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“And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread.”

—Leviticus 8:1-2

Even though Aaron had been chosen by the Lord as the great high priest, he and his sons, who were priests, as well, had to undergo the same sacrificial offerings as the worst sinner in Israel.

All of this was a reminder that even though Aaron was called, anointed, and directed by God, still, he was flawed flesh and needed a redeemer.

The anointing oil was a type of the Holy Spirit.

The bullock for the sin offering and two rams, as well as the unleavened bread, stood for sacrifice and cleansing, with the unleavened bread standing for the perfection demanded by God that could never be obtained except by sacrifice.

All of the congregation of Israel was commanded to observe these rituals that they may know and understand that Aaron, even though the great high priest, was still a poor mortal exactly as they were.

Verse 4 speaks of commands. Note that these were not suggestions; they were commands. Moses had to carry them out to the letter.

The washing with water spoke of cleansing and was a type of that accomplished by the blood and the Word.

The coat spoke of Christ's deity.

The girdle spoke of the service of Christ to humanity.

The robe spoke of His righteousness.

The ephod was that which had the names of the children of Israel on each shoulder—six to a side. The Lord would carry His people on His shoulders.

The breastplate of verse 8 contained the 12 precious stones listing the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. It was over the heart of the great high priest, referring to the fact that the Lord carries His people on His heart as well as His shoulders.

In a pouch under the breastplate were the Urim and the Thummim. The two words mean “lights” and “perfection.” They concerned the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The mitre of verse 9 spoke of authority. Jesus is the Head of the church.

A Sacrifice, A Priest, and a Place of Worship

As we study this part of Leviticus, we will find that its major subject includes a sacrifice, a priest, and a place of worship. Chapters 8, 9, and 10 pertain to priesthood, but sacrifice is the foundation of it all. This speaks of the Cross of Christ. The sinner needs a sacrifice; the worshipper needs a priest. Christ is both. The place of worship consummates in the heavens, even as it originates in the heavens.

According to Williams, these three chapters make prominent the following:

• The authority of the Bible.
• The preciousness of the blood.
• The power of the Holy Spirit.

Even though all of this is very intricate, very detailed, and very complicated, yet, all of it in every detail points to Christ and what He would do to redeem humanity, which refers to the Cross. There is no way that any serious Bible student could study Leviticus and not see this of which we speak. The book drips with blood, with it all speaking of the blood that Christ would shed at the Cross. In some way, every single thing points to His perfection, His sacrifice of Himself, and His high priestly ministry, which continues unto this hour.
Mackintosh said, “As a sacrifice, and only as a sacrifice, He introduces His people into a settled relationship with God; and as a priest, our Great High Priest, He maintains us therein, according to the perfection of what He is.”

He continued, “As sinners, by nature and by practice, we are ‘brought near to God by the blood of the Cross’; we are brought into an established relationship with Him; we stand before Him as the fruit of His own work. He has put away our sins in such a manner as suits Himself, so that we might be before Him to the praise of His name, as the exhibition of what He can accomplish through the power of death and resurrection.”

Our Great High Priest

As this chapter portrays the anointing of Aaron as the great high priest — the type of Christ — we are made to know and realize our need for the services and, in fact, the continued services of our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been totally and completely delivered from all sin by our faith in Christ and what He has done for us at the Cross, thereby, perfectly accepted in the beloved. Though complete in Christ and highly exalted (Eph. 2:6), yet, within ourselves, we are still poor, feeble creatures — ever prone to wander, ready to stumble, and exposed to manifold temptations, trials, and snares.

As such, as any honest believer will have to admit, we need—in fact, we must have—the ceaseless ministry of our Great High Priest. His very presence in the sanctuary above maintains us in the full integrity of that place and relationship in which, through grace, we stand. Paul beautifully, but even bluntly, wrote, “He ever lives to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25).

The truth is, we could not stand for a moment down here if He were not living for us up there. “Because I live, you shall live also” (Jn. 14:19).

What Is Intercession?

As it pertains to Christ, it is simply His presence at the throne of God, all on our behalf (Heb. 1:3). This means that God has accepted Him — has accepted His sacrifice of Himself, has accepted its finished work — and His very presence before God guarantees intercession on our behalf. If He had to do anything else, that would mean that the work at Calvary was incomplete, which we know is not the case (Heb. 1:3).

Some Christians have the erroneous idea that Jesus has to pray for us; plead our case before the Father. While the spirit of that is definitely present because He most surely is our Advocate (I Jn. 2:1—2), still, He is that by His presence and His presence alone. The Scripture says: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true (referring to the Old Testament tabernacle and temple); but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us” (Heb. 9:24).

If it is to be noticed, the word appear is used here, meaning that His presence before God guarantees intercession.

Calvary Paid It All

In our understanding of the Scriptures, we must always comprehend the fact that Calvary paid it all. There is nothing left owing and nothing left to be done; it has all been done. In fact, religion says, “Do,” while the true Gospel says, “Done!”

As well, it’s heaven and not earth that is the sphere of Christ’s priestly ministry, although the effects of that ministry are definitely felt and experienced by all believers. Christ is our Great High Priest.

In fact, there is no such thing now, and I speak of time since the Cross, that God
recognizes any priest upon this earth. To be a priest, one would have to show his descent from Aaron, and unless he can trace his pedigree to that ancient source, he has no right to exercise the priestly office. Even the sons of Aaron have no right since Jesus has fulfilled all of the Old Testament types and shadows which were designed to point to Him anyway, and which He settled by His work at the Cross. Christ is our Mediator and our Mediator alone.

**Christ Is Our Mediator**

Let us say it again: Christ is our Mediator and our Mediator alone, and there is no need for another. So, whether he realizes it or not, for a man to say that he is a priest, he is, in effect, saying that Christ didn't finish His work and that He still needs the help of poor mortals because a priest actually served as a mediator. As well, the only ones who were ever recognized as priests were those under the Mosaic covenant. This refers to a go-between between God and man. Since Jesus went to the Cross, He forever did away with the need for earthly priests. The Scripture plainly says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). Notice that the Scripture says one — not 1,000, not 500, not 10, not even two, just one — and that one is the Lord Jesus Christ. So, the priesthood of the Catholic Church, or any other religion for that matter, is an abomination in the eyes of God. It is the highest insult that can be tendered toward Christ and His finished work.

Incidentally, Chapter 8 of Leviticus goes back to Chapter 29 of Exodus, which provides far more detail.

