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Foreword

In our journey with the Lord, there are certain people that have been ordained to walk with us. Ron Horner one of those people in my life. We met in 2014 and have worked together on many ventures related to Operating in the Courts of Heaven including retreats and seminars with the largest project being the preparation and publication of *Silencing the Accuser*. Because of the level of trust we developed, Ron was able to listen with an open heart as I shared my experiences with the Court of Hell while ministering in India and later at home. He immediately recognized that this was an essential hidden aspect of effectively Operating in the Courts of Heavens. Just two days later, I was amazed to receive an email attachment of this book. Now I was the editor and Ron was the author.

Ron is a deep well of Biblical wisdom and understanding with an ability to connect the dots for spiritual applications. As a result he was able to lay a strong Biblical foundation for the Courts of Hell. I love learning from this man of God.

So I recommend that you prayerfully work through this book, checking the scriptural references, and with the assistance of the Holy Spirit learn how to apply these truths in your life. So may the Lord richly bless you on your journey to freedom from false judgments that are holding you, your family, your church, your region, your nation in captivity.

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Preface

In teaching on Understanding the Operation of the Courts of Heaven, the more I studied the more I realized one could learn indefinitely about the various courts, the operations, or the applications of certain scenarios to specific courts. When Jackie Hanselman first approached me about her experience in dealing with the Courts of Hell, something was triggered in me that indicated that I needed to explore this subject.

Over the last few years I have aided in multiple scenarios with people in the Courts of Heaven with amazing results. Prayers that had been long-standing were resolved in days or even hours when taken before the Courts of Heaven. My primary teaching experience with the courts is with the Mercy Court—where one deals primarily with accusations, but my experience had told me that although that had tremendous benefit for people, it was only one of the many courts in the Court System of Heaven. I needed to learn how to function in the other courts as well. I knew that the Court System of Heaven had means whereby cases could be appealed,

but had done little in that regard, until this new understanding came.

Revelation is ever unfolding and we need to stay abreast of what Holy Spirit is saying. Once you grasp the efficacy of the prayer paradigm of the Courts of Heaven, you realize that the church has only been partially effective because the church has been using only a portion of the tools we have available to us. As the Church of Jesus Christ grasps this revelation, they will be able to tear down strongholds in a whole new way and without the repercussions and backlash common to other paradigms of prayer. Jesus bought and paid for a victorious church—may we arise to all He sees we can do!

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Chapter 1

The Call

The phone call came one morning while I was in a meeting. As soon as I left the meeting I returned the call. It was my friend Jackie Hanselman who had been to the Morningstar Fellowship of Ministers Conference in Fort Mill, South Carolina. While at the conference she experienced an unveiling of understanding that she began to share and the subsequent testimony from implementing that revelation. Because we had worked together fairly extensively in the Courts of Heaven and I had helped her edit her book *Silencing the Accuser—Restoration of Your Generational Birthright*, she felt strongly that I should have this new information.

I first heard the phrase “Courts of Heaven” while sitting at a meeting about four years ago and immediately I heard Holy Spirit say, “Study that!” Upon returning home I began to see what the Bible had to say about the subject. I did an initial search on my e-Sword Bible program for words I knew that related to “Courts

of Heaven” and came up with over 1700 verses at that time. A few months later I added some more terms to that initial list and the total was now over 3500 verses that in some form or fashion deal with the subject “Courts of Heaven.”

Over the last four years I have conducted dozens of seminars on “Understanding How to Operate in the Courts of Heaven” and have heard amazing testimonies resulting from the understandings taught in those seminars. However, this new unveiling that was being shared with me brought me to a whole new level of understanding concerning the Courts of Heaven and how it can be used to impact history! In the pages of this book you will see what I mean. As we go along Holy Spirit will give you fuller understandings and insights that build upon what I have learned thus far. As of this moment (it has only been a few days), but Holy Spirit spoke very distinctly that I was to get this in a format that could be disseminated because time is of the essence.

Jackie proceeded to tell me the story:

Jackie, with her husband Dan had just returned weeks prior from a two-month long journey to India where they taught from her book, *Silencing the Accuser—Restoration of Your Spiritual Birthright*. While in India she was introduced to the Courts of Hell when ministering to the family of an Indian woman who was legally separated from her husband, living in adultery as a second wife to a wealthy Hindu man, yet felt fully justified in her behavior because she had suffered for

twenty years in her husband's house, and truly believed that she was right before the Lord. Her actions had a major impact upon the woman's daughters preventing them from getting married in a culture that judges such behavior harshly. Her lifestyle was the cause of their lonely lives. Jackie wrestled all night because of the woman's conviction that she was justified in her actions. Out of that sleepless night came the revelation of the Court of Hell.

While at the conference, singer/songwriter Don Potter was leading worship and was singing about "sons and daughters" which struck Jackie deeply. Her oldest son was getting married in just a few days and had along with his younger brother forsaken his relationship with the Lord many years before. Her thoughts had naturally been upon them with the marriage just days away.

Because her sons made a choice to no longer pursue God (they both served Him when they were younger), and due to many negative things had occurred in their lives during their childhood (including the breakup of their parent's marriage), they felt justified in not pursuing God—not even really believing in God. Jackie felt that what had occurred was that their complaints against her faith, God, the Bible, and others formed into a ruling from the Courts of Hell where they were "justified" in forsaking their relationship with the Lord, the Bible, and faith. Their attitude at the time of this experience was they were right in their rejection of God and felt justified in their behavior of severe criticism of their mother, God, and the Bible.

During worship, she went into the Courts of Heaven. She went on the basis that they were not in their right mind due to the futility of their thinking, and therefore had made a poor decision in participating with the false judgment that they had received. She asked the court to overturn that ruling and as she did she felt a flood of peace come all over her... knowing her petition had been granted.

Jackie immediately went to a fellow intercessor and with her, began asking the courts to overturn the rulings from the Courts of Hell over a number of people they knew. Again peace would flood her as she did so.

As Jackie shared this amazing testimony I immediately began seeing other false judgments that had been made and that they needed to be presented in the Courts of Heaven in order to be overturned. They were numerous and myriad.

Over the next few days Jackie had more experiences with this aspect of the courts in overturning verdicts. As she was sharing this with a fellow intercessor that intercessor began to share some false judgments she had been under since her divorce and since her childhood. Together, these false judgments were taken before the Court of Heaven and were overturned. This intercessor testified, "I felt as if a hand reached down inside me and pulled something out of me, and suddenly this 'thing' that had tormented me for so long was gone!"

What we were dealing with were what I refer to as "false judgments" that had come out of the Courts of Hell

that were being applied to the lives of men, women, and children, churches, ministries, people groups, cities, towns, states, and even nations that restricted the blessing of God in many cases and in others, were the very reason the wicked were abounding in fame, riches, power, and more while others languished in poverty. Whole governments were being impacted by these false judgments...sometimes for good, but mostly for evil.

Several words for “judgment” can be found as you study the subject. The most common word comes from the Hebrew “*shepheth*” meaning a sentence, a judgment, or an infliction.¹ *Shepheth*, however came from the word “*shaphat*” which has a broader meaning:

*To judge, that is, pronounce sentence (for or against); by implication to vindicate or punish; by extension to govern; passively to litigate (literally or figuratively): avenge, contend, defend, execute (judgment), (be a) judge, judge needs, plead, reason, rule.*²

As you can see by the broadness of that definition these false judgments can have extremely broad impact. In the pages that follow I will unpack this more. As I began to study the subject further it began to be unveiled before me. I found that the Word of God has a great deal to say on this aspect of the Courts of Heaven and of the

¹ Strong, James. 1890. *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. Abingdon Press (H8201).

² Strong. H8199.

Courts of Hell. In this book the use of the term “judgment” and the term “verdict” are synonyms, but I will use the term judgment more often than the word verdict.

I am a teacher of the Word of God, so I want a foundation for any new insights to have a firm foundation in the Word while at the same time remaining wholly dependent upon Holy Spirit, the Seven Spirits of God, and the ministering angels to teach me. These insights you will begin to see over the remainder of this book.

The Bible promises us that “what is hidden will be revealed” (Luke 8:17),³ so information that the church has needed for so long is being released into the earth for the fuller establishment of the Kingdom of God. As with any truth, the more we effectively steward that truth, the more truth will be given subsequent to it.⁴ May we steward this truth properly and as a result we will be able to see lives changed, families restored, abundance in many fields reinstituted in our lives and the Kingdom of God is advanced upon the earth.

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³ Luke 8:17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

⁴ Matthew 13:12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him (also Matt 25:29; Mark 4:24; Luke 8:18).

Chapter 2

The Gates

As I began to study I realized first that I probably wasn't looking for the term "Courts of Hell," but rather the term gates. In ancient times, the elders of a city would gather at the gates to make determinations about various things that were brought before them. They might judge the rightful ownership of someone's cow or sheep, or they might help settle a property boundary dispute. As I studied I found a number of phrases and insights of which to take note.

The Gates of Sheol

In Isaiah 38:10, we find Hezekiah, the king lamenting his sickness "In the prime of my life I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the remainder of my years."

In Job 17:16 we find Job asking the question, "*Will* they go down to the gates of Sheol? Shall *we have* rest together in the dust?" Obviously to both these men the

Gates of Sheol was a place and not merely allegorical speech. Sheol was considered the place to which the dead descend—the underworld.⁵

The Gates of Death

A similar phrase, “gates of death” was also found. In Job 38:17 God asks Job, “Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?” Obviously God recognizes this as a place as well.

In Psalm 9:13 David cries out, “Have mercy on me, O LORD! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death.” David recognized that not only was the gates of death a place, but that someone or something was prematurely trying to put him in it.

Again in Psalm 107:18 David describes people who have been ensnared by something proceeding from the gates of death. “Their soul abhorred all manner of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.” These people were not dead yet, but they were being impacted by something that proceeded from the gates of death. We will look at Psalm 107 in more depth later in the book for it describes how God overturns verdicts that result in life

⁵ Strong (H7585)

and healing for those who previously were being destroyed.

The Gates of Bronze

The Gates of Bronze is another phrase that can be found in the Word. Again in Psalm 107:16 we read, “For He has broken the gates of bronze, and cut the bars of iron in two.” Similarly we find in Isaiah 45:2, “I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.”

The Gates of Hell

In Matthew 16, Jesus had just asked his disciples who they thought he really was. Peter gave the reply that he was “the Christ (Messiah), the son of the Living God.”⁶ Jesus then proceeds to make one of the most powerful, yet most under-utilized declarations ever uttered. In verses 18-19, we find:

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in

⁶ Matthew 16:16

heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (NKJV)

The gates of Hades (or Hell) shall not overcome or successfully prevail against the church! That is what Jesus said, however if we look at the state of the church, we often see that the church seems to be cowering in a corner hoping the world will ignore them. Let’s look at this verse a bit further.

The Murdock Translation of the New Testament, says it this way:

*Also I say to thee, that thou art Cephas: and upon this rock, I will build my church: and the gates of death shall not triumph over it. ¹⁹ To thee will I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatever thou shalt **unbind on earth**, shall be **unbound in heaven**.⁷ (Emphasis mine)*

The James Moffat Translation of the New Testament says it this way:

*Now I tell you, Peter is your name and on this rock I will build my church; the powers of Hades shall not succeed against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the Realm of heaven; whatever you **prohibit on earth** will be **prohibited in heaven**, and*

⁷ Murdock, James. 1851. *James Murdock New Testament* Public Domain.

