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way qualified to rule, and, to be sure, the Lord would not have accepted him, still, it was in his mind to take the throne, which he would greatly attempt to do.

While Joab did not throw in his lot with Absalom, still, this wily fox played both sides of the fence. He attempted to ingratiate himself with David, which he constantly did, and, as well, with Absalom.

Israel at that time was extremely prosperous, with all enemies around her defeated. In other words, if the truth be known, she was at that time one of the leading nations in the world of that day. In Absalom’s mind and, seemingly, in the minds of many other leading individuals in Israel, including many in David’s personal Cabinet, Israel was ripe for the plucking, so to speak.

ABSALOM’S REVOLT

The revolt of Absalom, David’s son, had to be the most bitter trial of his life. To face such as David did would have been awful from any quarter; however, to have his own son lead this rebellion and seek to kill him in order to take the throne was beyond comprehension. If he had succeeded, it would have resulted in the ruin of Israel. All of this was because of what David did as it regarded Bath-sheba and her husband Uriah. David awakened with this every morning and went to sleep with it every night. Despite the forgiveness of God, it was a weight that seemed to be unbearable.

David wrote several Psalms at that time, which revealed the depth and greatness of these trials (Ps. 3, 41, 43, 51, 69, 109).

DECEPTION

The Scripture says: “. . . Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him” (II Sam. 15:1).

Carnal men and even a carnal church are easily swayed with pomp, pride, and ceremony. Absalom
appealed to the carnal and not the spiritual. At that time, there seemed to be such little spiritual strength in Israel that they readily fell for the carnal. Regrettably, the church is little different presently.

As we’ve already stated, Absalom easily deceived the people by a profession of devotion to them and as easily deceived his father by a profession of devotion to God, all which were false.

When man fell in the Garden of Eden, he fell from a position of total God-consciousness, which throbbled with life, down to the far, far lower level of total self-consciousness; consequently, man can readily deceive and be deceived (II Tim. 3:13).

We see this web of deceit as Absalom subtly weaved it among the people: “. . . Oh that I were made judge in the land. . . .” Then he would appeal to the one to whom he was speaking by “. . . taking him, and kissing him” (II Sam. 15:4-5).

**THE ABSALOM SPIRIT**

The Scripture then says:

“. . . so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel” (II Sam. 15:6).

The surprise was not that Absalom would attempt this thing, but rather that Israel was so spiritually weak that they fell for it. The fault must be laid at the feet of David.

But yet, the reason Israel was so easily swayed and deceived is because they judged David not according to the Word of God but according to outward appearances. In fact, he had committed a terrible sin with Bath-sheba. Of course, by now, the knowledge that he had effected the murder of Uriah was undoubtedly known throughout the Nation. Actually, the Psalmist said that David became the song of the drunkards (Ps. 69:12). Consequently, in Israel’s eyes, they were justified in their decision; however, any decision that is the opposite of the Word of God can only bring ruin and wreckage.

The “Absalom spirit” now seeks to usurp authority over God. It will fail, but the damage will be great. Unfortunately, the “Absalom spirit” is rampant in the Work of God presently.

This spirit is comprised of any effort made by anyone to anoint himself in the place of that which God has anointed. Unfortunately, the “Absalom spirit” is replete in most religious denominations because political maneuvering is the norm; therefore, the “Absalom spirit” rules.

**PEACE?**

The Scripture says:

“And the king said unto him, Go in peace . . .” (II Sam. 15:9).

If David had inquired of the Lord, he would not now be in this precarious position. Actually, there would be no peace. Rather, it would be war.

The dye is now cast for the rebellion to succeed. In the eyes of most, it could not fail. Absalom had stolen the hearts of the men of Israel, and, as

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“The results would be that the wisest man in the world of that day would lose his soul.”

AHITHOPHEL

Why would Ahithophel turn against David as he did? His position in the kingdom was because of David. His wealth, his honor, in fact, the touch of God regarding wisdom on his life was all because of David’s anointing.

No doubt, it was because Bath-sheba was his granddaughter (II Sam. 11:3; 23:34). One can well imagine the hurt, pain, and suffering, which Ahithophel faced as it regarded what David did respecting his granddaughter, Bath-sheba, and her husband, Uriah. Still, as someone has well said, “Two wrongs don’t make one right.”

I think it is obvious that Ahithophel seethed with anger and even hatred toward David as it regarded what had been done. Admittedly, it would have taken the Presence of the Lord for this man to have overcome this situation, as it would any man. However, the path he chose, which was rebellion against God’s Anointed, would lead to his death by suicide and, thereby, the loss of his eternal soul.

WHAT SHOULD AHITHOPHEL HAVE DONE?

As wise as he was, he knew that God had chosen David to be the king of Israel. He also knew that the prosperity of Israel and, in fact, his own place and position were all tied to David. Israel was now one of the mightiest Nations in the world of that day, and Ahithophel knew the reason for all of that. However, he allowed personal anger, grief, and disappointment, in fact, acute disappointment, to cause him to make a decision which would be totally and diametrically opposed to the Way of God. As stated, he would suffer the loss of his soul because of his direction.

Knowing what he knew, he should have taken the thing to the Lord and asked for Mercy and Grace and the Leading of the Holy Spirit as to what he should do, how he should act, and the position he should take. To be sure, the Lord would not have told him to come against David, but rather, He would have instructed him to give David his unqualified support, despite his disappointment and sorrow. Admittedly, it would not have been easy to have been done! He would have had to have the Help of the Lord! But, to be sure, the Lord most definitely would have given him that help had he only sought the Lord about the matter.

THE LOSS OF THE SOUL

As well, other than the situation with Bath-sheba, his granddaughter, there may very well have been other problems of which we are given no information. Maybe David had not given him the recognition or the place and position that he thought he should have had. One by one, these grievances may have piled up until now he saw his opportunity, or rather, that which he thought was an opportunity, and he struck. The results would be that the wisest man in the world of that day would lose his soul. Listen to Paul:

“For it is written (Isa. 29:14), I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent (speaks to those who are wise in their own eyes, in effect, having forsaken the Ways of the Lord).

“Where is the wise? (This presents the first of three classes of learned people who lived in that day,) where is the Scribe? (This pertained to the Jewish Theologians of that day.) where is the disputer of this world? (This speaks of the Greeks, who were seekers of mystical and metaphysical interpretations,) has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (This pertains to what God did in sending His Son to redeem humanity, which He did by the Cross. All the wisdom of the world couldn’t do this!)”

“For after that in the Wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God (man’s puny

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“Self-will sees what one wants to see. It seldom sees reality, and if it does, it refuses to recognize it for what it is.”

Of wisdom, even the best he has to offer, cannot come to know God in any manner, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching (preaching the Cross) to save them who believe. (Paul is not dealing with the art of preaching here but with what is preached)” (I Cor. 1:19-21).