**The Anointing Oil**

The oil was a type of the Holy Spirit, which was on Christ as it had never been on another man. However, while Aaron, even though a type of Christ, had the Holy Spirit to help him regarding his office, still, he only had His help in a very limited way.

Before the Cross, while the Holy Spirit was definitely present in the world and has been from the very beginning, His activities were very limited because the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sins (Heb. 10:4). This means that the terrible sin debt, and we speak of original sin, still hung over the head of every believer, so to speak, even the greatest ones of the Old Testament. In fact, this is the very reason that Jesus said of John the Baptist, who was the last great prophet before Christ: "Verily I say unto you, among them who are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Mat. 11:11).

What did Jesus mean by that statement? He wasn't meaning that we are better morally or character-wise than John the Baptist, but rather, since the Cross, we have far better privileges than those under the old covenant. The Cross, incidentally, paid the total sin debt — past, present, and future — at least for those who will believe. Since the Cross, the Holy Spirit can now come into the heart and life of the believer, which He does at conversion, to abide forever (Jn. 14:16). The Cross, and the Cross alone, has made everything possible.

**The Bullock, The Two Rams, and The Basket of Unleavened Bread**

As we enter into the consecration of the priesthood, we find that even though Aaron was to be the great high priest — the closest type to Christ of any human being under the old economy — he...
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and his sons, who were also priests, had to undergo the same sacrificial offerings as the worst sinner in Israel.

As we look at these sacrifices, we must be made to realize that even though a righteous sovereign may feel for and pity those whom He has created, still, He dare not have fellowship with them except on the basis of judgment satisfied, hence, the necessity of the sacrifices. The sacrifices would point to the one who was to come, who would be the sacrifice, namely, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Great Chasm

There is a great chasm between man and his God. The fallen one goes on sinning, and the wronged sovereign must go on maintaining His righteous administration. Man cannot of himself come to God and is terrified when he thinks of His presence. God cannot sacrifice His sovereignty or tarnish His throne by advancing favors to those who continue to trample everything sacred under their feet. In fact, the whole bent and drift of man's natural affections are against God. It is not in man to turn or change himself, and God cannot reverse His own immutability, or retire from His eternal constitution of righteousness and holiness. The simple fact is, “They that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:8). Then Jesus said, “No man comes unto the Father, but by Me” (Jn. 14:6).

Nothing can recover a man from sin — not the powers and workings of nature, not good works, not money, and not education — nothing but Christ. In fact, faith in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the Cross is the only thing that will recover a man from sin. Christ without the Cross could not have saved anyone!

Knowledge of God

Even when men had a right knowledge of God, all of these things we have mentioned were not competent within themselves to keep that knowledge alive in them.

The Scripture plainly says: “Because that, when they knew
God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen" (Rom. 1:21–25).

This is Scripture, and it is also history. Seiss said: "Nor is it difficult to trace the philosophy of it. It requires only a little attention and analysis of our most common and most inward impressions and experiences under the workings of nature."

So, we see from Aaron and his sons that all men must have a sacrifice. Incidentally, Aaron and his sons were chosen by God, anointed by God, and directed by God. They were to offer up a bullock for the sin offering because they were sinful men, as are all men. They were then to offer two rams — one for a whole burnt offering and the other for a consecration offering. The latter was to be done with unleavened bread. In effect, four great offerings were sacrificed, but in this order: the sin offering first, followed by the burnt offering, the meal offering, and the peace offering.

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Editor’s note: The following is a continuation of the “Successful Home & Marriage” series by Jimmy Swaggart.

There has been a tremendous amount of teaching on the matter of discipline and correction of children. Much of it has been wrong, harmful, and has caused untold problems. A popular child specialist wrote a book about 20 years ago in which he chided young parents for administering even mild corporal punishment to their children.

Young people were told that they should never spank or correct their children. If a child threw a temper tantrum, he was not to be interfered with for fear of warping his personality.

Many children of this generation have been raised under this complete permissiveness, causing the destruction of their lives. After witnessing a generation of children growing up under this system, that child specialist finally admitted (belatedly) that his whole approach had been wrong.

The Bible is never wrong, and God’s ways are always good.

We read in Ephesians 6:4, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” A major part of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord involves correction and chastisement.

Paul declares in Hebrews 12:7, “If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chaseneth not?”

An even stronger admonition comes in Proverbs 13:24: “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”

Several other Scriptures deal with chastening and correction:

- “Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying” (Prov. 19:18).
- “Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die” (Prov. 23:13).
- “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame” (Prov. 29:15).
- “Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul” (Prov. 29:17).

Unlike a baby animal, which is self-supporting in a few weeks or months, children are dependent upon parents for as long as 20 years. It takes them 10 to 12 months just to learn to walk. It is obvious from this that God intended for a child to remain helpless and dependent so he will stay in the home environment throughout the period when training is effective.

A child is to be trained up in the way he should go. God intended for the home to be the source for developing moral qualities, principles, and habits. It is there that the adjustments should be made that are essential to good character. The reason our nation is having difficulties today is because morality, spirituality, sound principles, and desirable qualities are not being taught and developed in the home. Children need correction and training.

The Inherited Nature

Children have naturally inherited the fallen nature of the human race, an unfortunate legacy from Adam and Eve. Even though they may appear to be attractive, charming, and lovable little angels, they still have a basically sinful nature. Because of this, they need correction. My heart goes out to children, and I love them.
There is something heavenly, innocent, and wonderfully sweet about them. You look into their eyes, and there is an innocence there that speaks of God. Children are gifts beyond price from God.

However, even though children are lovable, sweet, and heavenly, they have the taint of inborn sin within them. The Bible says that we are not to withhold correction from the child, “For if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.” It further says that this will deliver his soul from hell. Every little child has a nature that, if not curbed, can lead to serious sin—even murder, adultery, blasphemy, and defiance of God. Ultimately, it can lead to hell. This is because children enter into this world with inborn sin. If allowed to proceed unchecked, the inherently sinful nature will come to fuller and fuller expression, until it ultimately leads to condemnation from God.

Psalm 58:3 says, “The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.” David, brokenhearted and repentant after his shameful affair with Bath-sheba, said, “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Ps. 51:5).

David did not mean that he was illegitimate. By saying he was conceived in sin, he was simply documenting the fact that a fallen, sinful nature is the natural legacy of the fall of Adam and Eve. It is passed on to every individual at birth. David knew he was born with this fallen nature and that the terrible sin of adultery was the natural fruit of the fallen, depraved nature he had inherited from birth.

