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THE LAW OF THE MEAT OFFERING

We are to now study the law of the meat offering, which, in effect, was a grain or cereal offering, which could be constituted as a thank offering.

The word meat then was used for all types of food, whereas meat at present refers to the flesh of animals. In fact, in this offering, there was no blood shed because it was a grain offering. It was offered along with the peace offering, the latter of which was a blood sacrifice, every time the other offerings were presented to God.

The meat offering, as the other offerings, was first for God and His glory and then for man and his need.

As the sin offering and the trespass offering, so was it most holy. Thus, the Holy Spirit testifies to the sinlessness of Christ as a man at the moment in which He was made sin upon the Cross.

In the first part of Chapter 2, the people were told of what this offering consisted and what portion belonged to the priests. Now we find that additional directions were given to the priests about the eating of the portions that belonged to them and about the treatment of the residue.

As we’ve already stated, this was not a bloody offering, which means it was not an animal sacrifice. In fact, it was the only sacrifice of the five that was not bloody. It was a thank offering, or as one might say, a thanksgiving offering, intended to be presented to the Lord in thanksgiving that the burnt, sin, or trespass offerings had been accepted.

While the sons of Aaron here did represent the actual sons of the high priest, the phrase is intended to comprise his lineal descendants who succeeded to the priestly office.

AS THE BURNT OFFERING TAUGHT THE TOTALITY OF THE ATONEMENT AS EFFECTED BY CHRIST, SO THE MEAT OFFERING TAUGHT THE RECOGNITION OF GOD’S SUPREMACY AND SUBMISSION TO THAT SUPREMACY.

A SWEET SAVOUR

“And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meat offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour, even the memorial of it, unto the Lord” (Lev. 6:15).
As is by now obvious, the meat offering was unlike the whole burnt offering in that it was not a bloody sacrifice. As the burnt offering taught the totality of the atonement as effected by Christ, so the meat offering taught the recognition of God's supremacy and submission to that supremacy. The burnt offering and meat offering taught these attitudes in two ways:

1. By requiring that a living creature, one substituting for the offerer himself, namely Christ, be surrendered up.

2. By calling for the offerer to also hand over to God, as a gift, a portion of some of the good things that he had originally received from God, in the form of thanksgiving.

The lesson taught to the Jew was that of the necessity of loyal service to God. By the meat offering, he was taught thanksgiving. Actually, the meat offering was such, as stated, that it could well have been referred to as a thanksgiving offering. The individual was also taught the need of purity and incorruption of spirit, with this quality being symbolized by the prohibitions against leaven and honey and the command to use salt (Lev. 2:11–13).

It is said that the relationship between the two sacrifices, that of the whole burnt offering and of the meat offering, was so close that the burnt offering was seldom offered without the accompaniment of the meat offering (Num. 15:2–4). This would hold true to a lesser extent for its accompaniment of the sin offering and the trespass offering.

THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST

The glory of the Lord Jesus Christ is so great that no one offering could symbolize His grandeur and greatness, regarding who He was and what He did, and we refer to the Cross. It, therefore, took some five separate offerings, those prescribed in this book of Leviticus, to encompass the Christ symbolism—and even then, the symbols pale into insignificance alongside the reality.

Likewise, man's obligation to God could not be symbolized by one offering. It would take several offerings to encompass man's worship of God. As we have just mentioned, the very heart of this particular offering is thanksgiving. Of course, it is obvious that thanksgiving must be done out of a free will (Lev. 2:1).

In fact, Israel's major problem was the sin of thanklessness or ingratitude. This is illustrated in their constant murmuring against Moses and against the Lord.

“And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?” (Ex. 15:24).

Understanding that, is it not possible that one of the most prevalent sins in the body of Christ today is that of thanklessness? Is it not true that we today are mostly unappreciative and ungrateful to God, despite all the good things that He does for us?

Paul said, “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful” (Rom. 1:21).

THE FLOUR

The phrase, “And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat offering,” pertains to Christ.

The flour of the meat offering was to be a fine flour. The grain had to be thoroughly ground to a powder consistency. There were to be no lumps in it anywhere and no foreign material of any kind. This powdery, pure white flour speaks of the perfection and purity of spirit which marked our Lord. He was perfect in everything that He did. He never had to apologize for a single statement in all of His life. He never lost His temper, nor did He ever speak crossly.

We believe:

1. The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119; Mat. 4:4; Lk. 24:27).
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Jn. 5:7).
3. In the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin Birth, in His Sinless Life, in His Miracles, in His Vicarious and atoning Death, in His Bodily Resurrection, in His Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this Earth in Power and Glory to rule a thousand years (Jn. 1:1–4; Eph. 2:13–18; Rev. Chpts. 19–20).
4. In the Blessed Hope—the Rapture of the Church at Christ’s coming (I Thess. 4:13-18).
5. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and Faith in the Precious Blood of Christ (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9; 13-18).
6. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (Jn. 3:5-8; Titus 3:5).
9. In the Sanctifying Power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Rom. 6:3-4; 8:1-2).
10. In the Resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to Everlasting Life and the other to everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:5-6).

PRAY THIS PRAYER AND MEAN IT WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged Cross of Calvary. I now open my heart’s door and receive You as Saviour and Lord of my life. Please take full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen.”

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The greater portion going to the priests proclaims to us the fact that all that Jesus did on the Cross, typified by the handful of flour there placed, was done for our benefit. Considering that almost all of the offering went to the priests, we learn from this that all that He did on the Cross was entirely for our benefit. In other words, He didn’t die for Himself, for angels, or for God the Father, but altogether for us. While it is true that the whole burnt offering was, in effect, for God, that His righteousness be satisfied, still, this was necessary if man was to be redeemed. So, in essence, it was done for us!

**THE OIL**

The phrase, *and the oil thereof*, signifies the Holy Spirit.

The part that was to be burned on the brazen altar was to have a liberal portion of oil poured on it. The word *pour* in Leviticus 2:6 demands this. It was to be a liberal application.

This tells us three things:

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit above anyone who has ever existed (Ps. 45:7).

The Holy Spirit not only superintended the life of the Saviour in every respect but, as well, superintended His death on the Cross, in effect, even telling Him when to die (Heb. 9:14).

The believer is to be literally baptized with the Holy Spirit, with the word *baptize* or *baptism* referring, as is obvious, to a total inundation (Acts 1:4–5).

**FRANKINCENSE**

Frankincense is a bitter, white substance, a resin that came from piercing a tree, which grew in the cracks of marble rock. There was very little fluid in this type of tree that produced this type of incense, so any fluid that was extracted from it, of necessity, would be precious.

The frankincense was not mixed with the oil and the flour, or with the salt, as a constituent element of the offering. It was, rather, scattered over all the components and was burned together with them in the memorial. This use of frankincense symbolized intercession—that of Christ on our behalf.

Frankincense was also used in the incense, which was placed on the altar of worship—the incense which routinely produced the cloud of beautiful fragrance in the Holy Place. This was done twice a day, at the time of the morning and evening sacrifices.