Personal Influence

Considering the place and position Ahithophel held in the kingdom, and considering his wisdom, which was known all over the land, for him to turn against David, no doubt, persuaded untold thousands of Israelites to throw in their lot with Absalom.

Despite the terrible, personal loss which Ahithophel had suffered, he should have done his very best to have helped David climb out over the situation regarding Bath-sheba and her husband, Uriah. Had Ahithophel done this, more than likely, Absalom would not have been able to garner enough support to have brought forth the rebellion. This would have saved the lives of untold thousands of people and so much heartache and grief.

As wise as he was, could not he see the duplicity, the hypocrisy, and the deception nurtured and fostered by Absalom?

Undoubtedly, he did see this deception; however, he overlooked it simply because self-will blinded his own eyes to spiritual reality.

Concerning this deception, even though, no doubt, Absalom had given him assurance that Bath-sheba and her sons (the great-grandsons of Ahithophel) would be spared upon his taking the throne, still, he should have known that this man, Absalom, could not be trusted. The truth is, had Absalom, God forbid, gained the throne, he would have killed every single pretender to the throne, including Bath-sheba, her sons, etc.

Self-will sees what one wants to see. It seldom sees reality, and if it does, it refuses to recognize it for what it is.

David’s Position

Despite the odds against him, David would not be overthrown because it was not the Will of God for David to be overthrown, despite the terrible sins he had committed. God had not called Absalom, but rather David. He had not called Ahithophel, but rather David. In fact, every single position in Israel and all the Blessings in their entirety were because of the Anointing of the Holy Spirit
on David’s life. Yes, what David did was abominable, hideous, and horrible. In fact, it is difficult to find words to describe it. Nevertheless, when God calls someone, irrespective as to what happens, if he doesn’t quit, He won’t quit. The Scripture plainly says:

“For the Gifts and Calling of God are without Repentance (the Gifts and Calling of God are not subject to a change of mind on God’s Part, for He will never change)” (Rom. 11:29).

The Lord had also said concerning Himself, “God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man that He should repent: has He said, and shall He not do it? or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good?” (Num. 23:19). Let me say it again:

The only time that a Call upon a life is laid aside is when the person quits believing, quits serving God, refuses to repent, etc. As long as the person, whoever he or she might be, is trying his or her best to follow the Lord, the Call remains and will go forward. Anyone who tries to stop it, as Ahithophel, will, in effect, be committing spiritual suicide.

DECEPTION

“And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom” (II Sam. 15:13).

At this juncture, Absalom, Ahithophel, and all with them, who, in fact, numbered the greater part of Israel, felt they could not lose. They also, no doubt, felt very justified in their actions. Please note the following:

“When a person is down and cannot defend himself, and anyone can do any negative thing to him he so desires and not fear at all being reprimanded, but rather applauded, then one finds out how many good Christians there actually are. There aren’t many!”

If Believers will always follow the Word of God, they will never find themselves in the position that the people of Israel now found themselves.

Why would Israel turn on David, especially considering that all of their prosperity was due to his leadership and, in fact, the Touch of God on his life?

As stated, they were deceived but let the following be understood:

A perfectly honest heart before God can little be deceived. Deception works on the promise of self-will. In other words, every single person who threw in their lot with Absalom in some way felt that this would benefit them. They did not consider the Word of God in their actions, only their own personal self-will!

NO HELP FOR HIM IN GOD

In the minds of hundreds of thousands in Israel, David had sinned grievously. As well, his sins were far worse than ordinary. They were about as bad as they could be.

No doubt, hundreds of thousands were saying that the Lord was no longer with David. Considering that, they felt perfectly free and justified in their actions regarding turning on him. At about this time, he wrote the Third Psalm. In that Psalm he said, “Many there be who say of my soul, There is no help for him in God . . .” (Ps. 3:2).

Evidently there were many in Israel at that time who thought such, and so, in their minds, this opened the door for them to do whatever they so desired. Considering that there was no help for him in the Lord, or so they thought, they would kill him and place Absalom on the throne.

Believing man, and I use that term advisedly, will usually accept that which seems to be right in his eyes, but most of the time, will prove to be wrong. Most Christians function after the flesh and not at all after the Spirit. Israel came very close to losing everything because of doing just that. They saw no future in David when the entirety of their future was in David, and only in David. They would learn that the hard way.

ITTAI THE GITTITE

Ittai the Gittite was evidently a Gentile but now a proselyte to the Jewish Faith.

Whereas the Holy Spirit thought it necessary that the testimony of this man be included in the Sacred Text, to be sure, the Holy Spirit did this for a reason.

The presence of all his family with him shows that this man had broken entirely with the Philistines and left his country for good, vowing to go with David wherever David went. In other words, David’s fortunes would be his fortunes, whatever that may have meant. This converted Gentile showed more spiritual sense than most of Israel.

THE GENTILE

David spoke to Ittai, informing him that the way ahead could be extremely precarious. The answer this Gentile gave is striking indeed:

“. . . Surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will your servant be” (II Sam. 15:21).

If it is to be noticed, his consecration was very similar

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to that of Ruth the Moabitess.

The loyalty of Ittai the Philistine and the royal bodyguard of 600 Philistines, which he commanded, here stand in contrast with the disloyalty of Absalom and the men of Israel. They illustrate the present loyalty of the Gentile nations to the Son of David when rejected by His Own Nation and People.

Let the reader peruse these happenings very carefully. Basically, in one way or the other, everything that happened to David fell out as a type, whether of Christ or of Israel.

Ittai was a Gentile. As to exactly why he left Philistia and came to David, we aren’t told. Perhaps there were political problems, or he had fallen into disfavor with the Philistine king, but for whatever reason, he threw in his lot with David, which was the greatest move he ever made. David, it seems, made him joint commander of his army along with Joab and Abishai (II Sam. 18:2).

As well, it seems that Ittai was not with David merely for personal gain, but rather that he had sold out to David’s God, whatever that future might bring.

Little did Ittai realize that the situation he made that day would be inserted into the Eternal Word of God and would be read by untold millions down through the many, many centuries. Let the following be known:

Whenever a person throws in his lot totally and completely with Christ, consecrates to Him fully, and dedicates his life to Him in totality, his consequences and actions then become eternal. As stated, this was the greatest move this Gentile ever made. Little did he realize that he would serve as a type of the Gentile world, who would accept Christ when Christ’s Own People would turn against Him.

WHY DID ITTAI REMAIN LOYAL TO DAVID WHEN MOST OF ISRAEL DIDN’T?

That’s a good question! It is obvious that Ittai well understood what was taking place. He knew that most all of Israel had turned against David. He also recognized that it didn’t seem like David had much chance, if any, to survive. However, despite all of that, he made a solemn declaration before all men that wherever David would be, whether in life or death, that’s where he would be.

