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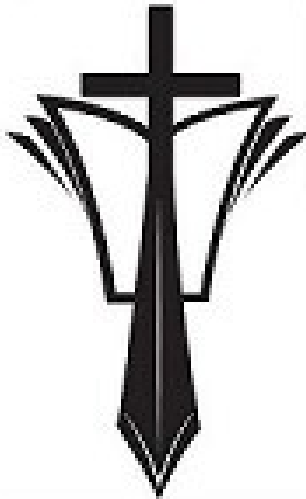
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Isa 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

INTRODUCTION

In these end times we need to understand how to face an enemy that has no mercy for us. He would prefer to see us dead. He has an army that is disciplined and regimented to follow out orders to attack all who are weak and unprotected. This enemy is none other than Satan himself and the thousands of demons, fallen angels, and evil spirits who follow the same plan as he does; to annihilate mankind. We cannot physically see this army, but we can see the results of the attacks upon individuals who end up in spiritual battles with them and don't know much about them.

How many of you have been or know someone who has been in the armed services? Have you observed the discipline that anyone in this group of men display? It is amazing! The standing at attention, the marching, the drills followed, even how they sit to eat. All is done exactly as they were taught by their superiors. If they didn't comply, they were disciplined "sternly" or rejected and discharged dishonorably. Now, this is the worldly army! Why do we believe we can handle God's rules and training with any less respect? The worldly army puts the men through the rigors of discipline to make them one unit and able to move into a battle following the officer's orders without question. This is the same plan Satan uses with his army, whether human or demon. God's army should be the strongest, instead, we deal with much division.

Mat 12:25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is

brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Mar 3:24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 and if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Many people who have confessed the name of Jesus seem to fall short in the area of knowing what He has said in His word. They will argue and strongly discuss many matters pertaining to the word but will more than likely not have adequate understanding of it. The principle of needing to ‘eat’ His word is not something grasped. We all know the saying “you are what you eat”. It has been said that the bible is the most argued about book and the least read. Why is this so? This is the very point I will try to expose in this book.

If you attempt to put a car together without ever learning about all the parts and observing the process in detail and then practicing that which you have little knowledge of, just what would that car look like? Would it even run? Would there be parts left over you do not know what to do with?

This is exactly what goes on with God’s word. Things, many times, do not **seem** to fit. There **seems** to be contradictions with scripture. This is because too many times verses are taken out of context or more likely it is not read in its entirety; **from beginning to end.**

Viewpoints are rendered from the pulpit as truth from God’s word and because most people do not read it

for themselves, they run with it as gospel. This is a tragedy for God's children, for they are totally exposed to the attacks from Satan because of ignorance of how to protect oneself with God's instructions. They are deceived into believing that what is written in the beginning of the Bible – the Old Testament – is bondage and archaic behavior for the Christian of today. We are under grace and need not adhere to those heavy "orders" of God anymore. This is the strategy of the enemy to make us refuse to follow the very rules in a war that will save us from the deadly onslaught of the kingdom of darkness.

We can stand and shout the battle cry all day long but if we will not pay attention to the orders that were issued, we are nothing more than a sitting duck for the enemy. He will be able to direct our thoughts in the direction of confusion and doubt to his benefit.

Don't listen to Satan's lies any longer. Do you remember the story of the emperor's new clothes? The emperor was told by some sly men that they had made him a most beautiful outfit when, in reality, he had nothing on. He was naked! Exposed to all the people! It took a small innocent child to point out the obvious – he had nothing on. Stop believing Satan that God's orders are no longer needed, for that is the armor we put on for protection from exposure to the arrows of the enemy.

We have all been living in a world where we thought we were free to live as we wish when the fact of the matter is we have really been "test tube" babies. Our

freedom to grow was limited to the perspective of that little tube provided by Satan to keep us confined to his domain of control. When we believed in Jesus, we then at that moment felt a burst of freedom, yet, some of us still sat in that test tube. What happened that was to be different? Satan still convinced us we were conformed to his world and many of us believed his lie. What then did we gain in the act of confessing our sins? **We were now given the sight and power to choose.** Choose to believe the enemy that nothing had changed or believe the words of Him who gave His life to free us: “you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”

In this book, I am hoping that the truth will become so real to you that you will stand to your feet confess to God you need His protection and cross the line to God’s side of the battleground. Be prepared for the amount of scripture I have included in the chapters. I want you to see this is very much found in His word.

I must give warning to you. This book is not light reading. To explain the manual given to us by our sovereign Father is no simple task. To me it is like trying to explain a very elaborate ball gown. Where do you start? With the lace? The ruffles? The double layer of silk? Perhaps the collar, or the sleeves. How about the petticoat, stockings, and shoes? You see, there is no beginning point to take you through to the last item. It could be any of them because they all make up the outfit. That is what His word is like. It is a very elaborate tapestry that is hard to point out one

thread without talking about some of the other ones and how they fit together. If you really want to understand what is being said in the word, you will take your time going through this book.



IT ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK!

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WAR, WAR, WAR! WHY DO WE ALWAYS HAVE WAR?

There is something we must be aware of in this world of ours. We live in a war zone that began way back in the garden. God gave Adam the task to keep (or take care of) the garden. The word “keep” in the Hebrew means:

shaw-mar'

A primitive root; properly to hedge about (as with thorns), that is, guard; generally to protect, attend to, etc.: - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Just what is Adam guarding the garden and all the contents from? Why “protect”? Why beware or save? Weren't we told he was the first there? So, where is the threat? Obviously, we don't know the whole story. The answer can be found in the scriptures through the

prophets IF we take time to study them. All was serene and beautiful until the serpent entered the garden and beguiled Eve and tricked Adam to giving authority of ruling the earth back to him.

When I say “back” to him, I am going even further back than the creation of man.

Eze 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. 16 "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. 17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you.

Isa 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

In these two scriptures it is revealed who the original overseer for the domain of earth was. He was removed from that position and barred from the garden. God (YHWH) created Adam and gave the responsibility of guarding all He created from that fallen cherub. In this task, Adam failed, and Satan had control of earth again as well as of man.

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Luk 4:5 Then the devil, taking Him (Jesus) up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their

glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Our ancestors, Adam and Eve, relinquished authority over the earth for a mere taste of forbidden fruit and gave it back to Satan. The war, **which now involves us**, began at the declaration from God (YHWH) – “**He shall crush thy head.**” Satan has only one wish for us; that we be wiped out and lost forever from the love of the Father.

If we continue to read on in the word with this understanding, we will see through eyes that may be able to comprehend the war that is taking place and we are the players **on either side**. Either we are listening to the enemy about the cruelty of God, or we believe God is what He says; loving and merciful and cares for us. Either we listen to Satan that God’s rules are legalism and a bondage to keep us from enjoying life, or we see the truth of the Father’s care for us by giving us instructions in which to stay free from the snares of evil that would pull us into the very pit that Satan is destined for at the end of this war - **and it will end.**

As a mother, I know what it feels like to have my child think I am mean sometimes. I know what dangers there are out in that big world and if I can, I want to protect them. As our children grow, there are other voices to speak to them. Sometimes those voices say the parent doesn’t understand them, they don’t feel the way you feel, they are old fashioned, they’re the fun police!. This is no different than what Satan did to

our ancestors at the beginning – same tactics – his strategies never change.

How will the end of all this turmoil come about? How can God (YHWH) keep us safe from this road to hell? I would like to give an example of what cooperation is necessary when facing an enemy:

We are all pretty much acquainted with the strategies of war that are set in place to stand in the battle and strive to win the skirmish we are marching into. It first starts out with the commanding officer who is assigned over the army going out on the battlefield. He plans the best way to surround and defeat the enemy while making sure the equipment for his army is the best available and sends out the orders to those below him. No one knows these plans like he does. If anyone in the ranks decides that the orders were too strict or too antiquated or they don't see the need for the weapons handed to them and they do their own thing, they could destroy their chances of survival.

So then, what kind of war are we engaged in? **It is definitely a war** for our very lives but, what life are we fighting for? What are our orders? What kind of weapons do we have? Who do we follow?

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6

and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

This declaration here in 2Corinthians 10 is amazing. Paul says the weapons we are to use are **mighty** in God. He has weapons for us to use against the enemy. His weapons are for pulling down strongholds (the enemy's fortified castle), casting down (demolishing) reasoning or thought against truth, and every high thing elevating itself above and against the knowledge of God Himself. And he directs us to our captain – Jesus Christ.

Eph 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11 Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** **13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,** **15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;** **16 above all, taking the shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;** **18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

*1Pe 5:6 Therefore **humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God**, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for **He cares for you**. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; **because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour**. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

We see many wars waged in the physical world. These wars **are a result** of the spiritual war being fought between the two kingdoms spoken of in the above scriptures. When man listens to the whispers of Satan in the ear about greed, lust, covetousness, and hatred against others, they have unwittingly joined his ranks. **The true war** is the one stated in the previous verses above. How do we equip ourselves for this kind of battle? What is Paul telling us about this armor? Let us examine each piece of equipment laid before us. Each word will be shown in its Greek or Hebrew understanding so we can get a better picture of what is being presented as protection for our souls against the enemy.

Eph 6:14a.....girded your waist with truth

First piece of armor – TRUTH

Hebrew – *This means literally firmness; in a figurative way it is security or moral fidelity. Fidelity meaning firm adherence to a person or party with*

which one is united, or to which one is bound, loyalty.

Where is this armor placed? Around your waist or loins.

In the Hebrew meaning this is the “seat of strength”

*Psa 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **Your law is truth.***

*Psa 119:151 You are near, O Lord, and all **Your commandments are truth.***

*Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

*Joh 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.***

Eph 6:14b.....put on the breastplate of righteousness

Second piece of armor – RIGHTEOUSNESS

One description is equity. In practice, equity is the impartial distribution of justice, or doing that to another which the laws of God and man, and of reason, give him a right to claim. It is the **treating of a person according to justice and reason.**

Hebrew meaning – *to be just, lawful, to be circumspect and hence intelligent: - consider, expert,*

instruct, prosper, (deal) prudent (-ly), have understand (-ing), wisdom....

Where is this armor used? Over the heart like a breastplate. A total shielding of the heart with – in this case - the laws of God in understanding - righteousness.

***Exo 28:15** "You shall make the **breastplate of judgment**. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you shall make it.*

Psa 24:3** Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? **4** He who has clean hands and a **pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.

Psa 32:11** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you **righteous**; And shout for joy, all you **upright in heart!

Psa 51:10** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Mat 5:8** **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Rom 10:10** **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Eph 6:15.....shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

Third piece of armor – PREPERATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Preparation –

Hebrew - *fixed, established, foundation to stand in declaring*

Gospel –

Hebrew - *glad tidings and good news received by instruction*

Peace –

Hebrew - *to be safe and complete in recompense and restoration of soul with reward*

Where is this armor? On the feet, that which we stand on and supports us.

*Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; **walk before Me** and be blameless.*

*Psa 89:15 Blessed are the people who know **the joyful sound!** They walk, O Lord, **in the light** of Your countenance.*

Psa 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts. 46 I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

***Joh 8:12** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. **He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**"*

Rom 6:4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even **so we also should walk in newness of life.

***2Co 5:7** For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

Eph 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

***Col 2:6** As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him,** 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.*

3Jn 1:4** I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk in truth.

***Rev 21:24** And the nations of **those who are saved shall walk in its light,** and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.*

***Eph 6:16**..... taking the shield of faith*

Fourth piece of armor – FAITH

Greek - persuasion, moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; assurance, belief)

Hebrew – moral fidelity, stability, steady, security

How is this armor used? As a shield held tightly to protect from the arrows of the enemy. **It is active.**

*Isa 33:6 Wisdom and knowledge **will be the stability** of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure.*

*Mar 4:40 But He said to them, "**Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?**"*

Luk 12:28 If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

*Act 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. **He has given assurance of this** to all by raising Him from the dead."*

*Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God **is revealed from faith to faith**; as it is written, "**The just shall live by faith.**"*

*Rom 3:26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one **who has faith in Jesus.***

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for

salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

*Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of **those who believe** to the saving of the soul.*

*Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; **who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.***

Eph 6:17a.... the helmet of salvation

Fifth piece of armor – SALVATION

Ancient Hebrew- *action: **Watch** concrete: **Shepherd** abstract: **Delight**: The pictograph letter is a picture of the teeth used for devouring or destruction, the next letter is a picture of the eye. Combined these mean "destroyer watches". The **shepherd carefully watches over the flock** and the surrounding area always on the lookout for danger. **When a predator comes to attack, the shepherd destroys the enemy.** destruction, danger or great calamity.*

Don't you find it interesting that this word – salvation – is associated with a shepherd? You will see this picture of a shepherd several other times as we study the true character of God (YHWH).

Greek – *defender or defense*

Hebrew - *to be safe; causatively to free or succor: avenging, defend, deliver (-er), help, preserve, rescue, save (-iour), get victory.*

And in what form is this armor? In the form of a helmet. To cover and protect the mind from succumbing to the lies of the enemy.

Gen 49:18 I have waited for your salvation, O Lord!

Psa 7:10 My defense is of God, who saves the upright in heart.

Psa 31:2 Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.

Psa 37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble.⁴⁰ And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

Psa 119:117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

Psa 144:1 Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle-- 2 My lovingkindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge,

Isa 43:11 I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior.

*Zec 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, **your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation,** Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.*

*Luk 1:68 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, 69 And **has raised up a horn of salvation for us** In the house of His servant David, 70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, 71 **That we should be saved from our enemies** And from the hand of all who hate us,*

*1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 **who are kept by the power of God** through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

*1Pe 1:8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 **receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls.***

Eph 6:17b..... sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

Sixth piece - THE SPIRIT - THE WORD OF GOD
This is truly an aggressive weapon.

Spirit –

Greek – *breath as a blast*

Hebrew – *breath – even violent exhale, life*

Word –

Greek - *an utterance (individually, collectively or specifically); by implication a matter or topic (especially of narration, command or dispute)*

Hebrew - *a word; by implication a matter (as spoken of) of thing; adverbially a cause: - act, advice, commandment*

How is this weapon displayed? In the form of a sword. **To cut asunder** the very works of him who comes against us **by the word of God.**

Psa 33:6** By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them **by the breath of His mouth.

Psa 119:9** How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed **according to Your word.** 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, **let me not wander from Your commandments!

Psa 119:16** I will delight myself in Your statutes; **I will not forget Your word.

***Psa 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

***Psa 119:172** My tongue shall speak of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness.*

Pro 13:13 *He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.*

Pro 30:5 *Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 **Do not add to His words,** Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.*

Isa 49:2 *And **He has made My mouth like a sharp sword;** In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me."*

Jer 15:16 ***Your words were found, and I ate them,** and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.*

Heb 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 discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Joh 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 **In Him was life,** and the life was the light of men.*

Joh 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of*

the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Joh 3:34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

Mat 4:3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Rom 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Eph 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Act 5:32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Eph 6:18..... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication

The final covering – PRAYER

On every battlefield there was erected a tent for the commanding officer. It was the place all those under him would come for instruction and ask for orders. You could say that Prayer is that tent. Here again we see the Spirit mentioned. We are to pray in accordance to His word with His Spirit.

Hebrew – *entreat*; *The ancient pictograph is a combination picture of a mouth,, and a picture of a **shepherd staff**, representing authority. Combined these mean "**speak to authority**". A coming to one in authority to intercede on one's own behalf or for another. (Here again is the picture of a shepherd being over the flock in authority.)*

Supplication -

Greek – *petition, request*

Hebrew – *intercede, intreat*

In both the words “prayer” and “supplication” the meanings are the same. This gives the directions from Paul on this matter a repeated significance of staying in touch with our authority, God (YHWH).

Watchful -

Greek - *to be sleepless, that is, keep awake: - watch.*

Hebrew - *to be alert, that is, sleepless; hence to be on the lookout (whether for good or ill): - hasten, remain, wake, watch (for).*

To this end –

Greek - *concerning or against that baffling backward wind (spirit) of him (Satan)*

Perseverance -

Greek - *Constant diligence*

Hebrew - *to seize, be strong (figuratively courageous), to bind, restrain, conquer:*

Now let us read my descriptive version Of Ephesians 6 from Paul by using the Greek and Hebrew meanings:

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with firm and moral fidelity, having put on the breastplate protecting the heart in lawfulness, being circumspect with understanding and wisdom,¹⁵ and having shod your feet with a fixed, established foundation to stand in declaring the glad tidings and good news of recompense and restoration of the soul with reward in complete safety; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of persuasion and moral conviction of the truthfulness of God and reliance upon Christ for salvation, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet to cover and protect the mind as a defense to deliver and rescue from the power and pollution of sin, and the sword of the breath and life, which is the utterance, act, advice and commandment of God; ¹⁸ entreating always in accordance to His word with all petition and request in communication of the Spirit, keeping awake, alert and on the lookout concerning or against the contrary spirit with constant diligence

being strong to bind, restrain and conquer, and interceding for all the saints--

This is not armor we can just claim to put on by ourselves. This is something that gets put on the closer we walk in the ways of God by obeying His voice. His voice is the breath and life. It is the utterance of His will and commandments.

We must learn how this armor is put in place on us. Let us start by entering our commanding officer's "tent" – prayer.





THE BATTLE CRY

*1Sa 17:45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. **But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.*

In understanding the priceless treasure of the manual that guides us toward life abundant and free in God (YHWH), which is His word, we need to endeavor to see the beautiful tapestry of it, for His word is many faceted like a detailed picture. At one time you will see the journey of the **promised Seed** from beginning to the end; at another time you could follow the **'scarlet thread' (blood line)** of the **Seed** through the lineage from Adam to Joseph and Mary. You could also be taken down the road to **witnessing the development of the true children of God** starting with Abraham. Then there is the **beginning of a constant battle in war between kingdoms** and the ending of it with time's conclusion.

There is a reason the word of God is called **living**. You can never get to the bottom of it in revelation and understanding.

In continuing the unfolding of this **war between the two kingdoms**, I would like now to examine the Lord's Prayer.

Many of us have known this prayer our whole lives. When the disciples were with Jesus (Yeshua) during His three years of ministry, they asked Him to teach them how to pray. What a curious thing to request. They prayed three times a day; morning, afternoon, and evening. That was their common practice for probably as long as they could remember, so, why ask Jesus to TEACH them to pray? In Luke chapter 11, Jesus had just finished praying when they asked to be taught. Obviously, they observed a quality and power they had not seen before in how He prayed. What did He teach them?

I believe the prayer He gave them is a battlefield strategy to prepare us each day for the war taking place since the garden of Eden. A battle cry.

Mat 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Luk 11:2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Here are the two samples of the prayer taught by our Savior. Let us study each line for our instructions for war.

The first verse –

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. –

Here we are told to acknowledge who is head of our lives. He is our Father for we are one family under Him, and His name is always to be declared set apart (holy) **in the hearing** of the enemy.

Second verse –

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. –

We are to desire His kingdom over Satan's and request that His will be done here on earth as His will is always done in His kingdom in heaven. In wanting His kingdom, we want His rule over us and we are asking for the removal of Satan's cruel reign upon this earth; to be totally freed of the bondage we have been under since the act of disobedience in the garden.

We are looking for the true will of Him who loves us to be put back in place.