Not Lost

Now, let’s make one thing absolutely clear. We do not for an instant mean to imply that children, or unaccountable infants who cannot consciously sin, are lost if they die. Absolutely not! They are born with a sinful, fallen nature, but if a child should die, he is certainly not lost. He has yet to come to the place of accountability where he sins by choice.

There is an aspect of innocence in the child, despite man’s fallen nature. The Bible teaches that children are kept by God’s grace until they come to the time of accountability, at which point they can go before God to ask His forgiveness. This does not alter the fact, though, that everyone is born in original sin.

Realize this, however: No one goes to hell for his sinful nature. You can’t help that. However, because of this nature, all children need correction so that they may overcome their sinful nature by conscious will. At this point, they become accountable for their actions. Until this point, no one is condemned to hellfire for Adam’s sin—just because they are, through inheritance, unconscious partakers of this nature. I Corinthians 15:22 says, “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Punish Wrongdoing

Parents must punish sin and reward righteousness in a child. Actually, this is nothing more or less than a duplicate of God’s actions in dealing with all men. Parents must be willing to assume this responsibility because, in a very real sense, they stand in place of God before their children. While both parents share this responsibility, it is the father’s particular duty to administer God’s authority over his children and in the family. He is to serve as God’s deputy in the home.

God said of Abraham, “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him” (Gen. 18:19). Many times the Bible will use a human father to illustrate God’s attitude toward His children. The father, therefore, stands in a specific and special place in the home.

The book of Psalms says, “Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him” (Ps. 103:13). When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He said in Luke 11:2, “When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven.” He then went on to say, “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?” (Mat. 7:11).

Parents, therefore, stand in the presence of their children clothed in the authority of God, whether they know it or not. Parents are thus to command and instruct them in the ways of the Lord.

Colossians 3:20 tells us, “Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.” It uses the term “all things,” but it refers specifically to the things of God. It is not for parents to demand anything of an ungodly nature of
their children. That is not what this refers to. It literally means, “All things decent and right.” This Scripture by no means implies that children are to cooperate willingly with their parents if sinful, immoral, or illegal acts are being promoted.

We are living in terribly sinful and wicked times. There are parents who are demanding things of their children that are so ungodly that they beggar description. No child is required by God, or held accountable, for not obeying his parents if they demand that the child steal, commit acts of lewdness, or any other evil deeds. Of course, the basic teaching is absolutely correct and proper when it states that children are to obey their parents.

In Exodus 20:12, it states, “Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” So, parents have the authority of God over their children, and this is a most serious responsibility.

When one of God’s children does wrong, there are two ways in which God can handle the matter. He asks first that His children (which means you and me if you’re a Christian) judge themselves. That is, we are to recognize that we have done wrong, and we must then commit ourselves to resolving the matter. In this way God will not have to judge us or chastise us. If we refuse, however, to judge ourselves, then God must administer the chastisement.

God demands the same of us as parents. He wants us, as His representatives, to deal with our children in the same way He deals with us. God has to chastise His children, and the Bible clearly teaches that parents should chastise their children—for the children’s sake. God said, “If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chaseneth not?” (Heb. 12:7).

It is in the very nature of sonship to receive chastening when it is needed. It is in the very nature of fatherhood to give chastening when called for. When the child needs a spanking (corporal punishment), it is within the will of God that the child receive it. It should be done in love, but the child will be the one who is the loser if it isn’t done.

God’s direction on this matter is very clear. Hebrews 12:6-8 says: “For whom the Lord loveth He chaseneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chaseneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”

This Scripture declares that if a child is not corrected and chastened, he is being treated as one who is not a son, but rather as an illegitimate child. Any father who does not whip his children when they need it is treating them as if they were bastards.

This may seem a very hard statement from two points of view. First of all, the term whip may sound too severe for some in that it can imply extremely severe beatings. We are not, however, talking about child abuse in any sense of the word. It is a sad commentary on the sickness in our society that there is such a crime as child abuse. There are, without question, demon-driven adults who severely beat children. We hear of cases where bodies are bruised and bones broken. This is sheer brutality and is in no way related to loving correction, discipline, or the natural act of moderate spanking or whipping. People who inflict such misery on children are in great need of help, and the involved children are in need of protection.

What we are discussing is the need for positive correction and discipline. Hence, spanking or whipping may well be appropriate. A child, while small, may need to be spanked with a little switch or something on that order, which may grow somewhat in diameter with passage of time, or perhaps a paddle might replace it. It should not be anything to endanger the well-being of the child in any way. Proper, judicious spanking will smart, but not injure. Parents have an inescapable responsibility to chasten their children.

Many people deride corporal punishment, despite the fact that it is clearly taught in the Bible and thoroughly vindicated by practical experience. The only answer to juvenile delinquency—the only answer to a generation grown up without faith in God and lacking in self-control—is to return to the Bible and rediscover God’s methods for raising up young men and women of character. God’s system is prayerful and intelligent discipline in the home, starting from the earliest days of a child’s life. It is an absolute essential for the growth and development of decent and honorable men and women.
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Don’t Provoke Wrath

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

It is interesting to observe that the word nurture used here implies chastisement or chastening. It means, “To direct development by chastising for wrongdoing.”

A parent has to be steadfast and resolute in maintaining authority, but it must always be founded in love. Parents do need to chasten their children—even whip them when necessary—as commanded in the Word of God. When this is done, parents are actually acting for God in punishing sin and rewarding righteousness. They are thus teaching and instilling obedience and discipline in their children.

Once again, I feel I should address and re-emphasize my views on the matter of child abuse because of the large numbers who have been conditioned to equate any form of physical punishment with child abuse. Inevitably, whenever anyone advocates that it can improve a child’s attitude by whipping him for deliberate actions, he opens himself to the indictment of promoting “child battering.”

As we are all well aware, there are mentally ill or demon-possessed individuals who habitually and excessively inflict physical punishment on children. We are by no stretch of the imagination promoting, condoning, or approving this sordid, sick perversion. We are discussing rational and discrete physical punishment of a child who has willfully misbehaved when he knew he was doing wrong. Anyone who would compare, even by inference, the laws of almighty God with child abuse isn’t giving the matter any sensible thought.