I think this decision had already been made by Ittai sometime back. At the time he made the decision to leave Philistia and join David, it seems that he cut all ties with the past. Whatever he had seen in David, it was real, genuine, and right, so he made his decision to go with David. When the crunch came, which it soon did, his mind had already been made up. It was not a decision that he had to make. It was already made.

DAVID AND THE BLESSINGS

That being the case, this tells us that most in Israel had never really made that decision. They were just sort of there. They didn’t understand that all of their Blessings were because of David! They didn’t understand that all of their prosperity was due to the “sweet singer of Israel”! They didn’t understand that the freedom they held, and the fact that all heathen nations around them had been defeated with them not having to live in fear, was all because of David! They didn’t have enough spiritual sense to see that, to understand that, or to know that.

So, they threw in their lot with Absalom, whereas this Gentile threw in his lot with the Lord Jesus Christ, so to speak. Regrettably and sadly, the spirit that characterized Israel at that time of their existence, when they turned on David, would continue to characterize the Nation some 1,000 years later, causing them to crucify their Lord, their Messiah, and their Saviour.

(This message was derived from the book, “David”.)

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Abraham was called out of the land of Ur to be the Father of a new and separate race of people. Years later the Lord established the Nation of Israel under the Mosaic Covenant. At that time, God actually gave the Nation detailed laws and regulations on how it was to be governed, how poverty was to be dealt with, how widows were to be helped, and how injustices were to be corrected. Isn’t that interesting? God even dealt with the economy! These matters were addressed almost exclusively within the context of the Nation of Israel, showing little dealings concerning surrounding nations (this did change somewhat in the New Testament, which we will discuss later on).

THE LAW

In Leviticus 19:9-10, we read about the “Law of Gleanings.” Under this Law, the Israelites were to leave the corner of their fields and not glean/gather from them, but rather, they were to leave it for the poor to glean. This was to promote a general spirit of mercy to others who are suffering and in need. This Law even included the vineyards. The owners of the vineyards were not to gather all of the grapes in the vineyards. Some was to be left for the poor or the stranger that might wander into their lands. You see, the Lord provided several means to help the poor in Israel. There was also the concept of a “Kinsman Redeemer” (who was actually a Type of Christ). A “Kinsman Redeemer” was a close relative designated to alleviate their relatives’ troubles, including poverty. Leviticus 25:25 explains it that if a fellow countryman becomes so poor that he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsmen is to come and buy back the portion his relative had to sell. In the Book of Ruth, we see a perfect example of how this worked. In Deuteronomy 15:11, the Lord tells Israel, “...the poor will never cease to be in the land: therefore I command you, saying, You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and poor in your land.” In Isaiah 10:1-2, the Lord tells His People, “Woe to those who enact evil statutes, and to those who constantly record unjust decisions, so as to deprive the needy of justice and rob the poor of My People of their rights, so that widows may be their spoil and that they may plunder the orphans.” The poor, needy, and destitute were cared for, but notice, it was not an entitlement program or a system that allowed the lazy to avoid working that God instituted. Rather, it was a system that taught mercy and love. It was simply designed to help those that were unable to help themselves. Laziness was not rewarded.

GOD’S WAY

Proverbs 10:4 says, “He becomes poor who deals with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent makes rich.” Proverbs 10:5: “He who gathers in summer is a wise son: but he who sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame.” Proverbs 12:24: “The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.” Proverbs 14:23: “In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.” Proverbs 18:9: “He also who is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.” Proverbs 19:15: “Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.” Proverbs 20:4: “The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.” Proverbs 21:25: “The desire of the slothful kills him; for his hands refuse to labor.” Proverbs 23:21: “For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.” Ecclesiastes 10:18: “By much slothfulness the building decays; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth

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through.” I Thessalonians 3:10-11: “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.” This last verse was particularly interesting because it points out that God puts refusal to work in the category of disorder. Remember the true Blessings of God come as we walk in His Will. If we are out of order, it will limit what God can do for us. Welfare programs were not put in place to benefit the poor, and food stamps were not given away in Israel, but rather, grain was left in the field for the poor to glean, grapes were left in the vineyards, and a “Kinsman Redeemer” helped the orphaned and widowed. What I want the reader to understand is that each person had to provide for himself and his family to the best of his ability.

COMMERCE

There was also commerce in Israel. I Kings 10:28-29 says, “And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king’s merchants received the linen yarn at a price. And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.” II Chronicles 9:21: “For the king’s ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.” Proverbs 31:14-18: “She is like the merchants’ ships; she brings her food from afar. She rises also while it is yet night, and gives meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considers a field, and buys it: with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goes not out by night.” Proverbs 11:26: “He who withholds corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him who sells it.” Isaiah 23:3: “And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.” Mark 11:15-17: “And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the Temple, and began to cast out them who sold and bought in the Temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them who sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the Temple. And He taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My shall be called of all nations the House of Prayer? but you have made it a den of thieves.”

TRADE

Acts 19:23-28: “And the same time there arose no small stir about that Way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, you know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover you see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worships. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.” Revelation 18:11-13: “And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and all thine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.”

Trade is spoken of in I Kings 10:28-29: “And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king’s merchants received the linen yarn at a price. And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their...
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means.” Ezekiel 27:12: “Tarshish was your merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in your fairs.”

**ECONOMY**

There was also **bartering**. Genesis 47:15-17: “And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in your presence? for the money fails. And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.”

I Kings 5:10-11: “So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.”

The Bible also speaks of **payment**. Genesis 14:22-24: “And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up my hand unto the LORD, the Most High God, the Possessor of heaven and Earth, That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is yours, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich: Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.”

Ezra 3:7: “They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.”

Romans 4:4: “Now to him who works is the reward not reckoned of Grace, but of debt.”

Ephesians 1:14: “Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the Redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory.”

**WORK AND LABOR**

Work and labor are actually mentioned in many Scriptures. Genesis 2:15: “And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”

Genesis 3:17-19: “And unto Adam He said, Because you have hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life: Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you art, and unto dust shall you return.”

Jeremiah 22:13: “Woe unto him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that uses his neighbour’s service without wages, and gives him not for his work.”

Leviticus 19:13: “You shall not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him who is hired shall not abide with you all night until the morning.”

Deuteronomy 24:14: “You shall not oppress an hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he be of your brethren, or of your strangers who are in your land within your gates.”

Exodus 20:9: “Six days shall you labour, and do all your work.”

Psalms 104:23: “Man goes forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.”

**FREE ENTERPRISE**

I could give many more Scriptures, but for lack of space, I will mention only a few more to show what the Bible teaches about laborers being worthy of their hire.

Luke 10:7: “And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.”

I Timothy 5:18: “For the Scripture says, You shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.”