I don't know if you see it or not, but what was the cry given by many nations when heading into battle? "For king and country!" Right here in these first two verses is that very cry!

Third verse –

Give us day by day our daily bread –

I do not believe this is talking about sustenance for our fleshly body, for Jesus tells us:

*Mat 6:25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. **Is not life more than food** and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; **yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?***

This is shortly spoken after the prayer (Mat 6:9-13). He is telling us not to worry about such things. What could He possibly be referring to then?

*Mat 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**' "*

This is what Jesus (Yeshua) declared to Satan in the wilderness after being challenged to make stones into bread. I believe this is what Jesus was referring to in the prayer. Without a daily dose of God's word and

instructions, we become weak spiritually and cannot know **how** to fight off the wiles of the enemy or even recognize them.

Fourth verse –

And forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. –

This is a crucial step to being armed properly against Satan. If we do not forgive others who have offended us in some way, we are open to the attacks of the enemy in many ways, because God will not forgive us. We are unprotected because of our stubbornness. We do not forgive others for their sake; **we do it for ours.**

*Mat 6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 **But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.***

This statement is made in reference to verse 12 **right after** He finishes the prayer, so this is very important to listen to. We are to attend to this matter right then as we are praying. Ask God (YHWH) to recall things you have not taken care of yet.

Fifth verse –

And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. –

We are not to listen to the enemy to be drawn into his deception and led astray. We are to cling to our Father

to keep us safe from Satan and He will deliver us through the battles **if we obey His instructions**; for they are life and protection. To confess our inability to stand in our own strength against the enemy's onslaught, and ask for God's help, we will avoid falling into temptation.

*Mar 4:14 The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. **When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.** 16 These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, **when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.** 18 Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, 19 and **the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.** 20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."*

*Jas 1:12 **Blessed is the man who endures temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** 15 Then, when desire*

has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

Jer 6:19 Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people-- The fruit of their thoughts, because they have not heeded My words, Nor My law, but rejected it.

If we do not listen to the instructions of God, He will pull back His protection, for He has no obligation to cater to sin, and the enemy can flood in with calamities in our lives. If we listen to Him, He will deliver us from the hand of the evil one.

Final verse –

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. –

Here is the final battle cry to victory in our walk. We are to proclaim that His is the only kingdom, He has all the power, and all the glory belongs to Him forever. This triumphant statement is ended with ‘amen’. This word means – ***so be it*** – with a firm stand. We should always confess that His will and ways be ‘Amen’.

Psa 66:3 Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. 4 All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name." 5 Come and

*see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men. 6 He turned the sea into dry land; They went through the river on foot. There we will rejoice in Him. 7 **He rules by His power forever;** His eyes observe the nations; Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves.*

Psa 111:6** He has declared to His people **the power of His works**, in giving them the heritage of the nations. 7 The works of His hands are verity and justice; **All His precepts are sure. 8 They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

***Jer 51:15** He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heaven by His understanding.*

***Mat 22:29** Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures **nor the power of God.**"*

***Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, **for it is the power of God** to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Col 2:9** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 **and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Psa 24:7** Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the **King of glory** shall come in. 8 **Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

Psa 57:9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. 10 For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds. 11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

Psa 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Luk 21:27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Heb 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Rev 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Why would our Savior give us a battle cry for praying to the Father? How do I know or conceive this as a battle cry? **If the enemy has equipped his army** with weapons to fight us, then why would the Father leave us unequipped? What is our equipment? To figure that out, we need to go to the crux of the main problem that we face as God's children. **Do we or do we not obey His laws?** Have they truly been removed by Jesus (Yeshua) or is their removal just something perpetuated by the enemy through time as being removed?

We have this battle cry, so, where do we get the orders for direction to go forward and fight? What are we fighting against? If we fight not against flesh and blood, then what is it we must watch out for?

The example of leaven is used in many verses of scripture by Jesus and His disciples. Why would they use such an element for teaching? It would be good for us to understand the properties of leaven or yeast to help us glean the meaning when they have used it in talking to God's children. Yeast is a leavening agent that will grow, ferment, and expand in the flour as it sits and permeates all the dough. What a perfect example to use when talking about sin, bad doctrine, the growth of a kingdom, etc.

Let us examine the leaven spoken of in scripture.



THE LEAVEN OF SIN vs THE LEAVEN OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Here is a concept not readily grasped by many when reading the scriptures.

Mat 16:6 Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

Mar 8:15 Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

Luk 12:1 In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known."

1Co 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7

Therefore **purge out the old leaven**, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, **nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness**, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gal 5:7 You ran well. **Who hindered you from obeying the truth?** 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. 9 **A little leaven leavens the whole lump.**

These verses show a bad influence with the leaven of darkness (sin). Leaven in Hebrew is:

khaw-mates' A primitive root; **to be pungent**; that is, **in taste (sour, that is, literally fermented, or figuratively harsh)**, in color (dazzling): - cruel (man), dyed, be grieved, leavened.

The Greek word for leaven is

dzoo'-may **ferment (as if boiling up)**: - leaven.

What **is** the leaven of sin?

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die.** 5 **For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**" 6 **So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

Here we have the first infraction and seeding of the **leaven of sin**. The serpent challenged Eve with the orders God set down for them to stay away from that tree! This is called the original sin of man. Why? Because **it is the root of the tree of darkness – to believe a lie**. James goes into great depth in his letter to believers. I will only quote the verses in the first chapter to shine light on the leaven.

Jas 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

You can see what took place in the garden right in these verses spoken by James. What was the result of taking the bait of Satan by Adam and Eve? The exact ending James said – death. Death came spiritually in their relationship with the Father, death physically would come on them instead of eternally living in the presence of God. And how did it affect mankind? The domain of earth and ruling it was given to Satan from this point on.

Gen 4:5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

The **leavening of darkness into the hearts of man** just continues to grow and spread until God calls a

halt to the landslide of depravity and He sends the flood.

*Gen 6:5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** 6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.*

However, He does not just abandon man to this plight. He had made a promise of deliverance in the garden and He has a plan and continues to set His fortress and weapons in place for those who will listen to Him.

At the building of Babylon, you can see the two kingdoms taking positions. It wasn't hard for Satan to recruit for his side. Deception and lies are very candy coated and enticing. There is not much commitment involved, only lust to satisfy one's fleshly desires. Here is also an example of the leaven of darkness. The root of cancer is a type of yeast and the cancer (or leaven) of Satan feeds on the sugar coating, and the sweetness enveloping the lies will begin to eat away life until death enters in.

What is interesting about yeast is that if left to sit in the dough untouched, the dough will eventually collapse, and the effect of the yeast will eventually stop supporting the growth and cause instead a sort of death to the bread. The end results of both is death. The understanding of the horrible trap is not realized until the bondage to continue is well in place in a person's soul.

*Pro 6:12 A worthless person, a wicked man, walks with a perverse mouth; 13 He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; 14 **Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.** 15 Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.*

*Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, **lest you enter into temptation.** The spirit indeed is willing, but **the flesh is weak.**"*

*Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in **bondage under the elements of the world.***

*2Pe 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, **they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.** 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for **by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.***

*1Jn 2:15 **Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 **For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.***

Anything that goes against the truth of God's word or His upright standing is the enemy's leaven. Okay, so what is the **leaven of the kingdom of God (YHWH)?** In order to see the leaven of God in one's life, we must delve into the subject that is rather

touchy to most and lay the facts out before you as best as can be done.

*Mat 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 **This is the first and great commandment.** 39 **And the second is like it:** 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two **commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**"*

We know these words as being spoken by Jesus our Savior. We know this wasn't something new for them, for they asked Him "**which** is the great commandment in the Law?". So where was He quoting from?

Deu 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Lev 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

After Jesus (Yeshua) says this, He makes the proclamation that on these two great commandments hang **all the law and the prophets**. What law and prophets?



WRITTEN BY THE FINGER OF GOD

The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide. Psa 37:31

LAW - Here is a word that starts arguments; that sets the teeth on edge in many a person. Why? What is it about that word that causes such a reaction? Mind you, it is not all references to law that does that; **only when it pertains to God's Law.** This alone should make a person who claims to belong to God take a moment to ponder why he or she would have this adverse reaction dealing with something involving our Creator whom we claim to love and follow.

In order to come close to understanding this negative feeling, we must go back to the beginning one more time and see where the battle to listen to God's instructions started. **Keep in mind the two sources of leaven.**

*Gen 2:8 The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God **made***

every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:16 *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 **but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"*

One simple order was given. Among all the beautiful gifts of life and enjoyment created by God for Adam, He placed only one law that **looked** like a restriction, but **in reality was protection**. It was an order to stay behind the skirmish line and not venture into the territory of the enemy's camp **and to keep the enemy out**.

Can we please, at this time, put the word "orders" in the place where 'law' has been used? **We must keep in mind that we are in a war**. If we refuse to follow the orders of our commanding officer, we could find ourselves out in the middle of the battlefield with the enemy - defenseless, unprotected, and unarmed.

If we continue to see the words or orders of our Father as burdens, legalistic, or restrictions to life when we should be looking at them as our protection from the attacks of the army of the kingdom of darkness, we will be without that armor (Eph 6:10-13).

So, here we have a fallen one; The commanding officer of the army of darkness - disgruntled and

roaming the earth with great anger over his demotion in rank and position. What better way to get back at God (YHWH) than to turn His new creation of man against Him, by whispering lies in his ear and planting the **leaven of distrust** in his heart about God, by believing something good is being withheld from him. This in turn would sever that beautiful relationship they had walking in the cool of each day together. All Father wanted was **for man to choose Him over the evil one** by adhering to His instructions. Instructions, by the way, that would have given man life eternally with peace and joy and constant relationship with Him. Instead, man believed the lie that he was missing something really important for true happiness. **God's instructions are the leaven of His kingdom.** The more we follow His voice, the more we are filled with His light. They produce His character in us. We grow in spirit. They open our eyes and teach us to recognize the lies that are spoken to us daily. They put the proper weapons in our hands to resist the enemy.

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

The platform on which the word "law" has become so distasteful when referring to obeying God's word was constructed right here in the garden. It is the filthy deceitful lie of the fallen one who has perpetuated this thought throughout the decades of man's existence. It is **leaven of darkness** that grows with unbelievable size and speed. What was not understood by Adam

in this snare of the evil one, was that by disobeying God's instructions, a curse would be placed on **all his offspring**, bringing death and not life; for every one of them, by Adam's decision, would be placed under the authority of Satan and he would wreak havoc on mankind till his time was ended. There is one more item to look at during the time of creation. Evil was existing at the time of Adam's creation, for Satan had rebelled earlier and was banished from Eden. Notice when 'time' was implemented. At the recreation of the earth. Time was not put in place just for man, but for Satan who had rebelled. A time limit was put on his reign of terror – his kingdom. Until his time is up he would continually torture the minds of men with feeling unloved.

*1Co 7:29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, 30 those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, 31 and those who use this world as not misusing it. **For the form of this world is passing away.***

***Rev 12:12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because **he knows that he has a short time.**"*

Right in the garden is the place where the viewpoint of the God of the Old Testament was the cruel God and Jesus is the loving one was conceived. The whisperer and **seeder of dark leaven** has continued

to ask the questions – If God loves you, why does He allow you to die or be sick? Why does He allow cruel things to happen? If that were a true description of God, how could we explain the powerful words in the New Testament?

Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5** And the light shines in the darkness, and **the darkness did not comprehend it.

***Joh 10:30** I and My Father are one."*

***Joh 10:37** If I do not do **the works of My Father**, do not believe Me;*

Joh 14:10** Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?** The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; **but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

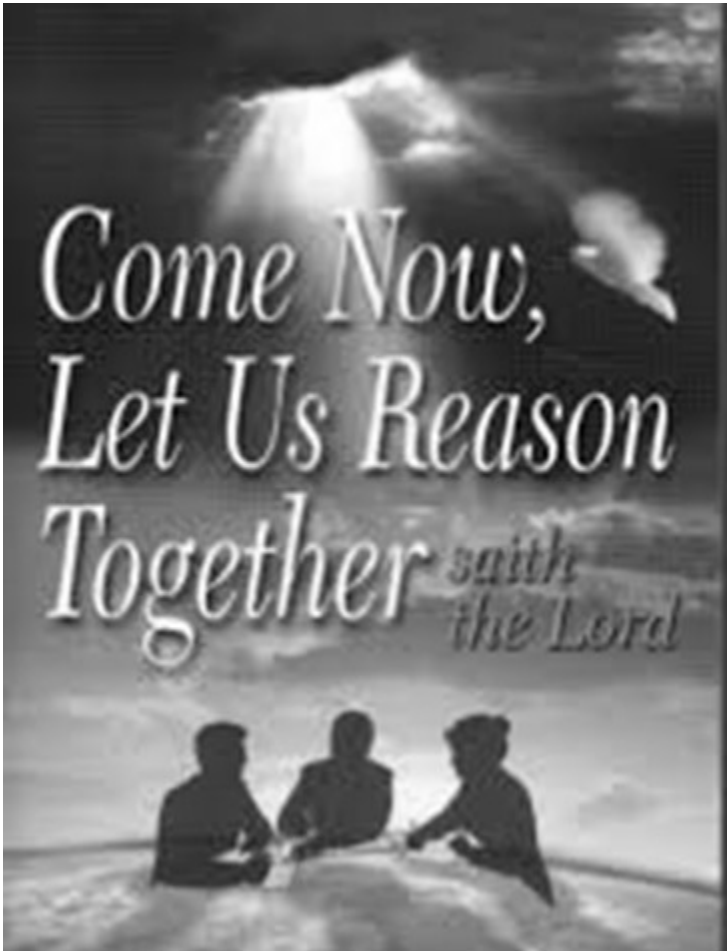
***Joh 14:21** He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. **And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.**" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.** 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and*

the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

*Joh 15:9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, **just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.***

*1Jn 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.** 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 **In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.***

These are but a fraction of declarations made of the **Father's** love. The culprit who placed the label of "unloving" on the Father was none other than Satan himself; **the father of lies**. So, let's try to comprehend what are the "laws" (or orders) that we shunned and refuse to examine at the mere mention of them.



DEFINING THE TRUE MEANING OF GRACE

Can we just sit down and reason together to understand how Satan has twisted the true meaning of the word – grace? Our comprehension of this word has been misunderstood for too long. To use this word as license to disobey God’s orders and do what **we think** is right, is the lie from the enemy to make the power we are to walk in of no effect. We have applied this word to our lives as a license to do what we want. We must know that grace is what was

shown **through** the sacrificial act of Jesus to this sinful, dying world and given us a way to be saved from that curse of separation from God, and death brought on by disobedience to God's instructions for life.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

These verses in Ephesians need to be digested slowly to grasp the meaning. I will start with the word grace.

Grace -

Hebrew H2580: khane Graciousness, that is, subjectively (kindness, favor) or objectively (beauty): - favour,

*AHLB (ancient Hebrew Lexicon) action: **To camp** concrete: **A camp** abstract: **Beauty**: The ancient pictograph is a picture of a wall. The second is a picture of a seed meaning "to continue". Combined these mean "**wall continues**". A nomad's camp consisted of many family tents, which make up the clan camp. The tents are placed in a circular configuration, **forming one continuous wall surrounding the camp**. Within this wall is the family clan, a place of freedom, compassion, and beauty. An encampment of tents.*

H2580 (abstract meaning) - Beauty: *As the beauty of the camp. To give or show beauty, grace, or mercy to another.*

Greek G5485 *khar'-ece* Graciousness (as gratifying), **of manner or act** (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; **especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude**): - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, joy liberality,

Saved -

Greek G4982 *sode'-zo* to save, that is, **deliver or protect** (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save, do well, be (make) whole.

Faith –

Hebrew H530 *em-oo-naw'* **Literally** - firmness; **figuratively** - security; **moral** - fidelity: set office, stability, steady, truly, truth, verily.

Greek G4102 *pis'-tis* Persuasion, **moral conviction** (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), **especially reliance upon Christ for salvation**; abstractly constancy in such profession - assurance, belief, believe, fidelity.

By just saying “by grace you are saved through faith”, you don’t get the real picture of what is being implied. We are talking about the invitation to enter the circle of protection.

AHLB: *Within this protective wall is the family clan, a place of freedom, compassion, and beauty. As the*

beauty of the camp. To give or show beauty, grace or mercy to another. Graciousness (as gratifying), especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude): - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift.

The description of “license to do anything” is not anywhere to be seen in any of these meanings of grace; however reflecting gratitude for this sacrifice in our lives **is**.

By grace we are saved. Saved? Another simple sounding word, but here again it explains the protection of His favor and compassion to deliver, preserve and make us whole. How? Through faith! What does this word hold for us to see?

Persuasion, that is, credence; moral conviction of the truthfulness of God, especially reliance upon Christ in His power to save us.

AND it is a gift (sacrifice) of and from God (YHWH).

Now read the descriptive version I have put together on the first verse using the Greek and Hebrew meanings:

Eph 2:8 – For by graciousness, and favor toward us, and the divine influence upon our heart we have been delivered, made whole and protected through persuasion and moral stability and conviction of the truthfulness of God and reliance upon Christ for salvation, and that not of ourselves; it is a present, a sacrifice of God,

Let us continue with the next intriguing word – works.

*Eph 2:9 not of **works**, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should **walk in them**.*

Continuing to examine these verses we find that the word “works” is used twice. Both “works” used here are the same Greek word. What is the difference in their uses?

*Greek G2041 er'-gon (a primary but obsolete word; to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); **by implication an act**: - deed, doing, labour, work.*

The first use of this word “works” **implies** human effort for acceptance or on our own merits. **The second** deals with doing good works in which we have become His obedient children created in and by Jesus **to walk in these good works** that God prepared beforehand or in advance. **What good works could He possibly have prepared beforehand for us to walk in?** His Torah (instructions and teachings) perhaps? These truly are His good works to toil in or act out **that show the world** His character reflected through us as we follow them **with a heart of gratitude** for what Jesus has done for us; which is become our sacrifice and Savior from sin of disobedience. His instructions and teachings are also our armor of protection from the enemy and the weapons to fight him off from polluting our minds.

The dictionary description for legal, legality, legalism is:

Lawfulness; conformity or strict adherence to law.

This is not a bad word. Without lawfulness or conformity to law, you have anarchy.

Every day we walk in works and follow legalities. We follow the speed limit if we don't want a ticket. We follow a certain diet if we want to lose weight. We follow a doctor's prescription if we want to get well. We follow the crosswalk signal If we don't want to get run over. We "practice social distancing" without question because we were **told** it is for our good. We follow the regulations in building a house if we want it to pass inspection so we can move in. We get licenses for everything to keep the legal system happy and off our backs – driver's license, car tag, birth certificate, marriage license, construction permit, business occupancy license, burning permit, I could go on with the list.

We have no problem following these. We see them as necessary in walking out the tasks of our day. Why, then, do we fight God's? Why do we believe they are done away with? Where do we get the idea that following God's instructions (law) is legalism in the bad sense? Why do we not see them as necessary?

There is another definition under the word 'legal' in the dictionary which is under the title "theology" –

a reliance on works for salvation.