Just as the frankincense produced a sweet savour unto the Lord as it was offered on the altar of worship in the Holy Place, likewise, it would produce a sweet savour unto the Lord when it was offered on the brazen altar as part of the offerer’s sacrifice of thanksgiving (Lev. 2:2).

After the priest placed a handful of the mixture on the brazen altar and the flames burned through the flour, causing the oil to ignite, the sweet aroma of the frankincense would fill the air for a few moments. This would be a testimony to the glory and wonder of Christ and what He would do at the Cross, all on our behalf, which made His intercession possible.

**THE MEMORIAL**

The phrase, “And shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour, even the memorial of it, unto the Lord,” refers to something that must be remembered. This means that a memorial is something that keeps remembrance alive—but remembrance of what?

Jesus Himself told us, “And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me” (1 Cor. 11:24).

In a sense, the Lord’s Supper is a form of the meat offering in a spiritual sense. It is done as a memorial “till He
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THE CROSS

There was a day when the Cross was held up as the answer to man’s dilemma, but today, even as with the universities, the church instead holds up humanistic psychology as the answer. What a travesty! What an abomination!

Likewise, the Word of Faith people, who have made such inroads into the modern church, and all because...
false doctrine is always easily accepted, actually repudiate the Cross. They refer to it as “the greatest defeat in human history.” Their teachers openly proclaim that the Cross should not be preached.

Kenneth Hagin, in the April 2002 issue of his monthly publication, plainly stated that if we preach the Cross, we are preaching death! He then encouraged preachers to preach the resurrection or the throne, but don’t preach the Cross. That seems strange considering that Paul said, “I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified” (I Cor. 2:2).

Then, “I am crucified with Christ” (Gal. 2:20).

And then, “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect” (I Cor. 1:17).

He then said, “For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God” (I Cor. 1:18).

And finally, “But we preach Christ crucified” (I Cor. 1:23).

He didn’t say, “we preach Christ on the throne,” or “we preach Christ resurrected.” He rather said, “but we preach Christ crucified.”

Yes, the meat offering was to ever be a memorial of what Christ would do at the Cross. We must never forget that! It must be sung in our songs, proclaimed in our messages, explained in our teaching, and, in effect, the very center of all that we are in Christ and all that we believe. It is the Cross! The Cross! The Cross!

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One of the most important subjects that can be addressed today is the home. The home is of critical importance in the stability of any society. In view of this, we are confronted with an awesome problem in America—the rising statistics of divorce, the increase of non-committal couples living together, and society’s remaking and redefinition of the family unit. This is a serious problem since the strength of the home is the foundation of our nation. As the home goes, so goes the country, and so goes the world.

Today we have a generation of young people who, in many ways, grew up homeless. I don’t mean that they grew up fending for themselves on the streets (although some surely did), but rather those who grew up without parents and grandparents who knew how to create and sustain a godly home life.

As Christians, we need to know how to create such an environment for our children and our grandchildren. That’s why I’ve decided to reprint my husband’s article series, “The Successful Home and Marriage.” Each month I will use this space to share his teachings on topics that will help you to build a strong home, a stable marriage, and children of character who are secure in their relationships with their parents and with the Lord.

SOCIETY’S BASIC INSTITUTION

“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him” (Gen. 2:18).

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4)

God created three great institutions: the church, the home, and the state (government). These institutions have survived throughout history. Without them, the world would not have survived. They are not only three great factors in life, but also great restraining forces on the plans Satan has for the world.

If questioned on the subject, many might automatically assume that the church (the body of Christ) is God’s most important institution. Naturally, the state is also extremely important. A nation must have some form of government or there would be anarchy and chaos.

With all deference to the importance of the church and state, the home is the most important of God’s three institutions. It was the home that God created first in the garden of Eden, at the same time He created Adam and Eve. The home is the first institution on which God placed His divine seal of approval. It is the oldest institution in society—and it is also the basic and most important element in society. It has been said, and correctly, “as the home goes, so goes the world.”

IT IS SO BEAUTIFUL

Someone said that the three sweetest words in the English language are mother, home, and heaven.
We should point out that mother and heaven are centered about the middle word, which is home. No one thinks about mother without thinking about home, and the home should be the picture and reminder of heaven.

The home should be peaceful: it should be so good, so beautiful, that it can be thought of as a little bit of heaven right here on earth. The father should be a representative of God—and the mother representative of God’s grace and love.

Children ought to love their home so much that, every time they think of it, there will be a pleasant memory to comfort them. The home certainly should be a reminder of heaven, because whenever someone thinks of heaven, they tend to think about the loved ones they expect to meet again, “over there.”

What a common thread in everyone’s Christian’s life. A mother, an aunt, a sister, a brother, a son or daughter—whoever it may be—when they depart to be with the Lord, they are missed and saddened hearts long after them. What a comfort it is to know that there will be a reunion in heaven’s glory someday.

So the home is really rooted deeply in the heart’s tenderest thoughts, and in memories and aspirations of a better land where loved ones must no longer be saddened by suffering through loss and separation.

**PEOPLE ARE PLACED IN FAMILIES**

Psalm 68:6 tells us, “God setteth the solitary in families.” This may seem like a strange passage of Scripture. It means, really, that one of the greatest blessings God gives the human race is the home and the family. It is one of the most tender, blessed, memorable, and enjoyable arrangements that God offers to His children.

The design God has for the home sounds wonderful and idealistic. Everything God creates is good, and everything is meant to be a blessing. When God ordained the home, He ordained it to be a bit of heaven on earth. When He is truly head of the home, it functions according to His principles. It can thus be, in fact, a bit of heaven on earth.

**BAD SITUATIONS EXIST**

Even though God ordained the home—and even though His desire is for it to be a preview of heaven—there are many homes in a state of disruption and disarray, torn to pieces by strife. The home can be the best thing this side of heaven—or the worst thing this side of hell. Since it is ordained by God and the basic element in our society, Satan naturally does everything he can to destroy it. Approximately 40 percent of the homes in the United States are broken by divorce—and this is also true of many other countries. The enemy is doing everything possible to destroy the foundation and fiber of society, beginning with the home, and especially the institution of marriage itself.

**HOME INVOLVES MARRIAGE**

You cannot have a home without marriage. Marriage is, of necessity, involved in the establishing of a home. Satan has done everything he can to get people to ignore marriage and to just live together. Living together without marriage, of course, constitutes adultery. Some state that the marriage vow and the marriage certificate are nothing more than a formality and a piece of paper. That is an absurd and foolish statement. A $20 bill is just a piece of paper; the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and other priceless documents are just pieces of paper. The good and important institutions we have and depend on are, almost without exception, formalized by pieces of paper.

The marriage vow and certificate involve a commitment made, and this is the basic element in the development of a home. You can’t really have home without a marriage. Four or five young women living together do not make a home. Several young men sharing an apartment do not make a home. It takes marriage to make a home. Even when one of the mates in a marriage has gone on to be with the Lord, the memory of that home, and what it meant, still binds and cements together those left behind. It definitely takes a marriage to make a home.