Child abuse is a horrible crime. Unfortunately, it is becoming more common day by day. As far as I’m concerned, child abuse may very well be the worst crime ever committed. I don’t know exactly what scale God uses in rating sin, but there is something about a small child that tugs at my heart. They are innocent and helpless.

The mere fact that there is child abuse, however, and that it is reprehensible, in no way negates the plain and direct commands of God regarding corporal punishment. Such punishment needs to be administered but, of course, always in love and understanding and with compassion.
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“And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind. Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller’s field; And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal: Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.” —Isaiah 7:1-7

Ahaz was one of the most wicked kings to ever rule Judah. His evil acts were equal to the two most evil kings of Israel—Ahab and Ahaziah. II Chronicles 28:1-4 says of Ahaz: “Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord, like David his father: For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.”

In these four verses, we read of the horrible sin of Ahaz. He cast aside the true altar, the brazen altar (a type of the Cross), and, instead, erected altars dedicated to the pagan god Moloch, the god of fire. The mode of worship was rooted in human sacrifice. In fact, as stated in Scripture, Ahaz offered up his own children, as well as countless other children, to this demonic entity.

One must never forget that when a person or a nation rejects the truth, which is Jesus Christ, then there is nothing left to worship but demon spirits. Let’s for a

Too often we make the mistake of reading the stories regarding the kings of Israel and Judah (I and II Kings, I and II Chronicles) without gleaning the great spiritual truths to be found in them. The time of my text, Isaiah 7:1-7, concerns a great example of spiritual truth that is often overlooked. I pray that this article will bring out this great truth and will be a blessing to you, the reader.

**Ahaz**

The story of Ahaz, king of Judah, is a story of great sin and sorrow, and yet, at the same time, it is a story of God’s faithfulness.
moment jump ahead to the present time. America has rejected the true altar; Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and, instead, has erected false altars and are worshipping false gods.

One may say, “Yes, that’s true, but at least we have not sunk as low as worshipping Moloch.” My answer to that is that Moloch’s altar is in our midst, and it’s called abortion. Every single year in the U.S. alone, there are nearly 1 million abortions. In reality, the evil of our time is greater than in the days of Ahaz because the reality of the Cross was then in type and shadow, but now, we have the reality of Calvary. Therefore, the light is greater today, which makes our sin even greater.

Israel and Syria

The Scripture tells us that the kings of Israel and Syria joined for the purpose of removing Ahaz as king and placing another on the throne. Verse 6 of Isaiah, Chapter 7, says: “Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal.”

While we don’t know who the son of Tabeal was, no doubt, he was a prince who was chosen by the kings of Syria and Ephraim (Israel) to be king of Jerusalem and to be their servant.

Verse 2 tells us that fear gripped Ahaz when told of the alliance of Syria and Israel against him.

A Remnant Shall Return

In spite of Ahaz’s sin and rebellion, we now see the grace of God extended to a king and a people who had forsaken the God of David. Ahaz was in the Davidic lineage. Verse 3 states: “Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller’s field.”

The Lord instructed Isaiah to take his son with him as a symbol in order that his name might carry a specific message to Ahaz. That message was one of judgment and grace.

The child’s name was Shear-jashub, which means, “A remnant shall return.” The name referred to those taken into captivity by the Babylonians and the few (the remnant) who would be allowed to return to a burned-over and destroyed Jerusalem.

Fear Not

The word of the Lord through the prophet to Ahaz was, “Fear not.” This was a promise from the Lord to Ahaz that even though Judah would suffer great loss of life in their
battle against Syria and Israel, they would not be able to remove Ahaz from the throne.

The Promise of God

This whole scenario seems strange to the casual reader. Why would God allow a sinful, wicked man like Ahaz to remain on the throne? Why would the Lord declare this in verse 7: “Thus says the Lord God, It shall not stand (the actual wording is ‘the Lord Jehovah declares it shall not stand’), neither shall it come to pass.”

As stated, this whole event was Satan’s effort to remove Ahaz as king and place someone else on the throne. Satan’s plan was to foil the prophecy given to David concerning the Messiah coming through David’s family, which Ahaz was in the lineage.

This promise is found in II Samuel 7:12, 16: “And when your days be fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, which shall proceed out of your bowels, and I will establish His kingdom … And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you: your throne shall be established forever.”

Conditional and Unconditional Promises

Now we get to the heart of what I want to convey to you, which is a word of encouragement as it regards the future.

The Bible is full of God’s promises. Most of these promises are conditional, meaning that one has to meet the conditions as set forth by God. Deuteronomy, Chapter 28, is a perfect example of this. However, there are some unconditional promises in the Word of God also.

The Lord’s promise to David concerning the everlasting throne was an unconditional promise, meaning that it is not conditional on what people do or do not do. Nothing can stop it from coming to pass; consequently, the throne of David will once again grace Jerusalem upon the second coming of Christ, and it will abide forever. Nothing or no one can stop the unconditional promises of God. There are certain things that He has said He will do, and nothing can stop them.

Today, we are living in a time of great turmoil and uncertainty. America is a divided nation. It is just as divided now as it was during the Civil War. Though it’s not a division bringing actual war, we are in a war of ideas and direction for the country. It’s a war between liberals and conservatives, a war of morality and immorality, etc.

As we look at these conditions in our country and the world, some believers may despair and wonder what the future holds, but I have good news for you, and that good news is God’s unconditional promises, which are:

• The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
  Acts 2:17 promises us that “it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.” This unconditional promise began on the day of Pentecost. It has continued to this hour and will continue despite all that Satan can do to hinder.

• The Rapture of the Church
  Despite what some in the church may think today, the catching away of the church is an unconditional promise that cannot be hindered or halted. The rapture is not dependent on the condition of the church; the church in no way decides the time of this great event. The timing is decided solely by Christ (I Thess. 4:13-17).

• The Great Tribulation
  Chapters 6 through 19 of the book of Revelation carry the account of this time of sorrow and woes for those who are left behind after the rapture.

• The Battle of Armageddon
  This great battle will be the climax of the seven years of great tribulation. It will mark the defeat and destruction of the Antichrist (Rev. 16:16; Isa. 63:1-6; Joel 3:12-16; Ezek. 38:21-23).

• The Second Coming of the Lord
  The second coming of Christ is going to be the most magnificent and awesome event the world has ever known. When the rapture occurs, we, the body of Christ, will leave this earth, and at the second coming, we will return with the Lord as a part of the army of God (Rev., Chpt. 19).