This is a manmade idea. Applying “legalism” to a theological perspective is a plant of the enemy. Look at the two uses again of “works” in Eph 2:9 -10. The only way you know the difference in what Paul is meaning is the contents of each description of that word. “Lest any man should boast” shows the intent of a man to do works in his own strength. “For good works” in verse 10 has “good” in front of the word which is implying there is a right way to perform the works for God. Legalism is never used as a description with Paul.

If you again read Eph 2:9-10, you will see the application to this theological definition with the first use of the word “works”. The problem is we only use the first part – verse 9 – to accuse that doing God’s law is legalism. This is truly the work of the enemy to provide only half a truth to capture his audience and reel them in.

*Lev 18:4 You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. 5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, **which if a man does, he shall live by them:** I am the Lord.*

*Eze 20:11 And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, **'which, if a man does, he shall live by them.'***

This word “live” in the above verses is much better explained in the Hebrew. This word means:

to be revived, preserved, restored, saved, be whole, nourished up.

Is this really something we should shun? These verses are proclaiming restoration, reviving, and being made whole and nourished up if we follow His judgements (orders). Should we say the verses quoted from Leviticus and Ezekiel are antiquated instructions for us? To me this is the very armor I need to protect me from the enemy. God is saying right in these verses how His word (orders) will protect us and nourish (encourage) us and revive us.

Grace was not something that replaced the Law of God. Grace has always been there.

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ("Just" means lawful)

Exo 33:17 So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

Psa 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12 O Lord of hosts blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Pro 3:19 The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; 20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up, and clouds drop down the dew. 21 My son, let them not

*depart from your eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and discretion; 22 **So they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck.***

***Pro 3:33** The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, **But He blesses the home of the just.** 34 Surely He scorns the scornful, but **gives grace to the humble.** 35 The wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the legacy of fools. (remember that 'Just' means "lawful")*

***Zec 12:10** "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem **the Spirit of grace and supplication;** then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

The Law points out our sin and Grace gives us the power and way to die to sin.

Rom 7:7** What shall we say then? **Is the law sin?** Certainly not! **On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law.** For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 **But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire.** For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 **For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.** 12 Therefore **the law is holy, and the commandment

holy and just and good. 13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin..... Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law (of sin) but under grace. 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

If you read these verses from Paul, you will see he is not using grace as a license to sin. He is showing the legal trap of sin revealed by the law, which is death, and explaining the freedom, when under God's grace through faith, in His saving power, from that consequence brought on by being a slave to sin.

Look at verse 13 again.

Rom 6:13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Look at the word “instruments”. The Greek word and definition are:

G3696 *hop'-lon* an implement or utensil or tool (literally or figuratively, **especially offensive for war**): - **armour, instrument, weapon.**

These instruments are for war. They are either Satan’s instruments or God’s instruments.

In this battle between the two kingdoms, we are under a law of some kind no matter what. Either it is under the law of sin (Satan), or under the law of righteousness (grace) by the redeeming sacrifice offered to rescue us from the law of sin.

Eph 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

No matter what (or who) you follow it is legalism. Whether obeying Satan in sin or God in His orders set down for life. Remember, the definition of “legal” or “legalism” is:

Lawfulness; or conformity to law; even strict adherence to it.

Walking in grace is having the moral conviction of the truthfulness of God (faith) by being free from the influence and hold of sin and showing the beauty of the freedom we received by submitting ourselves to His control and upholding His Law. God's law of grace is our protection from the overpowering draw of sin to lead us astray.

Eph 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law (of sin) but under grace.

(Dominion – supremacy or rulership over)

*Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! **On the contrary, we establish the law.***

2Ti 3:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

I would like to ask this to those of you who say you understand Paul. If he were putting down the law as no longer needed because of grace, why would he

make the above statements in Romans and to Timothy? Let me remind you, the only scripture available at this time was the Torah.

***Joh 1:16** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was **given through** Moses, grace and truth **came through** Jesus Christ.*

Look at these verses closely. The meaning of the word “through” is:

denoting the channel of an act.

God used Moses, who listened to His instructions, to give His **word** (Torah) to the people. Remember, they couldn't handle hearing the voice of God on the mountain. He wanted to talk directly to the people. They told Moses to go get the info and they would listen to him. So, it was **given through** Moses.

***Exo 20:19** Then they said to Moses, "**You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.**"*

It **came through** Jesus Christ **who was the Word** of God come in flesh. Both instances are referring to God's Word being spoken. He spoke to Moses who in turn relayed it to the people and the Word took on flesh to talk directly to the people.

Joh 1:14** And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.

How did grace and truth come through? By His proclaiming the truth during His days on earth. He revealed the **Spirit** in all God's word to man. And grace? This mercy, graciousness, kindness for man **came (or was shown) through the sacrifice** of His perfect life for our sinful one. THAT is truly grace to us. THAT is the beauty of showing mercy for another. We receive or obtain grace, or mercy from Him for freeing us from the bondage of sin. We do not receive a "charge card" licensing us to do as we like and ignore His rules. This is never taught in scripture anywhere.





WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Mat 5:17

We need to go into more depth of understanding just what Jesus came to do and how He walked in the fulfillment of grace and truth. In this verse above lies one of the main arguments of the Christian community against the Old Testament. Some say, "Jesus said He came to fulfil the law, so it is no longer necessary to follow it". They misuse that word to mean He nullified the law. What is not realized is the word "Law" is called Torah in Hebrew and Torah is God's word. Who is the Word come in flesh? Would He nullify Himself?

Let me take a minute to explain the word Torah. It is the Strong's # H8451.

*From **H3384**; a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch: - law.*

The Decalogue is the Ten Commandments. The Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible.

H3384 ya ra h

*A primitive root; properly to flow as water (that is, to rain); transitively to lay or throw (especially an arrow, that is, to shoot); figuratively **to point out (as if by aiming the finger), to teach**: - (+) archer, cast, direct, inform, instruct, lay, shew, shoot, teach (-er, -ing), through.*

Luk 2:46** Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, **sitting in the midst of the teachers**, both listening to them and asking them questions. **47** And **all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

This incident in the above verses was when Jesus was only twelve. They were discussing the Torah.

The people called Jesus 'Rabbi' which means teacher. They saw Him as being wise enough to instruct or teach. And is it not so true? **God's Word is His instructions.**

Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.

Sermons and commentaries from many preachers have convinced believers that the law is not for them. It was done away with and only the Jews follow them because they don't know their Messiah. Verses in the scriptures have been taken out of context to fit a picture of us getting everything we want without adhering to the requirements of discipline. The majority refuse to look at what Jesus is saying here or who **He** really is.

He has not made **any** statement to nullify the law. How can this fact be ignored? It is a legitimate proclamation and should be listened to from the very mouth of our Savior who is the **Word in the flesh**. Just **what** is He saying here?

The Greek word for '**destroy**' is:

***kat-al-oo'-o.** to loosen down (disintegrate), that is, (by implication) **to demolish** (literally or figuratively); specifically - destroy, **dissolve**, come to nought, overthrow, **throw down**.*

The Greek word for '**fulfill**' is:

***play-ro'-o.** to make replete, that is, (literally) **to cram (a net), level up (a hollow)**, or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, **execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction)**, etc.: **fully preach, perfect, supply**.*

What is really being said by Jesus? Here again read this verse with my more descriptive reading from the Greek meanings.

Mat 5:17“Do not think that I came to disintegrate, overthrow or dissolve the Law and the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fully fill it up, verify or coincide with a prediction or fully preach and perfect it.

The very next two verses after making this promise, Jesus gives a warning.

*Mat 5:18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 **Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.***

This was said during His sermon on the mount. This is HIM (the Word in flesh) teaching all about His walk. These are words from our Savior to us. In this chapter of Matthew, which we know as “the beatitudes or sermon on the mount”, Jesus is bringing to life and fully preaching the spirit of the Ten Commandments (or statements or words). He starts out His sermon giving the attributes of one blessed who walks spiritually in the ways of God.

Mat 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Luk 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because **He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,***

*To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, **To set at liberty those who are oppressed;***

***Psa 22:26** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; **Those who seek Him will praise the Lord.** Let your heart live forever!*

Psa 72:12** For He will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper. **13** He will spare the poor and needy, **and will save the souls of the needy.

Psa 109:30** I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude. **31** For **He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those who condemn him.

Mat 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Psa 86:17** Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, **Because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Isa 49:13** Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! **For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

Isa 61:2** To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; **To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for

the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Psa 37:10 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it shall be no more. 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Zep 2:3 Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger.

Zep 3:12 I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.

Psa 37:34 Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

Psa 25:9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Isa 44:3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring.

***Psa 17:15** As for me, **I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied** when I awake in Your likeness.*

Psa 36:7** How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. **8 They are abundantly satisfied** with the fullness of Your house, **And You give them drink** from the river of Your pleasures. **9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.** **10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness** to those who know You, **And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

***Joh 6:35** And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. **He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.**"*

Mat 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

***2Sa 22:26** "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;*

***Hos 6:6** For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, **And the knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings.*

***Psa 103:8** The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.*

***Luk 6:36** Therefore **be merciful**, just as your Father also is merciful.*

*Mat 18:33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, **from his heart**, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."*

*Pro 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, **Write them on the tablet of your heart**,*

*Mic 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, **to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?***

*Zec 7:9 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Execute true justice, **show mercy and compassion** Everyone to his brother.*

Mat 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

*Psa 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; **Seek peace and pursue it.***

*Psa 37:37 Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; **For the future of that man is peace.***

*Psa 119:165 **Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.***

*Pro 16:7 When a man's ways please the Lord, **he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.***

Mar 9:50 Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt (prudence) in yourselves and have peace with one another."

Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Mat 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Psa 72:14 He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

Psa 119:134 Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep Your precepts.

Psa 63:11 But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

Pro 11:18 The wicked man does deceptive work, but he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- 38 of whom the world was not worthy.

*Rev 2:10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and **I will give you the crown of life.***

Each one of these blessings can be found as examples throughout God's word; They are not a new concept. These things cannot be done with a heart of stone. He goes on to say that by walking in this way of the Spirit and integrity of the heart towards God, **we are the beacon** for the world to see.

*Mat 5:14 **You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.***

After explaining the blessings of one with a contrite and obedient heart and saying this is the light that the world will see, He makes His declaration of Mathew 5:17-19. He is not destroying the Law or the Prophets.

Next He addresses the spiritual aspect of the commandments. Jesus starts this section out with a statement in verse 5:20:

*Mat 5:20 For I say to you, that **unless your righteousness exceeds** the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

What does He mean here? Obviously, there is a difference in righteousness levels. This is the introduction to His defining Mathew 5:21- 6:4. In these verses, Jesus goes in depth on three of the Ten commandments or words of God. Through time, His people had become hard hearted and looked for loopholes and excuses to get around what the law was trying to expose – the heart of a man in handling situations with other men. So, let us look at those three commandments Jesus is referring to.

Commandment 6 – *You shall not Murder*

Mat. 5:21 – 26

*Mat 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, '**You shall not murder**, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that **whoever is angry with his brother** without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. 23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way.*

First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

The warning by Jesus is staying angry with someone to the point of wishing ill or hatred toward them. This is like doing murder in your heart (in secret). Any gift you try to bring to God of yourself would be rejected. This opens the door to the adversary (Satan) to attack you. This needs to be addressed quickly before it's too late.

Commandment 7 – ***You shall not commit adultery*** Mat. 5:27 – 32

Mat 5:27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 31 "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for

any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

Adultery and idolatry hold the same status in the eyes of God (YHWH). Jesus is exposing again the hard hearts of men in allowing their flesh to rule them in satisfying the lusts of the eyes or holding a desire up above serving God. Divorce became a useful tool by that time to satisfy lust. Many times, a spouse was discarded without proper reason and without a writing of separation; much like situations of today. Using others for our own satisfaction is an abomination to God. Jesus is clarifying that again it is the heart that God looks at. The secrets of the heart are not hidden from Him. He was not changing the Law, He was bringing it into better focus, which was the heart.

Mat 19:3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" 4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." 7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" 8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

In Mathew 19 more light is shone on this subject. The word “joined” in verses 5 and 6 in the Greek means:

To be glued to.

In verse 8 Jesus says that because of the hardness of their hearts was the provision made. The phrase “hardness of your hearts” means:

destitution of (spiritual) perception: - hardness of heart.

Here is the focus of adultery and idolatry, **no spiritual perception.**

Commandment 8 – *You shall not bear false witness*
Mat. 5:33 – 37

*Mat 5:33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you, **do not swear at all:** neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But **let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'** For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.*

The depth He speaks on these commandments is all focusing on the integrity of the heart. This is the true **Spirit of the Law** – instructions – of God (YHWH). David said,

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

We too must ask this. If we ignore the instructions set down by God to protect us from Satan's wiles, we will fall into his pit. That is why Jesus gave that warning in verse 37:

' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.'

Rom 7:12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.....14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Jesus then addresses the judgment of causing harm to man or his property which is stated in Exo 21:23 – 25 and Lev. 24:18 -20.

Mat. 5:38 – 42

Mat 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

What is He referring to?

Exo 21:23 But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Lev 24:18 Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal. 19 If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him-- 20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him.

Why would He bring this subject up right here?

Every subject He speaks on is dealing with the **heart**. If you only approach these matters in the flesh, you will be no more righteous than the Pharisees. The main object of all God's words is the **integrity of the heart in everything we do**. Just look at the blessings and then the three commandments before this "eye for an eye" dissertation. Every single subject is about our heart. It is far easier to retaliate in the flesh than act according to the spirit and forgive.

*Rom 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved **do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath**; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.***

The instructions in Lev. 24 **were for the Priest to inquire of God** to judge between persons. This was not to be used as a way of vengeance by the

individual, which is just how it was being used by the Pharisees.

The next subject is the correction of the commandment to love your neighbor. This one was also misused and added to by the people for nowhere did God say this. This was man's doing.

Mat. 5:43 – 48

Mat 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

If you recall that when Jesus was asked who our neighbor was, He gave the story about the injured man and the Samaritan. The Samaritans were considered enemies.

Exo 23:4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5 If you see the donkey of one who hates

*you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, **you shall surely help him with it.***

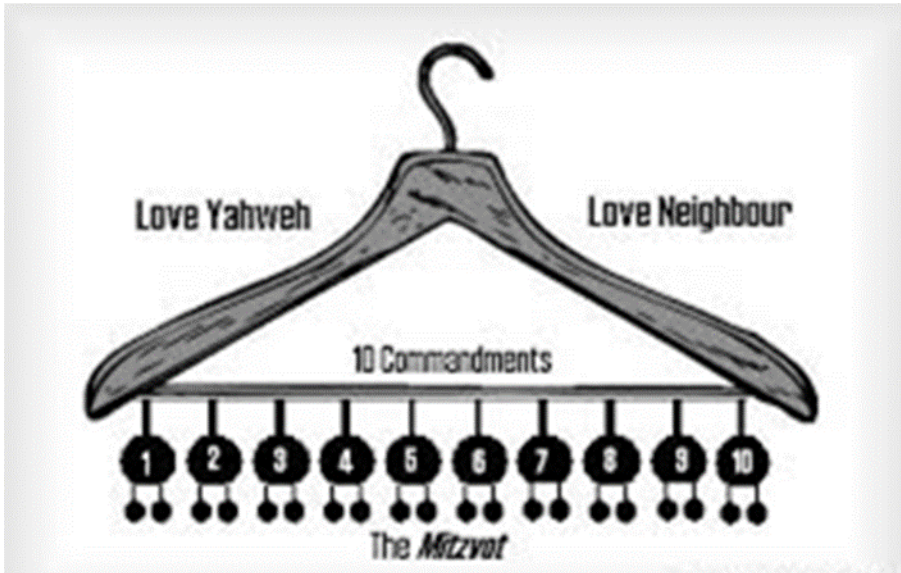
Every word spoken by Jesus in this 5th chapter of Mathew is a **filling up** of the Law (instructions) spoken by God through Moses. It is the true Spirit of the Law – the original intent of these instructions or orders from our Father.

This is exactly what He proclaimed in the declaration of verses 17-19.

Mat 5:17** "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill**. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 **Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus continues on in Mathew 6:1-8, by exposing the hypocrisy of the Pharisees in the hardness of their hearts toward God in their making a show in prayer and then He gives the outline to us for prayer for standing in the battle against the enemy of our souls and heart integrity. (Mat 6:9-13)

Let us now go back and examine the answer Jesus (Yeshua) gave about the greatest commandment and the second like it. I will start out breaking these two He quoted into two categories.



THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In order to understand which of the Laws (Torah) hang from the two verses quoted by Jesus, we need to go back to the giving of the Ten “Commandments”. **Let me just interject this:** If Jesus had cancelled the Law by dying, these two commandments, which are also a part of the Law, should have also been cancelled; not to mention everything He taught, since He was **the Word come in the flesh**. However, on the contrary, He taught us to follow ALL the Law or Word of God (Him) as we have already been studying.

Joh 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

CATEGORY ONE – THE GREATEST

The Ten commandments can be divided into two sections. The first five deal with our relationship with God (YHWH):

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

CATEGORY TWO – THE SECOND IS LIKE IT

The last five deal with our relationship with our neighbor (or mankind):

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

What is so important to bringing in the Ten Commandments here? **These ten** declarations by God **is the root leaven of His kingdom; the seed planted to bear good fruit.** They are the opposite of Satan's leaven. With these 10 we can walk right into battle with confidence that we belong to God and He will be with us to the end. **These** are what is to be written in our minds and on our hearts. As we apply these to our lives, His character and righteousness will grow in us and we will show forth His Spirit to others. **We will be able to withstand the wiles of the enemy and stay free of his snares.** By knowing the truth, we will recognize the lie.

*Mat 7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 **Therefore by their fruits you will know them.** 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom*

of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Mat 13:31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." 33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

These orders from the Father are not for the carnal man. No, His law is spiritual and must be understood in the mind and written on the heart.

Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (and Heb 8:10-11)

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

Rom 7:12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. 13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in

*me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that **the law is spiritual**, but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

Rom 8:5 *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, **but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** 7 **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.** 8 **So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.***

Look at this statement again - “*is not **subject to the law**”*”

Subject –

Greek G5293 hoop-ot-as'-so *to subordinate; reflexively to obey: - **be under obedience (obedient)**, put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), **submit self unto***

Verse 7 above is saying in the Greek meaning –

*Because the carnal mind is hostile against God, it **will not obey the law of God, nor can it.***

EXAMINING THE TEN

Let us begin to examine the words spoken at Mt Sinai by the great **Creator of all things.**

Col 1:15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 **For by Him all things***

*were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.** 17 **And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.** 18 **And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.***

If possible, maybe we will see God's heart and understand the battle plan for living free from the snares of the enemy of our souls. Let us allow the spiritual aspect of these orders to permeate our souls and be carved on our hearts. **Let us have fertile ground for the leaven of God** to grow and expand.

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEN DECLARATIONS

Exo 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

This is the first sentence of the Ten Commandments given to the children of Israel at the mountain. We will be bringing into focus some of the Hebrew meanings of words throughout the Ten Commandments (or words/ things) for clarification of understanding what is being declared. This is important if we are to truly grasp what God (YHWH) is setting down here.