In the Old Testament, we see that **ownership** of land was taught. In II Samuel 24:18-24, we see David going to Araunah the Jebusite to purchase a threshingfloor to build an Altar unto the Lord. Araunah tells David he will give it to him, along with the oxen, the wood, and the threshing instruments. But, in Verse 24, King David replies, “No; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price.”

In the Old Testament, a person’s wealth was determined by how much land and by how many sheep, oxen, goats, camels, etc. he had. God gave land to His Nation, and they were to take and divide it among the Tribes of Israel. Along with laws and a system of Government, every man and woman was given their inherited...
land, land to work, buy, sell, farm and grow their crops, and feed their cattle. But, of course, first and foremost was their worship of God.

Today this free enterprise is called capitalism. Our forefathers took great pains to make sure our nation was founded upon economic freedoms, as well as other freedoms, for every man, woman, and child! The United States was established upon liberating, constitutional principles and steeped in free-market capitalism. It is a proud heritage, and because of the opportunities that it offered, America was populated by an industrious people, individuals which labored diligently to build the most historically powerful nation on Earth! Unfortunately today, many citizens are failing to understand its value. It used to be a nation whose people were people of worth and dignity, a nation of which the people were embedded with a work ethic that excelled that of any other nation, and a nation in which it was considered immoral and shameful to accept unearned handouts or to live off the sweat of another man’s brow, but we have been infested by a bunch of socialist/communist crusaders (most of whom have never worked an honest day’s work in their lives), that promote the Communist Manifesto over our U.S. Constitution and harbor disdain of the free-market system to which they actually owe their lofty existence and high stations. God help us come back to our foundations or this country will not remain the same!

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Frances Swaggart

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Psalms 37:23-25 – “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delights in his way (the ‘Good Man’ is the Lord Jesus Christ).

“Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholds him with His Hand (this Passage tells us that what God is promising is not an uneventful life; there will be difficulties along the way; in fact, at times the Believer looks as though he will be defeated and ‘utterly cast down’; but we have the Promise of the Lord that He will pick us up and start us again on our way).

“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. (What a Promise! God’s Word is true. If our steps are ‘ordered by the Lord,’ we will never be forsaken, nor will we suffer want. Such will be until the Lord calls us home [Heb. 11:35-40].)”

Psalm 37 was written by David in the twilight of his life. He is writing from the perspective of experience, his experience of knowing God and walking with God. He is, in effect, looking back at his life, a life of great victories and great failures.

It has been said, and rightly so, that one never really learns anything about themselves when victorious, but it’s in failure that one is forced to look deep in their heart and see who they really are and what they are.

If one could sum up the true meaning of this Psalm, it would be God’s ever abiding faithfulness to His Children. We fail, we stumble, we doubt, we grow discouraged in our journey of life, but never forget you may fail a test but you can still pass the course. That is what David’s life shows us.

Let’s now dissect these Promises of God.

STEPS

The word “steps” means “one’s going,” “the way one goes,” “one’s direction.” All of these meanings portray to us the Path of Life. The idea is that when one gives their heart to the Lord, they embark on a journey that is planned, willed, and Ordained by the Lord. The Lord has a specific Plan for every one of His Children. We were not Saved to wander aimlessly in life, but to do and to be what the Lord has planned for us. Never forget that the Lord is the Great Shepherd and we are His Sheep, and as the True Shepherd, He desires that His Sheep be taken care of and protected.

OF A GOOD MAN

The “good man” is the person whose sins have been cleansed by the Lord and whose Faith is solely placed in Who Christ is and what Christ has done for us on Calvary’s Cross. However, the statement really goes further than one may see. The True “Good Man” is the Lord Jesus Christ. In reality, there is no good whatsoever in any of us. Romans 3:10 plainly states, “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.” The goodness or righteousness the Believer has is imputed to him by the Lord through Faith.

ORDERED

The word “ordered” means “established,” which in the Hebrew means “to decree,” “to make good,” “to
“THE STEPS OF A GOOD MAN ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD”

ordain,” “to succeed,” “to raise up.” The Holy Spirit through David is stating that the journey of our lives has been “decreed,” “ordered,” “ordained” by the Creator of the World. That’s how much He loves us. He loves us enough to plan out every step of our life. That doesn’t mean there will never be trials and tribulations for just as a natural sheep at times strays from his shepherd, so do we as Spiritual Sheep stray from our Heavenly Shepherd. But in spite of our failures and shortcomings, the Lord will not cast us aside.

HE DELIGHTS IN HIS WAY

To one who allows the Lord to order his life, the Lord delights in him and won’t leave him. One day, when we stand in Heaven and we hear the Words of the Master say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant,” then we will truly see and feel the Love the Lord has for us. We will see how He delights in His Children.

THOUGH HE FALL

Webster’s Dictionary defines the word “though” as “in spite of the fact,” or “even if.” This tells us that sometimes the way is dark and we falter and fail, but the Holy Spirit says, “in spite of,” “even if” you fall, “you shall not be utterly cast down.” That’s Justification by Faith. We are going to fail, but there is a great difference in us failing and one’s faith failing. True Faith gets up off the ground and continues on the journey the Lord has prepared.

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FOR THE LORD UPHOLDETH HIM WITH HIS HANDS

The word “hand” is a Hebrew idiom meaning “power,” “strength,” “means.” Simply put, it means the One Who upholds the universe is the One Who holds us in His Hands, and you can rest assured when you are in His Hands, you are in Good Hands.

DAVID’S CONCLUSION

David closed out the test with this great promise: “I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the Righteous forsaken nor His Seed begging for bread.” In its literal meaning, David was speaking of Israel in a time yet to come, yet this great promise includes us today. However, never forget all of God’s Promises are conditional. If we function according to the Word of God, we will reap God’s Promises. If we adhere to God’s Prescribed Order, which is Faith in Christ and the Cross, we will reap God’s Promises.

The journey of one’s Christian experience is never smooth, but I leave you with these words penned well over one hundred years ago:

“I can see far down the mountain,
Where I wondered weary years,
Often hindered in my journey,
By the ghosts of doubts and fear;
Broken vows and disappointments
Thickly sprinkled all the way,
But the Spirit led, unrerring,
“To the land I hold today.”

Your Evangelist,
Donnie Swaggart

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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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**THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE . . . I CONSIDER MY OWN MARKED UP AND WORN EDITION TO BE MY MOST PRIZED EARTHLY POSSESSION.**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Let me take this opportunity to share with you that I have just finished reading every single page of your magnificent *Expositor’s Study Bible*. In past decades, I have encountered many, many, study Bibles, but none come even close to comparing with your work. Other guides give the reader facts, figures, and historical background — and you certainly do that as well — but, Brother Swaggart, you educate the reader on the great Spiritual Connections throughout the Bible and do so with striking clarity and insight. My only disappointment with this masterpiece of composition occurred when I reached page 2,440 and realized that my journey with you through the Holy Bible had come to an end!