*whatever you **permit on earth** will be **permitted in heaven.***⁸ (Emphasis mine)

In each of these translations it is not hard to see that Jesus is telling Peter and subsequently us that the rock that the “gates” (or powers) of Hell would not prevail against would be Jesus himself, the one who a short time later was given ALL authority in Heaven and earth⁹ by the Father following his resurrection and just prior to his ascension. Because ALL authority is vested in Jesus, then no other authority can supersede him. No action that any authority takes can legally withstand His authority, however because that authority now rest corporately with Jesus’ church, we must exercise that authority to undo the workings of Satan and his forces. The Kingdom of God is the ONLY kingdom, Satan no longer has a true kingdom, his was abolished at the resurrection. He is running a rebel army. Yet, if he can convince believers that he does indeed possess a kingdom, and we accept that as truth, when in fact it is a lie, we thereby empower him in a way he does not deserve.

*To embrace a lie
is to empower the liar.*

The fact that Jesus stated he was giving us the “keys of (or to) the Kingdom of Heaven” is significant. In the

⁸ Moffatt, James. 1922. *The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments, a New Translation*. The University of Chicago Press.

⁹ Matthew 28:19

New Testament the word “key” or “keys” is found six times. Only once in relation to giving something to the church. In one case he is speaking to the legalists saying they had taken away the “key of knowledge.”¹⁰ In Revelation 1:18 he (referring to himself) declares that he has the “keys to hell and death.”¹¹ In Revelation 3:7 he speaks of his possessing the “key of David.”¹² Finally in Revelation 9:1 and 20:1 he speaks of an angel having the key to the bottomless pit.¹³

A key is a device that locks (or unlocks) something. Keys are usually only given to responsible parties to lock or unlock something.

I have a seven-year-old grandson. Although he is a fine young boy, I am not going to give him the keys to the family car because he simply does not possess the ability to be responsible enough to use those keys properly at his age. In ten years he will be old enough, but not yet. Apparently Jesus views the church as old enough to be

¹⁰ Luke 11:52 “Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”

¹¹ Revelation 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

¹² Revelation 3:7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS, AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS....”

¹³ Revelation 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

Revelation 20:3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

responsible to use the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven wisely.

As we explore this further, we must admit, we have been leaving the key hanging by the key hook and not using it to lock or unlock anything—particularly in relation to the gates of Hell.

It is a personal belief that the vast majority of the New Testament was originally written in Aramaic, not Greek as is commonly believed. The reasons for embracing this belief are many which I will not detail here. Let me simply reason in this manner. I am an American and English is my first (and only) learned language. Suppose I determine that I will also learn (at least conversationally) the Spanish language. It is a fairly common language in the southern United States, but even after years of study, I would not be versed enough to write entire treatises on my experiences with someone as did the disciples concerning Jesus in that second language.

The Gospel writers were (for the most part) Hebrews, the common language of the day was Aramaic (a language very similar to Hebrew). It was the everyday language at the time of Jesus. Matthew was a Jewish tax collector, Mark (who basically wrote down the recollections of Peter (who was a fisherman) to pen the Gospel of Mark was, shall we say, minimally educated. Luke and Paul were the only writers of the New Testament who had advanced education. Paul we know spoke Hebrew as well as Aramaic and likely some Greek.

John, also not highly educated spoke Aramaic. It would be unreasonable to assume that I would write intelligently in a language that was not common to me at the time. Greek was spoken in limited circles in New Testament times (primarily among the Gentiles), but the everyday language was Aramaic.

Why do I bring this up? Often Bible translators make assumptions about the meanings of words when they do not go to the very root of the word. We assume the New Testament was written in Greek and then look at what a word meant in the Greek, when in fact it was not written originally written in Greek, but rather Aramaic. Greek was a second-tier translation produced to instruct the Greek speaking believers coming into the church as a result of the evangelistic efforts of the early church. At times the Greek language did not or could not adequately portray the message of the original writers. They simply did not have a paradigm for it.

Hebrew is a pictorial language (as is Aramaic) where each letter also depicts something, each jot and tittle can alter the meaning and give it different shades of meaning. The letters form pictographs—word pictures that flavor the meaning significantly. Greek, on the other hand was a much more straightforward language to which we, as English speakers can relate. English is not a pictorial language. Whereas in Hebrew a letter also had numeric value as well as pictorial value, and each of those aspects played off one another. Greek was not so colorful.

Greek thinking is very linear whereas Hebrew thinking is circular. Others have written about these distinctions much better than I could, but let us simply say, things often get lost in translation.

A case in point is in verse 18 where Jesus declares to Peter that the revelation he had (not Peter himself) that Jesus was indeed “the Christ”—the one about whom a myriad of prophecies had foretold and now had been fulfilled through his life—he was the one whom God was on the verge of investing ALL authority into. That person—Jesus, not Peter was the rock on whom the church was built.

The term “church” we have assumed was from the Greek word “ecclesia”—typically understood as an “assembly of called out ones.” The church is that, but more than that which we have missed. The Aramaic for “church” is the word “edah.” Edah in Aramaic is the same as the Hebrew word “edah” and this is the definition:

Feminine of H5707 in the original sense of fixture; a stated assemblage (specifically a concourse, or generally a family or crowd): – assembly, company, congregation, multitude, people, swarm. Compare H5713.¹⁴

H5707–ed – a witness; testimony; specifically a recorder, that is, prince¹⁵

¹⁴ Strong (H5712).

¹⁵ Strong (H5707).

*H5713—edah – testimony: – testimony, witness*¹⁶

The church is an assemblage of witnesses. We are told in Hebrews 12:1:

*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great **a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Emphasis mine)*

We often think of these witnesses as a “cloud” and in our mind a cloud just floats around...possibly playing a harp or something, but that is not the picture Jesus was trying to lay out for us. Witnesses show up in court. When you go into a courtroom setting you have among others, a judge, attorneys, the defendant(s), and witnesses—those who can speak relevantly to the matters at hand.

This assemblage of witnesses has a duty to deal with both the enforcing of lawful judgments (judgments are agreements that bind the parties to the details of the agreement) and with getting unlawful judgments dissolved or loosed.

¹⁶ Strong (H5713).

The picture we often have from verse 19 is of someone bound by ropes or handcuffs, but it also had an implication of a legal binding of some sort. A legal agreement binds the parties to the details contained within the agreement. If you decide to purchase a vehicle and you choose to finance that purchase, you enter into an agreement with the lender. You have obligations to the lender you did not possess before you signed the contract. They also have obligations to you, the buyer that they did not heretofore possess. They also have rights because of their position in the contract. You have rights as well, but one of the predominant rights you have is the “right” to make the payment in a timely manner in order to keep the vehicle. If you do not, the lender has recourse to recover the vehicle which is held as collateral.

Let’s look at another translation of that verse with my personal additions in []:

*And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church [edah], and **the gates of Hades (Hell)** shall not prevail against [overcome or muzzle] it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever (all things) you bind [deo–done to fulfill a legal requirement] on earth will be bound [deo] in heaven, and whatever you loose [destroy, dissolve, dismiss, put off] on earth will be loosed [destroyed, dissolved, dismissed, put off] in heaven.”*

Jesus was disclosing to us that we would be in the position of imposing through righteous judgments and acts, the will of Heaven into the realm of the earth—we possess the keys. We can destroy, dissolve, dismiss, or put off things that have no business being in existence. The implication was that it included “all things” that we bound on earth would be bound in Heaven. How do we know what the limits are? If it is permitted in Heaven, it can be permitted on the earth. If it is not (or should not) be permitted in Heaven, then we should not be permitting it in the earth. We do not however, successfully accomplish this by protests, gathering signatures, posting on social media, or other means, rather we go into the Courts of Heaven and get these wicked judgments overturned. Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6, “Your kingdom come on earth as it (already) is in Heaven.”¹⁷ We are introducing the aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven into the realm of earth. We can only effectively do that through righteous means.

The Law of Agreement

Jesus repeats this message as recorded in Matthew 18 in the context of forgiveness and restoration where he says in Matthew 18:18-20,

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you

¹⁷ Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

In verse 19 it begins—“Again I say to you....” however I could find no record of Jesus ever making this statement, however the word translated “again” also means “furthermore,” so Jesus is expanding the verse about binding and loosing (or binding and unbinding) to a further extent and declares that “if two of you agree on earth concerning anything they ask, it will be done for them....” He is introducing the Law of Agreement.

It always takes at least two parties for a legal agreement to be constituted, but only two parties. Remember that the context of the binding and loosing is in relation to courtroom activity and so Jesus is speaking in this vein. We are seeking an agreement with the Father concerning something and in effect are drawing up a contract.

The word “ask” refers to demanding something that is due. However, that does not mean that we boss God around. We are told in Isaiah 43 to “put Me in remembrance,”¹⁸ much like an attorney might point out to a judge the precedent for a certain thing to be done for

¹⁸ Isaiah 43:26 Put Me in remembrance; let us contend together; state your case, that you may be acquitted.

the party involved, or they might remind the judge that the party has a right to a certain benefit of the law.

Jesus continues the context in verse 20:

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

Read this verse this way:

Where two or three (it does not take many) are convened in My name [my authority, my character], it is the same as if I was there in person (and just as you would expect Jesus' request to the Father to be answered, so will yours be—the same rules apply! (Additions mine)

We sometimes forget that the legal system God has in place is a justice system. He has given us the means to deal with unrighteous judgments being imposed upon people's lives through the Courts of Heaven. We have promise after promise of his justice and fairness, if we will only follow the rules and maintain purity of heart in our motivations and actions.

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Chapter 3

Types of Judgments

The Bible does not use the term unrighteous judgments per se, however it does refer to righteous judgments and if you have righteous judgments, it is reasonable to assume that unrighteous judgments also exist. In this book I will generally refer to unrighteous judgments as false judgments (as opposed to “true” judgments).

Righteous Judgments

In a vast number of verses throughout the Bible we will find the phrase “righteous judgment” or that the declarations (judgments) of the Lord are “righteous.” I will emphasize these phrases.

Here are some of those passages:

Concerning the Jewish people:

*And what great nation is there that has such statutes and **righteous judgments** as are in all this law which I set before you this day?¹⁹*

David declares:

*Psalm 19:9 The **judgments** of the LORD are true and **righteous** altogether.*

*Psalm 119:7 I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your **righteous judgments**.*

*Psalm 119:62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your **righteous judgments**.*

*Psalm 119:106 I have sworn and confirmed that I will keep Your **righteous judgments**.*

*Psalm 119:137 Righteous are You, O LORD, and **upright** are Your **judgments**.*

*Psalm 119:160 The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your **righteous judgments** endures forever.*

*Psalm 119:164 Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your **righteous judgments**.*

*Revelation 16:7 And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and **righteous are Your judgments**.”*

¹⁹ Deuteronomy 4:8

*Revelation 19:2 For true and **righteous are His judgments....***

The purpose of a righteous judgment is to produce right results—whether in acts, mindsets, or systems of rule. On the other hand if you have righteous judgments it can be assumed that from an opposing source you can have unrighteous judgments. Scripture bears this concept out, although it does not always do so directly.

We find the prophet Ezekiel making this discovery which is recorded in Ezekiel 11:1-12:

*Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the LORD's house, which faces eastward; and there at **the door of the gate** were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. ² And He said to me: "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city. ³ who say, 'the time is not near to build houses; this city is the caldron, and we are the meat.' ⁴ Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man!" ⁵ Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said to me, "Speak! 'Thus says the LORD: "Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. ⁶ **You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.**" ⁷ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they are the meat, and this city is the caldron; but I shall bring*

you out of the midst of it. ⁸ You have feared the sword; and **I will bring a sword upon you,**” says the Lord GOD. ⁹ “And I will bring you out of its midst, and **deliver you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you.** ¹⁰ **You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the border of Israel.** Then you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹¹ **This city shall not be your caldron, nor shall you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you at the border of Israel.** ¹² And you shall know that I am the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My judgments, but **have done according to the customs of the Gentiles which are all around you.**” ““(Emphasis mine)

It was unveiled to Ezekiel that twenty-five men were responsible for the declaration, “*The time is not near to build houses; this city is the caldron, and we are the meat.*” (v.3) As they met at this gate, they were likely meeting in the shelter of the gate. We must picture that these walls were several feet thick and thus the gateway opening afforded respite from the bright sunshine. Within this gateway these men met to make determinations. This particular declaration stopped what the people were doing and diverted them from their true purpose, which is what accusations do.