First, the Hebrews understood this section we call the Ten Commandments to be a Ketubah: a written marriage contract between God and His people. All marriage vows are or should be looked at in a solemn light. These **are to be promises** given between two people who love each other deeply. It is a serious

matter giving promises that are to last a lifetime with that special person. We need to understand that is the position of this ceremony taking place on Mount Sinai.

By the time of the proclamation of these words by God, He has already shown His intent as Protector, Provider, Redeemer, Savior and Father by rescuing the Israelites from bondage, and removing them from the land of Egypt and guiding them towards the land He had promised to Abraham. He has also preserved the family line to the promised **Seed** spoken of back in the garden with this rescue from Egypt. This is also the beginning of the recovery of the close relationship with Him which had been set up at the creation of man. God is now setting the guidelines of those who will be identified as His people, who will again walk close with Him as one family (their side of the marriage agreement). How do we know this is a marriage ceremony? Because of how He speaks to Israel by the prophets, we can see He views us as His betrothed by many scriptures.

*Isa 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, **As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.***

Isa 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. 6 For the Lord has called you Like a woman

forsaken and grieved in spirit, **like a youthful wife when you were refused,**" Says your God.

Jer 3:1 "They say, 'If a man divorces his wife, and she goes from him and becomes another man's, may he return to her again?' Would not that land be greatly polluted? **But you have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet return to Me,**" says the Lord.

Jer 3:6 The Lord said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel (Ephraim) has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot. 7 And I said, after she had done all these things, 'Return to Me.' But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 Then **I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel (Ephraim) had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;** yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.

Jer 3:20 Surely, **as a wife treacherously departs from her husband,** so have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel," says the Lord.

Hos 2:2 Bring charges against your mother, bring charges; **For she is not My wife, nor am I her Husband!** Let her put away her harlotries from her sight, And her adulteries from between her breasts.

Joh 3:29 **He who has the bride is the bridegroom;** but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and

hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice.

Eph 5:30** For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

***Rev 21:2** Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride** adorned for her husband.*

***Rev 22:17** And **the Spirit and the bride** say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!"*

Let us now examine these two words: **spoke** and **words** from the first sentence of Exodus 20.

***Exo 20:1** And God spoke all these words, saying:*

Both are the same in Hebrew. The Hebrew word is 'dabar' in which the **concrete** meaning is 'word'. The **action** meaning is 'order'.

The plain definition for this Hebrew word is:

An arrangement or placement of something creating order.

There is a third word that completes this verse, which is the word '**saying**'.

This is the Hebrew word 'amar'. This means:

a continuation

of segments, which fill the whole or a chain of words blended together to form sentences.

In the Hebrew thought, words contain substance just as physical objects do.

Because both 'spoke', and 'words' is the same Hebrew word - **dabar** - the first one used is to put importance on what is being set in place here. So, this is what the very first verse is saying with the Hebrew meanings which I have constructed for you to read:

Exo 20:1 And God **carefully** arranged all these **words or things in order**, forming continued full meaning sentences.

My daughter pointed out to me an interesting correlation with each commandment and the first ten letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The Hebrew meaning of each of the ten first letters fit the nature of the ten declarations spoken by God. I have placed a picture of these letters at the beginning of each declaration for you to see what they look like.



FIRST DECLARATION - ALEPH – OX HEAD

Exo 20:2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

If you were to use the hieroglyphs (or pictographs) of the ancient Hebrew language, the first letter of the alphabet would be the 'aleph' or a picture of an ox head. This represents strength, power, yoke, learn. Just as the ox reflects these attributes, so does this letter reflect this quality in many words it is in. So, using this letter to identify the first instruction of God is very appropriate.

The first English word – I, is in the Hebrew language, '**anokiy**'. In the Hebrew, the first letter of this word is the **aleph** (ox head) indicating the strength, power, and learning under His yoke in Him. He is the strength and power. The ancient Hebrew description for this word –“anokiy” - is:

*The **shepherd would guide his flock to a place of water. Here is water for drinking as well as green grass for pasturing. Once the flock arrives, they are free to rest after the long journey. A guided journey to a place of rest. A sigh of rest.***

In just that one word – “**I**” (**anokiy**) — we have many scriptures that establishes its important meaning.

Psa 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me to lie down **in green pastures**; He leads me beside the **still waters**. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me **in the paths** of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Psa 80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who **lead Joseph like a flock**; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

Eze 34:11 'For thus says the Lord God: "**Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep** and seek them out. 12 **As a shepherd** seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 **And I will bring them out** from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; **I will feed them** on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 **I will feed them in good pasture**, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. **There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture** on the mountains of Israel. 15 **I will feed**

My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord God.

***Eze 34:23 I will establish one shepherd** over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.*

***Mat 2:6** ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler **Who will shepherd My people Israel.**’*

Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 **I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.** 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have that are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and **they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Isa 49:10 They shall neither hunger nor thirst,** neither heat nor sun shall strike them; For He who has mercy on them will lead them, even **by the springs of water He will guide them.

Mat 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

*Joh 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me **shall never hunger**, and he who believes in Me **shall never thirst**.*

Joh 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

You can see by reading all these verses, which is only a small portion quoted, reflects the picture of our Father as a shepherd, this was the understood position of God over His children.

The next set of words from Exodus 20:1 is: **the LORD your God**. The Hebrew word for LORD is:

YHWH. This is the true name of God almighty. It means *self-Existent or eternal*.

The Hebrew word for God is:

Elohim. It means power; *the power or might of one who rules or teaches. Strong authority*.

This word "Elohim" is also in the plural form. He is one yet He is many faceted – Spirit, Word, Father, Savior, Redeemer, Rock, Love, merciful, a consuming fire. This is His identity to those who are His own.

*Isa 44:6 “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; **Besides Me there is no God.***

*Isa 48:12 “Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: **I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.***

*Rev 22:13 **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”***

*Deu 33:26 “**There is no one like the God of** Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds. 27 **The eternal God** is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms;*

*Isa 45:18 For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, **Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: “I am the Lord, and there is no other.***

*Psa 93:2 Your throne is established from of old; **You are from everlasting.***

The last part of the Exo 20:2 verse is “**who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”**”.

The ancient Hebrew meaning for ‘**brought you out**’ is
an issuing out of one place to another.

Egypt -

being hemmed in, distress, confine, bind up.

Of bondage-

Being a servant, to work, keep in bondage, to serve, compel, enslave.

Now look at this first verse in my descriptive wording using the Hebrew meanings of each word.

Exo 20:2 I – your shepherd, provider, guide, protector – am YHWH – self-existent and eternal power; Elohim, who rules and teaches you; who issued you out of distress, and hemmed in confinement; out of the dwelling place of bondage; compelled to work as a servant enslaved.





SECOND DECLARATION – BETH – HOUSE

Exo 20: 3 You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

The pictograph for the **Beth** or second Hebrew letter is a house or tent. This identification is used to describe the dwelling place of God (YHWH) on earth. The most prominent place to show honor to God is His place of worship. This can be two places according to scripture. It can be His Temple or in our hearts and daily lives.

*Exo 34:26 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to **the house of the Lord your God.***

*1Ki 6:37 In the fourth year the foundation of the **house of the Lord** was laid, in the month of Ziv.*

*2Ch 24:18 Therefore they left the **house of the Lord God** of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.*

Psa 92:13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

2Co 6:16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Verse 3 – You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall have – the Hebrew word used here is:

H1961 haw-yaw' - A primitive root; to exist, that is, be or become, come to pass (always emphatic): - break, cause, come (to pass), continue, do, faint, fall, + follow,

The words “you shall” are not in the Hebrew text. It is implied only for any who would follow Him and agree to His Ketubah.

No – in Hebrew –

lo - Not, never, no, none.

Other – in Hebrew –

akh-air - another, other, strange, following.

There is a Hebrew word with 'gods' in this verse, that is not translated in the sentence. That word in Hebrew is –

H1980 haw-lak' - a primitive root; to walk - (all) along, apace, behave (self), come, (on) continually, be conversant, depart, + be eased, enter, exercise (self), + follow,

AHLB (ancient Hebrew) - action: Walk, concrete: Message: The first pictograph is a picture of the shepherd staff, the second is a picture of the palm of the hand. Combined these mean "**staff in the palm**". A nomad traveled on foot with a staff in his **hand to provide support in walking** as well as a weapon to defend against predators or thieves.

Before –

Hebrew – **al**. above, over, upon, against.

Me –

Hebrew – **paw-neem'**. face, presence, front, (also the presence of one through the sense of being in the face of.)

Verses 4-6 goes into more detail of what is considered another god. The word 'jealous' in verse 5 is:

H7067 kan-naw' – AHLB - action: **Acquire** concrete: **Nest** abstract: **Zealous:** The first pictograph is a picture of the sun at the horizon and the gathering of the light, the next letter is a picture of a seed. Combined these mean "**gathering for the**

seeds". The parent birds go about gathering materials to build a nest where they will raise their seeds (eggs).

So, Father is saying that He will not share His children with any other 'god'. He is our Shepherd, Protector, and Provider – no other god is. He then promises that such iniquity will follow down to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Him. First let us look at the word "iniquity".

***H5771 aw-vone'**, -From H5753 - perversity, that is, (moral) evil: - fault, iniquity, mischief, punishment (of iniquity), sin.*

***H5753 aw-vaw'** - primitive root; to crook, literally or figuratively: - do amiss, bow down, make crooked, commit iniquity, pervert, (do) perverse (-ly), trouble, do wickedly, do wrong.*

The very act of bowing down or serving another god is perverse, doing wickedly, doing amiss. In God's eyes **this is hating Him.**

Hate -

***H8130 saw-nay'** - A primitive root; to hate (personally): - enemy, foe, (be) hate (-ful, -r), odious,*

***AHLB** action: **Pierce** concrete: **Thorn** abstract:*

***Hate:** The first pictograph is a picture of a thorn; the second is a picture of seed. Combined these mean "thorn seed". The thorn, (the seed of a plant with small sharp points) cause one to turn directions to avoid them. (**English: sin**)*

Finding His ways and instructions odious is hating God or sinning against Him. He is considered an enemy against the desires of man's heart to do evil. **This is like a thorn that pierces through His heart.** To love Him is to have affection and desire to do His will and keep His commandments.

Putting these verses together with the Hebrew descriptive meanings would read like this:

Exo 20:3 – There **should never exist** strange gods with you walking in their lifestyle above or against Me and **in My face**. 4 "There should not be making of carved images, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 There should not be bowing down to them nor serving them. For I, YHWH your Elohim, will not share you, for I am your provider and protector; I will turn this perversity, mischief and wickedness of serving other gods of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who think my ways odious and cause their sin to pierce My very heart, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who have affection for Me and My protection and desire to do My will and keep My commandments.

Psa 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.

Jer 5:7 "How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me And sworn by those that are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, then

they committed adultery and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

Hos 3:1 *Then the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, **just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans.**"*

1Jn 5:19 *We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.** 20 And we know that **the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true;** and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children **keep yourselves from idols.** Amen.*

Rev 9:20 *But **the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.***





THIRD DECLARATION – GIMAL – FOOT

Exo 20:7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

The pictograph for **gimel** (the third Hebrew letter) is a foot - to be more precise, a camel foot. This letter has the meaning of walk, carry, or gather. Because of how the camel rises up to walk, it also depicts 'to lift up'. This is to me very interesting since the subject here in this verse has to do with this very action.

Verse 7a – You shall not take

Take – in the Hebrew means:

Lift: To lift up a burden or load and carry it.

H5375 naw-saw' - A primitive root; to lift, in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively, absolutely and relatively: - accept, advance, arise, bear,

Verse 7b – the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Vain – in the Hebrew means:

H7723 shawv, - in the sense of desolating; evil (as destructive), literally (ruin) or morally (especially

guile); figuratively idolatry (as false, subjectively), uselessness: - false (-ly), lie, lying, vain, vanity

AHLB *action: **Crash** concrete: **Storm** abstract: **Desolate**: The crashing of thunder or waves as a desolating storm. **Empty**: In the sense of destroyed. **Empty words or actions.***

Psa 139:20 *For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.*

1Co 13:1 *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.*

Guiltless – This word in Hebrew means:

H5352 *naw-kaw'* - *A primitive root; to be (or make) clean (literally or figuratively); by implication (in an adverse sense) to be bare, that is, extirpated: - acquit X at all, X altogether, **be blameless**, cleanse, (be) clear (-ing),*

AHLB – *innocent: One who is innocent of a crime or oath.*

His name – Hebrew

H8034 *shame* - *an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by **implication honor, authority, character**....*

Here is the third command reading with Hebrew descriptive meaning:

Exo 20:7 – No lifting up the honor, authority, or character of YHWH falsely with empty words or actions, for YHWH will not consider him innocent or blameless who lifts up His character falsely.

1. To take God's name in vain must be serious

- Don't treat what God is known for as empty and worthless.
- Don't empty God of the weight of his awesomeness.
- Stop using God's reputation in empty ways.
- Don't abuse God's fame with your hollow words and actions.
- Don't treat God's name like it's nothing.



FOURTH DECLARATION – DALET - DOOR

Exo 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

The pictograph for **dalet** (fourth Hebrew letter) is a door. This letter has the meaning of a back and forth movement as going through a tent door or on hinges. This too shadows the fourth “order” of the Father. After six days of working or slaving in a row, one is to keep in mind and **enter into** rest the seventh day.

Remember – in Hebrew –

*H2142 **zaw-kar'** - A primitive root; properly **to mark (so as to be recognized)**, that is, to remember; by implication to mention; **be mindful**, recount, record (-er), remember, make to be remembered, bring (call, come, keep, put) to (in) remembrance, X still, think on, X well*

Sabbath day –

H7676 shab-bawth' - Intensive from H7673; intermission, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: -

H7673 shaw-bath' - A primitive root; to repose, that is, **desist from exertion**; used in many implied relations - (cause to, let, make to) cease, **celebrate**, (make to) rest, still, take away.

Keep it Holy –

H6942 kaw-dash' - A primitive root; to be **clean** (ceremonially or morally): - appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, hallow, (be, keep) holy (-er, place), keep, prepare, proclaim, purify, sanctify (-ied one, self), X wholly.

AHLB - - Set apart: To set someone or something apart for a special purpose. kjv: sanctify, hallow, dedicate, holy, prepare, consecrate, appoint, bid, purify

Labor -

H5647 aw-bad' - A primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.: - X be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man), bring to pass,

AHLB - Serve: To provide a service to another or to work at a profession.

Work –

H4399 mel-aw-kaw' - properly **deputyship**, that is, ministry; **generally employment** (never servile) or

*work (abstractly or concretely); also property (as the result of labor): - **business**, + cattle, + industrious, occupation, (+ -pied), + officer, thing (made), use, (manner of) work ([-man], -manship).*

AHLB - Work: *As a message through action. |k|v: work, business, workmanship, goods, cattle, stuff, thing| {str: 4399}*

Made –

H6213 aw-saw' - *A primitive root; to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application: - accomplish, appoint, bring forth, be busy, fashion, fulfil, make, set, ...*

Rested –

H5117 noo'-akh - *A primitive root; to rest, that is, **settle down**; (to dwell, stay, let fall, place, let alone, withdraw, give comfort, etc.): - cease, (be) quiet, remain, (cause to, be at, give, have, make to) rest, set down.*

Blessed –

H1288 baw-rak' - *A primitive root; to kneel; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a **benefit**)*

AHLB - Kneel: *To bend the knee to kneel in homage or to drink water. Also **the extended idea of presenting a gift** or giving honor to another.*

Again, my rewritten version of Exo 20:8-11 with the Hebrew meanings of description:

Exo 20:8 Be mindful and mark the Sabbath to desist from exertion and celebrate and set apart as clean. 9 Six days shall service of a profession and business be done, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath - to cease and celebrate the day of YHWH your Elohim. In it no deputyship, employment, business or industrious occupation shall be done; you nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days YHWH brought forth and fulfilled the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and settled down to rest the seventh day. Therefore, YHWH presented as a gift the Sabbath day and set it apart as clean.





FIFTH DECLARATION – HEY - RAISED ARMS

Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

The pictograph for the fifth Hebrew letter **hey** is raised arms. This letter has the meaning of behold, breath or sigh as one does when looking at a great sight. If you examine the meaning of this letter, you will also see how it reflects the directions of this commandment.

Honor –

*H3513 kaw-bade' - A primitive root; to be heavy, in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable); causatively **to make weighty** - abounding with, glorify, be (make) glorious (things), glory, (very) great, honour (self), **(be) honourable***

***AHLB** – action: **Heavy** concrete: **Liver** abstract:
Honor: Someone or something that is heavy in weight, wealth, abundance, **importance or respect.***

My version of the fifth declaration with the Hebrew description:

Exo 20:12 See the importance of and respect your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which YHWH your Elohim is giving you.

This is the first declaration with a promise of life being prolonged for observing this honor and respect.

*Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother," which is **the first commandment with promise**: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*

There is a degree of respect which is owing to parents, that no other person can properly claim. For a considerable time, parents stand as it were in the place of God to their children, and therefore rebellion against their lawful commands has been considered as rebellion against God. It is also expected that the children help take care of their parents in old age as referred to in the following scripture:

*Mat 15:3 He answered and said to them, "**Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?** 4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 5 **But you say,** 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"-- 6 **then he need not honor his father or mother.'** Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.*

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SIXTH DECLARATION – VAV – TENT PEG

Exo 20:13 "You shall not murder.

The pictograph for the **vav** (sixth Hebrew letter) is a tent peg or stake. Because of its use to be driven into the ground, it has the connotation of being sharp at the end and could also be used as a weapon.

*Jdg 4:21 Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him **and drove the peg into his temple**, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.*

Jdg 5:26 She stretched her hand to the tent peg, her right hand to the workmen's hammer; She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head, She split and struck through his temple.

Murder –

*H7523 raw-tsakh' A primitive root; properly to dash in pieces, that is, kill (a human being), especially to murder: - put to death, kill, (man-) slay (-er), murder (-er). (**unjustifiable killing or slaughter**)*

My Hebrew descriptive reading –

Exo 20:13 No unjustifiable killing or dashing to pieces.

*Exo 21:14 "But if a man acts **with premeditation** against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.*

*Num 35:20 If he pushes him **out of hatred or, while lying in wait, hurls something at him so that he dies, 21 or in enmity he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who struck him shall surely be put to death. He is a murderer.***





SEVENTH DECLARATION – ZAYIN - PLOW

Exo 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery.

The pictograph for the **zayin** (seventh Hebrew letter) is a plowing instrument. This implement was used to plow one's field. If you can see the picture – to plow in another man's field is not good.

Adultery –

H5003 naw-af' A primitive root; to commit adultery; figuratively to apostatize: - adulterer (-ess), commit (-ing) adultery,

AHLB action: Adultery : [- heated passion]

Lev 18:20 Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.

*Jdg 14:18 So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down: "What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them: "**If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle!**"*



EIGHT DECLARATION – HETH – WALL

Exo 20:15 "You shall not steal.

The pictograph for the eight Hebrew letter **heth** is a wall. The meaning of this letter is outside as the function of the wall to protect the occupants and items from the elements.

Steal –

H1589: gaw-nab' A primitive root; to thief (literally or figuratively); by implication to deceive: - carry away, X indeed, secretly bring, steal (away), get by stealth.