On a personal note, I would like to share a thought with you. One day, the history of your completed Ministry on Earth will be recorded. I believe that you are currently performing your greatest service even in helping to evangelize the world. However, there is one aspect of your Ministry that I pray will never be forgotten: that Jimmy Swaggart was an avowed enemy of the Communists and stood pat against them during the most challenging years of the Cold War. The youth today have probably forgotten this, but I never will. Because of your efforts in part, the godless Communist was vanquished to the dustbin of history. Alas, a new enemy has now arisen right here in our own land, the godless Marxists and Socialists who are doing so much to undermine our great Country. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide us in the current fight!

Thank you for authoring and publishing *The Expositor’s Study Bible*. I consider my own marked up and worn Edition to be my most prized earthly possession and I have purchased other, multiple copies to share with family and friends. As a published author myself, I can understand why this landmark work has sold over one million copies. Congratulations! I will keep you and Frances, and your complete Ministry team, in my prayers!

TENNESSEE

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**THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS . . . LITERALLY CHANGED MY LIFE**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

First, let me say, “Thank God for your Ministry!” I strongly believe your Ministry is the last true beacon of Light in this dark evil world. The Message of the Cross is exactly what we need, and it has literally changed my life.

GEORGIA

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**I LOVE, LOVE, AND LOVE JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES!**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am writing just to say, “I love, love, and love Jimmy Swaggart Ministries!” I live in Brazil, and make plans to one day visit you. For me it is a dream, but not impossible to be accomplished. Be sure that each Brother and Sister who works in this Ministry are special and blessed by the Holy Ghost.

BRAZIL

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**THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE – THE NOTES SOMEHOW BRING ME TO JESUS AND THE CROSS**

Dear Brother and Sister Swaggart,

In the wee hours of the morning I was reading in Proverbs from *The Expositor’s Study Bible*. I read the notes regarding the Passage at hand. As always, the notes somehow bring me to Jesus and the Cross. I have tears in my eyes just knowing how every Word of Scripture somehow brings us all to Him. Only *The Expositor’s Study Bible* places the correct emphasis on that. God bless you all, and Sister Frances, I know how without you the Ministry of *Jimmy Swaggart Ministries* would not be complete!

E-MAIL

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**THE MOMENT I FINALLY BELIEVED AND ACCEPTED THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS . . . I WAS INSTANTLY FREE FROM MY STRUGGLE WITH SIN**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

In 2003, when I first heard the Message of the Cross on the daily broadcast of “A Study In The Word”, I found it really difficult to accept for a while because it went
against my method of “if I pray so much a day then I will have victory over sin in my life.” But, no matter what I was doing to try and get victory over sin in my life, I was still failing miserably and sinning against God. The moment I finally believed and accepted the Message of the Cross, the anointing of the Holy Spirit came upon me so strongly I was instantly free from my struggle with sin that I had fought for 20 years. The moment I sensed the Person, the Almighty Power, the Presence of God the Holy Spirit upon me, I was instantly set free! At the Cross Jesus cried out, “It is finished.” Simple childlike Faith in Jesus and what He did at the Cross for me, I now don’t depend on my old methods anymore. God the Holy Spirit gives me His Power to live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I began to accept the Message of the Cross, it was like my entire belief system had to be erased. I felt empty, I felt depleted, and it was a shock to me. But God was installing a new true belief, the Message of the Cross! All the false and un-Biblical teaching and preaching all these years by so many wolves in sheep’s clothing, God took them out of me and now I can see the light. I am now watching and listening to see what preachers are preaching and teaching, and whether what they say lines up with the Bible. Most of their preaching is not in the Bible. Today I renew my Faith in Christ and the Cross, and allow God to have His Way in my heart and life as I find it so much easier to live for God.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER . . . I LOVE THE MUSIC, CHOIR, THE PREACHING

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Since relocating from Africa, and having not found a church yet, I asked my daughter to tune in to a Christian TV channel. So she tuned in to your Church, Family Worship Center, and immediately I loved it and haven’t missed a Sunday Service since! I love the music, choir, the preaching is just so wonderful, and now my daughter watches with me as well. Thank you for the wonderful Word you share, I have been really blessed.

THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE – MAKES THE WORD MORE REAL THAN EVER BEFORE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Around the year 2000, as I traveled back and forth to college, I was blessed every time when I would listen to the anointed music and teaching on SonLife Radio. Every time you spoke of the sin nature and the Cross, I knew in my heart that you were teaching something powerful although I didn’t completely understand it. Once I graduated I lost track of your Ministry until I began to see it on SonLife Broadcasting Network on DirecTV.

I recently ordered and received The Expositor’s Study Bible and I have only read a bit of it, but each time I do the words seem to jump out at me and makes the Word more real than ever before. I accepted the Lord a long time ago, but have failed to properly live for Him. I have not always tried my best either, however, I am ready to now. The Lord has been dealing with me through conviction, but it is so hard to make the first step in living for God. I would just like to say thank you for your prayers, and to say thank you for your family, and those who serve the Lord through your Ministry on what has been done for the Work of God. It has truly blessed my life. I am looking forward to many new revelations as I continue to study The Expositor’s Study Bible.

MISSISSIPPI

SUCH A SUPERB BOOK, “THE APOSTLE PAUL”

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I want to commend you on such a superb book, “The Apostle Paul”. I have never read a more inspiring literary work than this book. If there is anyone out there that questions the Cross as it pertains to Salvation, Sanctification, and Justification, this book will enlighten them. I was having trouble with how the Holy Ghost worked within the parameters of the Cross, but after reading this book, it became very clear. This will help my walk for years to come. Everyone, and I mean everyone, needs to buy a copy of this book!

OHIO

I AM GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO GOD EVERYDAY

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just love watching SonLife Broadcasting Network (SBN). I ordered The Expositor’s Study Bible, some Study Guides, and other books. God has opened my eyes and heart to so much! I never miss Frances and Friends program either. The other night I woke up in the middle of the night and you were on the television, because I fell asleep watching you. All of a sudden I started speaking in Tongues. It was so awesome, that I just started praising God for answering my prayers. This is the second time this has happened. I did not think it would happen because I still struggle with smoking cigarettes. Then last night the same thing happened, after Pastor Swaggart asked people to come up to the front to receive the Holy Spirit, especially the ones who smoke and drink because they are the ones who really need it. Today in one of his sermons he said that by this time next year you will not be drinking or smoking.

I am reading the Study Guides on “The Sin Nature” and “God’s Prescribed Order Of Victory”. I read my Bible and pray, and I believe that Jesus Christ will give me the strength to just lay the cigarettes down and never pick them up again! I was trying to use my own power to stop, but I heard you say how my faith needs to be in the Cross and Christ and not things of man. I am getting closer and closer to God everyday.