*Accusations are designed
to divert you from your purpose!*

These men had determined, “Hey, we are in power, we can do anything we want to do!” Ezekiel was commanded to prophesy against these men and their declarations. These men had rested in the assumed safety of their city, but God tells them he will bring them out of that place of safety and they would begin to experience the sword—the same thing they had inflicted upon the people of the city whom they had slain in the streets.

He tells them in verse 9:

“I will deliver you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you....”

The very thing they had done by their declarations—unlawful judgments, they would themselves begin to experience. The old saying, “Be sure your sins will find you out” is true, and when it does, it is often not pretty. God renders a judgment upon them for adopting the ways of the Gentiles. In this passage, an unrighteous judgment had been uncovered and replaced by a righteous one.

Let us look at another example. In Psalm 9:3-20 we find the psalmist record of a prayer/petition to the Lord:

³ When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at Your presence. ⁴ For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. ⁵ You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever

and ever. ⁶ O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; even their memory has perished. ⁷ But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. ⁸ He shall judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. ⁹ The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. ¹⁰ And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. ¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people. ¹² When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble. ¹³ Have mercy on me, O LORD! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴ that I may tell of all Your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in Your salvation. ¹⁵ The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; in the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. ¹⁶ The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation. Selah ¹⁷ The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten; the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. ¹⁹ Arise, O LORD, do not let man prevail; let the nations be judged in Your sight. ²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD, that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah (Emphasis mine)

The psalmist is recounting the righteous deeds of the Lord and how he avenged nations, rescued the oppressed, avenged blood and more. Finally, in verse 16 he sums it all up declaring that the Lord is known by the judgment he executes. His were righteous judgments that overturned the evil acts of the wicked. Part of the verdict was that the wicked were snared in the work of their own hands (v.16); the needy would not be forgotten, but rather remembered, the poor would not be allowed to perish and more. Why? Because the false unrighteous judgments had been overturned successfully—probably by the psalmist David. More examples of these actions can be found in the Word, but let's take a few moments to talk about unrighteous judgments.

Unrighteous Judgments

Who is making these unrighteous judgments? The enemy Satan and those in alignment with him are responsible. What happened in the Courts of Hell? Judgments have been rendered from the Courts of Hell. These judgments must be overturned by direct legal action in the Courts of Heaven—a superior court system.

You may ask, “How can they be active and functioning if they are not arising out of the Courts of Heaven?” If you were to go into certain sections of northern Mexico controlled by the drug cartels, (although you would be in the country of Mexico which has its own system of laws and governance), the cartels have injected their system of laws and their own form of

“justice,” although it may not be legal according to the laws of Mexico. The residents of those areas find themselves living by these “new rules” by default. We find the same thing in areas of Iraq or Afghanistan where extremists have taken over and interjected their own “government.” Although it is not “legal,” it is the law of that land at this point in time.

The apostle John wrote:

*We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.*²⁰

We, as the church, must face the fact that evil is in place because we have been failing in our task to establish righteousness in the earth. We have the Holy Spirit, we have the means, but many church circles are far too busy fighting with one another, or debating the significance of this sign or that “revival.” Since Jesus MUST be coming soon and we are planning on getting out of here on the earliest flight, why should we do anything about these things? It will all be over soon anyway! We have believed a lie and our eschatology has been our basis for failing to fulfill the Great Commission.²¹ It has been our scapegoat.

²⁰ 1 John 5:19

²¹ Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

The children of Israel learned the hard way:

And they (the Babylonians, Chaldeans, etc.) shall judge you according to their judgments. (Ezekiel 23:24)

These nations pronounced judgments (made rulings) that impacted the entire nation of Israel for great lengths of time. The same type of thing can be happening in current times. We need to be aware of false judgments that are impacting the effectiveness of the body of Christ. As you listen to newscasters, they will give clues. Assumptions that are stated as fact are also clues.

*Whenever mass media
adopts an idea as truth,
you are likely looking
at a false judgment.*

*Mass media is often the
trumpet blast of the wicked
to disseminate a new concept
as "absolute fact!"*

We often adopt these "indisputable facts" without realizing their true source—wicked councils. We must become more aware and ready to do battle, but instead of adopting the stance of a warrior on a battlefield, let us learn to effectively engage in the Courts of Heaven where

permanent victories can be won and the lives of men saved.

As I discuss the wicked counsel and wicked councils, let me clarify the usage of the two words. The counsel of the wicked generally refers to the advice that they provide, while the council of the wicked refers to the meeting together of the parties involved. Sometimes however the word “counsel” is also referring to a secret meeting, many times referred to as secret plots. We see some overlap of the two words that is worth noting at times.

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Chapter 4

Examples of False Judgments

Looking at the writings of Ezra and Nehemiah we will find examples of false judgments coming from multiple places.

Each false judgment against the Israelites was designed to keep them from accomplishing their destiny.

Ezra's Experience

Ezra had been charged with the task of building the second Jewish Temple. The original one built by Solomon had been destroyed centuries earlier by the Neo-Babylonian Empire.

In Ezra 4:4-24, we read:

*⁴ Then the people of the land **tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in***

building,⁵ and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.⁶ **In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.**⁷ In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter was written in Aramaic script, and translated into the Aramaic language.⁸ Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this fashion:

⁹ From Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions—representatives of the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the people of Persia and Erech and Babylon and Shushan, the Dehavites, the Elamites,¹⁰ and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapper took captive and settled in the cities of Samaria and the remainder beyond the River—and so forth.

Rehum and Shimshai go on to detail the accusations against Israel and imploring the king to halt the construction of the Temple.

They had a multi-pronged approach. First, they sought to invoke discouragement and secondly, they caused trouble (probably simple annoyances that wear on nerves and cause squabbling and strife to arise). Then

they hired counsellors with a specific purpose: To frustrate them in their efforts. Finally, they dispatched a letter filled with various accusations that was sent to the king, who in response stopped the Israelites from continuing their rebuilding project.

*When you see a coordinated attack,
you are seeing the results of
a false judgment arising
from the Courts of Hell.*

These wicked counsellors were successful in stopping the children of Israel from accomplishing their task. No doubt you have seen the same efforts arise against churches and ministries as well.

*The greater the threat
to the works of darkness
by a church or ministry,
the greater the assault will be!*

Now we will find as we continue reading in Ezra that the construction was stopped temporarily, but in the second year of Darius, king of Persia construction was resumed. Just as a letter was issued that stopped construction, a letter was used to keep the construction going once it was restarted under the leadership of the Prophets Haggai and Zechariah, son of Iddo. These men got things moving again by their prophetic pronouncements. The prophetic voices of Haggai and

Zechariah resulted in an overturning of the false judgment against the construction of the temple.

In Zechariah 1 and Haggai 1 and 2, we find the record of the overturned verdict resulting in the resuming of construction. I believe these prophets were able to make a successful appeal to Heaven resulting in the overturned verdict against construction of the Temple. The degree of favor granted the Israelites in the rebuilding project by King Darius was amazing and the king went a step further. He ordered the troublemakers to stay away from Jerusalem and leave them alone. That appeal by Zechariah and Haggai was a very successful appeal.

Ezra 6:14 So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

Nehemiah's Experience

In Nehemiah 1, we find Nehemiah responding to the news of Jerusalem's condition. It was in tatters. The city was in ruins and the walls of the city and the gates were broken down. The Israelites corporate sin had caught up with them. Nehemiah, in deep sorrow and repentance makes a successful appeal to God for favor with the king

whom he served as cupbearer. Shortly thereafter Nehemiah finds himself making an appeal to King Artaxerxes for permission to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the city, which was granted by the King.

As Nehemiah arrives at Jerusalem, two individuals become especially concerned with his arrival: Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official. These men would cause Nehemiah much trouble later on for these men were greedy, jealous, and wicked men with agendas not borne of the Spirit of God. It says of them in Nehemiah 2:10, “they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel.” Apparently they did not want any interference in what they had been doing in Jerusalem especially from a Jew.

Now a little background of the ancestry of these two men is in order. Sanballat was called a Horonite as he was from the small village of Horonaim in Moab, while Tobiah was an Ammonite. If you recall the story of Lot and his two daughters who got him drunk and slept with him in order to become pregnant.²² The older sister bore a son she named Moab, the younger Ben-Ammi—the father of the Ammonites. In Deuteronomy 23:3 we read:

“An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD forever....”

²² Genesis 19:30-38

If you are familiar with the curse of the bastard (illegitimacy) this is an accompanying curse. In Deuteronomy 23, three specific groups of people were targeted with an alienation from the presence of the Lord: illegitimate children (born out of adultery or fornication); children born out of incest; and finally, those who were eunuchs. This sin is manifesting in our day with the transgender issue. The entire purpose of the transgender issue is to create a group of people who are legally refrained from accessing the presence of the Lord, the same with children born of incest, or children born out of adulterous relationships or rape.

Sanballat and Tobiah felt it was their duty to keep people from the presence of the Lord and Nehemiah represented interference in the fulfillment of their ancestral duty. The Moabites and Ammonites specialized in keeping people from the presence of the Lord. Their alienation from the presence of the Lord had less to do with their actual lineage, but rather their treatment of the children of Israel. When they came out of Egypt when they would not aid them with bread and water,²³ and later they hired Balaam to curse upon Israel. He was unable to curse what the Lord had blessed but gave them the advice to have their daughters inter-marry with the sons of Israel. Thus introducing them to foreign gods and customs and having a greater long-term impact than possibly any cursing by Balaam would have ever been

²³ Deuteronomy 23:3-4

able to accomplish. Still it was about keeping people from experiencing the God of Heaven.

We read a bit later in chapter 2, after Nehemiah had surveyed the condition of the city and induced the leaders to be willing to rebuild the walls and gates, that Sanballat and Tobiah became aware of it.

But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?”²⁴

The initial response of Sanballat and Tobiah is mockery mixed with mild accusations. You may have experienced the same pattern. God gives you and instruction and someone (who is jealous of you and your relationship to the king) laughs at you and despises you. That pattern should tell you that they intend to do more than laugh at you if they do not get their way as we will see as we progress. The pattern of control is to attempt to:

- (1) Control you—but if I cannot control you I will try to...
- (2) Condemn you—if I cannot successfully condemn you, then I will try to...
- (3) Kill you—I will assassinate you or your character.

²⁴ Nehemiah 2:19

The success of the character assassination may determine how much farther they will go in destroying you, but regardless of how far they are willing to go, the entire purpose is to remove you from your place of God-given influence and assignment. We see this pattern in marriages that end due to abuse or violence. The aggressor party (often the male) feels that, "If I can't have her, then no one can!" and proceeds to destroy her and sometimes the children that may be involved.

Nehemiah does not respond to Sanballat and Tobiah in a way that pleases them, so they step up their attack to a new level. As a matter of fact, Nehemiah makes them aware that they have no legal jurisdiction in Jerusalem since they were not Jews, nor welcomed strangers, but rather appointees by a higher official from an invading country. Nehemiah, on the other hand, had legal jurisdiction to be in Jerusalem doing what he was doing.