AHLB (ancient Hebrew) action: Steal concrete: Thief abstract: Theft: [what a garden is protected from]

With my Hebrew descriptive reading:

Exo 20:15 No thievery by stealth, secrecy, or deception.

Pro 29:24 *Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing.*

Exo 22:7 *"If a man delivers to his neighbor money or articles to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, **if the thief is found**, he shall pay double. 8 If the thief is not found, then the master of the house*

shall be brought to the judges to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbor's goods.

*Joh 10:1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, **but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.***

*Joh 10:10 **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.** I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

Look at the description of this word “steal” under the AHLB on the previous page. It is interesting that it talks about protecting a garden. This is what Adam was charged to do; **keep out the thief (Satan).**





NINTH DECLARATION – THET – BASKET

Exo 20:16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

The pictograph for **thet** (ninth Hebrew letter) is a basket or container made of wicker or clay. This has the implication of carrying or holding items. In a way to 'bear' can be to carry information or a testimony.

Bear –

*H6030 aw-naw' A primitive root; properly to eye or (generally) to heed, that is, pay attention; by implication to respond; by extension **to begin to speak**; specifically to sing, shout, **testify**, announce: - give account, afflict*

False –

H8267 sheh'-ker; an untruth; by implication a sham - without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, + lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully.

*AHLB concrete: **Lie**: False or untrue words meant to deceive.*

Witness –

*H5707 ayd; contracted; concretely a witness; **abstractly testimony**; specifically a recorder, that is, prince: - witness.*

AHLB abstract: **Witness:** An event or persons testimony recounting another event or person.

Neighbor –

H7453 ray'-ah an associate (more or less close): - brother, companion, fellow, friend, husband, lover, neighbour, X (an-) other.

Read with the Hebrew descriptive words:

Exo 20:16 No speaking, testifying, or giving account untruthfully and wrongfully lying about an event against a neighbor.

Deu 19:16 *If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 then both men in the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. 18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother,*

Pro 25:18 *A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.*

Mat 26:59 *Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward*



TENTH DECLARATION – YOD – ARM AND HAND

Exo 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

The pictograph of **yod** (tenth Hebrew letter) is an arm with hand. The meaning for this letter is work, throw as with the hand and to reach out. To covet something implies reaching out in desire for something that is not yours.

Covet –

*H2530 khaw-mad' A primitive root; to delight in: - beauty, greatly beloved, covet, delectable thing, (X great) delight, **desire**, goodly, **lust**, (be) pleasant (thing), precious (thing).*

AHLB - Desire: To want something that is pleasant out of desire or lust.

This final commandment also encompasses the last four. If you covet someone's wife or husband you already begin to commit adultery in your heart. If you covet someone else's goods or possessions, you have already begun the process of stealing. If you covet anything that is not yours but belongs to someone else, it is not a far stretch to commit murder or bear false witness to acquire it.

Read with the following Hebrew descriptive reading:

Exo 20:17 No wanting out of desire or lust the things belonging to your neighbor. No lusting after your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

***Mat 5:28** But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman **to lust for her** has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

***Mar 9:47** And **if your eye causes you to sin**, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—*

***Gal 5:16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill **the lust of the flesh**.*

***1Jn 2:16** For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, **the lust of the eyes**, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.*

Now let us put the entire ten instructions of Exodus 20 altogether with the descriptive Hebrew meanings.

EXODUS 20:1-17

Exo 20:1 And God **carefully** arranged all these **words or things in order**, forming continued full meaning sentences.

Exo 20:2 I – your shepherd, provider, guide, protector – am YHWH – self-existent and eternal

power; who rules and teaches you; who issued you out of distress, and hemmed in confinement; out of the dwelling place of bondage where you were compelled to work as a servant enslaved.

Exo 20:3 – There **should never exist** strange gods with you walking in their lifestyle above or against Me and **in My face**. 4 "There should not be making of carved images, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 There should not be bowing down to them nor serving them. For I, the Lord your God, will not share you for I am your provider and protector; I will turn this perversity, mischief and wickedness of serving other gods of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who think my ways odious and cause their sin to pierce My very heart, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who have affection for Me and My protection and desire to do My will and keep My commandments.

Exo 20:7 – No lifting up the honor, authority or character of YHWH – self-existent and eternal power, who rules and teaches you - falsely with empty words or actions, for YHWH will not consider him innocent or blameless who lifts up His character falsely.

Exo 20:8 Be mindful and mark the Sabbath to desist from exertion and set apart as clean. 9 Six days shall service of a profession and business be done, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath - to cease and

celebrate the day of YHWH your Elohim. In it no deputyship, employment, business or industrious occupation shall be done; you nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days YHWH brought forth and fulfilled the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and settled down to rest the seventh day. Therefore, YHWH presented as a gift the Sabbath day and set it apart as clean.

Exo 20:12 See the importance of and respect your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Exo 20:13 No unjustifiable killing or dashing to pieces.

Exo 20:14 No heated passion that breaks wedlock with your spouse

Exo 20:15 No thievery by stealth, secrecy, or deception.

Exo 20:16 No speaking, testifying, or giving account untruthfully and wrongfully lying about an event against a neighbor.

Exo 20:17 No wanting out of desire or lust the things belonging to your neighbor's household. you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Every single request in this ‘Ketubah’ is a **heart matter**. There is nothing that can be carried out here to please God **when done in the flesh**. He is asking for integrity of the heart to follow Him. He is giving us the protection to walk in this world of the enemy.

Much has been said that there are really 613 commandments set in place by God. This can be explained in a small example of a parent telling a child to clean his room. Here we have one order by the parent – clean the room. So, the child shoves everything under the bed (clothes, toys, books, etc.) Now, he has made the room look clean, however, the **spirit** of the task was not applied, only the face value act. The parent then comes in and explains what he/she meant. Put the clothes to be hung up in the closet ON hangers and the ones to be in the drawers IN the drawers neatly folded. Put the large toys in the garage where they belong and the small house toys in the toy chest and close the lid. Put the books back in place on the bookshelf in proper order. Now, with this example you can see that the original order has not changed but the detail of how to accomplish the task was explained much more. Many of the 613 “laws” are just that – detailed instructions of what God was meaning - not 613 separate laws. Let’s look at one of the declarations.

Exo 20:15 "You shall not steal.

Exo 22:1 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep. 2 If the thief is

found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed. 3 If the sun has risen on him, there shall be guilt for his bloodshed. He should make full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. 4 If the theft is certainly found alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or sheep, he shall restore double. 5 "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed, and lets loose his animal, and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard. 6 "If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so that stacked grain, standing grain, or the field is consumed, he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution. 7 "If a man delivers to his neighbor money or articles to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double. 8 If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbor's goods. 9 "For any kind of trespass, whether it concerns an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, or for any kind of lost thing which another claims to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whomever the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor. 10 If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, is hurt, or driven away, no one seeing it, 11 then an oath of the Lord shall be between them both, that he has not put his hand into his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept that, and he shall not make it good. 12

But if, in fact, it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to the owner of it. 13 If it is torn to pieces by a beast, then he shall bring it as evidence, and he shall not make good what was torn. 14 "And if a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it becomes injured or dies, the owner of it not being with it, he shall surely make it good.

Exo 23:4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again.

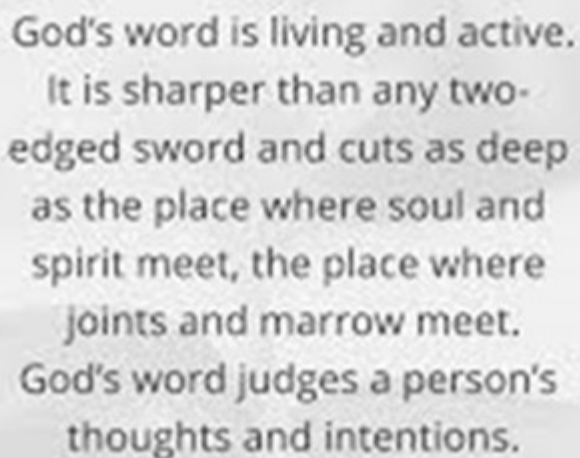
Lev 6:2 "If a person sins and commits a trespass against the Lord by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, 3 or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely--in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins: 4 then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, 5 or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.

In these quoted verses are **details of how a person steals from someone.** You can see with just this one order from God, the other scriptures giving detail as to His meaning. God knows the heart of man that he will do as little as possible to obey. He wants us to live

with upright hearts and show forth His love and compassion to men. His orders are simply put in Exodus chapter 20; however, we must be given detail to stay in line with His holiness.

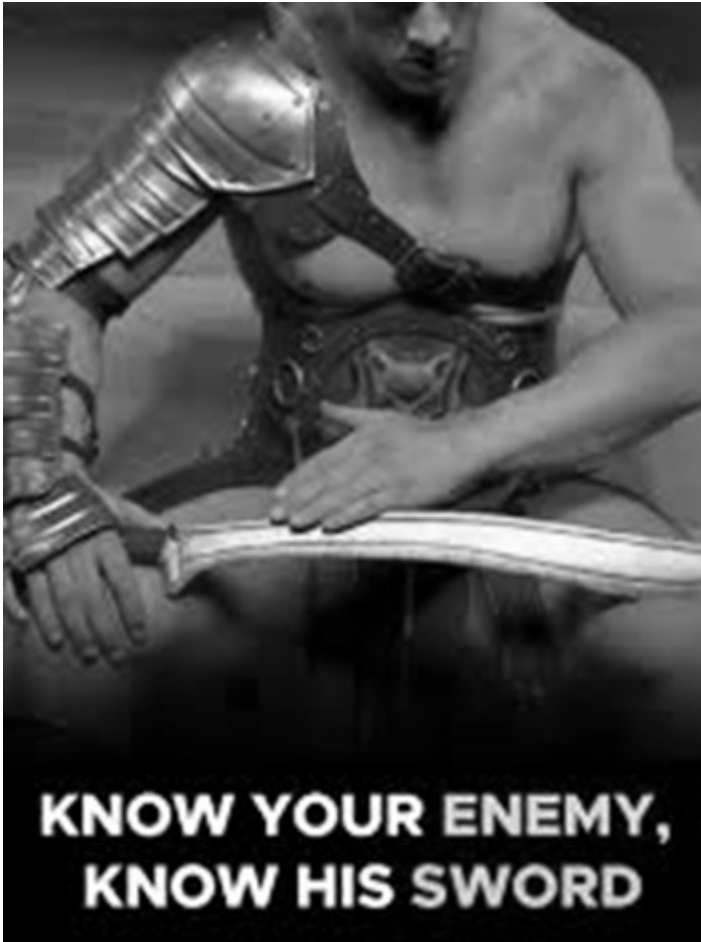
When we understand the close relationship He wants with us – to listen to and follow His voice as sheep with the shepherd, we will be protected from the ‘wolves’ from the enemy’s camp.

To execute this battle plan against the enemy we must be totally surrendered to God’s voice and His leading. When we chose His kingdom and step over into His camp, He will begin the leavening process of filling us with His Spirit that will train us up in His ways and clothe us in His armor that only He can put on.



God's word is living and active.
It is sharper than any two-
edged sword and cuts as deep
as the place where soul and
spirit meet, the place where
joints and marrow meet.
God's word judges a person's
thoughts and intentions.

HEBREWS 4:12



TACTICS OF SATAN, OUR ADVERSARY

Mat 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Look at some of the words in this verse in the Greek.

Wise –

fron'-ee-mos From G5424; **thoughtful**, that is, **sagacious (to perceive readily) or discreet (implying a cautious character**

Serpents –

of'-is (through the idea of sharpness of vision); a snake, figuratively (as a type of sly cunning) an artful malicious person, especially Satan: - serpent.

Harmless –

ak-er'-ah-yos unmixed, that is, (figuratively) innocent: - harmless, simple.

Now put this second half of the scripture together **using the Greek descriptions** for a better picture of what Jesus (Yeshua) was saying:

Mat 10:16b Be thoughtful and perceive readily the sly cunning and artful maliciousness of the enemy the serpent. But remain unmixed and innocent as the gentle dove.

Satan is not just some floating spirit in the ether. He is not just some bad notion we yell at to leave us alone. He is a real enemy. He is a fallen cherub. He had great authority in God's kingdom before he fell into iniquity of rebellion. **He persuaded 1/3** of the angels of heaven, who knew the goodness and riches of God, to follow him (and we wonder why Eve was so quickly convinced to cross the line). After his conspiracy, another 200 watcher class angels fell by lusting after human women and causing physical corruption to man's seed (Genesis 6) – (Book of Enoch chapter 6-10,15). See the full printout of this account in the chapter THE FALLEN ONES.

Because of the abnormal children born (half human, half angel), the annihilation of the pure human race was set in motion. God halted this process by the flood.

Even though the flood wiped out all life on earth except eight persons, within those eight, it seems a seed of corruption was preserved. Giants have been traced down through the line of Ham (land of the Canaanites) and Japheth (Gog and Magog), most likely from their wives.

*Gen 14:5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him came and attacked **the Rephaim** in Ashteroth Karnaim, the **Zuzim** in Ham, the **Emim** in Shaveh Kiriathaim,*

*Deu 2:10 (The **Emim** had dwelt there in times past, a people as **great and numerous and tall as the Anakim**. 11 They were **also regarded as giants, like the Anakim**, but the Moabites call them Emim.*

*Deu 2:20 That was also regarded as a **land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there**. But the Ammonites **call them Zamzummim**, 21 a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But the Lord destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place,*

*Deu 3:11 For only **Og king of Bashan** remained of the **remnant of the giants**. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.*

I don't think we understand the implication of the information preserved here in scripture about these giants and what they represent. They represent the wickedness of the fallen watchers still present among us. We have not been taught about this part of history which has affected all of mankind here on this earth. Here it is talked about in scripture history and we don't get it! We look at these stories as just that – stories.

In order to know your enemy, you must study his history too. All these giants are a result of fallen angels coming to earth and taking human women for their wives. These are the tares talked about by Jesus.

*Mat 13:24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.** 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then **the tares also appeared.** 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? **How then does it have tares?'** 28 He said to them, '**An enemy has done this.**' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 **Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."***

All evil forces are now joined as one army against the creation of God – man.

What is the cardinal rule when going into competition or engaging in any form of rivalry in strength or wits? **You need to know your opponent.** What are his weaknesses? What are his strengths? Does he fear anything? What kind of strategies are commonly used by him?

I remember a statement made years ago by Arnold Schwarzenegger when he was first becoming known in the public for his bodybuilding competition. He said the one thing he would do is get alone with the guy he needed to beat and make him feel inadequate and lose confidence in himself. This is the same strategy that is used by Satan. He watches us to see how we react to certain situations and then applies intimidation or fear to the mix to defeat us.

Jesus said we are to know our enemy, that we are to be wise as that serpent but not follow the same tactics in attacking those deceived and used by him to attack us. We are to be wise in identifying his maneuvers but handle the situation with unmixed (no worldly tactics) solutions as Jesus would. We stand against the devil and call him out, but we try to win the soul back to God. Our weapon is the Word of God.

*1Jn 5:19 We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.** 20 And we know that **the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His***

Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

We must keep in mind; **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood.** This is a spiritual fight.

Look at the word **evil**:

H7451 rah, raw-aw' bad or (as noun) evil (naturally or morally). adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, distress, exceedingly, X great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief, (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st) wretchedness, wrong

AHLB Bad: Something dysfunctional, wrong, evil or wicked.

Psa 5:4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, **Nor shall evil dwell with You.**

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8. And now, **the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits** upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling. 9. **Evil spirits** have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from **men**, *[[and]]* from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; **[they shall be evil spirits on earth, and] evil spirits shall they be called.**

Every place in the Bible that talks of evil spirits comes from this description here in Enoch. These spirits are real.

*1Sa 16:14 But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, **and an evil spirit** from the Lord troubled him.*

Trouble – *What causes fear.*

The New Testament speaks very much about fighting these spirits in a person's life.

*Luk 8:2 and certain women who had been healed of **evil spirits** and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had **come seven demons**,*

*Luk 4:33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who **had a spirit of an unclean demon**. And he cried out with a loud voice, 34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!" 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when **the demon** had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.*

*Mar 5:2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with **an unclean spirit**, 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."*

*Luk 9:42 And as he was still coming, **the demon threw him down and convulsed him**. Then Jesus rebuked the*

unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

*Mat 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, **this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.**"*

*Act 19:11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them, and **the evil spirits went out of them.** 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus **over those who had evil spirits**, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And **the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"** 6 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

Read this account in Acts carefully. The evil spirits knew Paul. To them, Paul was a true part of God's army. He had authority because of his relationship with the Father and the Son. This is the same relationship God (YHWH) wants with us. He wants a

whole army with this kind of authority over Satan's army. To get here, we must follow His orders and know Him intimately in our spiritual walk each day. Satan and his team are cunning and can deceive many who do not take him seriously as a true foe.

*2Co 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! **For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.** 15 Therefore it is **no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their works.*

Will we be deceived too and believe the lies, or will we believe the word of truth from our Father?

*Num 13:30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, **for we are well able to overcome it.**" 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "**We are not able** to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel **a bad report** of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 **There we saw the giants** (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); **and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.**"*

Who did the ten spies believe?

Gen 3:9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and **I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.**" 11 And He said, "**Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"**

Who did Adam believe? God did not say "how do you know you were naked?" He said WHO TOLD YOU?

Who do we believe?

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die.**

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "**All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.**" 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'

Act 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "**Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have**

you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

The problem with the situation in Acts 5 above was not that they kept some of the money back. It was that they lied about giving **all** the proceeds from the sale. Others before them were giving the whole amount to the apostles and they wanted to look just as good so they succumbed to the voice of Satan ("you don't want to seem stingy to the others.") so they lied.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned **who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Lawless in verses 8 and 9 above means without **God's** Law. Satan is against God's law, not against the world's laws, for that is what he put in place to put men in bondage. This world's rules are Satan's, for it is his domain and kingdom.

We have been taught to not give glory or credit to Satan and his power, but I think we have gone too far. We have underestimated our foe by expanding that caution to the point believing he is powerless in our lives. That is only true if we stay within the protective camp of God and follow His orders to survive the attacks. If we don't know our armor or weapons – **Faith, salvation, gospel of peace, righteousness, truth, word of God, relationship in prayer** – then we will be crushed. We will not be able to see the weapons of Satan – *fear, idolatry, murder, adultery, deceitful lying, covetousness, stealing, lusts, unforgiveness, hatred, fornications* – **all actions of the flesh** that rebel against the goodness of God.

How are these weapons of attack carried out by Satan? Who are the armies of Satan? What are the different ranks of his soldiers?

*Rev 12:7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and **the dragon and his angels fought**, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

Let us try to categorize the legions of Satan. **There are the watcher class spirits.** They did not lose the characteristics they possessed just because they fell. These are powerful, mighty, and most likely big in stature. These are the class of spirits who came and corrupted mankind by teaching many forbidden arts to the men and women of mankind.

ENOCH CHAPTER VIII.

And Azâzêl taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals 〈of the earth〉 and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures. 2. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways. Semjâzâ taught enchantments, and root-cuttings, Armârôs the resolving of enchantments, Barâqîjâl, (taught) astrology, Kôkabêl the constellations, Ezêqêêl the knowledge of the clouds, 〈Araqiêl the signs of the earth, Shamsiêl the signs of the sun〉, and Sariêl the course of the moon. And as men perished, they cried, and their cry went up to heaven . . .