SOUTH CAROLINA
“KEEPING FREE FROM APOSTASY”

Jude 1:20-21 – “But you, Beloved (contrasts the Saints with the false teachers), building up yourselves (to build toward the finish of the structure for which the foundation has already been laid) on your most Holy Faith (Jesus Christ and Him Crucified), praying in the Holy Spirit (our praying must be exercised in the sphere of the Holy Spirit, motivated and empowered by Him),

“Keep yourselves in the Love of God (we are to see to it that we stay within the circle of His Love, which can only be done by Faith constantly making the Cross its Object), looking for the Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto Eternal Life (looking for the Rapture of the Church, with all of this made possible by what Jesus did on the Cross).”

BUILDING UP YOURSELVES ON YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH

In order to build upon the foundation of Salvation, the Christian must have the proper building tools and the proper building material. The Believer must approach his or her relationship with God by Faith and expect the Promise of Grace. The Believer’s Faith must rest upon Christ and what He accomplished for us at the Cross. The Person of Christ and His Redemptive Work are inseparable. As we learn of Who He is, what He can do, and what His Work at Calvary truly accomplished, our Faith becomes anchored securely in God’s Redemption Plan. With all hope of the flesh gone, we trust exclusively, continually, and fully upon Christ. As God sees us resting in the Person and Work of His Son He releases the Power and Favor of His Grace. Grace represents the Power Source by which we are changed and strengthened. One aspect of the Grace of God involves the effectual Working of the Holy Spirit within the framework of the human soul and heart. As we believe properly, the “Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus” is released to build us into the person God wants us to become. If we pay close attention to this process, apply it daily to our lives, never changing the Object of our Faith from Christ and the Cross to other things, we are continually built up in our most Holy Faith.

THE APOSTATE CHURCH

The Bible plainly declares that in the last days of the Church Age, many who have truly accepted Christ will fall away from the truth. That is what apostasy means, to fall away from the basic tenets of the Christian Faith. We would have to be most ignorant to think that the Church today lies not in the deadly grip of apostasy. Its lack of separation from the world, a rejection of the pursuit of Holiness, the lack of desire for true Biblical Evangelism, are just a few ominous signals. We truly do live in the Laodicean Age where many in the Church feel that we are “rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.” We can’t see that we are, in fact, “wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” In order to guard against apostasy in his day, Jude gave four simple but profound guidelines by which the Believer could stem the tide of apostasy in the individual heart. If we will willingly pursue Jude’s advice, we too can assure ourselves of safety in a time of apostasy.

PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST

Two arenas need to be addressed here. First, as a Believer you must develop a habitual prayer life. That is, every day spending time in prayer with the Lord is a necessity. In that time of prayer the Believer should be led by the Spirit as to the needs of the day. Worship should be a major part of our prayer life. It is
during these times of worship that the Spirit has the freedom to lead us into prayer. Coming to God with a predetermined list and fully controlling your prayer time locks the Holy Spirit out of the procedure. You should come with praise, come with petitions, but don’t fail to be sensitive to the Moving of the Spirit. This is one aspect of “praying in the Spirit.”

Secondly, for a Spirit-filled Believer who has been baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other Tongues a most wondrous option exists. That is, to pray in Tongues. While much of Tongues is worship we must not negate the truth that the Holy Spirit, who gives the utterance to the Spirit-filled Believer, knows the exact situation, knows the need, and He knows how to pray in the Perfect Will of God. Our minds don’t get in the way as we pray the appropriate answer, therefore, it is a prayer of Perfect Faith. As we yield our tongue to the Holy Spirit He Prays Perfectly and as we have no doubt about His Accuracy and the content of praying in Tongues, we pray a perfect prayer of Faith. According to Scriptures, if we ask anything according to His Will we know that we have the things that we have asked! What a precious Promise! We should pray in Tongues far more than we do.

“KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD”

In order to receive the supernatural quality of the true selfless love of God, one must rely upon God to bring it to us. It does not lie within the framework of the human heart. To love like God Loves: selflessly, putting others first, thinking no evil of another, etc., we must first be receiving the God Kind of Love through the process of Faith and Grace. A failure to love others is evidence that we are failing to receive the Love of God from the Source Itself. We are not capable of manufacturing this kind of Love on our own. We cannot work it up, we cannot summon it up, and we cannot offer to others what we do not have to give. Paul says this in I Thessalonians 3:12, “And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.” If we see our need to love as an impossibility on our own, we will be asking daily for the Love of God to be poured out upon us and placed within us by the Power of the Spirit. He can only do this based on our simple Faith in the Cross. Then being the recipient of God’s Love we have true unfeigned Love to share with others.

“LOOKING FOR THE MERCY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST”

Most scholarship points to this as the Believer keeping in view the Lord’s soon Return. His Return is our “blessed hope.” John says the belief of His Imminent and Marvelous Return helps keep the Believer in the purification process. Knowing that Christ may return today causes me to think twice before rejecting His Will, His Word, or His Way! Even so, come Lord Jesus.

IN CONCLUSION

In order to avoid apostasy, keep these four participles in mind. The Believer is to be consistently building, praying, keeping, and looking. If we attach these truths to the subjects above, we should be able to avoid apostasy and keep ourselves in the Love and Purpose of Almighty God.

CAMPMEETING SESSIONS

Don’t fail to be with us at the upcoming Thanksgiving Campmeeting. We will be teaching special pre-campmeeting sessions. The dates and times are below

THANKSGIVING CAMPMEETING

- SPECIAL TEACHING SESSIONS:
  - Monday, November 25: 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
  - Tuesday, November 26: 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
  - Wednesday, November 27: 9 a.m.-12 noon
    7 p.m. Campmeeting Begins

Loren Larson
President
I Chronicles 11:4 – “And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. (As a type, the Jebusites symbolize a stronghold that Satan erects within our hearts and lives. Saul never did defeat the Jebusites, who were within; consequently, the Philistines, who were without, eventually defeated him. Likewise, if we do not defeat the strongholds that are within our lives, strongholds of Satan, those without will ultimately overcome us. In connection with this, Paul said: ‘For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds’ [II Cor. 10:4]. This is done, as it only can be done, by the Believer placing his Faith exclusively in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the Cross. That being the case, the Holy Spirit will then mightily help us, without Whom these great battles cannot be won [Rom. 8:1-2, 11].”

II Corinthians 10:4-5 – “(For the Weapons of our warfare are not carnal [carnal weapons consist of those which are man-devised], but mighty through God [the Cross of Christ (I Cor. 1:18)] to the pulling down of strongholds;)

“Casting down imaginations (philosophic strongholds; every effort man makes outside of the Cross of Christ), and every high thing that exalts itself against the Knowledge of God (all the pride of the human heart), and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (can be done only by the Believer looking exclusively to the Cross, where all Victory is found; the Holy Spirit will then perform the task).”