The institution of marriage and the home is not something to be taken lightly. It was ordained by God. He made this clear and very obvious in His Word. He said in Genesis 2:18
that it is not good for man to be alone. He went on to say He would make a help meet (suitable) for him.

**HOW GOD DID IT**

It is recorded in Genesis 2:21-25:

“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

God created woman and brought her to Adam. It was God who taught them the meaning of marriage. When they were brought together, it was no doubt the original example of love at first sight. They were the first couple wedded, as God gave the command to “be fruitful and multiply, replenish the earth and subdue it.”

In New Testament times, Jesus Himself added His blessing to marriage by endorsing the Genesis account of the creation of man and woman for each other. He said:

“But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mk. 10:6-9)

So our Lord personally confirmed and endorsed marriage as a holy and divine institution. It is significant that Jesus was born into this world within the framework of a home and family. God could have sent His Son into this world in some miraculous way, into a situation devoid of association with the normal family structure. But God chose the home as the instrument through which to introduce the blessed Redeemer to the world.

While our Lord was not conceived in the natural way of procreation (and did not have a human father), Jesus was born into a home. Mary and Joseph were engaged, betrothed to be married. Jesus was born of the virgin Mary before she and Joseph became one in marriage—as is clearly stated in the Word of God.

But God instructed Joseph, before Jesus was born, to take Mary as his wife, and to care for her. It thus turned out that Jesus not only had a mother, but Joseph was also present to serve as a father figure during Jesus’ early life—although he was, in truth, his foster father.

**JESUS HONORED HIS PARENTS**

Luke tells us about our Lord Jesus when was just 12 years old, going to Jerusalem with His parents. Jesus honored His home, and made it a holy institution. He chose to be born into humble circumstances and He honored His parents.

I believe Jesus was raised in a humble home so He could relate to the average person living in the average home. Jesus’ home was one in which the relationship of Joseph and Mary honored and glorified God.

Mary and Joseph loved one another tenderly and together cared for the baby Jesus, God’s own Son. So Jesus had a home, and while not much is said about the first 30 years of His life, there is enough revealed to know that He lived as we do, in a home. Jesus’ early life, therefore, glorified home and marriage.

Marriage is often referred to as holy matrimony and certainly it is a divine institution. According to the Bible, matrimony is to be holy. This divine institution of matrimony came long before any other social institution, such as human governments.

The church, of course, is extremely important. As people began to multiply and increase, they began to worship. This can be seen in the biblical account of the history of the Jewish nation. As a separated people, they were given forms of worship by God. One can look back to Mount Sinai and see some of the instructions given for their worship.

The church is made up of believers. It is the body of Christ. It is immensely important and has a rich history. But neither the church nor human government—though divinely ordained—are as old or as sacred as the institution of marriage. This was instituted by God in the garden of Eden, and its importance has not diminished over the 6,000 years of history since its institution.
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Deuteronomy 17:14-20— “When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.”

In these verses, we find the Lord giving specific instructions regarding the time when Israel was to have a king. It was always in the mind of God for Israel to have a king, however, the time and the individual was to be God’s decision and not Israel’s.

One of Israel’s crowning sins was thinking that they knew better as to what they needed and when they needed it.

When one gets ahead of God, the end result is always destructive. We must not forget that God’s timing and His will go hand in hand. Too often today, the church puts the cart before the horse.

It is hard for religious man to wait for God’s time; he wants to appoint committees; he seeks the opinions of men, and it never turns out for good.

The Lord told the Prophet Habakkuk: “Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry” (Hab. 2:2-3).

God’s plans are specific. It is our responsibility to seek out what God wants and how He wants it done, and that comes by prayer and studying God’s Word. Let us now look at the specifics of God’s will as it regarded a king for Israel.
THE LORD YOUR GOD SHALL CHOOSE

Deuteronomy 17:15 makes it clear that it was to be God and God alone who was to choose the king. So today we must learn to let God direct our path.

The Lord then said, “One from among your brethren.” This meant that only an Israelite could sit upon the throne. The problem today in the modern Pentecostal world is that its leadership is not God’s choice, and, instead of an “Israelite” (God’s choice), these denominations have Philistines as leaders. No “stranger” could ever sit on the throne of Israel because the bloodline of the people could not be contaminated, for this had to do with the coming Messiah.

BUT HE SHALL NOT MULTIPLY HORSES TO HIMSELF

This command was to be a reminder to the people that the strength of the army of Israel was to be the Lord and not horses and chariots.

NOR CAUSE THE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO EGYPT

In the Bible, Egypt always represents the system of the world as controlled by Satan himself. Sad to say, in too many churches today they have opened their doors to the world and invited Satan in. Too many churches are nothing more than rap shows, rock ’n roll shows, comedy shows, etc. The Word of God has been pushed aside, and preaching is nothing more than motivational speeches. It’s not our job to please the people; it’s our job to please the Lord. A preacher must be “a man sent from God.”

If you trust in Egypt as Israel did (Jer. 37:5-10) then just as Israel was defeated by the Babylonians, so too shall you be defeated.

NEITHER SHALL HE MULTIPLY WIVES TO HIMSELF, NEITHER SHALL HE MULTIPLY TO HIMSELF SILVER AND GOLD

The Lord commanded that the king not take multiple wives unto himself. This would turn out to be one of the great sins of the kings of Israel—wives from foreign lands who did not worship Israel’s God.

Secondly, the kings of Israel were commanded not to heap upon themselves great wealth, for when one is rich, one tends to trust in money instead of God.

It is the last three verses of our text I want to call your attention to. Deuteronomy 17:18 says: “And it shall be, when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites.

Verse 19: “And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: That he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.

Verse 20: ‘That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or the left: To the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.”

Let me break these three verses down for a clearer understanding:

1. Upon becoming king, he would be given a copy of their Bible of that day, which would be the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy).
2. Then, with his own hand, he was to write a complete copy for himself.
3. Upon finishing his copy, he was to read from it every day, actually, until his time of death.
4. He was not just to read it, but he was to learn its true wisdom, which was Jehovah.
5. He was to obey the words of the law and its statutes in order to understand the holiness of God.
6. The constant study and daily obedience would cause him to walk in humility.
7. His complete guidance was to be guided by the Word of God.

Now, if God demanded this of His kings of old, what does He require of us today?

Of course we know we don’t have to write our single copy of God’s words, but the other principles apply.

We are to study God’s Word daily—we are to be guided by its truth, we must learn to walk softly before our Lord, and learn from its pages each day what is right and what is wrong. That’s why you must be careful what kind of Bible you are reading. It must be a word for word translation such as the King James. Too many Christians read “paraphrased editions” and paraphrased means that something has been left out. If you are a true believer, then your heart’s desire should be to know all of God’s words.
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Matthew 6:9-13 – “After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

FORGIVE US

The above heading tells us that we are constantly coming up short of the glory of God. We are flawed creatures, born into a state of sin and shame, with the black heart of failure and in need of forgiveness. When we experience forgiveness by God regarding salvation, that doesn’t mean that we will never have to undergo forgiveness for the rest of our lives; actually, it will be the opposite. In this journey called life, especially regarding the life of the believer, we will miss the mark at times, and we will come up short of the His glory (Rom. 3:23). Because we are flawed, and we have not yet been glorified, we have to have His forgiveness, and we cannot survive one day without it.