CHAPTER LXIX.

*4. The name of the first Jeqôn: that is, the one who led astray [all] the sons of **God**, and brought them down to the earth, and led them astray through the daughters of men. 5. And the second was named Asbeêl: he imparted to the holy sons of **God** evil*

counsel, and led them astray so that they defiled their bodies with the daughters of men. 6. And the third was named Gâdreêl: **he it is who showed the children of men all the blows of death, and he led astray Eve, and showed [the weapons of death to the sons of men] the shield and the coat of mail, and the sword for battle, and all the weapons of death to the children of men.** 7. And from his hand they have proceeded against those who dwell on the earth from that day and for evermore. 8. And the fourth was named Pênêmûe: he taught the children of men the bitter and the sweet, and he taught them all the secrets of their wisdom. 9. And he instructed mankind in writing with ink and paper, and thereby many sinned from eternity to eternity and until this day. 10. For men were not created for such a purpose, to give confirmation to their good faith with pen and ink. 11. **For men were created exactly like the angels, to the intent that they should continue pure and righteous, and death, which destroys everything, could not have taken hold of them, but through this their knowledge they are perishing, and through this power it is consuming me†.** 12. And the fifth was named Kâsdejâ: **this is he who showed the children of men all the wicked smitings of spirits and demons, and the smitings of the embryo in the womb, that it may pass away,**

We know that there is a rank of fierce fighters in this evil army.

*Dan 10:5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! 6 **His body was like beryl, his***

face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. 10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. 12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.....Dan 10:19 And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." 20 Then he said, "Do you

*know why I have come to you? **And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia;** and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.*

Here was one class of spirits in Satan's army of high rank and power. He was called a prince. **He fought a mighty angel of heaven**, whose appearance was awesome to see, for 21 days and prevented him from reaching Daniel with a message before Michael, an arch angel before God, came to help. There are princes of darkness over many different territories. These are the rulers in high places.

Eph 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, **against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

There is the class of unclean spirits. I believe these are the "sergeants and privates" in the army. These are the menacing hordes of darkness assigned by Satan to torment man. These can take liberties with man when legal right has been given over by a person by believing a lie and not staying under the protection of God's ways. The question every person should ask when dealing with a thought is – does that thought line up with the true character of God spoken in His word?

***Jas 1:12** Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will*

receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 **Let no one say** when he is tempted, "**I am tempted by God**"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 **But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Mar 7:21 For from within, **out of the heart of men**, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 **All these evil things come from within and defile a man."**

How can we identify this class of demons?

Mar 1:26 And when **the unclean spirit had convulsed him** and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mar 1:34 Then He healed many who were **sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons**; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

Mar 7:32 Then they brought to Him one **who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech**, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "**Ephphatha,**" that is, "**Be opened.**" 35

Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

Mar 5:2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs ***a man with an unclean spirit,*** ³ who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴ because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵ And ***always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.*** ⁶ When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷ And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." ⁸ For He said to him, "***Come out of the man, unclean spirit!***" ⁹ Then He asked him, "***What is your name?***" And he answered, saying, "***My name is Legion; for we are many.***"

Mar 9:20 Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately ***the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.*** ²¹ So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both ***into the fire and into the water to destroy him.*** But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." ²⁴

*Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, **He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"** 26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.*

***Mat 4:23** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing **all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease** among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with **various diseases and torments**, and those who were **demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics**; and He healed them.*

***Rev 16:13** And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs** coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 **For they are spirits of demons, performing signs**, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

I believe this is the class of Satan's army that is mainly assigned to man for battle. From the garden, man has been opened to the physical manifestation of a spiritual attack released by Adam's belief in the lie

from Satan and giving the earthly realm back to him. There is but one hope for man for help to stand in this battle, and that is the blood of the Lamb of God sent to save us and set us free from the total hold of the enemy on our lives. Sin (lawlessness) gives unclean spirits the **legal right** to attack and because there are none who can say they didn't sin, the way to sickness is always there.

Joh 9:1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

1Co 11:27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

We need to understand that unclean spirits have names to identify their position in the army of Satan. Legion is one name. **This title is a noun.** A **noun** is a person, place, or thing. It can have substance. There is one unclean spirit that has run rampant throughout the family of God. This Spirit's name is legalism. Yes, that is a noun! It has learned very well how to steer a person away from hearing the truth by screaming in their ears "that's legalism! And almost every time he succeeds in his task. He knows which scriptures to guide a person to in making an argument against following the orders of God (YHWH). One statement from Paul he will use is Colossians 2: *So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,*.

I would suggest you read this starting from Col 2:6 – 22 to get the picture of what Paul is saying.

*Col 2:6 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him**, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. 8 **Beware** lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, **according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ**.....15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. 16 *So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 **which are a shadow of things to come, but (or and) the****

*substance is of Christ. 18 let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God. 20 Therefore, **if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world**, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations-- 21 "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," 22 which all concern things which perish with the using--**according to the commandments and doctrines of men?***

Is Paul really talking about the instructions of God? My question to you is: When did the traditions of men, principles of the world, and commandments and doctrines of men become God's law? Who is judging who here? Wouldn't it be the pagans judging those who left the pagan traditions and now follow the ways of God? Paul is telling those who had left the ranks of paganism and come to God to not let their former "buddies" of pagan origin judge them. Pagan religions had certain eating habits too which regulated their religious rituals, so changing what and how you eat would vex those staying in the pagan ranks and customs. Also, the Sabbath was from God, not the pagans. I have another question: If me doing the Sabbath set down by God to rest from the toil of work is legalism, what is it called when you attend church every Sunday morning and evening and every

Wednesday; not to mention Thursday choir practice or elders meeting? **It is not** the Spirit of God telling you, you are free, and I am in bondage. It is Satan screaming in your ear “That’s legalism!”. Because of this battle, you cannot decipher the real truth that you are being kept from the freedom God has for His children. His Sabbath is simple. There is no performance, only resting from toil.

Let me list just a few names of the soldiers in Satan’s army:

Fear – that is a noun **Lust** – that is a noun
Pride – that is a noun **Murder** – that is a noun
Lie – that is a noun **Doubtfulness** – that is a noun
Covetousness – a noun **Anxiety** – also a noun
Legalism – as I said before it is a noun

Are you getting the idea of what you are up against? And who is leading your thoughts? These spirits have a corresponding verb to their name. This means they whisper their purpose into the ear, and it becomes an action. This is what James was referring to:

Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

What about from the kingdom of God?

Love – this is a noun **Obedience** – this is a noun
Trust – this is a noun **Protection** – this is a noun
Salvation – again a noun **Power** – another a noun
Soundness – this is a noun **Light** – this is a noun
Mercy – also a noun **Strength** – and again a noun

*2Ti 1:7 For God has not given us **a spirit** of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

*Psa 13:5 But I have trusted in **Your mercy**; My heart shall rejoice in **Your salvation**.*

*Psa 27:1 The Lord is **my light and my salvation**; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is **the strength** of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?*

*1Jn 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**.*

*Psa 65:6 Who established the mountains by His **strength**, being clothed **with power**.*

Just what will it take to stop reacting to the voices of Satan's unclean spirits and listen to God for our own good?

I would like to tell a parable for a better picture of what God (YHWH) asks of us for our own protection.

Let's say you were in a boat that has just been overturned by a tremendous storm that is raging all around you. You find yourself being thrown violently in the tumultuous waves and in danger of drowning. Another boat comes to you and a life preserver is

thrown to you to grab. You notice that this is the very boat you had heard stories about that sailed the seas just watching for souls in trouble. You heard that they could save anyone who followed their instructions carefully and would pull you to safety. A voice calls out for you to put the preserver over your head and down to your armpits. You decide just gabbing it and hanging on is just as good, so that is what you do. Just then a huge wave crashes down right on top of you and wrenches the preserver out of your hands that were weak from trying to stay afloat. Down under the water you go! Coming up even more tired and struggling to stay above the waves. Again, the preserver comes to you and again the instructions are given. You decide to obey this time. With the preserver in the proper place, you feel yourself slowly moving toward the boat. Just then another huge wave crashes down on top of you and you are pushed under the wave only this time you surface quickly with the preserver securely under your arms. You make it to the boat and are pulled onto the deck. A firm hand reaches out to you and supports your tired body with a strength that is total comfort to your soul. Instructions come from a voice that is full of compassion and meaning. You are told to lie down against the side railing and wrap your arms with a rope that is firmly tied to it. The boat turns to head for port while the swells continue to beat down on you and the boat and threatening to overturn it if it can. Even though you hear the wind and feel the tossing, you are safe within that boat and securely wrapped in that rope. In what

seems like an eternity the boat finally comes to port, and you can now step out onto safe ground. You are escorted to a shelter and there given clean dry clothes, food, and loving care. You decide to ask some questions. “How did you know where to find me?” How come your boat doesn’t sink? How many times have you done this kind of rescue?”

The captain from the boat comes forward and replies. “My boat is built like no other, it is built just for this kind of weather and I know how to sail in this stuff. My crew is trained just for the purpose of spotting other boats in trouble. We have gone out to rescue many many people. Sometimes the person doesn’t believe what we are telling them to be saved and they try it on their own knowledge to swim. They go down several times and do not come up. Sometimes we get others to the boat, but they are afraid the boat will go down too so they refuse to tie themselves to the railing and are washed overboard and lost. And then there are many like you. They listen to our orders and end up here in safety.

There are parables told by Jesus in this same manner in scripture.

Mat 13:3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were

scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 **And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.** 8 **But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.** 9 **He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"**

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

This is a very powerful set of verses here in Matthew. Go back and read it again slowly. Look at what all these people were doing in His name. **have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?** Now look at

verse 23 once more. Wow! Lawlessness – what does that mean? That word in the Greek is #458:

Anomia an-om-ee'-ah illegality, that is, violation of law or (generally) wickedness: - iniquity, X transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

What law? You can bet it isn't the laws of man! You can be deceived by the enemy to ignore the instructions (Law) of God and think you are doing everything for Jesus yet find yourself on the wrong side. This is a very sobering realization!

This is just a small view of what we stand against in the battle in this life. I, myself am still trying to understand the enemy and how to hear the voice of my Father clearer to be effective for Him in this war. I do understand more than I used to, and I feel the arm of my Savior closer than I have before. He wants all His children to see the enemy uncovered and like David proclaim:

1Sa 17:45..... "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand....."



Come Out
of Her!

RECOGNIZING BABYLON

Isa 52:11 Depart! Depart! Go out from there, touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her, be clean, you who bear the vessels of the Lord.

We have examined many aspects of this war we are fighting until the return of our Savior and King. We know He will set His Kingdom up in the new Jerusalem, and we will be with Him forever.

We cannot forget the main command of the Father to us. We are to **remove** ourselves from Babylon, which is the kingdom of the enemy. This is a serious thing to God. We cannot ignore this order and expect to partake in any of the benefits of His kingdom. God has said we would partake of the plagues if we stay in her. Being involved with any vices of Satan's kingdom makes us unequally yoked.

2Co 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness

*with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And **what accord has Christ with Belial?** Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 17 Therefore **"Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."***

***Rev 18:2** And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has **become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!** 3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." 4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.** 5 For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*

What is unclean in the eyes of God? To start with, all things mentioned in the "Ten Commandments". Murder, stealing, false witnessing, adultery, dishonoring our parents, coveting, bringing other gods in His face (worshiping demons), not acknowledging who He is (our protecting and mighty Shepherd), forgetting His Sabbath and defiling it. All these things

are rampant in the world and accepted as normal behavior. We must be different. We must show the light of God in our life and stand separate from all these things. To participate in any of them is being unequally yoked. The armor of God, which is our protection, becomes ineffective for us.

*Jas 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet **stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.** 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.*

I don't think we even realize how much into Babylon we are. We hear others say all the traditions we are used to were set up by God. They say it has always been done this way, therefore it is correct. Always done this way? Really? You could do something a few times and it can become a tradition you always do. You can do a certain celebration a couple of years in a row and it becomes something you "always" do. We must examine the things we think have "always" been done. Just where from and by whom did they get set in place? I have heard Christians say Christmas has always been celebrated by believers because it is the birth of our savior. Are you certain about that? They believe Sunday was set in place of Saturday by the apostles. Who told you this? Is it in Scripture? I have heard Jews say that God setup the Sanhedrin to interpret the Law for the people. Where is that in Scripture? They put the Talmud above God's

word for studying. The Talmud is Rabbinic **discussion** on the Law of God. They claim that Saturday has always been the seventh day and therefore the one God set up. Is that really so? Do they read their own history? Do we pay attention to what God has said in His word?

In these present times, life here on earth has become more and more unstable. The “rule of law” is brought up in many medias. People crying for the defunding and dismantling of the police forces around the nation is threatening to remove the “rule of law” and anarchy is just around the corner.

Is there any difference with the dismantling of man’s earthly law or the dismantling of God’s Law? They both hold evil in check. The earthly one is set up to keep the carnal man in check, the other to keep spiritual man in check. Without either one, anarchy and the enemy of mankind will run rampant.

We have been persuaded to believe that God’s Law has been done away with by being nailed to the cross. That is the most effective devise the enemy has used to disarm God’s people for battle. We have been deceived into taking off the armor by disregarding God’s protective instructions. We listen to the lies of Satan and end up going onto the battlefield with nothing on - naked!

Gen 3:11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

Let's examine another area Satan has replaced. God's appointed times or "feast times".

These appointed times set in place by God are like **signal fires** for His planned events marking the coming of the end of the kingdom of Satan and informing His children of the seasonal timing for His moving hand.

Satan has been very clever hiding or quenching these signal fires with the dirty water of his "appointed times" taking the place of God's. The word commonly used in translating the Hebrew word "moedim" into English is "feasts". What do we identify as a feast or celebration in this world? I will list a few: Christmas, Easter, Valentine's day, ground hog day, Halloween, May day, St. Patrick's Day. **These are all celebrations attached to some demon god.** Are any of these mentioned as times for us to celebrate in scripture?

*Exo 20:3 You shall **have no other gods before Me.** 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall **not bow down to them nor serve them.** For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

Celebrating their appointed days IS bowing down to them. It's recognizing and honoring their day to

celebrate. We have been born in, and so engrossed in these things we can't even recognize they are of the wrong kingdom.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

We must allow the veil over our eyes to be lifted by reading the total scriptures without prejudice or preprogramed ideas. We must be willing to let go of what we think is truth and read His truth with open eyes.

How many of God's "Feasts" are you aware of? Did you even know He had any that He set in place for His children? Why wouldn't He? Jesus said:

Mat 16:2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

What are the "signal fires" or signs of the times from God? Passover, Unleavened Bread, Day of First Fruits, Shavuot (Pentecost), Day of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles, and the true Sabbath, Shmita (seventh year Sabbath), and Year of Jubilee (fiftieth year).

Lev 23:1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.

How plainer can it be said? He said these are His feasts; not Jewish ones – HIS.

Joh 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments".

Signal fire – DAY OF TRUMPETS – Jesus' first coming (birth) and second coming (at the last trump)
Luke 2:13-14, 1Co 15:52

Signal fire – PASSOVER – revealing of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; who is the door to walk through to become true children of God by defeating Satan and breaking the chains from man to freely choose who he will follow. John 3:14-21, John 8:34-36, John 12:32-34, Eph 2:16, Rev 5:6-12

Signal fire - FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS (Nisan 16th) – Jesus being the first fruits from the grave. Lev. 23:10, 1Co 15:20-23

Signal fire – SHAVUOT (and Pentecost) – Marriage agreement of Ten words, sealing with the Spirit, the making of one new man from the two. Exo 20, Acts 2:1-4, Eph 2:15, Rev 14:4

Signal fire – DAY OF ATONEMENT – covering with blood for propitiation. Exo 30:10, Lev 16:34, Rom 3:25, Heb 2:17, 1Jn 2:2, 1Jn 4:10

Signal fire – TABERNACLES – God dwelling with us. Exo 29:45, Isa 9:6-7, Mat 1:23, Rev 21:3

Do you get the picture with just these few “signal fire” examples? These feasts are not just random instructions. They mean something important to us in the battle. They give us signs of hope of the victory mile posts to His coming Kingdom here on earth and the utter destruction to the kingdom of Satan.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

We cannot walk in our own strength and wisdom. We must listen to His Spirit for direction, equipping, and positioning in this war. Look at Matthew 7 again.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who

*does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?**' 23 And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'*

Why did Jesus say this? Is it just possible to walk in a doctrine that **looks good** but is not of Him? Again, this 'lawlessness' He is talking about is not the law of the land. It is being without God's rules or instructions – **His Law.**

*Pro 14:12 There is a way that **seems** right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*

*Pro 13:13 He who despises the word will be destroyed, but **he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.** 14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.*

*Rom 2:13 (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but **the doers of the law will be justified;***

*Luk 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings **and does them,** I will show you whom he is like: 48 **He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.** And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who*

built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

What is the deep foundation? His Torah (word of instructions)

Luk 13:23** Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, **24** "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. **25** When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, '**Lord, Lord, open for us,**' and He will answer and say to you, '**I do not know you, where you are from,**' **26** then you will begin to say, '**We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.**' **27** But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. **Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

***Luk 12:47** And that servant **who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48** **But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few.** For everyone to whom much is given, **from him much will be required;** and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.*

This last scripture from Luke is an interesting parable. Just what is Jesus communicating here to His disciples and us?

*Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 **For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**"*

The message that is ringing out from churches today is all about love and freedom from bondage. God is love, but what is the bondage they preach against? The direction in which people are led is that the bondage is the law of God. The Bible, on the other hand, talks of being a slave to sin and that His word is freedom from that depravity of the enemy. Nowhere in God's word is it ever communicated that we are in bondage by following His instructions. Walking in the light, being protected by the Good Shepherd, having life eternal are the words from Him. Don't be fooled by Satan's deceptive words that God doesn't care about or for us. He created us for His good pleasure and gave us all things created from His hands to enjoy. This is the final goal in the end again, for those who believe Him in what He says. He has set it all down to guide and protect us.



If you want to see
the truth, you must be
brave enough to look.



THE FALLEN ONES

Following are several ancient writings that elaborate on the incident spoken about in Genesis 6. There are those who say these are not reliable reading sources and people should stay away from them. However, Enoch was quoted several times by the writers in the New Testament and Jasher was quoted in the Old Testament. I feel we have lost much insight into what is going on here in our world by ignoring these many resources. If fear grips you that you are being led down a path God is not happy with by reading these extra biblical, non-biblical writings, then just remember, Satan doesn't want to be exposed in his evil deceptions that trap men. He wants to put fear on you to stop. There are many scriptures that collaborate the information in these writings if you but research it.

Please let the Spirit reveal truth to you as you read through the following works of the different authors.

2Ti 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

ENOCH CHAPTER VI.