The city of Jebus was right in the middle of Israel, and under no circumstances could it be allowed to stay. These people had to be defeated, and this city had to be taken. I want to stress the point that this city had to be taken. It could not remain in the center of God’s Nation, the Nation of Israel. If it were to remain, these people would be a nuisance, and a cancer to God’s People. They would cause Israel tremendous problems if they were not defeated.

This means that the strongholds in our lives, whatever they may be, have to be removed. If not, it will become a cancer to us, and cause us tremendous problems in our lives. But, in order for these strongholds to be removed, we must obey the Word of the Lord, and we must adhere to His Way, which is the Cross. The removal of any stronghold, no matter how great or small can only be removed in one way, and that is by our Faith anchored in the Cross of Christ, and that alone. The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul tells how that these strongholds can come down, and with what Weapons we have at our disposal.

CARNAL WEAPONRY

As the Holy Spirit clearly points out, “the Weapons of our warfare are not carnal,” which means that...
we are facing is stronger than our flesh, stronger than what our abilities are, and stronger than what our education is. We are literally facing the Powers of Darkness, which, at times, admittedly, uses people to come against us. But, in order to come against these powers, we must have a greater Power working on the inside of us, greater than our own personal strength.

What’s so sad is that the Church is full of programs, activities, games, concerts, and such, all saying that these things will benefit our young people, when in reality, those things only further the problem. No matter the amount of activities or concerts that a Church puts on, those will never be able to combat the powers of the enemy. Only the Cross of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit can defeat the enemies of our lives. It deeply saddens me, when I hear of churches and youth groups, bringing in all sorts of events that will do little for the teens that they are trying to reach. It has become nothing more than an entertainment center for teens. And I remind you, Satan does not cower to entertainment. Satan does not tuck tail and run at the mention of the latest video game console that comes out.

GAMES

Sometime ago, I was visiting a particular youth ministry in a particular state, who boasted at running over with one thousand youth per week. I took interest in that, and visited to see how they were reaching the youth of that particular area. As I walked into the large youth facility, I was immediately greeted by a kind, young lady, who asked me how I heard about this youth ministry. I gave her an answer, and she took me back to a large game room, bigger than most churches, and began to relate to me that this is what draws the youth, lots and lots of games. Every gaming console you can think of, as well as, a half-court basketball area enclosed in a cage. This was their main attraction.

As cool as those things may be, that will never equip those young people to stand against the attacks of Satan and his evil cohorts. There is only One Person that can give us the Victory over every demon power and Devil that tries to come against us, Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. The Cross of Christ is our only Solution. Our help comes from God, and God Alone. Anything else is, in all honesty, a waste of time, money, and effort.

THE CROSS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND OUR VICTORY

“But mighty through God,” that is our Answer. This is how all Victory is won. David could not hope to defeat the Jebusites if it were up to himself, but as the Holy Spirit helped him, God brought about a tremendous Victory over the enemies of Israel. Presently, it is no different. Our Victory comes only through the Power of God, and our trusting in anything else is doomed to failure. This phrase, “But mighty through God,” speaks of Jesus Christ and what He did at Calvary on our behalf. It was Christ Who broke the cycle of sin in our lives. It was Christ that paid the Price at Calvary’s Cross. It was Christ that Redeemed us from the curse of the broken Law.

Satan’s great claim was that he had a legal hold on mankind due to sin. But the moment that Christ died on Calvary’s Cross, leading captivity captive, and the moment that the Believing Sinner accepts Christ as their Lord and Saviour, that hold was automatically broken and Satan has no more claim on that person. Satan’s grip was broken due to our Faith in Christ and what He did at Calvary. It is the Holy Spirit, Who Works through the Cross of Christ that gives us the Power to walk in the Victory that Christ has afforded us. By trusting in our carnal means, the Holy Spirit is pushed aside and, in reality, cannot help us in the way that He wants to. But the moment that we evidence Faith in Christ, and what He did at Calvary for us, the Holy Spirit, Who is God, begins to flow in our lives, giving us the Grace of God, and the Power to stand against the attacks of the enemy. All we must do is simply abide and rest in the Finished Work of Christ. Our Victory, total and complete Victory, was won at Calvary, and there is no need for us to do anything accept believe. Satan is bigger than us, but Christ is All-Powerful, and defeated everything that will come against us. Only He (Christ) can turn our stronghold into a strong point.

In Him,

Pastor Gabe

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Why did Israel fail to receive Jesus Christ as her Messiah? The Apostle Paul makes it very clear in his Epistle to the Romans that Israel,

Romans 9:31-32 – “. . . which followed after the Law of Righteousness (presents Israel following in the wrong way, by works), has not attained to the Law of Righteousness (couldn’t attain to righteousness by works; it can only be attained by trusting in Christ and the Cross).”

“Wherefore? (Why?) Because they sought it not by faith (proper Faith can only be exercised by accepting Christ and the Cross, which Israel rejected), but as it were by the works of the Law (by their performance, which can never measure up). For they stumbled at the stumblingstone (presents the necessity of Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the One Whom all the Sacrifices had symbolized).”

Israel's rejection of her Messiah would cause her much grief, even unto today. God promised in his Word that he would not entirely forsake them. In Romans, Chapter 11, Paul displayed his love towards Israel, how God deals with Israel, the reason for Israel's failure, a warning for the Church, and the restoration of Israel as a Nation in the last days, by her acceptance of Jesus Christ as Messiah:

“I say then, Has God cast away His People? God forbid . . . God has not cast away His People . . . What then? Israel has not obtained that which she seeks (for) . . . I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fail? God forbid: but rather through their fall Salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy . . . For the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? . . . You will say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they (Israel) were broken off . . . And they (Israel) also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in . . . And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion a Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob . . . For the Gifts and the Calling of God are without Repentance, for as you in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained Mercy through their unbelief: even so have these also now not believed, that through your Mercy they also may obtain Mercy.”

AMERICA’S HISTORICAL SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

There was a time in America when it was accepted that the covenant Promises of God made to Israel were embraced for a new era and a new people. The Puritan’s embraced the concept that their sufferings paralleled those of the Hebrews. They believed that God had spoken directly to the Chosen People, kept His Covenant with them, and delivered them from bondage. The Puritans concluded that they were heirs to this new contract, a New Israel embarked on a second Exodus from slavery to freedom, destined for a Promised Land. They went as far to stamp their own identity onto that of the Jews. Edward Robinson was a descendant of the Puritans and is recognized as the father of Biblical archeology, and once said, “The names of Sinai, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Promised Land, became associated with America’s earliest recollections and holiest feelings.” Towns and streets were named Salem, Shiloh, and Zion. Colleges including Princeton, Yale, Dartmouth, and Columbia used Hebrew logos on their emblems. American religious identification to Israel was routinely heralded by preachers. Reverend Samuel Wakeman told his Hartford congregation in 1865, “Jerusalem was, New England is, they were, you are . . . God’s Covenant People.” Even Benjamin Franklin’s grandfather Peter Fogler said, “In New England they are like Jews, as like as like can be.”