In Nehemiah 3 a record is given of those involved in the rebuilding of the city walls and gates. Chapter 4 opens with Sanballat having a temper tantrum having heard that the Jews were actually working hard to rebuild the walls and gates, some of which had already been completed. He consults with Tobiah and the leaders of the army of Samaria (comprising a wicked council) and in verses 7-8 we read that he became very angry and they agreed to try to create confusion and attack them in order to stop the work the Jews were doing.

Verse 11 describes a false judgment against the Jews:

*And our adversaries said, “**They will neither know nor see anything**, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.”(Emphasis mine)*

The actions against the Jews had intensified resulting in great concern on the part of the Jews:

*¹³ Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴ And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.” ¹⁵ And it happened, **when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing**, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work. (Emphasis mine)*

Verse 15 tells of supernatural intervention in the process. Sanballat and his cohorts had met in secret (a trait of this type of people) yet their conspiracy was not hidden from God and subsequently not hidden from Nehemiah. We find the children of Israel positioning themselves to work and war at the same time. The fact that they were in an alert status helped protect them through their task of rebuilding the wall.

In chapter 5, a vulnerability of the Jews was uncovered and was immediately addressed by

Nehemiah as he rebuked the elders and nobles for charging usury (excessive interest) to the people during the time of famine. This exploitation of the poor had to be addressed. The Lord allowed it to be exposed, so it could be repented of and corrected. The nobles and priests complied with Nehemiah's demands and instructions for correction which then positioned them for favor in the sight of the Lord. We also find Nehemiah going to great lengths personally to stay clean before the Lord and in the eyes of the people.

As is the case with jealous people they do not know when to leave others alone. They contacted Nehemiah insisting that he meet with them in the plains outside the city. Nehemiah, in his wisdom, refuses to acquiesce to their request which, of course further infuriates them. *(Remember what you cannot control, you will try to condemn.)*

Finally, Sanballat sends his servant to Nehemiah with a letter filled with false accusations against Jews.

For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done."²⁵

This statement represented the false judgment that Sanballat tried to place upon the Jews.

Nehemiah prays,

²⁵ Nehemiah 6:9

*Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.*²⁶

Afterwards Nehemiah came to the home of Shemaiah, a secret informer who had been hired by Sanballat and Tobiah with the intent to kill Nehemiah. (Remember, the last item in the sequence of control is to kill you).

*“Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you.”*²⁷

*Then I perceived that God had not sent him at all, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ For this reason he was hired, that I should be afraid and act that way and sin, so that they might have cause for an evil report, that they might reproach me.*²⁸

Nehemiah's clean heart positioned him to hear from God and preserve his own life.

*False declarations are often designed
to position you in fear.*

²⁶ Nehemiah 6:9

²⁷ Nehemiah 6:10

²⁸ Nehemiah 6:12-13

*False prophecies
are false judgments
trying to steal from your life!*

The plan of Sanballat and Tobiah had failed again. However, it did not stop Tobiah from trying to instill fear in Nehemiah, but Nehemiah kept himself positioned rightly before the Lord and out of fear.

*Fear is not merely
the opposite of faith;
rather, it is the absence
of faith in God!*

In chapter 7, Nehemiah gives instruction to two of the most God-fearing men he knew, Hanani and Hananiah with clear instructions to keep the gates closed during the night until after sunrise. Nehemiah was always focused on the welfare of the people within the walls of the city. In all these duties Nehemiah kept himself pure before the Lord and acted with great zeal for the things of God. As governor of Jerusalem, he also demanded that those in positions of authority act properly as well—whatever the personal cost. The focus of purpose Nehemiah possessed caused him and the work of his hands to be prospered and his life to be preserved. It positioned him for false judgments to be made to fail over and over again. He never gave in to fear, but remained strong in faith and committed to his

assignment. May we have the same focus and
fearlessness in fulfilling our purpose!

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Chapter 5

What Do These Judgments Do?

Although more discussion will occur later in this book concerning the ones inducing these judgments, we need to understand a few of the things they do.

In general we can summarize that these judgments:

- Bind people
- Blind people
- Confuse people
- Cause them to do wicked things
- Cause good things to be withheld
- Take life prematurely
- Cause strife, division, and destruction
- Make people feel powerless
- Affects the ability to love
- Removes soundness of mind

More discussion will occur later concerning the ones inducing these judgments, but we need to understand a few things first.

Jesus pointed out to us that we have the authority to unbind those who are bound, but the purpose of the enemy in binding people is to keep them from the necessary freedom or ability to fulfill the purposes of God they possess. Ephesians 2:10 declares...

For we are His workmanship; created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Every person upon the earth has a purpose ordained by God. Some are not fulfilling that purpose, but we, as believers have every right to know and access the information necessary regarding *our* purpose. We can access the realms of Heaven where wisdom resides. We can access the Library of Heaven and learn things we never even knew we needed to know. This book you are reading was already written and residing in the realms of Heaven. I am simply sitting at my computer and transferring that information from one realm to another. I get to participate in the wonders of God in this particular manner.

One of the word pictures arising out of this verse is that of a tapestry. Often in our lives we are seeing the back side of the tapestry that does not look so lovely. We have short threads, knots, jumbled pieces of material, but God sees what that tapestry will look like because He sees the other side of it. The enemy would like to thwart

you in the discovery and fulfillment of your purpose upon the earth, so it is worth pursuing the knowledge of your destiny. Dig in and make the effort. Discover it via the realms of Heaven...you will be amazed at what you discover.

Often the technique of the enemy is to blind you to the good that is occurring in your life so that you only see the bad, or do not see anything at all. We need to be able to discern what, when, where, and with whom, concerning the purposes of God for our lives and our family. As we press in to the realms of Heaven we can make those discoveries. Courts of Heaven action may be required to get the blindness fully removed from our eyes, but it can be done!

Confusion is a favorite technique and fruit of these judgments.

*Confusion is a key element
of false judgments.*

If I can keep you confused, your progress can be stopped. James 3:16 gives us a clue at what to look for if we find ourselves or others in confusion:

*For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion
and every evil thing are there.*

Very simply, if you have envy or self-seeking (strife), the result will be confusion and open doors to all kinds of evil mess. To clean it up we must deal with the envy

and strife. Repentance is key to successfully dealing with these sins. We must cease our “self-seeking.” We must recognize our jealousy and repent, asking God to heal our hearts and make us whole so that jealousy does not have a hold upon our lives.

If you have no regard for God, you will do all kinds of wicked things. You have known of people who seemed to have no conscience or felt justified in running over people. It may be that they have been the recipient of a false judgment themselves and now are perpetuating that same false judgment.

In Proverbs 13:12 we read:

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

If I can invoke enough delay in your life where promised things never come, you are likely to get discouraged and quit...and will probably blame God in the process. Often we bring the discouragement upon ourselves by believing illusions. I heard a man once say, “If you are disillusioned, it simply means that you were under an illusion.” When we are disillusioned, we do not want to admit that we may have been under an illusion or a false expectation of some sort. Often our belief systems set us up for disappointment because we believe the wrong things about the love of God.

Many of us believe (or have been taught to believe) that if certain things do not happen for us that God does not love us. NO! God demonstrated his love for us

through sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and restore our relationship to God.²⁹ If God never did another thing for us, He has already sufficiently proven His love for us. To believe any other way is to invite disillusionment and hurt.

Often false judgments are responsible for the premature loss of life. God has promised no less than eighty years as the lifespan of man.³⁰

*When lives are snuffed out
tragically and/or prematurely,
a false judgment is likely to blame.*

We need to go into the courts and get these things dealt with. They likely are in operation on many levels, but as we seek wisdom from Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Wisdom, we will become much more adept at dealing with these things. Lives will be saved as these false judgments are overturned and tragedies will be thwarted and averted as we arise to our place in the Courts of Heaven.

²⁹ Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

³⁰ Psalm 90:10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years....

*When you witness a proliferation
of tragedies in a place,
look for a false judgment
of destruction.*

Another result of these false judgments can be simply the stirring up of strife whose aim is to create division, which will result in destruction at some level. We have seen this occur in ministries where things seemed to be going well, but then a situation arose, and before you knew it, the ministry was destroyed, or at least derailed from its purpose. This has happened in churches, families, and businesses the world over. We need to recognize that assignments of the enemy are likely to have been arrayed against that entity resulting in the destruction we have witnessed.

The last three arenas of impact were alluded to by Paul the Apostle in his second letter to Timothy:

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.³¹

These three are all a result of the cooperation with the spirit of fear:

- (1) Powerlessness—where you feel defenseless or unable to change or do anything about the situation you are in;

³¹ 2 Timothy 1:7

- (2) An inability to truly love—this is also part of the alienation feature of false judgments;
- (3) Loss of a sound mind—the ability to make sound decisions—seems to depart from ones under the tight grip of this manifestation of fear and false judgments. Panic attacks are another manifestation that has arisen in the last several years.

Let us learn to go into the courts and get these false judgments overturned.

*False judgments are designed
to alienate you from the life
and purpose of God.*

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Chapter 6

Council of the Wicked

We just saw where Ezekiel was informed of the twenty-five men who counseled with one another—most likely at the city gates. These men made decisions that impacted an entire city and ultimately had effect upon the nation.

Again, our friend Job had understanding of the “counsel of the wicked.” Three times the phrase is used by him (Job 10:3; 21:16; 22:18). Each time he reiterates that he was not a participant in the counsel of the wicked, but no doubt he was aware of the concept and of their power to act against the lives of people. He made some assumptions that they were involved in his series of calamities in some fashion.

In Psalm 64:2 David speaks of the secret plots (counsel):

Hide me from the secret plots (counsel)³² of the wicked, From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity....

This usage of counsel refers to a secret meeting or an administrative or authoritative body much like the Sanhedrin, where their “counsel” [advice, or determinations] are put into action.

In Psalm 2:1-2 we find David declaring:

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed.

Obvious from this scripture is the insight of the rulers taking counsel together against the LORD and His anointed. We have certainly seen an increase of that in our nation in the last couple of years. Emboldened by recent Supreme Court decisions in favor of homosexual marriage, the forces aligned with this ideology have increased their efforts.

What the church failed to realize is these decisions were simply the natural arena manifesting a decision of councils of the wicked—a false or unrighteous judgment. The church now has the responsibility to go into the Courts of Heaven and request that these false judgments

³² Strong. H5475. *sode* – From H3245; a session, that is, company of persons (in close deliberation); by implication intimacy, consultation, a secret: – assembly, counsel, inward, secret (counsel).

be overturned. If you do not deal with things in the spirit arena, you will never be successful in dealing with them in the natural arena. You can protest all you want, all you will gain is frustration. We are spirit beings and must operate primarily in that arena in order to effect change that is permanent.

*The Supreme Court decision
validating homosexual marriage
was the outgrowth of a false
judgment from the Courts of Hell.*

However, we cannot simply march into the Courts of Heaven without being willing to repent of our part in the problem. We must repent for the sins of our leaders and the sins within the church. We cannot ignore our sin and expect God to bless our efforts, regardless of how well-intentioned those efforts might be.

The phrase “counsel of the nations (heathen)” is used in some translations. David declared in Psalm 33:10-11:

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

In this passage he declared the ability of the LORD to bring the counsel of the nations to naught. When replaced by a superior judgment arising out of a superior court—those of the Courts of Heaven—His judgments will stand forever. However, these superior judgments

cannot be rendered as the LORD needs unless those who have jurisdiction on the earth—the *edah*—us, to step into the Courts of Heaven and request that they be overturned.

Because I am a citizen of Heaven I have a right to be in the Courts of Heaven and to make requests of that court. Because I am a resident of the earth, I have jurisdiction by which to act and make requests in the Courts of Heaven as I am an ambassador of Jesus Christ on the earth. I have a dual citizenship giving me authority in both realms. If you are a believer, you also have dual citizenship. Citizenship gives the citizen certain rights and privileges that non-citizens do not possess. In America much fuss has been made about immigration and the rights of non-citizens. Non-citizens however, are guests, and do not have the same level of rights as citizens, nor should they until they complete the process to become citizens. The church must step up and take responsibility in the court system of Heaven.