ALL HAVE SINNED

Paul wrote in Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Sin here means to “miss the mark,” or “to fail at obeying the law.” God has set a standard by which we are to live, and no matter how much we try to live by that standard, we will continuously come up short and fail to meet God’s standard of righteousness. There has only been one who ever lived up to God’s standard of righteousness, and that person is Jesus Christ. Since He was able to do it, He became the perfect sacrifice to redeem man from his sin.

In this passage of Scripture, the word debts has nothing to do with money, but rather sin. It speaks of trespasses, which has to do with going beyond the limits of what is considered right.

God, as stated, has set out before us the way that is right, and man, no matter how much he tries in his own strength and ability, constantly goes beyond the limits of what is right, and thereby is displeasing to God. This is not something that is done one time, but rather we constantly go beyond the limits of what is right. I hate to break it to you today, but there are no perfect Christians, only a perfect God. As believers,

THERE ARE NO PERFECT CHRISTIANS, ONLY A PERFECT CHRIST, WHO LEADS US TO A PERFECT SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN THE PERFECT CHRIST AND HIS DEATH ON CALVARY’S CROSS.
even the best and godliest of us are flawed, both morally and spiritually.

We still live in a physical house that is flawed by the corruption of sin, defective because of the fall of Adam in the garden, and warped by the very nature of sin that is now upon us. Because of that, we need the forgiveness of God every single day of our lives, for daily do we miss the mark and daily do we go beyond the limits of that which is right. We must have His divine forgiveness, which means that God cannot overlook sin in the slightest bit, for He is Holy. But His forgiveness is a divine act of God, and He deals not only with our guilt, but also with our sins. In forgiveness, God removes the sins and guilt of the individual through His grace.

The basis by which any person can receive forgiveness is through the means of the finished work of Christ. Through His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, we now have the means of atonement provided to us by the ultimate sacrifice, and by simple faith in that finished work—the atonement—we can experience God’s forgiveness for ourselves.

No man can undergo forgiveness from God by any other means, no matter how sincere that person may be. If a person tries to earn forgiveness by the means of accomplishing something, then that person will never experience God’s forgiveness. It’s all through grace and faith, not of works. No one can earn this forgiveness, nor can anyone attain His forgiveness, it’s all a free gift.

**DOES THE BIBLE TEACH SINLESS PERFECTION?**

We must understand that the Bible doesn’t teach “sinless perfection,” but it does teach that sin will not have dominion over us (Rom. 6:14). There are no perfect Christians, and I have personally never met a perfect Christian. If anyone claims to be perfect, then they have just broken the commandment of God by lying. There are no perfect Christians, only a perfect Christ, who leads us to a perfect salvation through faith in the perfect Christ and His death on Calvary’s Cross.

I think it’s pretty clear in Scripture that the Bible does not teach sinless perfection, for Paul would say: “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:12-14).

However, most Christians, through a lack of proper teaching, are living far beneath what God intends for us to live. Too many believers have no idea what it means to be victorious over the world, flesh, and the Devil. All they know is struggle, and it’s not God’s will that we struggle with sin. It is God’s
will for us to live in victory over sin, but that does not mean sinless perfection. We are going to fail God at times, but we are not to be dominated by sin. When we sin, not if we sin, the Bible tells us that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, and all we have to do is to come to Him and ask for His forgiveness, and He will be faithful and just to forgive us our sin (I John 1:9; I John 2:1-2).

WHY DOES THE LORD ALLOW THE SIN NATURE TO CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER?

If the Bible does not teach sinless perfection, then why does the Lord continue to allow the sin nature to remain in our lives? He does so for disciplinary purposes, and as well to teach us to trust and depend upon Him, and to learn God’s prescribed order of victory. If the Lord were to remove the sin nature from our lives, then we would become sinless and perfect, and we know that none of us are in that state. He allows the sin nature to remain in our lives to teach us to trust Him and depend upon Him, and to keep us on our knees before Him. The sin nature is not something that is physical nor is it an object, but it is the propensity to sin, and God has allowed the sin nature to remain in the life of the believer to show its danger and the potential for danger.

It doesn’t take much for the believer to begin looking unto self and not Christ. And, because of that, we have something that forces us to lean upon the Lord Jesus Christ, which allows the Holy Spirit the ability to work in our lives to bring about the victory that is so desperately needed by the believer.

The Holy Spirit strives to draw us and bring us closer and closer to Christ, which is His ultimate goal for our lives. If He is given an opportunity to work in the life of the believer—and that’s a big if—then He will not fail to bring that person into a more abundant life, that is, if our faith is right. Our faith must ever be anchored in Christ and the Cross, which gives Him the ability and latitude to work. Outside of that, He cannot and will not be able to do what He so desires to do. If our faith is in anything else, then we will continue to live a life that is subpar as a Christian, and our lives will be dominated by sin.

To live a life of constant victory, one must place his faith exclusively in Christ and what He did at the Cross for us, which means that everything that we receive from the Lord has been paid for by Christ through His finished work at Calvary. As well, because of the Cross, we can always come before Him and ask Him to forgive us from all sin, and we have been guaranteed that He will. 

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In the spring of 2003, God led me, by His providence, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to attend World Evangelism Bible College. At the time, I didn’t realize how life-changing and soul-shaping this decision would be. The next four years at WEBC proved to be very revelatory. Little by little, God, by His Spirit, opened my eyes to the meaning of the new covenant.

A MESSAGE OF LIBERATION

I arrived in Baton Rouge as a 20-year-old man with a churched background, but I was unlearned in many areas of theology and doctrine. So I was eager to learn, eager to grow, and eager to experience God. During my first year at WEBC, I sat in Brother Loren Larson’s class and soaked in the great doctrine of justification by faith alone, through grace alone, and in Christ alone. I began to experience this overwhelming sense of joy, confidence, and freedom, and I started to walk in a liberty that I had never known before.

Prior to my understanding of justification by faith only, I had walked in guilt and condemnation, and I didn’t know how to handle my failures. It was quite frustrating. But that day, my Romans class served as a trigger that set me on the path of liberty! Not a liberty to sin but a liberty in knowing how to handle my sin. The Message of the Cross is a liberating message!

Paul stated it this way: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation” (Rom. 1:16).

Paul boasts of the ongoing liberating power that flows from Christ to the saint in his salvation. Christ has saved us, He is saving us, and He shall save us! The Message of the Cross is a message of liberation!

A MESSAGE OF ANTICIPATION

Second, not only does the message of faith and grace bring liberation from the penalty of sin, but it also equips the believer to handle failure. It places within the heart of the child of God an ever-increasing sense of anticipation of deliverance from the power of sin.

Let me explain. As I travel down memory lane, I am reminded of a prayer meeting that I attended. At the time, I had many things I was wrestling with in regards to decisions and some shortcomings in my sanctification.