• The Millennial Reign
  The millennial reign is the thousand-year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. He will come to this earth and will reign supreme from Jerusalem, guaranteeing safety, prosperity, and peace throughout the world (Rev. 20:4; Isa. 2:4).

• Satan Will be Cast Into The Lake of Fire Forever
  At this time, Satan and all demon spirits and fallen angels will forever be locked away (Rev. 20:10).

• A New Heaven and a New Earth
  At this time, the earth will be cleansed by fire and restored as God intended (II Pet. 3:7-13; Rev. 21:1).

• The New Jerusalem
  At this time, God will bring the New Jerusalem down from heaven to earth so that He may dwell on the earth forever. The New Jerusalem will be 1,500 miles high and 1,500 miles square.

In closing, there is no reason to despair or be afraid of what the future holds, for it has already been declared: “Thus says the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.” The future is already destined by God, so dear saint, rejoice in the Lord.
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In these verses, the beloved physician gives an account of what Christ said when it came to discipleship.

We must remember that these are the words of Christ, our Lord, and because they are His words, we must understand that they are not to be taken lightly. He began this discourse by declaring to those who were following Him that if they truly desired to be His disciples, then there was going to be some requirements.

He stated first that nothing can take the place of Christ—not family, friends, or possessions. Nothing is to take the place of our relationship with Christ.

Now, when we see the word hate here, it does not refer to having a strong feeling of dislike toward somebody. Rather it means “to prefer,” or “to love less.” It speaks of the dearest affections of the human heart. George Williams said, “The nearest affections are the strongest, but no affection, however strong, must be permitted to compete or displace Christ.” Every Christian should heed these words because it can be extremely easy to put something ahead of our love for Christ. As Christians, anytime that we put anything ahead of Christ, it is viewed by God as idolatry, plain and simple.

Putting Things Before God

According to Webster’s New World Dictionary, the word idolatry means “the excessive reverence for or devotion to a person or thing.” This simple definition spells out the idea that we can make anything an idol by our excessive devotion to it, whatever it may be. We can allow sports, relationships, or even money to become idols in our lives. Anything that becomes more important than our relationship with God is an idol.

Now, we must ask this question: Are sports, relationships, jobs, money, and the like, wrong? No, they are not wrong in and of themselves. However, it becomes wrong when those things become more important to us than the Lord. If a person truly loves the Lord, then those things that we have mentioned, and much more, will always be put in their acceptable place. Nothing can have preeminence over Christ, and everything must be in its proper place.

Three Examples

Luke records an example that I believe describes what we are trying to explain, and it is found in Luke 9:57-58: “And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow You whithersoever You go. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has not where to lay His head.”

Let’s stop right here for just a moment and discuss what the Lord is saying here. According to Matthew 8:19, this man was a scribe and was looked at by the people as a pastor of Israel. He had seen the miracles performed by Christ, and he had heard
the crowd proclaiming His praises, but this scribe failed to consider the cost of following Christ. When Christ responded as he did in these verses, He was actually stating that His kingdom was not of this earth. This meant that His kingdom would not overthrow Rome, which His disciples hoped would happen. They were thinking that they would have some sort of position in this new kingdom, but these words by Christ erased that thought completely. In other words, there is a price to pay for following Christ, and to do so, we must abandon the idea of self-promotion or self-reliance. It must be completely of Christ or none at all.

Follow Me

As we continue reading, we see Christ being approached by a man who was a disciple, as stated by Scripture. Luke 9:59 states, “And He said unto another, Follow Me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.” Christ responded by telling this man, “Let the dead bury their dead” (Lk. 9:60).

This man was saying that his father was near death, and he requested permission to take care of his father until he passed on. This means that this man allowed the cares of life to rob him of being with Christ. Many would take the response of Christ as being somewhat crass, but in no way was it meant to be such. By the Saviour’s response, He was, in effect, saying, “Let the spiritually dead bury the physically dead.” In other words, those who do not follow after Christ are spiritually dead, and at the same time, others are available to handle the needs of those who are truly following after Christ. This is by no means showing any disrespect toward the dead, but it is rather speaking of priorities. The words, “Follow Me,” are the greatest words of invitation ever given, and yet, this man said that he couldn’t. Christ must come first above all things.

No Man Looking Back Is Fit For The Kingdom Of God

The last and final example is found further down in Luke 9:61: “And another also said, Lord, I will follow You; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.” This is yet another scenario where the unpredictability of life can interfere with our relationship with Christ.

In the third man’s response, we hear him saying that Christ’s call was just like everything else in life, and that He must stand in line with everything else. I want you to read carefully the words of our Lord: “No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God” (Lk. 9:62). These words are strong, and we should take notice of them. Those who are more interested in everyday life will ultimately allow those things to keep them from following the Lord.

In all of this, what I’m trying to convey is that when it comes to Christ and our relationship with Him, nothing should stand in that path. Our relationship with Him must be priority number one. Attachment to Jesus Christ and to His work should be, and must be, unrestricted. We must allow nothing to come between our soul and our Saviour, and, likewise, nothing should take the place of our relationship with Christ, no matter what it is.

Nothing is more important than our walk with the Lord. If we are allowing something to obstruct our walk with the Lord, then whatever it is must be put to the side, or even abandoned all together. Christ demands a total commitment from us, not a partial commitment. He requires a total allegiance to Him and His work, with everything else falling by the wayside.

Personal Example

Let me give you an example from my life. When I was 17 years of age and nearly finished with my senior year of high school, I remember receiving several offers from different colleges regarding the continuation of my basketball journey to the next level. From the time that I could remember, around middle school, this was my dream—to play college basketball.

I remember walking toward the high school office, where my mom was working as the main secretary of our school, Family Christian Academy. I said a little prayer underneath my breath and asked the Lord about my next step. I told Him that if my playing at the next level was not in His will, then I wanted Him to shut every door.

Before I continue, I should tell you that my number one priority in life at that time was to play basketball. I lived it. I breathed it. I dreamed it. I played it. I wore a shirt that read, “Basketball Is Life.” I was determined to do whatever I needed to do and to sacrifice whatever I needed to sacrifice in order to realize that dream. But, wouldn’t you know that the very moment I prayed that prayer, the Lord began to close every door, which left me totally dependent on Him.