*A false judgment is in place
empowering the poor decisions
in regard to immigration policy.*

Wicked councils are made up of wicked counselors. David spoke of the kings of the earth coming together to develop plots and render verdicts against the LORD and his anointed. We need to understand the mindset of these wicked counselors. It will help us in dealing with

them and recognizing when they have enacted something contrary to the will and purposes of God.

We know from reading the four gospels that the Pharisees and Sadducees met several times seeking to entrap Jesus. One scenario where the scripture does not detail a secret meeting, (although it can be surmised that one occurred (even if only briefly)), is in the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery. The woman was brought to Jesus to see what he would say. The Sadducees and Pharisees pointed out that she should be stoned according to their law. Jesus, however, did not take the bait, but rather wisely said, “He that is without sin, let him first throw a stone at her.”³³

As the accusers, having pondered his response to them, left one by one until no one remained except Jesus and the woman. In tenderness he asks her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” Her reply was, “No one Lord.” Jesus’ reply was simply, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.” In vast contrast to Jesus’ instruction to “...go and sin no more” is the apparent instruction coming out of the Courts of Hell to do exactly the opposite. It is as if they are saying, “Go and sin some more!” and while you are at it, “You’re justified to do so!” This wicked counsel has been embraced by believers and non-believers alike and is a sign of a false judgment concerning that person.

³³ John 8:7

*A supernatural encouragement
to “go and sin some more” has,
at its root, a false judgment.*

Often someone involved in obviously sinful behavior will feel fully justified that it is OK for them to engage in that behavior.

*Justification of sinful behavior
is a sign of a false judgment.*

When the Word of God clearly defines a behavior as sin, we have no authority, nor right to determine on our own that the behavior in question is *not* sin.

*The redefinition of sin
to justify our behavior is a
smokescreen created by
the enemy to alienate us
from the love of God.*

An Example of a Wicked Counselor

In 2 Samuel 15:34 we find the story of Ahithophel who had become a counselor to Absalom, who had by coup taken over the throne of Israel from David, his father. If you recall Absalom rose to power by positioning himself at the city gates and offering counsel to those who came. He declared to those seeking his counsel that no one from

David's court was available to hear their case, but *he* was available. As a result his fame grew, and Absalom was able to win the hearts of the people and ultimately usurped David's authority proclaiming himself king.

Ahithophel, who had formerly been a counselor to David, upon hearing of Absalom being named king, made himself a valuable asset to Absalom as his most trusted counselor. We must remember that Absalom rose to power via bitterness, jealousy, and deception. Absalom relied upon Ahithophel's counsel immensely, but along the way Hushai (a friend of David), maneuvered his way into Absalom's inner circle and found himself in a competition with Ahithophel.

In Absalom's quest to solidify his power, he consulted Ahithophel who advised him to sleep with all of David's concubines in the presence of all of Israel. This advice seemed appealing to Absalom so he gave heed to it. Over the course of time Ahithophel's advice came to be considered nearly an "oracle of God."³⁴

*A false judgment caused
Ahithophel's counsel to be
deemed an oracle of God.*

Sometime later, we find Absalom again consulting Ahithophel concerning whether to attack David. After a rather convincing presentation of all the reasons to

³⁴ 2 Samuel 16:23

attack the King, Absalom decides to call Hushai to get a confirming counsel. Hushai advises Absalom very differently. So different was his advice that Absalom decided to heed it. Ahithophel was so humiliated by this act of Absalom that he went to his home and hanged himself.

Ahithophel's counsel, though seeming to be like an oracle of God, was counsel for wickedness. Even though it seemed flawless on the surface, it was no doubt flawed at the heart.

God through David's friend and secret ally Hushai, defeated Ahithophel's counsel resulting in the saving of David's life as well as the removal of Ahithophel from power. All of this was in answer to David's prayer for the counsel of Ahithophel to be defeated.³⁵ Ahithophel's counsel for Absalom to fornicate with David, his fathers' concubines, was the epitome of insult to his father, and obviously was borne of Hell. No doubt he received his "divine" inspiration from Hell itself.

These Old Testament stories are often parallels to what is happening in the spirit world at the same time. Though Israel had twenty-five men offering wicked counsel in Ezekiel's day, no doubt a demonic counsel was advising this human counsel in some fashion by which they concocted wicked schemes against the lives of men.

³⁵ 2 Samuel 15:31 Then someone told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!"

Jackie's and my experience told us that there was in fact a Court of Hell and wicked counselors who were obtaining unrighteous judgments concerning people, things, situations, and nations. Whether these "counselors" were human or not, is not clearly stated. It could be that they were humans who were demonically inspired, or it could have been those in Satan's hierarchy that served to produce these wicked judgments. It is likely that these men and women have been using the trading floor of darkness to receive power, wealth, and position. They are inspired with the counsel of Hell to implement in the earth false judgments. These actions are very possibly the result of direct interaction with the fallen sons of god, spirit guides, and the ancient ones that New Age practitioners are channeling.

If you recall, the definition of the word "judgments" indicates that they could be judgments "for" *or* "against." When we look at unrighteous judgments, we can generally surmise they are judgments "against" and *NOT* "for." However, we have record of one of the oldest complexities with which men have had to deal over the centuries, that of "Why do the wicked prosper?" We will deal with that next.

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Chapter 7

Why Do the Wicked Prosper?

Jeremiah asks this question along with another. In Jeremiah 12:1 we read:

Righteous are You, O LORD, when I plead with You; yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?

He goes on to lament how they seemed to have been planted by God and had even “taken root,” but then points out the real truth: “*You are near in their mouth but far from their mind*” (v.2). The balance of the chapter shows his lament of the impact of the seemingly untouched on the lives of those around them. He lamented, “Why are they blessed when they are wicked? I’m not wicked, yet I’m not blessed! What’s the deal?”

Jeremiah wanted to know. Job asked a related question in Job 21:7:

*Why do the wicked live and become old, yes,
become mighty in power?*

It does not seem right that some people, who are so wicked, should seem to be as blessed as they seem to be. However, maybe it is not God blessing them at all. What if another dynamic is in play?

What if counselors of Hell had decided to cause an individual to have unusual fame and riches? Just look at the magazine covers and the news reports. Some very wicked people are extremely wealthy and, on the surface—seem blessed. Could it be that they have traded for that wealth? The concept of the trading floors has been around since nearly the beginning (if not earlier than that). Men covenant with the devil in exchange for power, riches, position, etc. I believe that this actually happens in regard to certain songs, movies, television shows, artists, musicians, actors, and others that have unusual success. Their success was traded on a trading floor and they are supernaturally anointed to be appealing on a level they would not others experience. History has an example in Adolf Hitler. He possessed little in personal charisma, yet when he spoke people were mesmerized by him and an entire nation offered itself in sacrifice to his designs and ideologies.

We see that with certain “stars” who have no apparent ability, nor are they offering anything of substance to the public, yet they have an unusual degree of fame and power. In some cases they are used as diversions for other much more pressing matters in

order to turn our focus from more important things onto what wardrobe malfunction they just experienced. The “wardrobe malfunction” witnessed in the Super Bowl a few years ago was merely a test run for what was to come.

Others have taught on the subject of Trading Floors which cover a wide variety of arenas. It would be worth studying out, but I will not pursue that subject here.

Supernatural Hedges

Job was a man who was unusually blessed, and in Job 1 we find that Satan came before the Lord. Let’s take up the story:

So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”³⁶

Satan implied that Job had a special deal with God—”Have you not made a hedge around him, his household, and around all that he has on every side?” (v.10) The implication was that this special deal resulted in special

³⁶ Job 1:9-11

treatment. Satan challenged Job's integrity in verse 11 saying, "But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face." We find in the following verses that God did not share Satan's pessimism in Job's integrity. What we do learn is that whether Job possessed a supernatural hedge or not, we see people who seem to possess a supernatural hedge now. Think of politicians who, although they do wicked acts, no one is able to make any accusations stick or they are unable to bring that wicked person to justice. I submit that a supernatural hedge has been built around that person via an unrighteous (false) judgment in the Councils (or Courts) of Hell resulting in the "Teflon³⁷ effect" where nothing can be made to stick. In such cases, we as the *edah*, need to get that judgment overturned in the courts of Heaven, resulting in the removal of that supernatural hedge, which you will learn to do in this book.

*Supernatural hedges are
the result of false judgments
in behalf of a person in order to
position them for levels of power,
prosperity, or other things.*

An aspect of governmental authority that may be an over-reach is exhibited in the use by some in authority of

³⁷ Teflon™ is a registered trademark and a brand name owned by Chemours.

Executive Orders or “memos.” In the last few years, the will of the people, and/or the will of the legislative bodies legitimately in place have been overridden through the use of Executive Orders or memos. These documents signed by the President or various governors, often are in contradiction to already established law and are often a violation of established law.

*When witnessing a defiance
of established law via the
establishment of new laws without
going through the proper channels,
a false judgment is involved.*

Often these memos or Executive Orders are enacted to circumvent the systems established to provide checks and balances for governments to stand rightly. The church needs to pull its head out of the sand and rise and take their place!

Much circumventing of establish systems or protocols has been witnessed in the United States in the last few years. Not only from the Executive Office, but to those in various levels of Congress, and various Cabinet level leaders and departments have we witnessed these evil acts. Only in the Courts of Heaven can lasting change be enacted to change these things.

*The recent hijacking
of the primary electoral process
in the United States in 2016
has its roots in a false judgment.*

*The recent edict by the United States
President to require all restrooms and
public showers be available to either
gender is a false judgment from the
Courts of Hell.*

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Chapter 8

Characteristics of the Wicked

In Job 21 we find Job asking the age-old question:

⁷ Why do the wicked live and become old, yes, become mighty in power? ⁸ Their descendants are established with them in their sight, and their offspring before their eyes. ⁹ Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. ¹⁰ Their bull breeds without failure; their cow calves without miscarriage. ¹¹ They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. ¹² They sing to the tambourine and harp, and rejoice to the sound of the flute. ¹³ They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. ¹⁴ Yet they say to God, 'Depart from us, for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways. ¹⁵ Who is the Almighty that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?' ¹⁶ Indeed their prosperity is not in their hand; the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

Job not only laments the seeming prosperity of the wicked, but he lays out their characteristics:

1. They live and become old;
2. They become mighty in power;
3. Their descendants are established with them in their sight;
4. Their offspring (are established also);
5. Their houses are safe from fear;
6. The rod of God is not upon them;
7. Their bulls breed without failure;
8. Their cows calve without miscarriage;
9. They send forth their little ones like a flock;
10. Their children dance;
11. They sing to the tambourine and harp (no apparent trouble);
12. They rejoice to the sound of the flute;
13. They spend their days in wealth;
14. In a moment they go down to the grave;
15. They say to God, "Depart from us, for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways;"
16. They also say, "Who is the Almighty that we should serve Him?"
17. And they say, "What profit do we have if we pray to Him?"

If you were to look at someone who seems to have these characteristics, especially the last three, you are likely looking at someone who is the "beneficiary" of a false judgment. If they want nothing to do with God, have no desire to serve him, and see no benefit in praying to him, yet are seemingly "blessed" as you see in the

balance of the above list...a covenant is involved...and not by the Lord God.