In the midst of seeking God for direction and deliverance, He interrupted my prayer with these words: “My child, cease from your worry and your wrestling. Know that I am God; I have already provided. Begin to thank Me and praise Me in advance for what I shall do in you and through you. Begin to live with a growing sense of anticipation.”

I discovered that those words, “live with a growing sense of anticipation,” were scattered throughout the Word of God in principle. Beloved, the gospel according to Jesus Christ will not only liberate you, it will also enable you to order your steps with a growing sense of anticipation for further victory.

I can testify today that when struggles and imperfections are brought to my attention, I face them with joy, for I anticipate the victory that will be carried out in that area as I keep in step with the Spirit. At salvation, sin is not eradicated from the believer. However, due to Christ and the work that He accomplished for us, we can anticipate the progressive eradication of sin from our lives.

In Galatians 5:16, Paul said, “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Paul also stated, “For if you live after the flesh you shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live” (Rom. 8:13).

The Message of the Cross is a message of anticipation! When we slay sin, it may, at times, resurrect itself. But when it does, we know how to respond!
A MESSAGE OF DEMONSTRATION

Third, this glorious message will produce a demonstration of righteousness and holiness in your life. It will transform your attitude and your actions. Prior to attending WEBC, I struggled with sin. As a Christian, my attitude and my actions were not what they should have been. As I stated earlier, I was unlearned in a lot of areas of theology and doctrine. I loved the Lord with my whole heart, but at the time, I didn’t know how to handle my failure nor the path to travel to obtain victory over the power of sin.

Through the gift of salvation, I experienced an initial transformation and an element of deliverance from some things. However, as I started walking with God, I began to see the true depth of my depravity, and it both hurt me and humbled me. I didn’t know how to address my ongoing occurrences of sin. My defense was prayer and willpower—I would merely suppress my sin instead of living in victory over it. But thanks be to God who has delivered me! When we go God’s way, victory will come! Because of Jesus Christ and the price He paid, we can live lives that demonstrate righteousness and holiness.

A MESSAGE OF PROCLAMATION

For me, this message has been a joy to proclaim to the lovely people whom I pastor. This is a message that must be preached; it must be proclaimed! In just two years of pastoring, I have seen the damning and destructive nature of sin. But I have also seen the power of the gospel penetrate the broken and the bound and bring liberty and victory! As a result of proclaiming the truth, I’ve had the privilege of observing others traveling through the same process I traveled through and continue to walk through until this very hour. “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (III John 4).

And so it is with great joy that I summarize what the Message of the Cross means to me in four words: liberation, anticipation, demonstration, and proclamation! 🚀
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For those of you who are not familiar with digital television, these are free “old fashioned TV channels” that are able to be picked up with a digital tuner and antenna. Most new televisions are equipped with built-in digital tuners or you can purchase a tuner from your local electronics store (Best Buy®, Radio Shack®, etc.). As well, you can purchase the proper antenna at your local electronics store. Many viewers under the broadcast signal of the television station can use a small, digital antenna inside the home. For those on the outer edge of the signal or to receive the best signal, an outdoor antenna may be required. Both indoor and outdoor antennas are available for less than $50!

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**Wednesday**
- 7 PM: Donnie Swaggart
- 10 AM: Loren Larson
- 2 PM: Bob Cornell
- 7 PM: Gabriel Swaggart

**Thursday**
- 10 AM: Loren Larson
- 2 PM: David Borg
- 7 PM: Jimmy Swaggart

**Friday**
- 10 AM: Loren Larson
- 2 PM: Bob Cornell
- 7 PM: Donnie Swaggart

**Saturday**
- 10 AM: Loren Larson
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**Sunday**
- 10 AM: Jimmy Swaggart
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—Luxembourg

DEAR EVANGELIST: The Lord bless your TV broadcasts and Family Worship Center. I have been blessed watching it. I understand you visited Khartoum in the 1984. Recently your grandson preached on Joshua on every place we step on with our feet become ours! Oh my God! It was as if he literally stepped out of the TV and walked straight into Sudan! Since he stepped spiritually on Sudan soil, Sudan belongs to Family Worship Center for Christ. Reach this nation with the blessed message of the gospel. Stay blessed.

—Sudan

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—Connecticut

DEAR EVANGELIST: Bravo, Brother Donnie! This Monday evening, I have seen your heart for America. Thank you, servant of the Most High. I know you care less for opinion of men, but I honor you today; it is scriptural to give honor to whom honor is due. I never had the privilege to see my offspring to serve the Lord. I am standing alone with Jesus; my family is distant and, as you said, I respect their freedom of choice. I have found my place at the feet of Jesus. A no name sinner, rescued from eternal damnation, hungry, and thirsty, I want more of Jesus. In His presence, there is fullness of Joy. Sharing with the world His love. Sincerely yours in Christ, old little Jewish great-grandma from Russia.

—Russia

DEAR EVANGELIST: I used to be a Satan worshipper. I’ve done all manner of evil and some of it even landing me in prison. One day, not too long after I was released from prison, I was so depressed and in a rage about something that happened during that day that I had absolutely no peace. I was flipping through the channels trying to find something to watch and calm my nerves when I came across SBN. Your singers were singing “I’m On My Way To Heaven” and you all seemed so happy and joyous it caught my attention. I sat there thinking I want what they have and Jimmy Swaggart was preaching about Jesus’ love and the fact that He was willing to go to the
cross to save me from my sins. He mentioned the shepherd and the lambs, how the lambs tend to stray away from the group, but He is willing to forgive us and help us get back on the right track. By the end of the service, I was weeping, and I asked Jesus into my heart, and I have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. I never miss a service, and I also go to a local Holy Spirit filled church. Thank you for everything and God bless.

—Email

YOUR TEACHINGS ARE THE RAW WORD OF GOD

DEAR EVANGELIST: I want to appreciate your ministry. The Bible says that in the last days there will be famine, I believe not just for food, but for the undiluted Word of God. I listen to your teachings everyday because they are the raw word of God. You remind me of the reason I gave my life to Christ. Keep doing what you are doing and may God richly bless and multiply the grace of all your pastors.

—Massachusetts

TEEN IN FOSTER CARE: MY LIFE WAS CHANGED

DEAR EVANGELIST: I’m in foster care, and I’m currently 17 years old. I found my father at only 13 years old deceased, it was very overwhelming for me. He had overdosed on drugs. I watched your program; I knew who the Lord was and how He died for me, but I’d never felt the love He had. You were preaching Brother Swaggart, and my life was changed. I thank you for everything you do. I struggle everyday to thrive and serve the Lord. I hear a lot of mean things from people daily. I love the Lord and thank him, for every day that I live is a blessing. I love the Lord with everything I am.

—Ohio

JESUS IS THE ANSWER FOR VIEWER WITH SUICIDAL THOUGHTS

DEAR EVANGELIST: Brother Swaggart, as I write this simple email (yet profound for me), I just want to say thank you. Every day I listen and watch the SonLife Broadcasting Network, but today was different. I have been battling suicidal thoughts, but today I sat down at my desk feeling overwhelmed by thoughts: I didn’t matter to anyone, no one cared if I lived or died, I wasn’t important, nothing but a failure. You were singing “Holy Ground,” and I began to weep. You stopped and began to talk, and you said, “There is someone out there, it might be one or two, you’ve had thoughts of suicide, but that’s not the answer, Jesus is the answer!” Thank you for obeying the Holy Spirit; it saved my life today! God bless you!