I gave no thought about what else I would do because all I wanted was to pursue a basketball career. The Lord knew that basketball was becoming a priority over my relationship with Christ, and He began to close every door. This left me totally clinging to Him. It would be through prayer that God would call me to the ministry. In fact, I knew all along that this was what I was supposed to do; I just didn’t want to do it. However, the Lord had a way of getting my attention.

Let nothing stand in the way of your pursuit of God. If things, people, or possessions are hindering your relationship with God, then it’s best to lay them aside and concentrate on Christ.
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- WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER
- I SEE A CRIMSON STREAM OF BLOOD
- NEAR THE CROSS
- AT CALVARY
- O I WANT TO SEE HIM
- THE OLD ACCOUNT WAS SETTLED
- ROCK OF AGES

GREAT HYMNS OF THE CHURCH: VOL. 2
- GLORY TO HIS NAME
- AMAZING GRACE
- ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?
- 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS
- THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS
- TELL IT TO JESUS
- HE TOOK MY SINS AWAY
- THE HEALING WATERS
- THERE'S GOING TO BE A MEETING IN THE AIR
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- BLESSED QUIETNESS
- THE CROSS IS NOT GREATER
- KNEEL AT THE CROSS
- WE'LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER
- VICTORY
- GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU
- PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND
- O HAPPY DAY
- LOVE LIFTED ME
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- HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD
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- I'M BOUND FOR THAT CITY
- YES, I KNOW

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While crosses are in vogue as decorations, ornaments, and symbols, they are reviled when raised as an eternal statement. When you raise the Cross—the Cross of Christ—as an eternal statement, you run the risk of attracting venomous attacks of God-haters and religious heretics.

In I Corinthians, Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and decided right up front to take on the issue of the Cross. Corinth was at the crossroads of history and culture; and, therefore, the influence of paganism was abundantly evident. Because of the cultural divide, the religious landscape was about as varied as it could be, from Christianity to almost every other religion practiced, including satanic worship.

When Paul made his defense of the Cross of Christ to the Corinthian church, a cross was not equivalent to a piece of jewelry or a badge of honor; it was an instrument of capital punishment. In that day and culture, to wear a cross as a piece of jewelry was the same as wearing a replica of an electric chair today.

Even though the image of a cross was repulsive to the Corinthians, Paul told them to preach the Cross of Christ because in so doing, they would experience the power of God, which would extract them from their decaying state.

At that time, the Corinthian church was also experiencing deep divisions around many issues. One of those issues was a factious spirit, which split them as followers of various teachers: some said they were of Paul, others of Apollos, and yet others said they were of Cephas.

Paul called them out for coalescing around individual ministers rather than Christ and His Cross, and he let them know in no uncertain terms that he was not in the running to be a local deity. Once Paul set the record straight, he was very quick to point them to the Cross. He said, “The preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” —I Corinthians 1:18.

Paul was letting the Corinthians—and all believers—know that the Christian life is inextricably connected to and intertwined with the Cross.

The verse says, “The preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness.” Those who are perishing are literally being destroyed by sin, the world’s system, and themselves. This doesn’t mean that such a one will perish in the here and now; it implies that those who choose to ignore the power of the Cross will perish.
eternally! Think of it: many people whom we know and love are in a downward spiral of destruction because they are blind to the one thing that can set them free—the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Again, the preaching of the Cross is to those who perish foolishness. The word foolishness indicates that the Message of the Cross was absolutely absurd to them. Today, those who are full of themselves and religion treat the Message of the Cross the same way.

I Corinthians 1:18 continues, “but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” The literal meaning of the word power, as it is used here, means, “miraculous ability, might, and strength.”

This Scripture is a mandate to every preacher: The Cross must be the center and circumference of everything we preach. Why? It is the power of God unto salvation!

When we preach the Cross, we connect the people to the only power source that is capable of setting us free from sin! It sets us free from the worldly spirit of this present age, and, equally important, it sets us free from ourselves.

The work of every God-called preacher is to preach the Cross, and the responsibility of every Christ-follower is to cling to the Cross and accept its finished work, which includes:

- Forgiveness of every sin.
- Sanctification of every believer.
- Deliverance from every bondage.
- Freedom for every captive.
- Healing for every sick body.
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The message that everything we get from God we receive exclusively through faith in Jesus Christ and His atoning
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Thank You for Preaching the Word

Dear Evangelist: Sanctification! That was the word I had no answer for after being saved 40 years ago! That's it, nobody knew about the power of the Cross. This is not a new revelation, as John talked of it, but we didn't understand the importance! Thank you Brother Swaggart for getting that word and telling and preaching it! I can tell that over the years, few that they are, that churches are not accepting it—the hostility! I was looking for the past 40 years and then hearing Loren Larson explain it two years ago, I got it right away the first time! And it renewed my heart for “my first love.” Thank you! — EMAIL

Edified By Message Of The Cross

Dear Evangelist: I write to profoundly appreciate you, Brother Jimmy Swaggart, for the Expositors Study Bible I received yesterday in our church: Grace of God Mission, Awka, Nigeria. I learned that you directed that all pastors should receive free copies. I went through it and discovered how rich it is. Thank you, sir, and God bless you. I watch your SonLife programs on cable and have been edified with the Message of the Cross for the last couple of years. Once again, sir, thank you. Grace and peace be multiplied unto thy soul, thy lovely family and ministry. — NIGERIA

Chain Of Homosexuality Broken By The Cross!

Dear Evangelist: May I encourage the church by lifting up the name of Jesus for what He has done in my life? For nearly 15 years I lived in a homosexual lifestyle. I was raised in the church, but left when I was 15 years old. Finding only destruction, I called upon the name of Jesus in 2009 when I was 34 years old. His grace was amazing, rescuing me out of the lifestyle of homosexuality. It is not biological as this world advertises. This chain was broken because of the Cross. I have received new life and can no longer tolerate homosexuality. The actualities of Christianity are the life of Jesus in mine, this new life looks nothing like what I had experienced in the homosexual lifestyle. Do not be deceived; those in that lifestyle cannot enter the kingdom of God because they are outside of new life, and his grace. The Lord Jesus is calling homosexuals out of this lifestyle, and He is setting them free. Because of my love for God, I no longer tell God what He should accept because of His love, but today I ask God what is acceptable to Him because of His love. By His grace I can fulfill these requirements. — EMAIL
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The Veil of the Law

The Veil of Religion

When Moses received the law on Mount Sinai, he spent an extended time in the presence of God. One of the end results of being in God’s presence was that his face sustained a supernatural glow to it. When Moses came down from the mountain, he covered his face with a veil. This effectively stopped people from being frightened by his appearance, but later, the veil was used to hide the fact that the glow was dissipating.