In Psalm 10 we find David giving more insights into the heart of the wicked:

*Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?*² *The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.*³ *For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; he blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.*⁴ *The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.*⁵ *His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; as for all his enemies, he sneers at them.*⁶ *He has said in his heart, "**I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity.**"*⁷ *His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.*⁸ *He sits in the lurking places of the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.*⁹ *He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; **he lies in wait to catch the poor; he catches the poor when he draws him into his net.***¹⁰ *So he crouches, he lies low, that the helpless may fall by his strength.*¹¹ *He has said in his heart, "**God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see.**"*¹² *Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.*¹³ *Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "**You will not require an account.**"*¹⁴ *But You have seen,*

for You observe trouble and grief, to repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless. ¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; seek out his wickedness until You find none. ¹⁶ The LORD is King forever and ever; the nations have perished out of His land. ¹⁷ LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear, ¹⁸ to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may oppress no more. (Emphasis mine)

Again we find a list of characteristics...some similar and others quite different.

- The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor;
- They devise plots;
- The wicked boasts of his heart's desire;
- He blesses the greedy;
- He renounces the LORD;
- In his proud countenance he does not seek God;
- God is in none of his thoughts;
- His ways are always prospering;
- God's judgments seem out of his sight;
- He sneers at his enemies;
- He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved;"
- He has said in his heart, "I shall never be in adversity;"
- His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression;

- Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity;
- He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
- He murders the innocent in the secret places;
- His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless;
- He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den;
- He lies in wait to catch the poor;
- He catches the poor when he draws him into his net;
- He crouches, he lies low, that the helpless may fall by his strength;
- He has said in his heart, “God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see.”
- He has said in his heart, “You will not require an account.”

Can you think of anyone like that? Are persons on the national limelight to whom this would seem to be their résumé? You may be able to develop a list. I submit to you that persons like that have been the recipients of false judgments that, although contrary to the Word of God or the will of God are in play simply because no one has gone into the Courts of Heaven and gotten them overturned.

We must understand that the spirit world operates under a legal system. It impacts those residents upon the earth and requires the involvement of the saints of God to see righteousness overturn unrighteousness. That has always been the case. In the Old Testament we read of battles against wicked armies. Well, battles are still raging and court cases are being won by the enemy,

simply because the church the *edah* (witnesses) have not shown up to stand in their place as legal representatives of the purposes of God upon the earth. God will let a legal agreement stand until it is successfully challenged in the Courts of Heaven. Just as in the natural, a lower court's ruling will stand until challenged and overruled by a higher court.

*Any ruling coming out of any
of the Courts of Heaven
would be from a higher court
than any Court of Hell.*

Do the Courts of Hell have any jurisdiction upon the earth? In one respect no, but because we have left them unchallenged because of our ignorance they remain in place and their rulings remain in place with them. As the *edah* arises to the tasks and challenges these false judgments, righteousness, truth, and justice will take on a new dimension upon the earth. We have a promise found in Isaiah 16:5:

In mercy the throne will be established; and One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

...and another found in Psalm 89:14:

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of
Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face.*

No doubt you have heard people ask, “Why does God allow starving people?” The answer— “He doesn’t! We do.”

Several years ago in the Far East, a certain nation experienced a devastating cyclone. Relief supplies were sent from around the globe and sat on airport runways, in hangars, and warehouses for weeks and weeks, because the powers in charge could not put aside their petty differences long enough to meet the needs of the people dying for lack of these supplies. Finally, the packages were distributed once the supplies had been divided up between the various factions and the crates and packages painted with the label or picture of each faction’s particular leader. They wanted the people to know that these supplies were a gift from this wonderful person who wanted to be their next president or prime minister. Though that is but one illustration, similar scenarios have been played out around the globe. Supplies languish in warehouses because the government leaders and bureaucrats cannot put aside their agendas to meet the real needs of the people.

Let us look a little more deeply at what David described.

“The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor...” (v.2). Pride is a motivator as well as a blinder. The wicked persecute the poor because they can, not because it is the right thing to do.

“They devise plots...” (v.2). They scheme and have secret meetings for the purpose of coming up with ways

to kill, steal, and destroy. As Ezekiel found, men like this “devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city”³⁸

“The wicked boasts of his heart’s desire...” (v.3). Because pride is a motivator boasting is part of the package, particularly if you do not believe God even exists, or if He does, that He does not care what you do, or that He will, or can do anything about it. When one is free from a fear of reprisal, they seem to have no limits on what they will do or how far they will go.

“He blesses the greedy...” (v.3). A possible reason for their blessing the greedy is that they might themselves be greedy. Greedy people have no regard for others and live in a self-preservation mode. They are not unlike the unjust judge in Luke 18 who neither feared God, nor regarded man.³⁹

“He renounces the LORD...” (v.3). He determines that “I have no need for God.” This decision emboldens that person to remove the limits off of what they do personally. Remember the example of Joseph Stalin who professed to be an atheist. He had no problem destroying millions of people to further his agenda for communism. With no fear of God, one will do unimaginable things feeling fully justified in the process.

“In his proud countenance does not seek God...” (v.4). David describes another aspect of the prideful, wicked man—they do not seek God. Remember, they think God

³⁸ Ezekiel 11:2

³⁹ Luke 18:2

is merely a fable or just a legend...that is what communism taught. Besides, seeking God is not in vogue. "The 'cool people' do not seek God. That is for the weak!"

"God is in none of his thoughts..." (v.4). This characteristic is simply an outgrowth of the prior one. If you don't believe in God, why would you be thinking about Him? As you can see, one level of deception simply leads to another level of deception.

"His ways are always prospering..." (v.5). This is what Jeremiah lamented. They seem to never have significant financial difficulties or setbacks, and if they do, they manage to get out of them rather easily. One reason for this could be the cooperation with the mammon spirit because mammon is not merely about money, but moreover it is about "self-reliance." Several of the characteristics we have studied here show the propensity toward self-reliance and the alleged lack of a need of God.

Several years ago I heard Perry Stone teaching about the "Hedge of Protection" and he made an interesting statement. I don't have the direct quote, but it was to this effect: "He felt Holy Spirit had told him that Satan learned from observing Job about the concept of a "hedge of protection" and began to utilize a similar, yet demonic concept on some of his kids." As I mentioned prior, some people seem to have a "Teflon coating" where nothing can stick to them when they do evil. We are seeing a manifestation of this in the Clinton family. As you may recall, during his presidential administration

he endured scandal after scandal, but no efforts to prosecute him or impeach came to their full end. His presidency was called by some the “Teflon presidency.” His wife Hillary seems to have the same kind of “Teflon coating” as charge after charge has been brought against her with some very nasty allegations, yet she has never been arrested, or successfully defamed in any way. Is a false judgment working in her behalf?

“Your judgments are far above, out of his sight (he has not been impacted by God’s words....” (v.5) The false assumption of this person that God’s judgments or rules do not apply to them is a subtle deception that emboldens them to behave in heinous manners at times. The next several characteristics are outgrowths of their belief system—their “code of conduct.” Notice that David says,

“He sneers at his enemies...” (v.5) They have an aloofness and sometimes quiet hatred for anyone who does not agree with them. Their solution to opposition is not to reason with their opposers and find common ground, but rather to destroy them.

“He has said in his heart, “I shall not be moved...” (v.6). They feel invincible. They have set themselves so fully on their particular course of action that they will not be moved—by facts or any other thing.

“He has said in his heart, I shall never be in adversity...” (v.6) Demonic guards are at work causing efforts to catch them in their sin to fail. They feel they are above trouble and are surprised when they are faced with it.

“His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression...” (v.7). We are not merely talking about profanity, although they probably have no qualms about speaking profanity profusely—at least in private. They also know the power of releasing words of death over people and situations and understand the power of the tongue described in Proverbs 18:21:

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it (death or life) will eat its fruit.

They understand this concept much better than most believers and experience the fruit of their expression of faith—albeit from a demonic source instead of from God. Lying is second nature to them and in their mind is fully justifiable. They believe it is acceptable to, “Say *anything* necessary to accomplish the end goal.” If it helps them accomplish their ends, it is acceptable and simply a necessary way of doing business. In no arena do we seem to see this more clearly than in the political arena (particularly during campaigns).

“Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity...” (v.7). We need to understand David is not referring merely to trouble and sin, but trouble and iniquity. Iniquity is essentially a breed of sin—one which (in relation to family lines) is a particular behavior that is considered sin by others, but not by them.

These kinds of people are also involved in creating new forms of iniquity. Within my generation due to the proliferation of the Internet and the advances of mass

media, new kinds of iniquity have been created bringing with them new kinds of trouble.

“He sits in the lurking places of the villages...” (v.8). This particular translation (New King James Version) does not describe what David was really trying to say. It should read, *“He sits down as a judge waiting to ambush (lying in wait) in the courts.”* Does that not give that verse an entirely different flavor and shade of meaning?

Remember, this kind of person is greedy with no regard for the poor or helpless. He waits for the next chance to exploit the poor for his or her benefit. In verse 8 we find them with their eyes fixed on the helpless...scoping out the next opportunity to use or abuse them.

“He murders the innocent in the secret places...” (v.8). Abortion anyone? What place is more secret than a mother’s womb? This person murders the innocent via policies, unjust laws, and edicts (or Executive Orders) in order to accomplish their agenda. With no regard for human life, taking the life of an unborn child is justified because of their personal philosophy.

“His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless...” (v.8). This verse could be rendered differently as well: *“His favor is reserved against the helpless.”* The poor are only means to an end. We have seen example after example of those who will exploit the poor to create a good photo opportunity, or to gain a position of power and once that position is gained, forget who it was they used to arrive at that new place. They simply say to themselves, “Hey, I

have an important purpose. It's simply a cost of doing business." The poor are merely collateral damage.

"He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den..." (v.9). The picture of a lion waiting quietly for the opportunity to pounce is appropriate for this type of individual.

"He lies in wait to catch the poor..." (v.9). Now we know why they were patiently waiting...to catch or ensnare the poor. God has a lot to say about how you treat the poor and the defenseless. High on His agenda was the taking care of the widows and orphans. He looks kindly toward the poor desiring to see them brought out of the place of poverty, but not so the wicked. They will use the poor to their advantage, then discard them once they are used up.

"He catches the poor when he draws him into his net..." (v.9). The wicked person has laid a snare and will patiently wait for the best time to draw it closed capturing the victim.

"He crouches, he lies low, that the helpless may fall by his strength..." (v.10). Again the translation is not clear. The wicked person is like a crouching predator awaiting the opportune moment. This person will likely not even do the dirty work, but rather have "strong ones" to do his bidding.

"He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see..." (v.11). Remember how the wicked does not have a regard for God? Here you see it described again. Atheism is a common trait, although

these persons will likely not declare themselves atheist because it is not particularly politically expedient to do so at this time. They believe God is an old man, who is tired and just waiting for things to wind down. God is not really looking and if He is He will never truly see what they are doing. They simply have no fear of God.

Isaiah wrote about this in Isaiah 29:15:

Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD, and their works are in the dark; they say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

*The widespread mindset
that God is not a real entity
and will not see what we do is an
indicator of a false judgment.*

"He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account..." (v.13). One of the notable characteristics in David's list is smugness. They seem to feel they are untouchable.

*Smugness is a flag to tell us
that a false judgment is involved.*

These persons also believe that what they do is immune to God's intervention, because in their mind, God does not even see it. Though they do not think God

is looking, or that He cannot see what they are doing, they still like to do things in secret.

David, the psalmist gave us clear instruction in Psalm 1:1:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful....

We are not to follow after ungodly counsel, and we certainly are not to seek it out.

Any counsel not borne out of the life of God is ungodly counsel.