1. And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them

beautiful and comely daughters. 2. **And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them**, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.' 3. And Semjâzâ, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.' 4. And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.' 5. Then sware they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. 6. And they were in all two hundred; who descended [in the days] of **Jared** on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. 7. And these are the names of their leaders: Sêmîazâz, their leader, Arâkîba, Râmêêl, Kôkabiêl, Tâmîêl, Râmîêl, Dânêl, Êzêqêêl, Barâqîjâl, Asâêl, Armârôs, Batârêl, Anânêl, Zaqîêl, Samsâpêêl, Satarêl, Tûrêl, Jômjâêl, Sariêl. 8. These are their chiefs of tens.

CHAPTER VII.

1. **And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them**, and they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants. 2. And they became pregnant, **and they bare great giants, whose height**

was three thousand ells: 3. Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, 4. the giants turned against them and devoured mankind. 5. And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood. 6. Then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones.

CHAPTER VIII.

*And Azâzêl taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them **the metals** 〈of the earth〉 and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures. 2. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways. Semjâzâ taught enchantments, and root-cuttings, Armârôs the resolving of enchantments, Barâqijâl, (taught) astrology, Kôkabêl the constellations, Ezêqêel the knowledge of the clouds, 〈Araqiêl the signs of the earth, Shamsiêl the signs of the sun〉, and Sariêl the course of the moon. And as men perished, they cried, and their cry went up to heaven . . .*

CHAPTER IX.

And then Michael, Uriel, Raphael, and Gabriel looked down from heaven and saw much blood being shed upon the earth, and all lawlessness being

wrought upon the earth. 2. And they said one to another: 'The earth made †without inhabitant cries the voice of their crying† up to the gates of heaven. 3 [[And now to you, the holy ones of heaven]], the souls of men make their suit, saying, "Bring our cause before the Most High."' 4. And they said to the Lord of the ages: 'Lord of lords, God of gods, King of kings, (and God of the ages) , the throne of Thy glory (standeth) unto all the generations of the ages, and Thy name holy and glorious and blessed unto all the ages! 5. Thou hast made all things, and power over all things hast Thou: and all things are naked and open in Thy sight, and Thou seest all things, and nothing can hide itself from Thee. 6. Thou seest what Azâzêl hath done, who hath taught all unrighteousness on earth and revealed the eternal secrets which were (preserved) in heaven, which men were striving to learn: 7. And Semjâzâ, to whom Thou hast given authority to bear rule over his associates. 8. And they have gone to the daughters of men upon the earth, and have slept with the women, and have defiled themselves, and revealed to them all kinds of sins. 9. And the women have borne giants, and the whole earth has thereby been filled with blood and unrighteousness. 10. And now, behold, the souls of those who have died are crying and making their suit to the gates of heaven, and their lamentations have ascended: and cannot cease because of the lawless deeds which are wrought on the earth. 11. And Thou knowest all things before they come to pass, and Thou seest these things and

Thou dost suffer them, and Thou dost not say to us what we are to do to them in regard to these.'

CHAPTER X.

*1. Then said the Most High, the Holy and Great One spake, and sent **Uriel** to the son of Lamech, and said to him: 2. ' <Go to Noah> and tell him in my name "Hide thyself!" and reveal to him the end that is approaching: that the whole earth will be destroyed, and a deluge is about to come upon the whole earth, and will destroy all that is on it. 3. And now instruct him that he may escape and his seed may be preserved for all the generations of the world.' 4. And again the Lord said to Raphael: 'Bind Azâzêl hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dûdâêl, and cast him therein. 5. And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there for ever, and cover his face that he may not see light. 6. And on the day of the great judgement he shall be cast into the fire. And heal the earth which the angels have corrupted, and proclaim the healing of the earth, that they may heal the plague, and that all the children of men may not perish through all the secret things that the Watchers have disclosed and have taught their sons. 8. And the whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were taught by Azâzêl: to him ascribe all sin.' 9. And to Gabriel said the Lord: 'Proceed against the bastards and the reprobates, and against the children of fornication: and destroy [the children of*

fornication and] the children of the Watchers from amongst men [and cause them to go forth]: send them one against the other that they may destroy each other in battle: for length of days shall they not have. 10. And no request that they (i.e. their fathers) make of thee shall be granted unto their fathers on their behalf; for they hope to live an eternal life, and that each one of them will live five hundred years.' 11. And the Lord said unto Michael: 'Go, bind Semjâzâ and his associates who have united themselves with women so as to have defiled themselves with them in all their uncleanness. 12. And when their sons have slain one another, and they have seen the destruction of their beloved ones, bind them fast for seventy generations in the valleys of the earth, till the day of their judgement and of their consummation, till the judgement that is for ever and ever is consummated. 13. In those days they shall be led off to the abyss of fire: <and> to the torment and the prison in which they shall be confined for ever. And whosoever shall be condemned and destroyed will from thenceforth be bound together with them to the end of all generations. 15. And destroy all the spirits of the reprobate and the children of the Watchers, because they have wronged mankind. Destroy all wrong from the face of the earth and let every evil work come to an end: and let the plant of righteousness and truth appear: [and it shall prove a blessing; the works of righteousness and truth] shall be planted in truth and joy for evermore. 17 And then shall all the righteous escape,

*And shall live till they beget thousands of children,
And all the days of their youth and their old age
Shall they complete in peace. 18 And then shall the
whole earth be tilled in righteousness, and shall all
be planted with trees and be full of blessing. 19. And
all desirable trees shall be planted on it, and they
shall plant vines on it: and the vine which they plant
thereon shall yield wine in abundance, and as for all
the seed which is sown thereon each measure (of it)
shall bear a thousand, and each measure of olives
shall yield ten presses of oil. 20. And cleanse thou the
earth from all oppression, and from all
unrighteousness, and from all sin, and from all
godlessness: and all the uncleanness that is wrought
upon the earth destroy from off the earth. 21. [And all
the children of men shall become righteous], and all
nations shall offer adoration and shall praise Me,
and all shall worship Me. And the earth shall be
cleansed from all defilement, and from all sin, and
from all punishment, and from all torment, and I will
never again send (them) upon it from generation to
generation and for ever.*

CHAPTER XII.

*1. Before these things Enoch was hidden, and no one
of the children of men knew where he was hidden,
and where he abode, and what had become of him. 2.
And his activities had to do with the Watchers, and
his days were with the holy ones. 3. And I, Enoch was
blessing the Lord of majesty and the King of the ages,
and lo! the Watchers called me--Enoch the scribe--*

and said to me: 4. 'Enoch, thou scribe of righteousness, go, †declare† to the Watchers of the heaven who have left the high heaven, the holy eternal place, and have defiled themselves with women, and have done as the children of earth do, and have taken unto themselves wives: "Ye have wrought great destruction on the earth: 5. And ye shall have no peace nor forgiveness of sin: and inasmuch as †they† delight themselves in †their† children, 6. The murder of †their† beloved ones shall †they† see, and over the destruction of †their† children shall †they† lament, and shall make supplication unto eternity, but mercy and peace shall ye not attain."

CHAPTER XIII.

1. And Enoch went and said: '**Azâzêl**, thou shalt have no peace: a severe sentence has gone forth against thee to put thee in bonds: 2. And thou shalt not have toleration nor †request† granted to thee, **because of the unrighteousness which thou hast taught, and because of all the works of godlessness and unrighteousness and sin which thou hast shown to men.**' 3. Then I went and spoke to them all together, and they were all afraid, and fear and trembling seized them. 4. And they besought me to draw up a petition for them that they might find forgiveness, and to read their petition in the presence of the Lord of heaven. 5. For from thenceforward they could not speak (with Him) nor lift up their eyes to heaven for shame of their sins for which they had been

condemned. 6. Then I wrote out their petition, and the prayer in regard to their spirits and their deeds individually and in regard to their requests that they should have forgiveness and length <of days> †. 7. And I went off and sat down at the waters of Dan, in the land of Dan, to the south of the west of Hermon: I read their petition till I fell asleep. 8. And behold a dream came to me, and visions fell down upon me, and I saw visions of chastisement, [and a voice came bidding (me)] I to tell it to the sons of heaven, and reprimand them. 9. And when I awaked, I came unto them, and they were all sitting gathered together, weeping in 'Abelsjâil, which is between Lebanon and Sênêsêr, with their faces covered. 10. And I recounted before them all the visions which I had seen in sleep, and I began to speak the words of righteousness, and to reprimand the heavenly Watchers.

CHAPTER XV.

1. And He answered and said to me, and I heard His voice: 'Fear not, Enoch, thou righteous man and scribe of righteousness: approach hither and hear my voice. 2. And go, say to [[the Watchers of heaven]], who have sent thee to intercede [[for them: "You should intercede"]]] for men, and not men for you: 3. **Wherefore have ye left the high, holy, and eternal heaven, and lain with women, and defiled yourselves with the daughters of men and taken to yourselves wives, and done like the children of earth, and begotten giants (as your) sons?** 4. And

though ye were holy, spiritual, living the eternal life, you have defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and have begotten (children) with the blood of flesh, and, as the children of men, have lusted after flesh and blood as those [also] do who die and perish. 5. Therefore have I given them wives also that they might impregnate them, and beget children by them, that thus nothing might be wanting to them on earth. **6. But you were [formerly] spiritual, living the eternal life, and immortal for all generations of the world.** 7. And therefore I have not appointed wives for you; for as for the spiritual ones of the heaven, in heaven is their dwelling. 8. And now, **the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth,** and on the earth shall be their dwelling. 9. **Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies;** because they are born from men, [[and]] from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; [they shall be evil spirits on earth, and] evil spirits shall they be called. [10. As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.] 11. **And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble:** they take no food, [but nevertheless hunger] and thirst, and cause offences. **And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men** and against the women, because they have proceeded [from them].

CHAPTER XVI.

1. *From the days of the slaughter and destruction and death [of the giants], from the souls of whose flesh the spirits, having gone forth, shall destroy without incurring judgement--thus shall they destroy until the day of the consummation, the great [judgement] in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, yea, shall be wholly consummated."* 2. *And now as to the Watchers who have sent thee to intercede for them, who had been [[aforetime]] in heaven, (say to them): "You have been in heaven, but [fall] the mysteries had not yet been revealed to you, and you knew worthless ones, and these in the hardness of your hearts you have made known to the women, and through these mysteries women and men work much evil on earth."* 4. *Say to them therefore: "You have no peace."*

CHAPTER XIX.

1. *And Uriel said to me: '**Here shall stand the angels who have connected themselves with women, and their spirits assuming many different forms are defiling mankind and shall lead them astray into sacrificing to demons [[as gods]], (here shall they stand,) till [[the day of]] the great judgement in which they shall be judged till they are made an end of.*** 2. ***And the women also of the angels who went astray shall become sirens.'*** 3. *And I, Enoch, alone saw the vision, the ends of all things: and no man shall see as I have seen.*

BOOK OF JASHER

*16 And all the sons of men departed from the ways of the Lord in those days as they multiplied upon the face of the earth with sons and daughters, and they taught one another their evil practices and they continued sinning against the Lord. 17 And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence. 18 **And their judges and rulers went to the daughters of men** and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, and the sons of men in those days took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord; and God saw the whole earth and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all men and all animals. 19 And the Lord said, I will blot out man that I created from the face of the earth, yea from man to the birds of the air, together with cattle and beasts that are in the field for I repent that I made them. 20 And all men who walked in the ways of the Lord, died in those days, before the Lord brought the evil upon man which he had declared, for this was from the Lord, that they should not see the evil which the Lord spoke of concerning the sons of men.*

BOOK OF JUBILEES

*V. And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and **daughters were born** unto them, that **the angels of God saw them** on a certain year of this jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and **they took themselves wives of all whom they chose**, and they bare unto them sons and **they were giants**. 2. And lawlessness increased on the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike men and cattle and beasts and birds and everything that walketh on the earth—all of them corrupted their ways and their orders, and they began to devour each other, and lawlessness increased on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men (was) thus evil continually. 3. And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt, and all flesh had corrupted its orders, and all that were upon the earth had wrought all manner of evil before His eyes. 4. And He said: "I shall destroy man and all flesh upon the face of the earth which I have created." 5. But Noah found grace before the eyes of the Lord. 6. And against the angels whom He had sent upon the earth, He was exceedingly wroth, and He gave commandment to root them out of all their dominion, and He bade us to bind them in the depths of the earth, and behold they are bound in the midst of them, and are (kept) separate. 7. And against their sons went forth a command from before His face that they should be smitten with the sword, and be removed from under heaven. 8. And He said "Thy spirit will not always*

abide on man; for they also are flesh and their days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 9. And He sent His sword into their midst that each should slay his neighbour, and they began to slay each other till they all fell by the sword and were destroyed from the earth 10. And their fathers were witnesses (of their destruction), and after this they were bound in the depths of the earth for ever, until the day of the great condemnation when judgment is executed on all those who have corrupted their ways and their works before the Lord.

*20 And in the twenty-eighth jubilee Noah began to enjoin upon his sons' sons the ordinances and commandments, and all the judgments that he knew, and he exhorted his sons to observe righteousness, and to cover the shame of their flesh, and to bless their Creator, and honour father and mother, and love their neighbour, and guard their souls from fornication and uncleanness and all iniquity. 21 For owing to these three things came the flood upon the earth, namely, **owing to the fornication wherein the Watchers against the law of their ordinances went a whoring after the daughters of men**, and took themselves wives of all which they chose: and they made the beginning of uncleanness. 22 **And they begat sons the Nâphîdîm**, and †they were all unlike†, and they devoured one another: and the Giants slew the Nâphîl, and the Nâîl slew the Eljô, and the Eljô mankind, and one man another. 23 And every one sold himself to work iniquity and to shed much blood,*

*and the earth was filled with iniquity. 24 And after this **they sinned against** the beasts and birds, and all that moves and walks on the earth: and much blood was shed on the earth, and every imagination and desire of men imagined vanity and evil continually. 25 And the Lord destroyed everything from off the face of the earth; because of the wickedness of their deeds, and because of the blood which they had shed in the midst of the earth He destroyed everything. 26 'And we were left, I and you, my sons, and everything that entered with us into the ark, and behold I see your works before me that ye do not walk in righteousness; for in the path of destruction ye have begun to walk, and ye are parting one from another, and are envious one of another, and (so it comes) that ye are not in harmony, my sons, each with his brother. 27 For I see, and behold the demons have begun (their) seductions against you and against your children*

JUBILEES 10

*And Thou knowest how Thy Watchers, the fathers of these spirits, acted in my day: and as for these spirits which are living, imprison them and hold them fast in the place of condemnation, and let them not bring destruction on the sons of thy servant, my God; for these are malignant, and created in order to destroy. 6 And let them not rule over the spirits of the living; for Thou alone **canst exercise dominion over them**. And let them not have power over the sons of the righteous from henceforth and for evermore.' 7 And*

the Lord our God bade us to bind all. 8 And the chief of the spirits, Mastêmâ, came and said: 'Lord, Creator, let some of them remain before me, and let them hearken to my voice, and do all that I shall say unto them; for if some of them are not left to me, I shall not be able to execute the power of my will on the sons of men; for these are for corruption and leading astray before my judgment, for great is the wickedness of the sons of men.' 9 And He said: 'Let the tenth part of them remain before him, and let nine parts descend into the place of condemnation.'

JUBILEES 29

*But before they used to call the land of Gilead the land of the Rephaim; **for it was the land of the Rephaim, and the Rephaim were born (there), giants whose height was ten, nine, eight down to seven cubits.** 10 And their habitation was from the land of the children of Ammon to Mount Hermon, and the seats of their kingdom were Karnaim and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, and Mîsûr, and Beon. 11 And the Lord destroyed them because of the evil of their deeds; for they were very malignant, and the Amorites dwelt in their stead, wicked and sinful, and there is no people to-day which has wrought to the full all their sins, and they have no longer length of life on the earth.*

JUBILEES 5:1-3

5 I commanded another demon be brought to me; and he (Beelzeboul) brought me the evil demon

*Asmodeus, bound. I asked him, "Who are you?" He scowled at me and said, "And who are you?" I said to him, "You (dare to) answer (so arrogantly) when you have been punished like this?" He continued to give forth the same look and said to me, "How should I answer you? You are the son of a man, **but although I was born of a human mother, I (I am the son) of an angel;** it is impossible for one of heavenly origin (to speak) an arrogant word to one of earthly origin.*

JUBILEES 17:1

*I ordered another spirit to appear before me. There came a spirit having the shadowy form of a man and gleaming eyes. I asked him, saying, "Who are you?" He replied, "**I am a lecherous spirit of a giant man who died in a massacre in the age of giants.***

1 BARUCH 3

*26 There were the giants born that were famous of old, Great of stature, and expert in war. 27 **These did not God choose, Neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them:** 28 So they perished, because they had no wisdom, They perished through their own foolishness.*

TESTAMENT OF REUBEN 5

*6 For thus they allured the Watchers who were before the flood; for as these continually beheld them, they lusted after them, and they conceived the act in their mind; **for they changed themselves into the shape of men, and appeared to them when they***

were with their husbands. 7 And the women lusting in their minds after their forms, gave birth to giants, for the Watchers appeared to them as reaching even unto heaven.

JOSEPHUS ANTIQUITIES 1:73

(73) for many angels of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, That these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants.

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DAMASCUS DOCUMENT

For] 17 brave heroes stum[bled on account of them, from ancient times until now. For having walked in the stubbornness of their hearts] 18 the Watchers of the [heavens fell; on account of it they were caught, for they did not follow the precepts of God; in the same way their sons fell, whose height was like that of cedars] 19 [and whose bodies were like] mountains. [All flesh which there was in the dry earth expired and became] 20 as if they had never [been, for having realized their desires and failing to keep their creator's precepts, until] 21 his wrath [flared up against them ...]

Amo 2:9 "Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, Whose height was like the height of the cedars, And he was as strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his fruit above And his roots beneath.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS CD 2:14-21

*And now, sons, listen to me and I shall open your eyes so that you can see and understand the deeds of 15 God, so that you can choose what he is pleased with and repudiate what he hates, so that you can walk perfectly 16 on all his paths and not allow yourselves to be attracted by the thoughts of a guilty inclination and lascivious eyes. For many 17 have gone astray due to these; brave heroes stumbled on account of them, from ancient times until now. For having walked in the stubbornness 18 of their hearts the **Watchers of the heavens fell**; on account of it they were caught, for **they did not heed the precepts of God**. 19 And their sons, whose height was like that of cedars and whose bodies were like mountains, fell. 20 All flesh which there was on the dry earth expired and they became as if they had never been, because they had realized 21 their desires and **had failed to keep their creator's precepts**, until his wrath flared up against them.*

PHILO "ON THE GIANTS"

XIII. (58) "And there were giants on the earth in those days." Perhaps someone may here think, that the lawgiver is speaking enigmatically and alluding to the fables handed down by the poets about giants, though he is a man as far removed as possible from any invention of fables, and one who thinks fit only to walk in the paths of truth itself; (59) in consequence of which principle, he has banished from the constitution, which he has established, those

celebrated and beautiful arts of statuary and painting, because they, falsely imitating the nature of the truth, contrive deceits and snares, in order, through the medium of the eyes, to beguile the souls which are liable to be easily won over. (60)

Therefore he utters no fable whatever respecting the giants; but he wishes to set this fact before your eyes, that some men are born of the earth, and some are born of heaven, and some are born of God:33...