Far too often we as Christians find ourselves hiding our true spiritual condition behind a veil of Christian activity. We discover that the love for God and the zealous desire we once had have somehow faded away, and we don’t know why. We know how we are supposed to feel, and there is a sense of guilt for no longer exhibiting the same longing for Christ that we once had. We’ve come too far down the journey of faith to quit, but living for God has somehow lost its exuberance and joy. So, instead of quitting, we put on our Christian veil and hide behind Christian actions so that none may discover how empty and lonely our hearts have become. Sin (some old, and even some new struggles) has somehow crept back into our everyday lives. We are of all people most mediocre and miserable.

The Reason Behind Spiritual Decline

In almost every case of spiritual decline or spiritual burnout, the key culprit is a wrong object of faith. As new believers, we should have been taught to place our faith exclusively in Christ and what He did for us at Calvary. Someone should have ardently and consistently warned us that attempting to live for Christ through the means of works or self-effort would destroy the life and vibrancy of the Christian experience. But, sadly, in most churches, the very opposite is true. We are told what we are to do, how we are to look, and where we should go and not go. This advice, in itself, is not wrong; however, Christianity can only be experienced when one is walking within the processes of grace and faith. Christianity is not as much about what we do as it is about what we believe. As we place our faith in God’s provision (Christ and the Cross), we continually experience an abundant flow of grace, which is, in reality, the equipping and stabilizing work of the Holy Spirit.

Through faith and grace, the Holy Spirit reveals to us the areas of our lives that need to be changed. As a result of properly maintained faith (Christ and the Cross), our hearts are renewed, our love for Jesus is both maintained and continuously growing, and the work we do for God is accomplished from a heart that is full, free, and joyous. We become “His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:10). This is the proper and divine way to fully experience all new covenant benefits.

The Defeated Christian Life

So, if a believer finds himself hiding behind the veil of religious activity or perhaps finds himself being dominated by some besetting sin, that is a sure sign and indicator that we haven’t yet properly understood the biblical way to live for God. We have not secured Christ and the Cross as our constant object of faith. We have probably been jumping from fad to fad, and living with the hope that the latest routine listed in a current popular Chris-
tian periodical might give us victory and set us free from a defeated Christian life. We continue in various programs, routines, and disciplines, but it is to no avail. We try, we labor, we lose, and we cry.

While the battle is a little different today than for the first century Jewish believer, the battleground hasn’t really changed all that much. The Jews of the first century church struggled with releasing the Mosaic law, while Christians in the 20th century struggle with the idea that grace is truly sufficient to bring freedom from sin. Only the way of faith and grace can produce for the Christian is a believer who is weary, defeated, and confused. It’s time to stop hiding behind the veil of religion and a love for law. It’s time to embrace Christ and the Cross!

The Victory of the Spirit

When the believer elects to address the Christian life through the concepts of grace and faith (faith in Christ and the Cross), then the Bible promises that the Spirit of the Lord will strip away the presence of the veil. Instead of hiding what you truly are behind the mask of Christ, the Holy Spirit will promote Christ in you to the degree that the first glow that once adorned your life and Spirit will return. Being a Christian will once again bring great joy. Being a believer who is constantly being overhauled into the image of Christ by the grace of God will bring life and hope to others as well. You will be able to share with others the truth that faith in Christ and the Cross can truly make a difference. Sin that was defeating you will begin to drop off and fade away. You will find yourself leaving the veil of religion behind, and one day its memory will be obscure, having been replaced (in the future) by the crown of life. This adornment will neither hide you from others, nor will it hinder your ability to see clearly. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is (always) liberty” (II Cor. 3:17), and when the Spirit of the Lord is free to transform us, believers will be forever changing into the image of the Lord, “from glory to glory” (II Cor. 3:18). ➤

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Here’s how a CRT works: Donor transfers property to a CRT. Property can be cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other property subject to certain private foundation rules.

CRTs are designed to supply an income stream for the donor’s lifetime, and if married, for the lifetime of the surviving spouse.

The donor may receive an income tax deduction when the trust is funded. The deduction is a percentage of the value of the property donated to the trust. It is important to note that the deduction is based on the present value of the future gift to the charity.

After the death of the income beneficiaries, the remainder of the trust is distributed to the charity or non-profit organization designated in the trust.

There are several benefits to using a CRT. If you are charitably inclined, a CRT may provide an opportunity to improve investment diversification, increase cash flow, and avoid capital gains and estate taxes on the donated assets. Funding a CRT will typically reduce your estate tax obligation because assets in the CRT are removed from your estate.
Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (Wealth Replacement)

To reiterate, once a Charitable Remainder Trust has been established, and assets/property have been transferred into the trust, a stream of income can be produced. In essence, the donor who has made the gifts can now begin to receive income from that same trust. One use for that income could be to fund a different and separate trust, known as an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (ILIT). Now, not only has the donor created both a legacy gift and an income stream by transferring assets/property to the Charitable Remainder Trust, he has also created more wealth through the use of the ILIT. As the name implies, the Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust holds a life insurance policy on the donor’s life. Upon the donor’s decease, the remainder of the assets in the Charitable Remainder Trust would be distributed to the named charity/non-profit, and the life insurance beneficiaries would receive the death benefit proceeds on a tax-free basis from the Life Insurance Trust. If the donor desires to, he can name the charity/non-profit as a beneficiary on the life insurance policy, as well, effectively making an additional charitable gift upon his death. Please note that age, health, etc., are factors in the successful implementation of this strategy. Establishing these trusts involves tax and legal aspects, so it is essential to work closely with an attorney, CPA, and financial advisor.

These strategies are somewhat complex at first glance, but they should be viewed as tools with which someone can build a structurally-sound legacy gifting plan. Being a good steward involves much prayer and consecration, as well as seeking out the practical means of accomplishing things. Receiving the talent is one thing; burying that talent to preserve it is another thing. Then there is the idea of using the talents wisely to multiply and create more than what was started with, which will please the Lord and further His glorious work.
The Great Reformation

The date was Oct. 31, 1517; the location was Wittenberg, Germany. This day would be pivotal in the great Reformation. On this day, Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk and university lecturer, nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church. Great theological changes—necessary changes—ensued as the Reformation grew. Five hundred years later, we need to stop and remember the great Reformation.