—Email

AUSTRALIAN VIEWER IS BLESSED BY USING SBN APP

DEAR EVANGELIST: I was introduced to your ministry by a friend last week at church who watches SBN on pay TV. I looked it up on the Internet, and I have downloaded your app on my iPad, which is awesome because I can connect it to my TV. The first time I watched it was Thursday afternoon, and it was your first Thanksgiving Campnight, which was broadcasting live. It was an awesome service; love the music and love the Word. The best part was my unsaved son was home and asked me why I am watching it and not watching normal TV. I said, no I’m interested in watching your service. I was so happy that he was listening to it as well, but he had a lot of negative things to say about it, which the Lord helped me to deal with. The most important thing is, he did listen to the Word of God, thank you, Jesus. And today is Sunday; I couldn’t go to church as I wasn’t feeling 100 percent, but the good news is, I decided to watch your live broadcast of Saturday night Thanksgiving Campnight service, and both my son and husband were home. My husband is unsaved too, but he did listen to part of the word. I was so happy they were home, but most of all, I was touched by the Holy Spirit. I was standing with my arms out, tears pouring down my face, praying in tongues, feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit, and knowing that Jesus was standing right behind me. My husband and son weren’t home at that time because they had gone out. I ask you for a special prayer for my husband and son to be saved and believe in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your awesome Message of the Cross that you are spreading all over the world. I will spread the message to all my family and friends. God bless and be with you all.

—Australia
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CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON  BY LOREN LARSON

Galatians 4:30— “Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman.”

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

In order to fully comprehend what the apostle Paul was trying to say in this passage, one must first of all be acquainted with the story of Abraham and Hagar. Abraham had been promised a son, whom he understood would play a pivotal role in God’s redemption plan. Abraham knew that his son would either be the Saviour promised in Genesis 3:15, or that the promised Redeemer would be provided through his son’s lineage.

The problem was that the promise had been delayed beyond the seemingly natural means of fulfillment. He and Sarah had been unable to produce the promised seed. Sarah made the suggestion that Abraham might be able to raise up the promised seed by mating with Hagar, Sarah’s handmaiden. This was a common practice in that day, but it was not God’s plan. Bible readers understand that although this plan did work, it produced more problems than it offered solutions. Hagar was impregnated and gave birth to Ishmael. But when the true seed, which was Isaac, was finally born of Abraham and Sarah’s union, God demanded that Abraham cast out both Hagar and Ishmael. Hagar and her son Ishmael represent man’s fleshly attempt to help God in carrying out or completing His redemption plan. Hagar and her son Ishmael represent the work of the flesh.

THE STORY OF GALATIANS

In Paul’s day, the Galatians had been led away from God’s true redemption plan and told by men, later to be known as Judaizers, that as Christians, they must obey the law and be circumcised. Paul taught that the true plan of God involved faith in Christ and what He had accomplished for us on Calvary. He taught them clearly and concisely that Christians could only be saved and sanctified through faith. He was also careful to be sure to point out that faith could only have one proper object. In other words, true Bible faith could only be defined as faith in Christ and Him crucified.

The Judaizers said that salvation and sanctification was impossible without both accepting Christ and then following the law. Paul exposed this thought process as an attempt of the flesh to carry out God’s redemption plan. He plainly teaches that faith in the law (faith in the act of circumcision) could destroy the believer’s faith and make what Christ had done for us on the Cross of none affect. Therefore, any thought that would lead someone to depend on either law or circumcision had to be eliminated from the heart and mind of all New Testament believers.

Even as Abraham was instructed by God to cast out Hagar and her son, which was the wrong means of redemption/sanctification, even so today believers must “cast out” any action or thought that would oppose the exclusivity of the Cross.

CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN

The very strong exhortation of the apostle Paul to the New Testament believers was to “cast out” the bondwoman and her son. That means that faith in anything other than God’s biblical redemption plan was to be
cast from off their minds. It was to be forced out, made to leave, examined, and eliminated from their thinking process.

The true battle that we fight is not against sin, for Jesus defeated sin and acts of sin by His death on Calvary. Our role is one of the fight of faith. Any thought pattern, any doctrine, or any teaching that would change our role from the one who reaps the benefits of Christ’s victory to the one who must achieve victory, must be cast out.

In II Corinthians 10:5, we see this battle described. Paul told us that though we walked in the flesh we were not to war by the means of the flesh. We are to be “casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Our hearts and minds are to be totally dedicated to the truth of Christ and Him crucified. We are to trust exclusively in what He did and never in what we do to gain victory over sin. We frustrate the grace of God that frees us from sin when we exhibit a lack of dependence upon Christ’s finished work. Therefore, whenever sin appears in our lives, or we find sin dominating us in some fashion, that is the evidence that we are leaning to our own understanding and depending upon ourselves more than we are depending upon Christ.

We might think of it in this fashion: the more that our faith is truly resting in the finished work of Christ, the less sin or sinful activity will be evidenced in our lives. No one does this perfectly. We are all learning. But living free from sin is impossible if we fail to “cast out” from our minds and our hearts any way of salvation or sanctification other than faith in the Cross.

A LENGTHY PROCESS

Again, we emphasize that this process is a learning process. Even when we believe that our faith is properly placed in Christ and Him crucified, and it truly is for the most part, the Holy Spirit will constantly reveal the different areas of our life were we still trust in ourselves.

For example, the New Testament is filled with practical application. These are the actions and attitudes that Christians should display on a daily basis. These are not laws that establish righteousness, for the believer has been freed from the law. However, we are never free to disobey the instructions and commandments that address moral code in God’s Word. A study of the Beatitudes, or a quick glance at Romans, Chapters 12-14, will quickly give us information about attitudes and actions that God expects to see in His people.

What we are sure to find, as we grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord, is that we still have not applied the truths of the Cross to each and every circumstance that we face in life. We have a long journey ahead of us. But we will never walk through it appropriately unless we first “cast out the bondwoman and her son.”
WHY DO THEY HATE? PART II BY JOHN ROSENSTERN

UNPREPARED FOR WAR

Sun Tzu’s ancient dictum, “know thy enemy” is void from our military schools when it comes to Islam. Classical theories such as Clausewitz, Sun Tzu, Machiavelli, etc., are studied but are very impractical compared to today’s complex military landscape of warfare and diplomacy. These outdated and former strategies cannot be called upon to gain advantage in modern warfare. Unlike Islam they also lack a driving motivational force for perpetual relevancy, and religious conquest.

Islam has a theological quality that claims its precepts transcend time and space. The example of Muhammad, and Islamic doctrines, are immutable to Muslims and are just as applicable to Muslims today as yesterday. Jihad is as real today as it was when Muhammad claimed to receive revelations from his god Allah to “fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them.”

Islamic jihad is more real today in this generation than any other time in history since its beginnings. The means of modern communication and oil money have done more to advance the Islamic goals of creating a world Islamic kingdom.