That is a strong statement and is not intended to say you cannot receive some good counsel from others, but good counsel is not necessarily “godly” counsel. What is the source of the information and what will that information compel you to do? James 3:15-17 describes for us:

This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

*Godly counsel will produce the fruit of
righteousness, whereas ungodly
counsel will produce the fruit of
unrighteousness.*

David further admonishes us to not follow after sinners, or sin, and not to subject ourselves to those who are scornful— critical. The person in this position has come to a place of welcoming their lifestyle, attitudes, and actions. The scornful are those who mock and disdain God and His Word. These very things are characteristics of the wicked as we discussed earlier. They are not to be part of our lives in any fashion. We are rather to delight in the law of God (Psalm 1:2)—with our heart turned toward Him.

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Chapter 9

The Mindset of the Wicked?

When we look at the subject of the wicked we need to look at the definition of the word to get a sense of all it entails. Strong's Concordance gives the following vast definition:

raw-ah' – A primitive root; properly to spoil (literally by **breaking to pieces**); figuratively to make (or be) **good for nothing**, that is, bad (physically, socially or morally). – afflict, break (down, in pieces), + displease, (be, bring, do) **evil** (**doer**, entreat, man), **show self friendly**, **do harm**, (do) **hurt**, (behave self, deal) ill, X indeed, **do mischief**, **punish**, **still vex**, (do) wicked (**doer**, -ly), be (deal, do) worse.⁴⁰ (Emphasis mine)

⁴⁰ Strong, H7489. *raw-ah'*

*The ultimate goal of a wicked person
is to break you down into little pieces
that they can then devour through
their schemes and devices.*

That is why they will target certain arenas which are areas of weakness, while leaving the stronger areas of one's life alone. They know if they find success breaking down the weaker areas, they will ultimately be able to destroy the whole person.

It is interesting that one aspect is they will show themselves friendly, however the aim is not to be your friend, but to break you down and destroy you.

Job understood that the wicked would plot in secret to destroy him. When you understand that Job was an extremely prosperous man and that his prosperity was having an impact upon the overall economy where he lived, you will see why others were jealous of him and wanted to see him destroyed.

In Job 21:27-28 he points out:

*“Look, I know your thoughts, and the schemes
with which you would wrong me.”²⁸ For you say,
‘Where is the house of the prince? And where is
the tent, the dwelling place of the wicked?’*

He was not the only one having to deal with plots and schemes. We read earlier of Sanballat and Tobiah and their secret plots that were exposed over and over again

by God in regard to the life of Nehemiah. David, having been a warrior for many years, and then king of Israel and Judah was quite aware of secret plots. He even experienced a few secret plots himself. In Psalm 64 we read:

*¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; preserve my life from fear of the enemy. ² Hide me from **the secret plots of the wicked**, from the rebellion of the workers of iniquity, ³ who **sharpen their tongue like a sword**, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows—**bitter words**, ⁴ that they may **shoot in secret at the blameless**; suddenly **they shoot at him and do not fear**. ⁵ **They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they talk of laying snares secretly**; they say, “**Who will see them?**” ⁶ **They devise iniquities: “We have perfected a shrewd scheme.”** Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep. (Emphasis mine)*

He points out some of the things these plotters do:

1. *They sharpen their tongue like a sword....* The Word of God is a two-edged sword,⁴¹ but the words of the wicked can pierce like a sword as well...sometimes like a dagger—a weapon designed to kill at close range.

⁴¹ Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2. *They shoot their words like an archer shooting an arrow—bitter words....* Not words of life, but words of destruction which are aimed at the blameless.
3. *They shoot and do not fear....* We discussed earlier how the wicked have no fear of God and therefore have no boundaries by which to keep their behavior in check.
4. *They encourage themselves in evil matters....* They are not seeking to do good things, but evil things—things that will destroy lives, businesses, and ministries, even nations.
5. *They speak of laying snares secretly....* Their scheming and plotting are always in secret—rarely are they brave enough to do things in the light—always in the dark.
6. *They devise iniquities....* They are seeking ways to create ongoing trouble and problems in others' lives. They are seeking to destroy multi-generationally which iniquity has the right to do until stopped.⁴²
7. Finally, they declare, “*We have perfected a shrewd scheme....*”—a trap. They will work long and hard to perfect these snares in order to entrap people long-term. They do not want people to merely commit a particular sin one time, they want it to become a perpetual problem for them—they wish to set up a

⁴² See Exodus 34:7

visitation of iniquity in that person's life and in future generations. Much like how a hit of heroine is extremely cheap, thus enticing one to try it out. However, once they try it the first time, then they must try it again, until they are spending hundreds or even thousands of dollars per day to support the addiction that has developed.

*The introduction of new kinds
of highly addictive drugs
are the result of false judgments.*

Although, we discussed at some length some characteristics of the wicked and these wicked counselors, more needs to be uncovered concerning them. David helps again in Psalm 94:20-21:

Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, have fellowship with You? 21 They gather together against the life of the righteous, and condemn innocent blood. (Emphasis mine)

David describes how no fellowship can exist between the righteous and the throne of iniquity where “evil is devised by law.” He then describes a characteristic present in at least two other listings of characteristics of the wicked—they condemn innocent blood. Their focus is not as much on the other wicked people on the planet, but rather on innocent blood—think of the slave trafficking issue—

*Slave trafficking is in prominence
as a result of false judgments.*

Or the abortion issue, again

*The Supreme Court decisions
regarding abortion are merely
a reflection of a false judgment
arising out of the Courts of Hell.*

How about the rise of pedophilia? Again, innocent blood is at stake.

*Sexual exploitation of children
has risen to prominence
as a result of a false judgment
from the Courts of Hell.*

*Any issue regarding the
condemnation or destruction
of innocent blood is a result of
false judgments arising
out of the Courts of Hell.*

When we learn to identify the false judgments involved, then we can deal with them in the Courts of Heaven.

Futility of Mind

An aspect of one under the influence of a false judgment is the lack of a sound mind, or the inability to make sound decisions. They may be highly intelligent and not have any obvious signs of trouble, but they cannot seem to make a sound decision. Paul spoke of this in Ephesians 4:

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. (Emphasis mine)

In order to come into agreement to enact a false judgment, one must, on some level, give over to a degree of futile thinking. The result will be:

- Alienation from the life of God (a result of the ignorance* that causes a blindness of heart);
- A diminished consciousness of right and wrong;
- A willingness to perform lewd, lustful, life-destroying behavior;
- A willingness to do all kinds of wicked things and do so in a greedy fashion.

*Ignorance—is from a root word meaning “to ignore,” which is what we do. We choose to ignore the conviction, the warnings, and the nudges of Holy Spirit and do the behavior anyway. Once you have performed a negative behavior the first time, it is generally easier to perform it the next time, getting easier with each subsequent opportunity. Finally a searing of your conscience ensues and you will no longer feel the nudges or conviction you once felt.

Your heart becomes blinded because you (1) refuse to see; or (2) refuse to look. Blindness of heart can be the result of either. We can choose not to see, or we can look and simply not see something—it may be hidden from us in some manner or we may be ignoring what we do see.

Recently I have heard of several prominent Christian musicians who had forsaken their faith and embraced atheism. A false judgment is undoubtedly involved.

*The embrace of atheism
by former Christians is the
result of a false judgment.*

It is an example of a blindness coming upon their eyes. Perhaps persuasive arguments were presented before them and they were seduced into agreement with the lies of that argument.

*Persuasive successful arguments
against faith are the result
of a false judgment
empowering its success.*

Prophesying to Idols

Another area to be considered is how do these false judgments gain strength in people's lives? The prophet Ezekiel saw into this in Ezekiel 14:

2 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them? 4 "Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, 5 that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols." ' "

It may seem strange to us, but the LORD will not only allow people to prophesy (speak life into) your idols, but will even empower them to do so.

When you, via your complaint, gain a false judgment, you had someone in agreement with you on some level to get that done. It may have been a “friend”, acquaintance, the one with whom you had the affair, or even a trusted advisor, but you had an agreement in place on some level. Once the false judgment was activated, you had those who encouraged you in that sin. They may have helped pat you on the back of the hand and say, “It’s alright! You deserve to do that. It’s OK, God understands.” These encouragers may be engaging in the same behavior with someone else. Everyone likes to be told that what they are doing is OK. The enemy will oblige you and send someone to help you justify your behavior. This “support system” is supporting your destruction—not your salvation!

The Law of Agreement works for the righteous as well as the unrighteous. In Matthew 18:19 we read:

“if two of you agree on earth concerning anything they ask, it will be done for them....”

It is this principle that is at work in the creation of false judgments. The person complains, another agrees with their complaint, and this can be taken in the Courts of Hell and activated into a false judgment. Because the church has been relatively clueless to this concept and the power it possess, countless false judgments have been released into the earth that need to be overturned.

The Way Out

Your way out of this predicament is repentance. We have to confess what we are doing as sin, repent of the behavior and of coming into agreement with the lies. Ask the blood of Jesus to cleanse you of these sins. Then go before the Court of Heaven asking that the verdict be overturned that produced the false judgment you have been living under.

*Repentance never goes
out of style with God!*

In recent years it has become commonplace for “Christians” to begin living together. They justify it on financial grounds, or other grounds that are simply bogus. Since the word of God clearly defines adultery as sin and behavior not to be engaged in, we have no business engaging in it. If it was sin 2,000 years ago, and no expiration date was applied to it, it is still sin today!

God is trying to keep the negative consequences of adultery away from you. God is not trying to keep you from having sex, He is trying to keep you from having it outside the covenant of marriage.

*Any justification of adultery
is borne of a false judgment.*

*The justification of
same sex marriage as permissible
is the result of a false judgment.*

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Chapter 10

Recognizing False Judgments

We have discussed false judgments from many angles and have given some clues on how to find them, but let us discuss that a bit more. This short list will help you know some things to look for. It is by no means exhaustive and is ever-expanding, but it is a starting point so, how do you recognize them?

- When one commits a sin that is an obvious sin, but has no remorse or guilt, and uses justification for their behavior, a false judgment is involved;
- When you are in some sort of bondage, but have been unable to obtain freedom in any other way, a false judgment is likely;
- When you find yourself involved in a vortex of behavior to which you cannot seem to get free—again, look for a false judgment;
- If you have no fear of God, nor fear of reprisal, a false judgment is in play;

- When blatant destruction of innocent life is involved (again with little or no remorse), and any behavior is justifiable, a false judgment is involved;
- Smugness, which is borne of defiance, is often a key to a false judgment, for they feel they are “safe” and invincible.
- When they feel fully justified that their behavior is acceptable or excusable because of this reason, or that reason, you are dealing with a false judgment.
- When they cannot think with a sound mind, or are making unsound decisions, you may be dealing with a false judgment.

This list will no doubt, be growing as time goes by, but this information is very fresh from Heaven—less than two weeks old (to the writer) as of this very page. I was strongly impressed of the Lord to put this in writing quickly as time was of the essence, so I have done just that.

Now, What Do You Do?

You access the Courts of Heaven, present the false judgment, and ask the court to overturn the false judgment and issue a new one. I have developed an Appellate Court QuickGuide to walk you through the process. It will be available at:

www.courtsofheaven.net

You may download a printable version to assist you in your courtroom work.

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Chapter 11

The Place of the Prophetic

The prophetic word or declaration can sometimes break false judgments off people's lives, other times it will require court action directly. Throughout the Bible we find times when this seems to have been the case. The presentation of this book however, brings the overturning of verdicts of the Courts of Hell into a broader arena where we are not relying only on the prophetic office or the prophetic gift to get a false judgment removed, but rather on our authority as sons/daughters of the Most High God and in exercise of the "Keys of the Kingdom" given in Matthew 16.

Nehemiah discovered and recorded that the prophetic gift was being misused to bring fear upon Nehemiah and the people:

*My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat,
according to these their works, and the*

*prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets
who would have made me afraid.⁴³*

In the same way, the prophetic office can be used to break off false judgments and declarations.