***Nimrod** being the first to set the example of this desertion; (66) for the lawgiver says, “that **this man began to be a giant upon the earth:**”*

PSEUDO-CLEMENTINE HOMILY

CHAPTER XIII.—THE FALL OF THE ANGELS.

*“But when, having assumed these forms, they convicted as covetous those who stole them, and changed themselves into the nature of men, in order that, living holily, and showing the possibility of so living, they might subject the ungrateful to punishment, **yet having become in all respects men, they also partook of human lust, and being brought under its subjection they fell into cohabitation with women; and being involved with them, and sunk in defilement and altogether emptied of their first power, were unable to turn back to the first purity of their proper nature, their members turned away from their fiery substance:15 for the fire itself, being extinguished by the weight of lust, and changed into flesh, they trode the impious path downward. For they themselves, being fettered with the bonds of***

flesh, were constrained and strongly bound; wherefore they have no more been able to ascend into the heavens.

CHAPTER XV.—THE GIANTS.

“But from their unhallowed intercourse spurious men sprang, ranch greater in stature than ordinary men, whom they afterwards called giants; not those dragon-footed giants who waged war against God, as those blasphemous myths of the Greeks do sing, but wild in manners, and greater than men in size, inasmuch as they were sprung of angels; yet less than angels, as they were born of women. Therefore God, knowing that they were barbarized to brutality, and that the world was not sufficient to satisfy them (for it was created according to the proportion of men and human use), that they might not through want of food turn, contrary to nature, to the eating of animals, and yet seem to be blameless, as having ventured upon this through necessity, the Almighty God rained manna upon them, suited to their various tastes; and they enjoyed all that they would. But they, on account of their bastard nature, not being pleased with purity of food, longed only after the taste of blood. Wherefore they first tasted flesh.

CHAPTER XVI.—CANNIBALISM.

“And the men who were with them there for the first time were eager to do the like. Thus, although we are born neither good nor bad, we become one or the other; and having formed habits, we are with

difficulty drawn from them. But when irrational animals fell short, **these bastard men tasted also human flesh.** For it was not a long step to the consumption of flesh like their own, having first tasted it in other forms.

CHAPTER XVIII.—THE LAW TO THE SURVIVORS.

“Since, therefore, the souls of the deceased giants were greater than human souls, inasmuch as they also excelled their bodies, they, as being a new race, were called also by a new name. And to those who survived in the world a law was prescribed of God through an angel, how they should live. **For being bastards in race, of the fire of angels and the blood of women,** and therefore liable to desire a certain race of their own, they were anticipated by a certain righteous law. For a certain angel was sent to them by God, declaring to them His will, and saying:—

CHAPTER XIX.—THE LAW TO THE GIANTS OR DEMONS.

“ ‘These things seem good to the all-seeing God, that you lord it over no man; **that you trouble no one, unless any one of his own accord subject himself to you, worshipping you, and sacrificing and pouring libations, and partaking of your table, or** accomplishing aught else that they ought not, or shedding blood, or tasting dead flesh, or filling themselves with that which is torn of beasts, or that which is cut, or that which is strangled, or aught else that is unclean. **But those who betake themselves to**

my law, you not only shall not touch, but shall also do honour to, and shall flee from, their presence. For whatsoever shall please them, being just, respecting you, that you shall be constrained to suffer. But if any of those who worship me go astray, either committing adultery, or practising magic, or living impurely, or doing any other of the things which are not well-pleasing to me, then they will have to suffer something at your hands or those of others, according to my order. But upon them, when they repent, I, judging of their repentance, whether it be worthy of pardon or not, shall give sentence. These things, therefore, ye ought to remember and to do, well knowing that not even your thoughts shall be able to be concealed from Him.

This is an astounding pronouncement over these demons here. Do you understand what was set down by God over these beings? As long as we follow YHWH's instructions and obey His laws, they cannot touch us! We have the power to rebuke them and they must obey. However, if we bow down to them in any manner or break the protective law of God, they have the right to attack and trouble us.

ORIGEN AGAINST CELSUS

4.92 In my opinion, however, it is certain wicked demons, and, so to speak, of the race of Titans or Giants, who have been guilty of impiety towards the true God, and towards the angels in heaven, and who have fallen from it, and who haunt the denser parts of bodies, and frequent unclean places upon earth, and

*who, possessing some power of distinguishing future events, because they are without bodies of earthly material, engage in an employment of this kind, and **desiring to lead the human race away from the true God, secretly enter the bodies of the more rapacious and savage and wicked of animals, and stir them up to do whatever they choose, and at whatever time they choose***

SULPICIUS SEVERUS

THE SACRED HISTORY, 1:2

*When by this time the human race had increased to a great multitude, certain angels, whose habitation was in heaven, were captivated by the appearance of some beautiful virgins, and cherished illicit desires after them, so much so, that falling beneath their own proper nature and origin, they left the higher regions of which they were inhabitants, and allied themselves in earthly marriages. **These angels gradually spreading wicked habits, corrupted the human family, and from their alliance giants are said to have sprung, for the mixture with them of beings of a different nature, as a matter of course, gave birth to monsters.***

If you are thinking that this stuff that was believed back then as real has no place now in this day and age because we live in a scientific society, just examine the following information. Keep in mind that wherever an effigy symbolizing some pagan god was placed, that territory was considered ruled by those gods.

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world.

Luk 4:5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

THEY'RE STILL AMONG US

We walk through each day oblivious to the fact that "the gods" still live among us. Just take some time to examine and see the signs of their presence in these days we now live. The information you will be reading I have found on the internet:



GOG AND MAGOG

The Lord Mayor's Show takes place on the 2nd Saturday in November every year, when the new Lord Mayor of London takes office, and makes a ceremonial journey from the City to Westminster. He or she swears their loyalty to the reigning monarch, and then makes their way back for a banquet at Mansion House.

*The procession starts at Guildhall, and consists of hundreds of floats, horses, people, bands and more, all celebrating hundreds of years of London history. At the head of the parade are **two wicker giants, representing Gog and Magog, supposed guardians of the City of London.** Two smaller versions of Gog and Magog stand permanently on display inside the Guildhall itself (see above picture), but the below ones march to Westminster at the head of the parade.*



So how did Gog and Magog come to be the idols of our city?

According to legends collated and no doubt embellished by Geoffrey of Monmouth in the 12th century, the mythical King Brutus, first

*King of Britain set up his palace on the site where Guildhall now stands. **Two giants named Gog and Magog used to live there** before Brutus set up home, and upon arrival he defeated them, tamed them, and shackled them outside his palace, to become guardians of his estate.*

By the 15th century the story had sufficiently grown that Gog and Magog were considered guardians of the City of London and took up their place in the annual Lord Mayor's parade. And ever since, Londoners have adopted them to their hearts as protectors of the City.



Columbia



Lady Liberty

*If we were merely dealing with Columbia Pictures and its symbol, then I can see why there would not be real myth. But there is a long historical background to this showing that **we are dealing with the evolution of classical Greek and Roman goddesses** (Eleutheria and Libertas respectively). In the American Colonies and in the later USA, **this goddess (Liberty and Columbia)** became part of our own mythology of our struggle for independence, and later of our country. And while they were not worshipped as goddesses, they were revered, sacred figures that made us feel that our country is larger than life. Finally, our division of **this goddess** into two separate but related figures is instructive as a wonderful illustration of how in the ancient world too the same deities had different aspects and epithets reflecting the various functions they served (think of the Triple Goddess, or the various faces of Aphrodite as Ourania, Pandemos, and many other titles). It also helps us appreciate the phenomenon of syncretism of deities in the ancient world, since Columbia did get swallowed up by Liberty, in the form of the Statue of Liberty, by the 1920s. This question offers us a wonderful exercise in this respect.*

*Turning to the evidence for the narrower question at hand. As mentioned in my post, **the goddess Liberty***

*did emerge as a symbol for American freedom from the British Crown in the pre-revolutionary war years, but by the time of the revolutionary war itself both Liberty and Columbia (from Christopher Columbus) were **names for this same goddess**. This can be seen most simply and easily by comparing coins struck during that time. **Below is a coin struck in Boston in 1776 by Paul Revere himself, depicting "Goddess Liberty" sitting on a globe with her trademark cap, holding her trademark rod in one hand and the scales of justice in the other.***



Then, right after the war, in Connecticut and New York essentially the same image was minted (except the cap is on the rod, also a traditional image of Libertas), only now her title was Immunis Columbia (i.e. "Immune Columbia," since we had won the war) (see below).



*But as the two originally identical figures evolved they came to represent **different aspects of the goddess** and feature differing traits. Liberty was a "higher" figure representing not so directly America itself (not wearing the stars and stripes) but more particularly America's highest ideals of liberty and freedom. Columbia, on the other hand, represented*

America itself more than just its ideals, was usually dressed in the stars and stripes, and was invoked for popular patriotic and political purposes (see image below). Her name was also used in a variety of titles, including the District of Columbia, Columbia University, and yes Columbia Pictures, among others.

So right here in America we see the same kind of syncretism and multiple aspects/epithets of the same goddess that we saw in ancient classical mythology. The mere fact that we can find this confusing, as evidenced by this question itself, is part of the proof of that.



FRANCE

The concept of liberty has frequently been represented by personifications, often loosely shown as a female classical goddess. Examples include Marianne, the national personification of the French





Statue on top Missouri Capital Dome

*A classic sculpture in bronze, **she is Ceres, the ancient Roman goddess** of, well, many things to many people, apparently. She is **listed as the goddess of earth, agriculture, vegetation, harvest, grain, corn, and motherly relationships** in various Internet articles. A specific interpretation of who she is in Roman mythology isn't logical or necessary here, but since **Ceres is found on another state capitol dome (Vermont's)** we need to avoid contradicting ourselves within this site.*



Statue Nike

*The **striking statue on the Arizona capitol dome** is actually a wind vane; she turns with her pedestal, allowing the wind to choose her direction as it blows across her wings. This feature has presented special problems in the past. When the West was still wild, cowboys reportedly would shoot at her wings for the fun of watching her turn for a while. In the 1950s, the opposite situation arose when legislators in adjacent buildings had her tethered in one position so they could see something other than her back. **Modeled after***

Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, she holds a wreath in one hand and raises a torch in the other.



Statue on Georgia Capital Dome

*She was first named the **Goddess of Liberty** according to some, and is now commonly known as "**Miss Freedom**." She is made of copper and painted white. In her left hand, Miss Freedom holds a sword. The torch in her right hand was supposed to be a working light all along, but it remained dark until it was finally re-engineered in 1959, when a tube and trolley system were installed so the bulb could be changed from the inside.*



Montana Capital Dome

*formerly **Lady Liberty** she was known by three names: **The Goddess of Liberty**, **Lady Liberty**, and just **Liberty**. Her story is one of adoption, essentially. She appeared at the train station without any record of who had ordered her. The capitol adopted her for the dome, and she has been there ever since.*



Statue on Texas Dome

*On top of the **Texas state capitol building dome** is the **Goddess of Liberty**, also known as the **Old Lady**. She is a replica. The original was cast in white bronze, weighs almost 3,000 pounds, and is 15 feet, 7 1/2 inches tall. She has been restored and is on display in the Texas Memorial Museum. This newer Old Lady, made of aluminum and holding a gilded star, replaced the original in 1986.*

OBELISK

*The **obelisk** symbolized the **sun god Ra**, and during the brief religious reformation of Akhenaten was said to be a petrified ray of the Aten, the sundisk. **It was also thought that the god existed within the structure.** The obelisk represents the male phallic, quite correct.*



Washington Monument



Luxor obelisk from Egypt



Cleopatra's Needle, London, *There are three obelisks known as 'Cleopatra's Needle': the first one was installed in Paris at the center of the Place de la Concorde. **The other two are located in New York - in Central Park - and London, on the Embankment near the Victoria Embankment Gardens. The ones that were presented to the cities of London and New York are from the same site in Heliopolis, Egypt.***



Obelisk in Vatican square

There are 13 obelisks in Rome but this one is probably the most famous. It was brought from Egypt in the 1500s. It was originally erected in Egypt in 1000 BC.

So, we have the sun god Ra right there in front of the Vatican. Who's the god residing there?



Statue of George Washington as Zeus in the Museum of American History

Bet many of you didn't know that was there!

US capital building dome inside - The Roman Pantheon -- the circular domed rotunda dedicated to all pagan gods -- was suggested by Jefferson, who later shepherded it through several transformations.



Poseidon-Neptune depicted in the fountain in front of the U.S. Library of Congress

Athena-Minerva mosaic at top of stairs – Library of Congress





Goddess Ceres stands for the goddess of agriculture, is one of six 25-ton solid granite statues that are on the arcade on the front façade. Union Station Washington DC

This is our own capital! We are surrounded by pagan gods and goddesses, yet we claim to be a Christian nation. What we are, are Christians living in a world full of paganism and ruled by Satan.

If you were to go on the internet and look this stuff up, you would see the whole world is claimed by Satan and his hoards. The number of “alters” erected for the enemy is unbelievable. I have barely touched the subject. We must remember, this is his domain and he has done a bang-up job placing his markers of ownership everywhere.

Just like he said:

*Luk 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; **for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.***

This is the battle we are fighting every day. Open your eyes and see! **This is not our home.** We will live in the Kingdom of our God (YHWH) when He comes and destroys the kingdom of Satan. We are to stand

firm and proclaim the true Kingdom of God coming, **using His weapons and armor** and persuade as many as possible of the true battle we are in.

Have you ever wondered why the patriarchs were always building alters to God (YHWH)? The alter claimed that territory for God. It was a declaration of loyalty to Him and war to the enemy. Christians think that they have dedicated their churches to God and many people are not aware of the symbolism used in the building, but Satan does. He knows very well that he has persuaded Christians to proclaim his dominance on this earth without them really seeing it.

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF CHURCH STEEPLES?

By Kochava R. Greene ; Updated October 10, 2017

Steeple, the pointed roofs of churches, have been included in church buildings since the conversion of Constantine and his proclamation making Christianity the official religion of his state. The origins of steeples, however, have been traced back to several different traditions.

ISRAELITE ORIGINS

Obelisks, popular in North Africa and the Middle East, are phallic symbols.

Acclaimed author Joseph Campbell, the author of "The Hero with A Thousand Faces" and "Myths to Live By," has written that "There are still in existence today remarkable specimens of original phallic symbols...steeples on the churches...and obelisks...all show the influence of our phallus-worshipping ancestors," including ancient Israelite

and Canaanite tribes. These tribes had rituals including the baking of long loaves of bread for blessing, which were, in turn, placed under poles representing the fertility and power of the gods. Eventually, the tall poles became focal points for community worship and were included in the earliest churches as Christianity swept through the region.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN ORIGINS

*An Irish phallic symbol. Scholar Ruth Andersson notes that when Christianity was gaining strength in its early years, **priests and practitioners often adopted local traditions and religious symbols and beliefs as a way to convert non-Christians.** "Pagan symbols abound within the church," says Andersson. "The steeple probably has its origins in the phallic obelisks or pillars of pagan practice. Particularly in the British Isles," she continues, "phallic imagery--- as well as imagery of women represented by large vaginas---is commonplace, both in pagan sites and in churches. Lots of people never notice!"*

THE STEEPLE AND ITS PROTECTORS

Gargoyles on Notre Dame in Paris. In the Middle Ages, steeples were built as high as possible not only to point to heaven but also to protect worshipers from the evil spirits many Christians believed plagued church buildings. Steep roofs, sharp steeples and gargoyles---as hideous and as scary looking as possible---were added to churches in great numbers by parishioners hoping to drive away evil creatures.

USES OF THE STEEPLE

*A mission bell in Texas. During the Middle Ages, steeples stopped being merely **decorative reminders of pagan pasts** and became functional as the housing for church bells. By the 15th century, most churches had steeples with bells, which were rung on the hour and to announce religious ceremonies and holidays. The steeple traveled with settlers to America. There, too, the steeple housed bells and was one of the few decorations on church buildings not removed for the sake of plainness in early American religious life.*

MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT STEEPLE ORIGINS

Many Christians understand the origins of the symbolism of the church and how it developed out of other, older religions, but a large number does not recognize the historical fact behind such symbolism.

There are many Christian writers who have researched this very subject. I am not the only one who sees the army of Satan in a way that has been hidden for decades. Look this subject up and see the many who have been waking up to the truth about the enemy we fight.

The time is now to shout the battle cry in the face of the enemy. It is time to be clad in God's armor and carry His weapons. It is time to proclaim the coming of His kingdom and the destruction of the enemy's. It is time to follow the protective orders of God to legally stop the enemy from invading the camp of God and

stealing His sheep. It is time to be in the ranks of David, Jerimiah, Paul, James, Steven, Elijah, and all those who stood fast against the enemy and stood on the words of God **in obedience**. Look at the world around you. Just how long do you think it is going to survive this onslaught of the enemy? Since I started writing this book, many attacks of the enemy have been deployed against mankind. We have found ourselves being tangled in webs of deception. Many people have become fearful of what is transpiring around them and they believe the lies spoken by those in Satan's army. The promise of ruling over the world has convinced many that Satan is powerful, and they will truly acquire this land and all its inhabitants by bowing down to his convincing lies of dominance. The things happening should not be a surprise to God's children for He has warned us of this very battle in His word.

The spirit of fear is already claiming many souls. The fear of even the clean air we breathe has been demonized as dangerous and riddled with viruses that will kill you if you take off your mask. If you get any closer than 6 feet to another human being you could die! And to top it off, we are all guilty of being selfish and not caring for others if we don't take these things serious. Remember, our fight is not in the flesh, it is spiritual with spirit beings. Whether we live or die we shout to the glory of God and His ways. Satan will not prevail no matter what it looks like in the world of sight. His time is coming to an end. The question is what side you will be standing on when the Shofar sounds. For we will reign forever with Him if we walk in righteousness and not in lawlessness.

In these dark days that have descended upon us, we need to keep our eyes on the maker of heaven and earth and listen to His voice to keep us safe.

***Psa 61:2** From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. **3 For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.** **4** I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; **I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.** Selah*

***Psa 94:22** But the Lord has been **my defense**, And my God the rock of my refuge.*

***Psa 119:114** You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. **115** Depart from me, you evildoers, **For I will keep the commandments of my God!** **116** Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope. **117** Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.*

***Pro 29:25** The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.*

How many Christians understand the impact of the claiming of territory? We as God's children need to understand how territory is claimed for God. We are His temple and His alter is within our heart. Wherever we walk we claim that piece of ground as His as long as we stand there. We occupy His kingdom here on earth. Satan cannot invade God's territory **unless we fail to keep God's armor on by obedience to His orders.**

Luk 12:32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

From the author,

It has been my fervent desire to try to understand God's word and stand on His truth. With each book I have written, YHWH has lit the fire within me and guided every step and I feel every word too. I have never claimed to be a writer, but He has used me in a capacity I never thought I would fill. This has truly been an adventure He has led me on. I am so grateful to my Father for choosing me and allowing me to compile all the information He has placed in my hands. My one prayer is that it will be of use for whomever He leads to read this book. I know He wants His children to be free the way He has spoken it in His word. He wants us to be free from the trappings of the enemy, Satan, and the traditions of men. I end with the following scriptures:

***Psa 31:23** Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person. 24 **Be of good courage**, And He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.*

***Psa 61:3** For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.*