESE WERE FIRST NOTES PREPARED FOR ALL IN/ FOR ALL

When God spoke of giving, if I were the devil (remarkably, some may think I am a resemblance) I would have said to God, "If you're going to give and it be a fair gift to the world, you will have to give to all people in all history." God replies, "it is already done from the foundation of the world:

**Matt 25:34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from **the foundation of the world**:

**John 17:24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before **the foundation of the world**.

**Eph 1:4** According as he hath chosen us in him before **the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

As a footnote, God would explain to the devil the meaning of the word whosoever.

+++++++ As for the scope of His supreme gift, Jesus Christ, Think of the great "I Am" and the "All In All": THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES DISPLAY THE WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND STRENGTH OF GOD AND FROM GOD'S

THE GREAT "I AM" ++++++ God told Moses to tell the people that His name was "I Am".

**Ex 3:13-15** And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

THE "I AM", MASTER OF WISDOM. > (Prov. 15:24) "The way of life is above to the wise, THAT HE MAY DEPART FROM HELL BEVEATH."

Moses PRAYER  
NOT KING  
FAMES VERSION

**Deut 3:23-25** At that time I pleaded with the LORD: 24 "O Sovereign LORD, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do? 25 Let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan--that fine hill country and Lebanon."

Were you to try to explain the name "I Am", you would have to use the same manner you would use to define God's sovereignty. To define sovereign, you would have to think of every word that means wisdom, righteousness and strength and multiply them to infinity to even approach the sovereign greatness of God.

**Job 9:10** Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

**Rom 11:33** O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Who is included in "all"?

"Whoever" is The All.

that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9) The Lord is Not

concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance."

**Isa 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him **the iniquity of us all.**

**1 Tim 2:4** Who will have **all men** to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**1 John 4:13-14** We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the **Savior of the world.**

**1 John 2:1-2** My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the **propitiation** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the **sins of the whole world.**

**PROPITIATION** Rom 3:25, hilastērion, "the propitiatory" or mercy seat, the blood-sprinkled lid of the ark, the meeting place between God and His people represented by the priest (1 John 2:2; 4:10). Hilasmus, abstract for concrete noun. He is all that is needed for propitiation in behalf of our sins, the propitiatory sacrifice provided by the Father's love removing the estrangement, appearing God's righteous wrath against the sinner. A father may be offended with a son, yet all the while love him. It answers in Septuagint to Hebrew kaphar, kippuriym to effect an ATONEMENT (which see) or RECONCILIATION (which see) with God (Num 5:8; Heb 2:17), "to make reconciliation for ... sins," literally, to expiate the sins, hilaskesthai. Ps 32:1, "blessed is he whose sin is covered."

**Rom 8:32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up **for us all**, how shall he not with him also freely give us **all things?**

# THE GREAT "I AM" Continued (The Greatness of God.)

~~Jer 3:2~~ "Look up to the barren heights and see. Is there any place where you have not been ravished?"

~~Ezek 48:35~~ "The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. "And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE."

**1 Chron 16:26-28** For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

**1 Chron 16:30-33** Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth. 32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. 33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

**Ps 97:1-7** The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. 4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. 7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

# AMMENDUM TO ALL IN ALL

What the word "all" means calls for making the word complete a synonym for all. When all things are put together in a life it is complete. Things that one need to be complete.

In speaking of a person being All, I will use modern Teams. Does one have it All Together. Is one whole.

To have it All Together, to be whole, to be complete, to be all God made you to be. You must go back to see how God made man in the beginning. MAN WAS thus made:

1- in the image of Gods  
Body, mind spirit, soul, heart.

2- in the Likeness of God.

(Gen 1:26) "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion..."

## The Likeness of Gods

① Righteous Reasoning

Come let us REASON Together (knowing right and wrong.) } The most severely handicapped can feel Love.

② Unfailing Fairness → HAVE mercy on whom I will have mercy (will not hold guiltless)

③ Unquestioning Love.

④ Enjoy ETERNAL EXISTANCE.

Not in John 3 the words ETERNAL, & EVERLASTING, (I know my redeemer Liveth.)

The most Righteous thing is Love.

Like into God Emotionally

In His Likeness.

It is a wide range of my real Emotions that I

like God. From the most tender love to the most

terrifying hatred, God exercises His deep feelings.

His gentle hands reach to caress the little child.

His Absolute judgment sends men running for shelter.

If I were wise, I would not make, by poor judgment, so many mistakes: **SOLOMON 1 Kings 4:29** And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. If I were righteous, I would not have conflicts with conscience and struggles with shame: **JOB Job 1:8** And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? If I were strong, I could win battles with the devil:

**JOSHUA Josh 1:6** Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. **Josh 1:7**

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. **Josh 1:9** Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:

for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. **Josh 1:18** (here the people speaking to Joshua)

Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage. **CHRIST HAS IT ALL - Wisdom**

**unapproachable Isa 55:8-9** for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. **Righteousness unattainable Isa 64:6** But we

are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities like the wind, have taken us away. **Strength unsurpassed**

**Ps 24:8** Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

## TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE ROSES

**Song 2:1** I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

**Isa 35:1-2** The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

**Eccl 2:1** I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

*People smelling the wrong roses:*

**Rom 1:31-32** Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

*The doom of the lost and the delight of the saved:*

**2 Thess 2:11-17** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

## LOOK FOR GOOD IN EVERYONE

**Isa 59:12-16** For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them 13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. 16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

**Ps 142:4-5** I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. 5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

**Isa 41:28** For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

**Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.