ISLAMIC GOAL

Within the call to jihad is the understanding of all Muslims to know it is their responsibility to form a world Islamic umma—community. Islamic nations throughout the world call their land a land of Islam, Dar al Islam. The eternal doctrine of war in Islam must continue until all nations submit to Islam. These unconquered lands are called an abode of war on Dar al Harb. The Islamic “world view” is known as “fard kifaya.” There are several strategies used in the war of jihad. Most of these strategies involve negotiating techniques that are set with the intention to deceive.


The strategy of “hudna” is explained in Sahih Muslim’s Hadith 15:4057: “Allah’s Messenger [Muhammad] said: ‘He who takes an oath but eventually finds a better way should do that which is better and break his oath.”

Muhammad used this approach to gain access back into Mecca by promising he would not come in war but only to worship at the Kaba. A truce was established between the Meccans and Muhammad and his followers at a town outside of Mecca called Hudai-biyah; only until he gained enough power to come into Mecca and take it over. He then “cleansed” the Kaa of all other idols, except for his god Allah. This was the same technique Yasser Arafat utilized when negotiating with Israel. On television, seen throughout the world, he would speak of peace; such was the case in his famous “Gun and the Olive Branch” 1973 speech at the United Nations. In his secretly recorded 1994 speech in a Johannesburg mosque and elsewhere, Arafat repeatedly belittled Oslo as a mere hudna, and cited the precedent set by Muhammad.

Incorporated within the idea of hudna is the strategy of al-Taqiyya—lying. In order to maximize the benefit of a hudna, lying is permissible in Islam. Al-Taqiyya permits a Muslim to lie and dissemble whenever they are under the authority of the infidel. The Qur’an in verse 16:106 says: “Whoso disbelieveth in Allah after his belief save him who is forced thereto and whose heart is still content with the faith but whoso findeth ease in disbelief: On them is wrath from Allah. Theirs will be an awful doom.”
In other words, Allah will forgive a Muslim who converts to another faith as long as he or she is only pretending.

How should our military view interrogating Muslim Islamic terrorists? Hardened jihadists are willing to die for the cause of Allah. Therefore, any information that can be obtained from them is at best questionable. Likewise though, the Bible does give us some wisdom when dealing with evil.

Solomon said: “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

The years of holding captured terrorists in Guantanamo Bay has not helped our cause. Understand, it is not the place, but the length of time we’ve held the terrorists in custody. Our Islamic terrorist enemy knows how slow we are to bring them through our justice system. Notwithstanding, giving them the Miranda rights of American citizens? What courage we give our enemy to know that will make them comfortable, allow them to practice their faith—the one that kills us—and give them American attorneys bound by American constitutional law to assist them in our courts.

Instead of sending Islamic nations the gospel, we send them weapons? The Middle Eastern nations of the world are buying American weapons. One example, Saudi Arabia, the country in which Islam was founded, spends 18 percent of its gross domestic product (everything produced) on military expenditures, according to the U.S. State Department, World Military and Arms Expenditures.

Join with me in prayer for our nation, because these weapons may be the ones used during the time of tribulation, in Satan’s efforts to annihilate Israel with the help of the Islamic nations of the world united with him (Ps. 83).
**IS IT REALLY GOD’S WORD?**

**The Bible is God’s Word.** It does not contain God’s Word; it is God’s Word. If it just contained God’s Word, it could also contain things that are not God’s Word. We could then pick and choose what is and what isn’t a message from God. So, if we can remove portions of God’s Word, or whole books, is it really God’s Word?

**DID JESUS REALLY DIE FOR OUR SINS?**

I received a letter that stated we are not to read Paul’s writings. It said that Paul invented the teaching that Jesus Christ died as a sacrifice to pay for our sins. Paul then was forced to formulate whole books in order to bolster his false teachings. So did Jesus really die for our sins or not? Of course He did.

**Peter believed that Jesus died for our sins**

Peter, apart from Paul’s influence, believed that Jesus died for our sins: “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (I Pet. 1:18-19).

He went on to say, “Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (I Pet. 2:24).

**God watches over his Word**

The Bible we have today is God’s Word. There are no books that are missing, and there are no books that should not be there. The books that are not part of the Canon of Scripture were denied because they did not meet the criteria established in order to be part of the Bible. The greatest criteria that had to be met was that the book had to be in complete harmony doctrinally with the rest of the Holy Scriptures. The books we have today were circulated and taught in the early church during the apostolic and patristic periods.

**WHY REMOVE PAUL’S WRITINGS?**

Why would some want Paul’s writings to be brought into question? How would they benefit from removing Paul’s epistles? Paul was a defender of the faith. He was used to bring forth the great gospel message. He wrote most of his letters to explain the Message of the Cross and to combat false doctrine. One of the greatest benefits to those advocating the removal of Paul’s teachings is that they would be free to continue in and promote their false doctrine.

**Galatianism**

Galatianism is defined as “salvation by grace…sanctification by works.” In other words, “saved by God and sanctified by Self.” Sadly, the church today is caught up with a works mentality. They teach that Christ initially paid the price for our sins, but now we must do so through our own righteousness.

**Paul’s denunciation of salvation by works**

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” (Gal. 5:1).

Without Paul’s clear denunciation of false doctrine, the church would cross from grace into works. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).

**IT IS GOD’S WORD**

From Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21—in an authorized protestant version of the Bible—is God’s Word. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (II Tim. 3:16). And “all” includes Paul’s writings!
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FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN  

BY DAVE SMITH

**Ephesians 6:4 — “And, you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”**

“Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged” (Col. 3:21).

**WHY ARE THESE VERSES DIRECTED TO FATHERS?**

Although these verses are directed at fathers, they certainly do not take away any responsibility from mothers. But fathers often neglect their responsibility in parenting. Sometimes this is done on purpose, but at other times it is done by default. However, as the head of the house (Eph. 5:23), the father is more accountable to God than the mother for the training of the children.

**PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH**

This means not to stir up, enrage, exasperate, or cause irritation to the extent that it causes anger, discouragement, being disheartened, broken-hearted, or broken in spirit by sinning against them. This is commanded by God, so it is not optional, nor is it just friendly advice.

If it is not done, it is disobedience and rebellion against God. It is also in the present tense which means that it needs to be obeyed not just in the past or the future, but consistently and daily. This obviously does not mean that a child should never be told no, but it does include the following:

1. Not expecting too much or too little from them.
2. Correcting them with respect, which means without name-calling, demeaning, belittling, or mocking children.
3. Practicing what you preach without double standards or hypocrisy.
4. Valuing them as eternal souls, and not just because of their intellectual, physical, or athletic abilities.
5. Communicating love and appreciation for who they are and not just for what they can do.
6. Loving them even when they fail so they do not think they have to earn love.
7. Giving clear limits, expectations, and consequences.
8. Admitting your own mistakes, asking for forgiveness, and making restitution when necessary.
9. Being available to listen to their problems, difficulties, and concerns.
10. Not being too strict or too lenient.
11. Not neglecting or ignoring them.
12. Not abusing them physically, sexually, or emotionally.
13. Not continually finding fault with, or criticizing them.
14. Not exposing them to continual marital conflict.
15. Not comparing them unfavorably to others.
16. Not changing or being inconsistent with standards.
17. Not disciplining harshly, severely, excessively, or angrily, but fairly, consistently, lovingly, and promptly.
18. Not having anger that is out of control or destructive.
19. Not being unforgiving.
BRING THEM UP

Because children have a sin nature, they cannot bring themselves up. They cannot be left on their own to make their own decisions and choices. They need to be trained (Prov. 22:6) by teaching them they are sinners and leading them to Christ as their Saviour and Lord. This also means not to put them down, but to lift them up.

IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD

Nurture means to discipline, train, correct, instruct, and chasten, while admonition is to warn, reprove, and rebuke. But, since it says “in the Lord,” it is talking about a very specific way of nurturing and admonishing. It is not referring to the wisdom of the world (I Cor. 1-2), what our parents did or did not do, our own thoughts and ideas, or the philosophies and traditions of men (Col. 2:8). It is based on the biblical principles of who Christ is and what He did on the Cross.

That alone can lead to knowing and trusting in Jesus, being His disciple, and being dependent on Him. Then and only then will their attitudes, patterns of living, and decisions reflect Jesus. This is the only way they can know the way they should go and not be able to get away from the truths they were taught as a child even though they may rebel against them later (Prov. 22:6).

This does not mean that children are not responsible for how they react, but it is emphasizing that parents—and especially fathers—are more responsible to God for not sinning against their children.

Even if a father (or any parent) did not have godly parents, he can pray to his heavenly Father who will help him to be what He wants him to be. 📜

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PRAY
We need to pray daily for the president and all those around him, especially considering that there are many out there who would seek to do him harm.

I personally believe that the election of President Trump was of the Lord. This doesn’t mean that the individual is holy, etc., but it does mean that the Lord moved in answer to prayer as it regards his election. I believe that strongly. I also think that many of you feel the same way. So, inasmuch as the church—the true body of Christ—prayed this man into office, as stated, we need to pray for his protection. If one is to notice the opposition, it becomes very obvious that it is of Satan. Jesus said of Satan, “The thief comes but for to steal, kill, and destroy.” So when we observe the anarchy that we are seeing in certain cities, you’re seeing the direct work of Satan.

PRAY FOR US
Second, I would ask you to pray daily for us as well. I know that the gospel of Jesus Christ—and I’ll go so far as to say the Message of the Cross—is the single most important message on the face of the earth. As I dictate these notes, we are at nearly 90 million homes in America, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are 115 million homes in America, we are told, which have a television set; that means that we have about 25 million remaining. And then, we must cover the entirety of the world. That native in Africa has the same right to hear the gospel as any person in America. That goes for anywhere in the world. When Jesus died on the Cross, He died for the entirety of mankind and for all time. So, I wish to thank you so very, very much for both your prayerful support and your financial support, without which we simply could not do what we’re doing.

The Holy Spirit demands that every single person have the opportunity to hear the gospel. What they do with that gospel is up to them, but the Holy Spirit wants them to have the opportunity to accept or reject. This is imperative. That means that every Christian in this world has the responsibility of helping to get this done, and I mean every Christian.

THE FALL OF MAN
That is the title of our newest book. I would pray that you would avail yourself of the opportunity of getting a copy. I think it will answer some questions, and anything that helps one understand the Word of God to a greater degree is very valuable. As I mentioned previously, I would urge you to get a copy of every book that we put out. I believe that whatever subject matter is entertained, it will help you to understand the Word of God to a greater degree, and nothing is more important than that.

CAMPMEETINGS
We have three a year. Actually the one in July is a youth conference, but we have about as many grayheads there as we do young people, and no wonder. The Spirit of God flows like rain, and really the July camp is no different than the other camps, except I think there is more energy involved. When you put together about 2,000 young people or more, who love God, who are filled with the Spirit, they can electrify a service. So I would urge
you to be in every one of the camps, including the July camp. You won’t be disappointed.

THE PSALMS

So many of you have voiced your appreciation of our newest album, The Psalms. It’s different! And I believe the following to be true: music that is anointed by the Holy Spirit will drive away fear, anxiety, and, above all, the powers of darkness. The Scripture says:

“And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God (permitted by God) was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: So Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him” (1 Sam. 16:23).

When we read this verse, we are actually reading the very first mention of God’s use of music for worship, for refreshing, and for healing. As it functioned in that manner then, it will function in the same manner now— that is, if the anointing of the Holy Spirit is on the music.

I believe that our album, The Psalms, will do exactly that. The backup singers are rendering some of the great hymns, and I am reciting over their songs some of the psalms. So you have a combination of music that’s touched by the Lord, plus the Word of God. If you don’t have a copy, get a copy.

THE GREAT GRANDKIDS

The other day Caroline and Abby got into a little tussle. Caroline is 3 years old, and, at that particular time, Abby was 6 years old.

The argument got pretty heated, and finally Abby stood up and said to Caroline, “What you need is the fruit of the Spirit.” Now how much Caroline knows about the fruit of the Spirit I don’t really know. Actually, how much a 6-year-old (Abby) knows about the same thing is anyone’s guess.

Some time back, when Sam was about 5 years old (she is 10 now), she was crawling up on the cabinet getting some cookies. Her mother told her in no uncertain terms she couldn’t do that. “You will fall and hurt yourself,” Jill said. Sam spoke up very quickly and said, “Yes I can. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” She had learned that Scripture in school.

FAMILY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

We have people move to Baton Rouge from other places (and we’re so glad to have them) in order to be a part of Family Worship Center, and that they might enroll their child (or children) into Family Christian Academy (FCA). FCA goes all the way from infants through Grade 12. We think it’s one of the finest Christian academies in the country.

Other than the home and the church, the school is the single most important thing in the life of your child. It is imperative that they sit under proper teaching and instruction. I can assure you that Family Christian Academy will do exactly that—supreme in education and supreme in spiritual guidance. For more information, please visit the academy’s website at www.fcacademy.net.

THANK YOU!

As I have just mentioned, the SonLife Broadcasting Network can now be seen by over 2 billion people in the world. How we thank the Lord for that. Yet, we could not do it without you. I pray God’s richest blessings upon each and every one of you who stand with us. As stated, we could not do it without you. I am especially grateful for those of you who are faithful with your giving. It means so much to the work of God. And I would also ask those of you who give, but you do not give as often as you should, that you would remedy that situation.

Our work is strictly a faith work. In other words, we depend on the Lord speaking to your heart, and you doing what you know you need to do. That being done, the work will be accomplished. As I stated above, every single believer in the world today is responsible for reaching every other person in this world with the gospel. Whatever they do with that is their business, but the Holy Spirit insists that they have the opportunity to hear. That’s why we’re going on television in every country of the world that will take the programming. We feel that it is imperative that we do so. Thank you again for your prayerful support.

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→ FRI 7PM | SAT 6PM | SUN 10AM & 6PM

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Fieldon Baptist Church  
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