Here is what happened in one instance of the wrong usage of the prophetic:

*Look, these women caused the children of Israel,
through the **counsel of Balaam**, to trespass
against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and
there was a plague among the congregation of the
LORD.⁴⁴ (Emphasis mine)*

The sons of Israel started marrying these women who were considered pagan and thus introduced idolatry and pagan worship into the monotheistic society of Israel on a whole new level.

Of course we have Nehemiah's experience with Noadiah and the other prophets who worked against him, but moreover were working against the will of God.

*Your prophets have seen for you false and
deceptive visions; they have not uncovered your
iniquity, to bring back your captives, but have
envisioned for you false prophecies and
delusions.⁴⁵*

⁴³ Nehemiah 6:14

⁴⁴ Numbers 31:16

⁴⁵ Lamentations 2:14

And the LORD said to me, “The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.”⁴⁶

Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ when the LORD had not spoken.”⁴⁷

At times these false judgments will come out of the mouth of men and women who we assume are godly, but the declarations they spew forth, instead of bringing freedom to captives, bring people into bondage on varying levels. Just as one can prophesy truth, one can prophesy lies. The principles work whether for good or evil.

Jesus warned his disciples repeatedly to watch for false prophets who would declare and set in motion things that were not the will of God. As the *edah* arises to effectively deal with false judgments we will find that new false judgments will arise that are more subtle. We must be aware of that likelihood. The *edah* has a responsibility to fulfill, and we must stand and take our place in establishing the Kingdom of God in the earth.

⁴⁶ Jeremiah 14:14

⁴⁷ Ezekiel 22:28

The true prophetic voice needs to see the root issue of the situations. The activation of discerning of spirits can facilitate this information. The seer ability can often see these evil workings, when they took place, who was involved, etc. just as Ezekiel did concerning the twenty-five men.⁴⁸

⁴⁸ Ezekiel 11:1-2 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the LORD's house, which faces eastward; and there at the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. ² And He said to me: "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city....

Chapter 12

Appellate Court QuickGuide

(for Yourself)

Introduction:

Father, we come into your court this day on my behalf.

I come in regard to the following judgment(s):

Name the judgment(s) you have identified

Request:

Your honor, I respectfully request that this (these) judgment(s) be overturned; a new judgment(s) of righteousness be enacted; soundness of mind return fully to me, and that freedom be granted to me and those taken captive by this (these) judgment(s).

(In the case of financial loss or other loss, request restitution or restoration by the parties involved.)

Establishment of Rights:

(Establish your right to present the appeal)

Your honor, I come as:

1. A Citizen of Heaven (Philippians 3:20)⁴⁹
2. An ambassador of Heaven to the earth (2 Corinthians 5:20)⁵⁰
3. A Minister of Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)⁵¹
4. A son/daughter of God to whom Jesus has given me authority over all the power of the enemy (John 1:12⁵²; Romans 9:26⁵³; Luke 10:19⁵⁴)
5. I come as a witness in the *edah* (the church) in Heaven and on earth (Matt. 16:19)⁵⁵

⁴⁹ Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ....

⁵⁰ 2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

⁵¹ 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

⁵² John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name....

⁵³ Romans 9:26 "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they shall be called sons of the Living God."

⁵⁴ Romans 9:26 "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they shall be called sons of the Living God."

⁵⁵ Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Response:

Await the verdict.

Await any further instruction.

Thank the Court:

Give thanks and rejoice in the newfound freedom!

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Chapter 13

Appellate Court QuickGuide

(for Others)

Introduction:

Father, we come into your court this day on behalf of
Name of Person.

Your honor I represent them today because they are not in a position to do so, they are not thinking soundly, so I come in their behalf in regard to the following judgment(s):

Name the judgment(s) you have identified

Request:

Your honor, I respectfully request that this (these) judgment(s) be overturned; a new judgment(s) of righteousness be enacted; soundness of mind return to them, and that freedom be granted to those taken captive by this (these) judgment(s).

(In the case of financial loss or other loss, request restitution or restoration by the parties involved.)

Establishment of Rights:

(Establish your right to present the appeal)

Your honor, I come as:

6. A Citizen of Heaven (Philippians 3:20)⁵⁶
7. An ambassador of Heaven to the earth (2 Corinthians 5:20)⁵⁷
8. A Minister of Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)⁵⁸
9. A son/daughter of God to whom Jesus has given me authority over all the power of the enemy (John 1:12⁵⁹; Romans 9:26⁶⁰; Luke 10:19⁶¹)

⁵⁶ Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ....

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⁵⁹ John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name....

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⁶¹ Romans 9:26 "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they shall be called sons of the Living God."

10. I come as a witness in the *edah* (the church) in Heaven and on earth (Matt. 16:19)⁶²

Response:

Await the verdict.

Await any further instruction.

Thank the Court:

Give thanks and rejoice in the newfound freedom!

Which Court?

Some people will be concerned about specifically which court you go into as the Court System of Heaven is made up of many different courts. Our natural court systems are modeled (to some degree) on the heavenly court system and we have various courts that specialize in one thing or another.

In the common listing of courts in the Court System of Heaven, two courts seem to specifically come into play:

1. **Court of Chancellors**—where you find the administration of protocols from other courts and would function much like an appeals court where court rulings that come into this court are

⁶² Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

examined for their legality and then decisions are rendered that may enforce the ruling of the lower court, or completely overturn it. Generally, we are seeking the overturning of false judgments, but the final determination would, of course be made by the court itself.

2. **Court of Judges**—where high judicial decrees are rendered. In some cases you may be directed to this court instead of the Court of Chancellors, or some other court.

Where did these names come from? To the best of my knowledge Ian Clayton introduced these names, although someone else may have done so. These names you may not find in the Bible directly, but a lot of things we find legitimate we do not see directly addressed in the Bible. The concepts of various courts *can* be found in the Bible, but you will need to study them out for yourself. I am aware of well over 3,500 scriptures that on some level are court related in the Bible. The concept of a court system is sound and will not be debated here.

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Chapter 14

When a Verdict is Overturned

King David, who apparently had a great deal of experience in the Courts of Heaven in Psalm 33:10-11 disclosed this fact:

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

God wants to be given the opportunity to judge righteously and overturn judgments that have been enacted in people's lives, but He needs for us to swing into action.

Zephaniah described what happens when God voids a false judgment. We find in Zephaniah 3:14-15:

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King

of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall see disaster no more. (Emphasis mine)

That is a verse over which to rejoice! We will see disaster no more!

As we found in Nehemiah's example, he continually looked at his heart to be sure he was walking uprightly before the Lord, he checked his actions and his motivations. He wanted no cause in his life for the enemy to be able to exploit. As we learn to navigate in the Courts of Heaven for these false judgments, we must always maintain integrity of heart that the Lord can be pleased with. We must keep integrity always before us.

Sometimes the verdict that is overturned will turn on the head of the ones rendering the false judgment. In Psalm 140 David make the following a part of his court petition:

⁸ Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; do not further his wicked scheme, lest they be exalted. Selah ⁹ "As for the head of those who surround me, let the evil of their lips cover them; ¹⁰ let burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire, into deep pits, that they rise not up again. ¹¹ let not a slanderer be established in the earth; let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him."

Many times (particularly in the Psalms) you will find these types of "prayers" known as imprecatory prayers (those that call down judgment). They were simply part

of David's petitions before the LORD as he requested judgments to be overturned in the Courts of Heaven.

In Psalm 109, we find an extensive request made by the psalmist:

⁶ Set a wicked man over him, and let an accuser stand at his right hand. ⁷ When he is judged, let him be found guilty, and let his prayer become sin. ⁸ Let his days be few, and let another take his office. ⁹ Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. ¹⁰ Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places. ¹¹ Let the creditor seize all that he has, and let strangers plunder his labor. ¹² Let there be none to extend mercy to him, nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children. ¹³ Let his posterity be cut off, and in the generation following let their name be blotted out. ¹⁴ Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. ¹⁵ Let them be continually before the LORD, that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth; ¹⁶ because he did not remember to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. ¹⁷ As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; as he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. ¹⁸ As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, so let it enter his body like water, and like oil into his bones. ¹⁹ Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, and for a belt with which he girds himself continually. ²⁰ Let this be

*the LORD's reward to my accusers, and to those
who speak evil against my person.*

David was not being gentle. Remember, he was a warrior who understood the necessity of not “playing nice” with his enemies. They had not played nicely with him...rather, quite the contrary.

Whether we choose to make such requests as part of our petition is a likely to be done on a case-by-case basis. We should follow the way of love and be more willing to release them than David appears to have been.

As we move forward in overturning these ungodly judgments that have played havoc upon our lives, may we grow ever stronger in grace. We have much work to do and many things to undo, yet it can be done. Remember, we have the keys!

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Appendix

Summary of Highlights

Accusations are designed to divert you from your purpose!

Whenever mass media adopts an idea as truth, you are likely looking at a false judgment.

Mass media is often the trumpet blast of the wicked to disseminate a new concept as “absolute fact!”

Each false judgment against the Israelites was designed to keep them from accomplishing their destiny.

When you see a coordinated attack, you are seeing the results of a false judgment arising from the Courts of Hell.

The greater the threat to the works of darkness by a church or ministry, the greater the assault will be!

False declarations are often designed to position you in fear.

False prophecies are false judgments trying to steal from your life!

Fear is not merely the opposite of faith; rather it is the absence of faith in God!

Confusion is a key element of false judgments.

When lives are snuffed out tragically and/or prematurely, a false judgment is likely to blame.

When you witness a proliferation of tragedies in a place, look for a false judgment of destruction.

False judgments are designed to alienate you from the life and purpose of God.

The Supreme Court decision validating homosexual marriage was the outgrowth of a false judgment from the Courts of Hell.

A false judgment is in place empowering the poor decisions in regard to immigration policy.

A supernatural encouragement to “go and sin some more” has at its root, a false judgment.

Justification of sinful behavior is a sign of a false judgment.

The redefinition of sin to justify our behavior is a smokescreen created by the enemy to alienate us from the love of God.

A false judgment caused Ahithophel’s counsel to be deemed an oracle of God.

Supernatural hedges are the result of false judgments in behalf of a person in order to position them for levels of power, prosperity, or other things.

When witnessing a defiance of established law via the establishment of new laws without going through the proper channels, a false judgment is involved.

The recent hijacking of the primary electoral process in the United States in 2016 has its roots in a false judgment.

The recent edict by the United States President to require all restrooms and public showers be available to either gender is a false judgment from the Courts of Hell.

Any ruling coming out of any of the Courts of Heaven would be from a higher court than any Court of Hell.

The widespread mindset that God is not a real entity and will not see what we do is an indicator of a false judgment.

Smugness is a flag to tell us that a false judgment is involved.

Any counsel not borne out of the life of God is ungodly counsel.

Godly counsel will produce the fruit of righteousness, whereas ungodly counsel will produce the fruit of unrighteousness.

The ultimate goal of a wicked person is to break you down into little pieces that they can then devour through their schemes and devices.

The introduction of new kinds of highly addictive drugs is the result of false judgments.

Slave trafficking is in prominence as a result of false judgments.

The Supreme Court decisions regarding abortion are merely a reflection of a false judgment arising out of the Courts of Hell.

Sexual exploitation of children has risen to prominence as a result of a false judgment from the Courts of Hell.

Any issue regarding the condemnation or destruction of innocent blood is a result of false judgments arising out of the Courts of Hell.

The embrace of atheism by former Christians is the result of a false judgment.

Persuasive successful arguments against faith are the result of a false judgment empowering its success.

Repentance never goes out of style with God!

Any justification of adultery is borne of a false judgment.

The justification of same sex marriage as permissible is the result of a false judgment.

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