The ideal and belief that America was divinely chosen and elected by God helped ignite the Great Awakening in the mid-Eighteenth Century. New churches were established – Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian. Colleges were founded with the primary goal of spreading
their doctrines. During this awakening the Old Calvinist notions of predestination were replaced by confidence in an individual's ability save himself through vigorous devotional action. Christian's were not only to seek their personal Salvation but also the Salvation of others. Many in America now looked towards the Millennium as their goal, a time when “every nation would be a free people,” as the theologian, Jonathan Edwards predicted. So obvious was the zeal of American devotion to God that it was made evident by Alexis de Tocqueville as one of America’s most extraordinary qualities. He concluded that Christianity exerted, “a greater influence over souls of men . . . in America.” Only in America was religion linked to “democratic instincts” and the “spirit of individual independence.” American’s were prepared to save the world and to restore Israel. The early Missions board was originally established to win Jews to Christ Jesus and return them to their homeland, Israel. The idea of expediting the fulfillment of God’s Promises to repatriate the Jews to their homeland, Christians could re-create the conditions of Jewish sovereignty that existed in Jesus’ time and set the stage for his reappearance. Increase Mather, Harvard’s first president, called for the destruction of the Ottoman Empire to make way for the Jews’ return. American colleges, preachers, and politicians agreed that our support of Israel was essential. God, in return, greatly blessed America. Slavery was abolished at the end of the Civil War. Women’s rights gained momentum and child labor was abolished. We have not arrived yet, but in part, God blessed America for blessing His People.

**ISRAEL’S PLACE**

God dispersed Israel (Jews) throughout the world after they rejected Jesus Christ the Messiah. In His Mercy he cast them aside, however, a remnant shall be Saved. The Gentiles embraced the Grace of God by faith, as did some Jews. The Promise of Salvation is for “all” who take it by faith. By the Law of God, Israel sentenced themselves to bondage by unbelief in God’s Grace, and are bound by the demands of the Law, even until now. Israel was not permitted to return to the Sacrificial system and the Temple because it is against the Law of God, since Jesus Christ, “the end of the Law for Righteousness to everyone that believes” has come and has fulfilled the Law. It is only lawful now for one to believe upon His Name and what He did at the Cross by His Sacrifice for sins. Israel is in bondage to sin and held there by Law, and suffers chastisement and judgment for her rejection of the Messiah.

The Apostle Paul would say, “As concerning the Gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father’s sakes. For the Gifts and the Calling of God are without Repentance.” History bears witness to the suffering of Jews. From the Time of Christ and the subsequent destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70, Jews have been persecuted and ridiculed. From Rome to the Islamic Empires to Europe in the Eighteenth Century, Jews have lived under subjugation. God in His Word has Promised their return to the Land He Promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as we discussed that in the last article. The sign of the Jew in the world today is to us like a rainbow to the Earth for Noah. God will not forsake His Covenant Promises.

**THE LAW**

What Israel and the Church must understand is the purpose of the Law. God’s Law was not meant to replace the principles of Promise, Grace, and Faith. It was four hundred and thirty years after God gave His Promise to Abraham when the Law was given to Moses. The Promise of God to Abraham was an inheritance. Galatians 3:18, “For if the inheritance be of the Law, it is no more of Promise: but God gave it to Abraham by Promise.” In Verse 19, Paul would tell us why the Law was brought in, “Wherefore then serves the Law? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the Promise was made.” The Law could not justify us. Galatians 3:11, “But no man is justified by the Law in the sight of God . . . .” The Law is external while Faith is internal. The just are to live by Faith. Law and Faith are two separate governments. You cannot operate in both at the same time. If you are ordering your life under Law then you will be bound to its consequences. Galatians 3:12, “And the Law is not of Faith: but, The man that does them shall live in them.” If we choose to order our manner of living by Law then we will be subject to the...
TRANSLATION

As I dictate these notes we are not, as of yet, using Subtitling for the Russian Programming; however, by the time you read this, we should have already begun.

As I have said previously, this is a monumental task. I doubt there is anyone in the world who has had more experience in translating into different languages than this Ministry; however, all of our efforts of the past concentrated on a one hour a week Program, or at the most, thirty minutes a day. That's quite different than twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In fact, I'm not aware of any other Ministry that is translating full time Programming. But, of course, if we are to reach these people, we have to come to them in their language – so that's what we are doing.

I'm asking you to pray for us that the Anointing of the Holy Spirit will be so powerful, and along with the convicting Power of the Spirit, that the Programming will bring thousands of people to the foot of the Cross. So, I ask you, please, to pray for us that the Lord will greatly help us in this effort, which we believe is so very, very important.

Never before in history has it been possible to get the Gospel to more people than at the present time. We must reach the entirety of the world.

THE WORLD . . .

Yes, the world! I believe the Lord has told me to place the Television Programming in every city of the world that will accept it. This is our Commission, and when the Lord Called us to do this, He Called you as well. In fact, and as I've said over and over again, and will continue to say, “Without you we simply cannot do what God has Called us to do.” You are just as much a part of this as we are here at the Ministry headquarters. As stated, without you, we simply cannot carry out what God has Ordained that we do.

A HARVEST OF SOULS

I believe the Lord has told me that we are going to see a Harvest of souls such as the world has never known.
before, or the Church for that matter. I believe, as well, that hundreds of thousands are going to be baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other Tongues. In fact, I know that it’s going to happen. We are now on the very threshold of the “preparation” time being over, with the “Harvest” time beginning.

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As Paul said, “Pray for us that the Gospel will have free course.” I feel like I’m closer to the Lord today than ever before, but I must get even closer. I have felt that unction of the Holy Spirit in my heart to draw nearer, and this we must do. Pray that we will stay in the center of God’s Will. Pray that the Holy Spirit would have free access to our heart and to our lives to do what He wants done. I implore you, please, to do that!

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curse of the Law. God removed Israel from the Promised Land because he had to. Israel severed God under Law and the Law pointed them to accept the promise of Abraham, the Seed, Jesus Christ. When they rejected the Messiah, God scattered the Jews to protect them from annihilation so he would have a remnant to fulfill the Promises given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The in-laws need to become out-laws so they may live by Faith.

GRACE

John Newton penned:

“By various maxims, forms and rules,  
“That pass for wisdom in the schools,  
“I sought my passions to restrain;  
“But all my efforts proved in vain.  
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“To keep my Lord by Faith in view,  
“This strength supplies and motives too.”

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