Catholicism Controlled
The Masses

The Roman Catholic Church controlled the masses of people. It was a far cry from the New Testament church that we read about in the book of Acts. Tradition and ecclesiastical structure replaced the vibrant Spirit-led church of the 1st century.

Three Medallions
Tell The Story

In the library at Prague, in the Czech Republic, there are displayed three medallions dated 1572. The first is engraved with a figure representing John Wycliffe. He is depicted as striking sparks from a stone. The second medallion shows John Hus kindling a fire from the sparks Wycliffe had supplied. The last medallion shows Martin Luther holding high a flaming torch ignited by the previous reformers.

Reading Romans

While Luther was reading the great book of Romans—a book he had read, translated, and taught many times before—he could not leave Romans 1:17, which says, “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” Questions popped into Luther’s head: What does it mean that the just shall live by faith? Is there a righteousness found in faith?

Pre-Reformation Reformers

These three: an Englishman, a Bohemian, and a German were used of God to bring about the great Reformation. There were others, of course, like Peter Waldo who preached a simple faith in God’s Word. Waldo and his followers (the Waldensians) rejected unbiblical practices they saw in the Roman Catholic Church such as prayers for the dead, and the Catholic teachings on the sacraments, purgatory, and transubstantiation. These issues also troubled Martin Luther.

Grace, Not Of Works

He started to see that Paul’s teaching—that our righteousness came through grace and faith—was not tied to works, as Luther had been previously taught. A man, woman, or child could be declared righteous before God simply on the basis of grace and not on the basis of religious performance. The righteousness of God is revealed, Paul said, “from faith to faith.”
Abuse Within The Church

Luther continued his studies. As he did, he saw abuse and contrast to biblical teachings within the Roman Catholic Church. His goal was to bring to light that which the Holy Spirit had revealed to him. He chose his writings, and, in particular, the now famous Ninety-Five Theses to express his newfound revelation.

A Parting Of Ways

His goal was that the Roman Catholic Church would see they had wandered from the sacred Scriptures and would return again to a Bible-based theology. Instead, there was a parting of ways. Luther was summoned to the Diet [Dee-et] of Worms to explain and then recant his teachings. He was glad to openly defend his beliefs. In so doing, he hoped to convert them to the revelation of justification by faith. Instead, he was declared a heretic and an enemy of the church.

The Protestants

The subsequent separation from the Roman Catholic Church and the addition of more reformers brought forth the label “Protestants,” for they protested the doctrines and the ecclesiastical abuse found within the formal church. The Counter Reformation by the Roman Catholic Church and subsequent persecution of the Protestants guaranteed 500 years of separation. Thank you, Lord, for the Reformation cry, “Sola fide,” the Latin term for “by faith alone...”

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The jailer’s responsibility was to make sure they did not escape, and if they did, he would be killed. He noticed they were different. Not only were they not cursing and complaining about what had happened to them, but they were actually praying and singing praises to God in the middle of the night. In fact, they were so loud and excited that the other prisoners heard them. They even kept the jailer awake for a long time.

Finally, just as he (the jailer) was able to fall asleep, there was a great earthquake. He ran to see what had happened and was terrified when he saw the earthquake had opened all the jail cell doors.

Surprised, the jailer found a light and saw that none of the prisoners had escaped. He was shocked and amazed. Obviously, God had been dealing with him and his family. He had been so impressed by the reaction of these two Jews to their circumstances, by the miraculous results of the earthquake, and by all the prisoners still in place, that he responded to the real need in his life by asking, “What must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30). Knowing his hungry heart, God had worked behind the scenes to reach out to him through all these circumstances.

God worked in similar ways in each example of suicide in the Bible. Some, such as Saul, Ahithophel, and Judas, knew God but turned away from Him. Others, such as Zimri and Abimelech, never knew God. They desired their own will more than they wanted God. They wanted money and possessions, position, popularity, and power, or they had unforgiveness and wanted revenge. In any event, they all ended up in circumstances where they thought suicide was the best answer. Some thought it was a way of escape from the shame and humiliation of failure or the consequences of choices they had made. Others thought their circumstances were hopeless, with no way for them to ever improve. Some others believed that they had done things that were so bad that God would never forgive them.

In America each year, about 800,000 people attempt suicide, and about 40,000 are successful. If you, or someone you know, is thinking about suicide, God is telling you the same thing that He told the Philippian jailer: "Do yourself no harm." Things are never as bad as they seem. There is always hope in Jesus Christ. God always has help and alternatives as people trust Him and seek His salvation and will for their lives.

God loves you and has a plan and purpose for your life (Jer. 29:11).

Your answer is the same as it was for the Philippian jailer—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). As you turn to Him for forgiveness of sins, ask Him to come into your life as Saviour. Then, surrender your life to Him as Lord and depend on His power to live for Him. He will save you and perform miracles to help you, regardless of your circumstances.
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**Frances**

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So, if you are acquainted with this ministry through television, and you have the time to spare and are close enough that you can be with us, we need you, and I hope that you will help us.

**Donnie**

Thank you so very, very much for praying for Donnie as it regards the surgery on his back. It seems that it has worked well, and for that we are so thankful.

I also want to thank the Lord for the excellent doctors and nurses who participated in this, and I especially want to thank you for your prayers. Donnie is an integral part of the work of God here at the ministry as most of you know. So, we are so very pleased that this situation seems to have been addressed, and in a positive way.

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OCTOBER 22, 2017 – COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
Pastor Eric and Tonya Harding
Finished Work Worship Center
2976 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80917
719.244.4939
→ 10:30AM Children’s Crusade
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OCTOBER 20-22, 2017 – BEAVER DAMS, NY
Pastor Patrick Neyman
Full Gospel Church
683 Backer Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812
607.739.9579
— FRI 7PM | SAT 7PM
— SUN 11AM (Martha Borg ministering in song)

NOVEMBER 3-4, 2017 – SAN AUGUSTINE, TX
Pastor Jeff Headrick
Faith Alive Church
1013 FM 1277, San Augustine, TX 75972
936.465.2808
— FRI 7PM
— SAT 2PM (Martha Borg ministering in song)

DECEMBER 8-10, 2017 – COACHELLA, CA
Pastor Daniel Munoz
Send The Fire Ministries Church
1604 7th St., Coachella, CA 92236
760.342.9612
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